

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 13, 1895.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is an aching void in the political firmament. Where is Samp? Why don't he write a letter.

Gen. Farley writes too many letters. He has written so many already it is a difficult matter to tell whether he is "going or coming."

Snow in Florida has a chilly sound. If that sort of thing keeps up the weak lunged and heavy pocketed Yankee folk will seek some warmer clime.

A new system of book keeping is to be used in all the dispensaries. A new system or new dispensers, is needed, if nearly all are short in their accounts as Gov. Evans has stated.

The trouble the City Council is having with the new Opera House is a striking illustration of foresights and hindsight. Another time they will know more about how an opera house should be designed.

Collector of Internal Revenue Townes is now in Columbia to receive returns of those who will have to pay the income tax. It goes without saying that he will not be overrun with work.

William Waldorf, Aator has, it is said, countermanded his order for \$50,000 worth of flowers to be placed on his wife's grave.

When the campaign gets well under way next summer many of the "hot in the collar" patriots will often think of the ice water and snow of February while on the stump.

Peace and Unity—who could expect anything so impossible while the man of the One Bladed Knife is at the head of the party machinery?

Irby's plan to secure peace and unity in the Constitutional Convention is to keep out all who do not obey the ring and think as the ring thinks. A very neat plan.

The bicycle season draws near and the craze is on the increase. It is stated that the edict has gone forth that ladies must ride diamond frame wheels; therefore the bloomer is inevitable.

We are glad Columbia has no idea of permitting the State Fair to leave the Capital. A state fair outside of Columbia would not be a State Fair to many thousand regular attendants.

We are very glad that Charleston has undertaken a systematic fight against the unjust freight rates the south is forced to pay. The discrimination is most outrageous and it is time the fight was begun in earnest.

If Congress continues to do nothing with the financial system, the capitalists will soon get all the bonds they want without an authorized issue of \$500,000,000. Installments of \$50,000,000 will soon yield the desired amount.

There is a lot of fol de rol mixed up in this woman suffrage question, and it is our opinion that those who are making the most stir are seeking notoriety more earnestly than anything else.

The Woman Suffragists say that they are going to inaugurate a campaign of education in this State. May the powers protect and deliver us from any more campaigns of education. One or two samples of the reform variety is sufficient. Let's let them vote and say no more about it.

The fact that Sumter has an abundant supply of pure water has already become known abroad, and is working in favor of the town. The starch factory people write that they would rather locate in Sumter than elsewhere in the State on account of the pure water. Another place was the first choice, until it was learned that the water supply was not clear and pure.

The State has finally lost the Agricultural hall, just as the writer predicted when it began. The purchaser complied with the terms of the sale when he made the first payment and obtained a receipt for it, and his subsequent tender of repudiated scrip in payment of the unpaid balance could not vitiate the sale. It was merely a question of accepting or refusing to accept the scrip, and Gov. Tillman made a mistake when he refused to give the property to the purchaser.

The Japs are making fair progress in killing of the surplus population of the Celestial Kingdom, but they will have to do much greater execution if they have any idea of exterminating the race.

The city of Florence has been extremely unfortunate within the past year or two. In that time she has had more than her share of fires. The fire last night is a heavy blow to the city, but we have no doubt but that the plucky Florentines will go to work at once to rebuild the electric light plant and ice factory. Florence has our sympathy at this time.

Mr. W. Y. L. Marshall, who is the moving spirit for the erection of a tobacco warehouse in this city, stated a few days ago that he was satisfied that one thousand acres of tobacco will be planted in the county this year. His estimate is based upon the reports sent to him by parties who will plant or are thinking of planting tobacco.

If a starch factory is built in Sumter County, it will probably not be built in the City of Sumter, since no one seems to be sufficiently interested in the matter to do anything. A large property owner in the county has, however, made a proposition to Mr. Remmers and his associates, of New York, which will cause them to show their hands.

The people as a rule have so far taken very little interest in the Constitutional Convention. From time to time the writer has talked with a great many people about the Convention and a majority seem to think that there is plenty of time. That is a mistake. There is scarcely time for the work that ought to be done, unless we mean to make an abject surrender to the ring.

