# THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON, FEBRUARY 7, 1894.

## Letter From Wedgefield.

WEDGERSELD, February 6, 1894. 'Our esteemed young friend, Mr. W. T. Aycock, left home a few days ago for Columbia College, New York City, where he enters upon the study of law. Mr. Aycock graduated at the South Carolina University in 1889, and took the degree of M. A., from Bastman College, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., in 1890, since which time he has lived continuously at home in the office of J. H. Aycock & Sons. He is an especially talented young man, and has a bright future. May his whole life be as bright as yesterday's sun, (the day on which he commenced the study of his well chosen, long and highly honored profession.) No young man ever stood higher in the community in which he lived. His morals are all that even a mother could wish. They ladies, married and single, gave him quite a reception at the depot last Friday afternoon when he left.

A surprise party was given at the residence of Mr. J. C. Singleton, on last Wednesday, music and mancing being the special orders of the evening. The former was particularly enjoyable, being furnished by different ones on piano, violin, flute, guitar and, last but not least, the mouth organ.

For the first time-that we know of-one of Tillman's spies visited our quiet, straighout and law-sbiding little town. He showed his badge inadvertently, and after he did some of our people let him know they knew who he was. The conductor was asked to take good care of him as the 8.45 p.m. train moved off. He was only in town for a few bours, during which time he pretended to be selling "soap," said to take grease out of clothes. Did not see either the spy or his soap, but suppose it was mostly soft soap. However, have not heard of a single sale that he effected.

Capt. W. S. Wilson formerly of your city. has rented the brick residence of Dr. H. J. McLaurin and moved his family here. Quite an acquisition to our neighborhood. Capt. Wilson is trestle master on W. C. & A. R. R. Our merchants, all of them, must be holding their own mighty well. A grocery drummer said to your' correspondent a few days ago that he did not intend to let us starve if our merchants would buy from bim, for his business here was to sell to all of them. His regular visits are once a month, but often he comes also between times.

. Our farmers have done an unusually large amount of work for this time of year. A visitor here a few days ago from the lower part of the county remarked that the people up here seemed ready to plant. Well, we are not ready to plant, but are preparing our lands thoroughly.

Oats are looking unusually fine, and a very large crop is expected.

Mrs. J. J. Convers and little daughter. of your city, spent several days last week with her father, Capt. DuPont.

Representative R. I. Manning left last night for the City by the Sea.

## JACK-WITH-A-LANTERN.

phosphorescent brilliancy. Each is the

size of a man's head, round and with

a tail like a comet. Both lights travel

together at a distance of five or six feet

from the ground, going along side by

side. They are never seen apart. It

is only on dark, drizzly nights, the

The lights have been the subject of

general discussion among the policemen

after the relief hour, and notes have

been compared on their appearance.

Those who have encountered them in

the stillness of the night hours say that

the lights do not deviate from a straight

line till a certain point is reached,

when they shoot over to the big lake

and cross it. The lights have been

seen to come in at gate 4 on the Coney

Island road from the Boulevard and

pass along the east drive to the flower

shot off to the left, and while keeping

a regular distance from the earth, have

flitted over to the lake where they have

Exciting times are recorded by those

who have tried to capture the lights.

The police compare them to the lan-

terns of bicycles or carriages. A few

nights ago Policeman McGowan saw

them on the drive near Lookout hill.

He ran up and made a grab, but the

lights eluded his grasp. McGowan

was mystified. He consulted Police-

man McGuire, on the next post. It was

too late, he said, for a bicycle rider to

be abroad, and he could hear no rattle

of carriage wheels. Policeman Mc-

On another occasion, Policeman En-

nis says, eight of his comrades chased

them over Lookout hill. Near this

point is the Quaker cemetery, with its

ancient gravestones green with moss.

The red lights entered the graveyard

and flitted among the tombstones, while

Policemen Stillwell, Boyle, Ennis,

Brown, McGuire, Peffer and others

When all hands reported at the Man-

Sergeant Foster said that several po-

"We were all interested to know

and we consulted a dictionary. The

licemen had been badly frightened.