The committee sent north from Columbia has returned after visiting the mill districts of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont and New York. The committee reports that the result of the visit was very satisfactory, but that until a detailed report has been submitted to the city council that nothing will be given out for publication.

Women are as good citizens as men, they pay as much taxes on the property they own as the men, they are as intelligent, on an average as men, and with proper opportunities will excel the men in all the arts and wiles of politics. Let them vote, by all means, if they want to; let them go on the stump and abuse each other, and the men too, if they want to, after the modern method of politics; let them hold caucuses and concoct schemes to get office; let them have all the rights of citizenship and make them pay a poll tax too.

There is a practical philosopher on the staff of the *Savannah News*. His view of the effects of the book Trilby on the public morals is the most practical and reasonable that we have seen. He says: There may be some question as to Trilby's morality, but there can be no doubt that her foot is all right. And a vast amount more of good than of harm will result from society women, or any other women—and men, too—seeking to be like Trilby in the matter of feet. If women are going into putting their feet on exhibition, a great majority of them must first put those members into training, in order to make them presentable: for it will hardly be questioned that a perfect foot is an exception. Nor is that the fault of nature. When the average human being arrives into the world, the feet are all that they should be. But straightway their abuse begins, and by the time maturity is reached it is too often the case that the foot is but a caricature of what nature intended it to be. The toes are piled upon one another, the curves are rudely broken with excrescences, and the owner is to a greater or less extent a cripple. "Warts, corns, bunions, and in-growing nails," as the consular man says, "are the curse of civilized society."

It isn't worth while to say how the feet are abused. That is too well known already. Nor is it worth the space to say how many ills the doctors attribute to feet that are day after day crushed in shoes that are too small, or have too high heels, or are otherwise constructed to conform to "fashion" in defiance of comfort and health. The family physician will give information on that subject. It may be said, that if Trilby should have the effect of producing a pride in feet, rather than a pride in shoes, and cause women to give those members the attention they should have to make them perfect, Du Maurier will have accomplished enough good to more than offset any evil that may arise from the reading of his book.

The speeches on the Constitutional Convention next Friday night by Col. J. J. Dargan and Mr. L. V. Brown will undoubtedly be very interesting, and we trust there will be a large crowd present.

The *News and Courier's* offer of \$100 in gold for the largest hogs raised in South Carolina during the present year should stimulate hog raisers to extra exertions. If all of them cannot get the prizes they will still have some big hogs, and bacon is a very good thing to have at any time. Besides there is always the chance of winning the prize.

Congress has done at least one good thing, which should be remembered in its favor after March 4th. It refused to saddle a bonded debt of \$500,000,000 upon the country. If Congress had only given the country relief from the financial condition which is paralyzing every line of business it would be entitled to the gratitude of the country.

There is one feature of the new militia law that had escaped notice until a few days ago, when it was brought to our attention. It is that all officers were relieved of their commissions, and that new officers will be "elected or appointed" after the re-organization has been completed. We have no doubt that all new officers will be appointed by the Adjutant and Inspector General, and the oath bound militia will have no option as to the officers whose commands they have sworn to obey.

Gen. Warts says the militia must come a running if they want to be aken into the new Pretorian guard.

There is not much encouragement in the outlook for this politics-ridden state. This year of right ought, to be an off year, in which we could live in peace and quietude pursuing our ordinary avocations, but it will not be so. The prospect is ominous of a bitter factional contest, which will be made more bitter and complicated by the revival of the Republican party and its expressed determination to take part in the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention. We do not like the situation at all, and were there any way to get rid of the rascals and fakirs who are using their utmost endeavors to complicate matters as much as possible, we would be more encouraged to hope for the best; to hope that the mass of the people, who never desire anything more than a just and equitable government, honestly administered, would assert their rights and powers and force the ring of politicians to refrain from tampering with the fundamental laws of the state in the interest of the ring and against every interest of the people. We have little hope, for the ring is apparently more powerful and more desperate than ever, and will hesitate at nothing to rivet its power over the State.

It is an uphill business to fight without hope of success, but it is our determination to make the best fight possible to have upright and intelligent men in the Constitutional Convention. If such men are not sent to the Convention, the instrument will be a parody on law and a disgrace to civilization. It will be filled with pitfalls, schemes and near cuts to accomplish ends that its framers will not dare to boldly and honestly announce. We do not want to live under any such instrument and it is the duty of all good citizens to unite in defeating the designs of the ring.

We should be more than glad to see all factional feeling and all bitterness put aside when the election of delegates to the convention takes place, and men selected solely upon their ability and qualification. This is the utmost that we desire or would demand. If the peace and unity reformers or any other set of men desire this let them say so plainly and at once, for it is time to get to work. The ring is in the saddle and the call has gone forth for the ring forces to rally.

Argon is the name given by Lord Rayleigh and Prof. Ramsey to the supposed new element they have recently found in the atmosphere. Belief in the existence of "argon" as an element is becoming established since its discoverers have produced it in considerable quantities and their proofs of its existence have been laid before the scientific world. Argon has a spectrum of its own, consisting of red and blue lines. Its boiling point, freezing point, etc., are unlike those of any other substance. It cannot be forced to combine with any other element, even with the help of the electric arc. As its density is 39 or 40 there is reason to suspect it to be a mixture of two elements. Theorists are already asking whether argon is not the ultimate basis of matter, the common elements being but combinations.

A MOVE FOR THE STARCH FACTORY.

An effort will be made after all to induce the starch factory capitalists to locate one of their factories in Sumter. A large land owner in this city informed the writer yesterday that he had decided to make Mr. Remmers a proposition and would write to him at once outlining his plans and stating the inducements that this place had to offer. The proposition is a very favorable one, and when taken in connection with exemption from city taxes for ten years, which will undoubtedly be granted, should have great weight with the men who are seeking a favorable location for the factory.

Mr. Remmers has stated in a letter to the editor of this paper that it is the intention of himself and associates to build two and perhaps more starch factories in this State, and that in selecting a location for their enterprise they will be guided by the advantages of location and the amount of local support given them. The two first considerations are, of course, the freight facilities and the supply of starch material. The supply of material must be abundant and obtainable at reasonable prices, otherwise it would be useless to build the factory. As has been stated before the prices paid for starch material depend upon the amount of starch the different articles analyze. The average price is about 20 to 23 cents per bushel for sweet potatoes and 15 to 18 cents for Irish potatoes. Even at these low prices it is possible for farmers to produce potatoes at a profit. A large amount will be required and there will be a certain market for the crop.

THE DISPENSARY PROFITS.

What the State Bar Rooms in Sumter County are Making.

The County Board of Control held a meeting yesterday and received a quarterly report of the Mayesville dispenser and the report of the Sumter dispenser for the month of January.

Sales	\$2,323 72
Cost	1,882 03
Gross profits	441 69
Expenses deducted	\$316 42
Net profit	125 27

The report of the Sumter dispensary for the month of January was as follows:

Sales	\$3,396 45
Cost	2,618 94
Gross Profit	\$777 51

These figures show that despite the hard times that the people will here liquor, and that they find a good deal of money somewhere to pay for it.

A BOLD BURGLAR.

He Breaks into John Morris' Store, But is Discovered and Frightened off.

Policeman Holman discovered a burglar in the store of Mr. John Morris, on Main Street at an early hour this morning, and at once called Policeman Gallagher to his assistance. Before he arrived the burglar became frightened and made his escape out of the back window through which he had entered. No clue to the identity of the burglar has yet been obtained, but the police are working on the case.

The robber was a bold and daring rascal, as the means he used to effect an entrance proves. He first attempted to make an opening by tearing of the weatherboarding at the rear of the store, but failed to get in. He then prized up the iron bar across the back window and wrenched the window open by breaking the hinges.

A large lot of goods was found piled on the counter near the open window where the burglar could reach them from the outside. He had taken a large cloth, used for covering goods and had placed it in readiness to wrap up the goods when he had taken them out. It was evident that he was about ready to leave the store when discovered.