Guire could suggest no explanation.

shot across the water like a flash.

From there they have deliberately

garden.

police say, that the lights are abroad.

FULTON, S. C., Feb 3, '94. Work on the tram road now being built by Lukens & Reifsnyder from Pinewood in the direction of Panola is progressing nicely and from what we can ascertain will soon be that have been flitting about the ready for use. park walks and drives. The lights are described as two red balls of fire of

Fulton Letter.

In connection with his gin and grist mill Mr. C. L. Griffin has put up a saw mill at Pinewood which will be a great convenience to our neighborhood.

Religious services will be held at St. Mark's at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning by the Rev. Mr. Hartzell.

The Rev. C. W. Creighton will be called away to Packsville from his regular appointmen't at St. James to-morrow in behalf of the proposed Methodist Church which is to be built at that place

Mr. Theo. Keels, of Sumter, agent for "The Farmer's Mutual Insurance Association, of Clarendon County, paid us a flying visit last week in the interest of his association. Dr. Jao. L. Easterling will lecture at Pinewood on "Blind Tigers" next Thursday evening.

One of Sumter's merchants created quite a sensation in our little villa one day last week by hauling a large bovine is a hay-rack on a one-horse wagon with such celerity that the animal could scarcely stand upon his feet. At first we did not know whether he was a Sheriff or some one making his escape from a Sheriff. We have the curiosity to know if he arrived in Sumter safe or not.

S. B. W. G.

O. L. Rice, Mendota, Ill., writes : "Have used your Japanese Pile Cure and found it a sure and permanent cure." Sold by Dr. A. J. China.

## THE DIVINE SARAH'S FOOT.

The Artist Sarony Says It Is Perfectly Formed

"How beautiful is the human foot when properly formed-according to God's own plan and not according to the shoemaker's!" the artist Sarony exclaimed the other day as he put in a stroke or two about the feet of a maiden he was drawing in charcoal. "You will remember," he said, "that in all the great Greek and Roman sculptures the most shapely feet are those in which the large toe is represented as being a little apart from the other four.

made desperate efforts to catch them. "During Sarah Bernhardt's last visit to New York she came to my studio to sion House the men excitedly compared have some photographs taken of herself notes and agreed that they could not successively in three or four costumes understand it. of different roles she was then billed to impersonate. Among them was that dejected character of Leah, the for-He said the origin of the lights had saken. I noticed that she wore the conventional stage footgear, in which the never been satisfactorily explained. big toe is given its own individual glovsomething about them," he went on, ing, so to speak, and the other toes are mittened together. I suggested that she information there is that the words remove the stockings, which, after a 'Ignis fatuus' explain the origin of the French shrug, denoting curiosity and lights. I remember," concluded the doubt, she did. I never saw in my life, considering Mme. Bernhardt's years, more beautiful and shapely feet than hers. I posed her in such a way as to leave one foot in profile and the other in nearly a full view. Just at that moment a happy thought occurred to me. "Taking from my waistcoat pocket a crisp bank note, I folded it into a wad a third of an inch or more thick and gently pressed it between her right big toe and its immediate neighbor of smaller growth, so as to separate them according to the old established canon to which I have alluded. Mme. Bernhardt laughed heartily at my professional temerity, but she was given a capital picture all the same."-New York Telegram.

did say was "genius, which means transcendent capacity of taking trouble, Brooklyn Policemen See Queer Lights and first of all." That is more like him. Look In the Dictionary For a Reason. The sentence is so often quoted it may The police of Prospect park, Brookas well be quoted straight.-Boston lyn, are puzzled and some of them Journal. have been scared by mysterious lights

## Big British Steam Yachts.

Yachts of enormous size and of the most luxurious fittings have in recent years become the order of the day, and Mr. Cecil Leigh's White Heather, Mr. Wythe's St. George and Lord Ashburton's magnificent craft Venetia are notable examples of the floating palaces of the period; but it has been left to Mr. Laycock to eclipse them all with his Valhalla, the largest English yacht afloat