It is very unfortunate that the fellow was permitted to escape, as so daring a rascal is dangerous to a community. The track in the snow in the rear of the store is rather small, but there were no peculiarities about it that would lead to the identification of the burglar, nor have the police been able to follow the track any great distance from the store. Every effort will be made, however, to run the burglar down, and put him in a place where he will be prevented from following his trade.

The Graded School Building.

Editor *Watchman and Southron*:
DEAR SIR: Owing to a current report in this city that the Sumter Graded School house was rendered unsafe in consequence of water collecting in the basement, I have interviewed the Superintendent, Mr. J. B. Duffie, on the subject, and am informed by him that, while there is water in the basement from recent rains, that the building is perfectly safe and there is no cause at all for alarm.

Mr. Duffie authorizes me to use his name in connection with this matter, and should you see fit to publish this you are at liberty to do so. Very respectfully,
E. SCOTT CARSON

The above is published for the satisfaction of all those who may have been misinformed as to the actual condition of the school building. We were not aware of the existence of such an impression, to any extent, until the receipt of Capt. Carson's note. The water in the cellar makes the building untenable of course, but has not affected the building as to its safety and security.

It is unfortunate that the cellar was made so deep, and that it was not cemented to keep out water. Efforts are now being made to remedy the defect, and when the cellar can be kept clear of water so that the heating arrangement can be worked the building will be all right.

A Pythian City.

The Grand Lodge was especially happy in selecting the progressive City of Sumter for its meeting this year. Sumter is one of the best towns in the country, it is full of life, neat work and enterprise. It will be an inspiration for the Knights to meet in Sumter and they will return to their homes with renewed energies and will to build up their communities as well as their lodges.

Besides, Sumter is one of the strong holds of Pythianism in South Carolina. Game Crock Lodge is one of the inner lodges of the order and the delegates are fortunate in that they are to have the opportunity to mingle with its enthusiastic membership—a membership from which such Knights as Past Grand Chancellor Atlantom Moss and Past Vice Chancellor Frank H. Wilson have come.—*Pythian Journal*.

A young man in Lowell, Mass., troubled for years with a constant succession of boils on his neck, was completely cured by taking only three bottles of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Another result of the treatment was greatly improved digestion with increased avoirdupois.

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PROPOSALS FOR SUMTER COUNTY BONDS.

OFFICE OF County Supervisor, SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., Feb. 13, 1895.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for Sumter County hereby give notice, that pursuant to the provisions of an act of the General Assembly of said State, entitled, "An Act to Authorize the issue of \$15,000 00 of Bonds of Sumter County, to raise funds for past indebtedness and for repairing and furnishing the Court House," approved December 1, 1894, they will receive sealed bids for the whole, or any part of said issue not less than five hundred dollars, up to the 15th day of March, 1895, at 12 o'clock, M.

Said Bonds to mature in ten years, to bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable annually, to be exempt from any and all County, State and Municipal taxation, secured by an annual levy of taxes to pay the interest thereon, and the accumulation of a sinking fund for the ultimate redemption of the same. The same to be sold at not less than par. The right to reject any or all bids is expressly reserved.

By order of Board,
W. S. DINKINS, Supervisor.

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

CITY LICENSES FOR 1894-5.

CLERK & TREASURER'S OFFICE. SUMTER, S. C., Feb. 6, 1895.

MERCHANTS AND OTHERS liable under the License Ordinance are hereby notified that on and after February 15th, instant, all City Licenses, as required by said Ordinance, now of force, then unpaid, will be put into execution and lodged with County Sheriff for collection.

By order of City Council,
C. M. HURST, Clerk & Treasurer.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

THE DEATH OF ISRAEL REIFSNYDER has dissolved the late copartnership, heretofore conducted under the name of Lukens & Reifsnyder, and all bills will be paid by the undersigned, surviving partner. And all dues collected by him.

JESSE LUKENS, Survivor.

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Claremont Lodge No. 64, A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, March 7th, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

By order, A. C. PHELPS, W. M. H. C. MOSS, Secretary.

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