True, the American owners vie with ns in the size of their vessels and the perfection of their arrangements and Mr. Astor's new boat, the Valliant (sic), is even larger than the Valhalla, but no yacht that flies the English flag can approach the splendid steam craft now fitting out at Southampton for a lengthened cruise. In the early part of this year she proved herself on her first voyage to be an admirable sea boat and very fast under sail, and there is every prospect that the large party soon to leave England with Mr. Laycock on an even longer voyage than that of last spring will find that the splendid vessel deserves the reputation she has already earned.-London Telegraph.

#### Living For Show.

We fix up our homes altogether too much with the idea of either what the outside world will say of them or to outdo our neighbors. When we reach that point where we shall dismiss a little of that ostentation that is now so prevalent in many of our homes, we shall not only reach a happier state for ourselves, but we will remove one-half of the nervous ailments from which our women are now suffering. It is all well enough to have a pretty home, with rooms filled with dainty bric-a-brac, mirrors, cushions and ornaments of every sort, but some one must take care of the things, and generally it is not the help we may employ. So far as the ornamentation of our houses is concerned, we are overdoing it in the majority of cases anyway. A room tasteful in its rich simplicity is the exception rather than the rule. The greater part of our drawing rooms resemble museums more than anything else, and a man is never so comfortable as when he is out of them. Between kicking someting over or knocking something off, the average man's mind is anything but a tranquil one in the typical modern drawing room .- New York Mail and Express.

## A Gas Engine Dynamo.

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To-morrow being Ash-Wednesday, divine service will be held at Statesburg in the morning and at Wedgefield in the afternoon by the Rev. John Kershaw.

Mr. John Troublefield, oldest son of Mr. W B. Troublefield, was married on last Thursday, 1st instant, to Miss Carrie Andrews, of Sumter, Rev. C. C. Brown officiating.

Jimmie Richardson, colored, while at work in a lumber yard in Charleston, one day last week, was struck by a piece of falling timber, which injured him so seriously as to be followed by death in a few hours. His body was brought up on the train last Friday for burial.

Mr. W. A. James, jr., of Bishopville, came in on the train this a. m., and was met by Mr. H. R. Thomas.

Our ex-postmaster, .R. H. Richardson, arrived from Washington by this morning's train.

Pisgah Items.

PISGAH, S. C., Feb. 3, 1894. Mr. Editor : When our Senators and Representatives, with the exception of Brawley, were fighting for silver last fall, it was argued by those who read through Mr. Cleveland's spectacles, that as soon as the Sherman law was repealed, the panic would end, cotton would go up, confidence would be restored and money would come out into the sun, and be more sociable in visiting around. Some of us who live so far from the centers of civilization cannot see that these golden promises are fulfilled. On the contrary there seems to be a retrograde movement all along the line in finances since gold has got to be the monarch of the world. Is not notes, mortgages and bills of sale and cotton to meet them in the fall, the currency of the day? It seems so to a countryman's vision, but then we are supposed to be ignorant of such things; but since we have got up to a gold standard, cotton has gone down, money is harder to get, credit is getting into the ditch, our people are fast drifting apart, and Secretary Carlisle thinks we can pay a little more interest by packing on us \$50,000,000 or so. The writer has talked with men of all religious faiths and politics, and they cannot see any hope for the future from this burden of financial depression. Some of us hope to see the Ocala platform carried out so the people can be relieved of the financial burden, but then the Ocalites are not Democrats, and yet Mr. Cleveland can keep Gresham in his Cabinet and send Wayne McVeah as an ambassador to Italy, and keep other noted Republicans in his employ and keep his political standing. Whew ! But a truce.

So the Governor of Florida got whipped at his bluffing, "Ben" ought to have been governor over there a while.

Grippe is above par here. As yet no deaths. Mr. William Deas, aged 90 years, died last Saturday night from a second stroke of paralysis. He was well thought of.

## Instruction by Illustration. Brevity is credited with being the

'soul of wit." Sometimes, however, there comes at the end of a lengthy discourse a genuine flash of humor which more than compensates for the time previously consumed. The Rev. Dr. Broadus was giving the junior class at the Baptist Theological seminary their first lecture. The junior class began by showing the white heat earnestness of high resolutions. It wanted to make a good impression on Dr. Broadus, and so it leaned over with drawn brows and drank in every word of the speaker, allaying in some slight degree its consuming, unquenchable thirst for knowledge. But the wind of the junior class did not hold out. The steady, sluggish flow of dry facts about word roots swept away the noble resolve. The junior class began to get neck weary as Dr. Broadus talked of things 3,000 years old. That was a little too remote for the junior class, which was flabby and out of training from a long vacation. The junior class tried to suppress a yawn, fought against it and then yawned under its hand.

"Seventhly," said Dr. Broadus. This seventhly was broken up in sections, and there were so many of them that they consumed almost the entire alpha-"And lastly," the lecturer said. bet. The junior class could not hide its relief, though it tried hard enough. "And," with the smoothest utterance the speaker concluded, "I expect you are about as tired of me now as your congregations will be of you some day." -Huntsville Argus.

## Managing a Railroad.

In Schoharie county, N. Y., there is an 11 mile piece of railroad owned by several brothers named Vrooman, who meet annually and lease the line to one of themselves. This year Cornaius Vrooman has control, and he is showing an example of the model railroad man. He not only manages the road, but sells tickets at the station and acts as conductor on the train. The rolling stock consists of one locomotive and two combination passenger cars, and the employees number an engincer, a fireman, a baggage master and a trainman. When track repairs are needed, Rev. T. W. Scruggs, the Pisgah pastor, is a farmhand is hired for a day or two. -Exchange.

sergeant, "reading of a man who so near to the light that he could almost set fire to a piece of paper."

Here is the definition that Sergeant Foster referred to:

"A phosphorescent light that appears in the night over marshy ground, supposed to be occasioned by the decomposition of animal or vegetable substances or by noninflammable gas; popularly called also Will-with-the-wisp and Jack-with-a-lantern."

## Historic Houses.

Now that "The Terrace" in Kensington is down or doomed, it seems every house in it once sheltered a celebrity. And yet scarcely any one knew anything about it. It is always the way with historic houses. The "link with the past" paragraph is the first intimation that the past was memorable. When the interest is with us, we don't know it. The Society of Arts has indeed singled out and decorated certain houses-Walpole's in Arlington street, Dryden's in Gerrard street, Mrs. Siddons' at the top of Bakers street, Louis Napoleon's in King street, Thackeray's in Palace Green, but we want many more to be ascertained and notified.

The house where Thackeray wrote Vanity Fair" is said still to stand in Young street. One of Dickens' last residences is opposite the Marble arch; the house where Goldsmith lived and died is in Brick court, Temple; Charles Wesley's house and William Blake's house can yet be identified. While we have these we don't value them; we don't care to identify them. But when the navvy comes with his basket and his pickaze, the "link with the past" paragraph goes its round.

In other capitals the great man's memory runs no risk. In Rome there is a marble plaque on the house Sir Walter Scott occupied, in Genoa on O'Connell's hotel, in Florence on Mrs. Browning's casa, in Frankfort on Mozart's lodgings in the Zeil. And yet these are the several recognitions of a foreign interest. We cannot even appreciate our own. The truth is, this duty should devolve on a responsible and continuing body, the board of works or the county council, and not be left to the voluntary effort of a private association like the Society of Arts .--Westminster Gazette.

## School of Naval Architecture.

We have received from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology an announcement of the establishment at the institute of a course of instruction in naval architecture. It is a four years' course; it aims to provide a thorough training in the theory and methods of designing and building ships, and its graduates receive the degree of bachelor of science. It is an optional branch of the mechanical engineering course. There are to be lectures twice a week during the third and fourth years, and studen's are required to make the calculations and draw the constructions described in the lectures.-Engineering Record.

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