

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.

Worth made more royal figures than any man who lived in Europe.

The announcement that the dispensary will sell cocktails has been received with pleasurable expectations by the half famished mixed drinkers

It has been predicted that Senator Irby and Shell will make friends and pull together in the campaign this Summer. Strange and more improbable things have happened.

Alas, and is it true! Cocktails are not for common dispensaries? Only the tourist hotels can tickle the palates of their patrons with the seductive mixture.

The forty plan seems to be gaining a following in some parts of the State, and there is a prospect that there will be more compromises than any one will know what to do with.

Gov. Evans is rather severe on the Sumter Notary Publics whom he has removed from office. He says they had made themselves obnoxious to respectable people.

Gov. Evans has contributed his quota to the current campaign literature. But without prejudice to him, we must say that he has thrown very little additional light on the situation.

The wine makers of California are making money on wines at 7 to 12 1/2 cents per gallon. South Carolina can raise grapes and wine for which better prices can be realized, and there would be money in it.

A few minutes spent in the Supervisor's office renders the need of an educational requirement for suffrage painfully apparent. Many who apply for registration do not know either the State, county nor township in which they live.

The tactics being used to prevent the registration of negroes will undoubtedly create much more trouble than the Administration imagines. The negroes and the white men who are now leading them are determined to fight the matter.

The dispensary system is not yet through with the courts. The last case, which was sprung in Charleston, bids fair to press the system harder than any of the cases previously brought. The fight was not finished by Gov. Tillman, as many imagined, and Gov. Evans will be called upon to defend the system which he had so much to do with inaugurating.

The *Newberry Observer* is authority for the statement that the fraud committed in the last election will be brought to light after all. It says:

"We have heard that a case in the Circuit Court of the United States is being prepared by two lawyers of Newberry charging fraud in the election last fall as to the Constitutional convention, and charging B. R. Tillman, the then Governor, with participation in it; charging a conspiracy between Governor Evans, B. R. Tillman, John Calvin Hemphill, Joseph W. Barnwell, Daniel Henderson, Jno. T. Sloan and others to deprive certain citizens of their right of suffrage, and charging that all of the election laws of this State are unconstitutional, null and void, and asking that a special Master be appointed to take testimony and report to the Court as to the frauds of last fall and the conspiracy, and also charging A. E. P. Bedenbaugh, Supervisor of Registration, and other citizens of Newberry, with conspiracy to deprive the colored voters in this county of their suffrage, and Bedenbaugh with obstructing and preventing registration by delay, etc., etc.

They rely on the Constitution of the United States and of South Carolina, the Act of Congress of June 25th, 1868, and various decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, together with its general equity powers.

This, if successful, will prevent a constitutional convention from being held, as they will ask that Governor Evans be enjoined from issuing the writ of election.

Cleveland has come South to shoot ducks, while Carlisle remains in Washington to fight the gold bugs.

Mint Julep and straws to drink it withal is not too much to expect of the great, flexible dispensary system.

The new silver party may obtain a following, if one of the old parties does not adopt the silver side of the financial question pretty soon.

The financial situation is a cloud with the black side turned toward the mass of the people, while the millionaires are scraping the golden lining in fifty million dollar chunks.

The last vestige of the claim that the dispensary is a temperance measure has been knocked into a cocked hat by the cocktail scheme of Dispenser Mixson. Cracked ice next.

Farmers will make money by using little or no fertilizers this year. Home production should include the major part of fertilizers, as well as provisions.

The State imagines that it hears the thunder of Irby's home coming. Perhaps it is only John L. M. raising high jinks in a Pullman as he did once before.

One day Miss Gould acquires a husband, consideration \$3,000,000; next day Mr. Vanderbilt gets rid of a wife, consideration \$3,000,000. This is American high life.

The number of negroes on trial at this court for hog stealing is a sign of two things, the large number of hogs in the county to be stolen, and the destitute condition of the negroes who have always depended on getting a lien.

There is a little too much Pickwickianism in the press of South Carolina, otherwise it will compare favorably with the press of any state. And the editors themselves are all jolly good fellows when you know them. Sumter will have the pleasure of meeting them in May, when the Association meets.

A number of counties have held meetings and selected delegates to the State conference called by the Forty, and several others are to have meetings shortly. It would be well if every county had representatives in the State conference.

Mr. H. Lee Scarborough will soon enter upon the discharge of his duties as Treasurer of Sumter, and he has the best wishes of a majority of the people of Sumter County, who did him the compliment of selecting him over the present incumbent, who is not only an influential member of a strong faction and a shrewd politician, but an officer that has been courteous and accommodating in the discharge of his duties to political friends and foes alike. Treasurer Keels has not let partisanship enter in or bias him in the discharge of his duties as Treasurer.

The new party, with the financial question as the central plank in the platform, will find a strong following in the South and West and will be a factor that will have to be considered in making up estimates for the next campaign, provided that it does not take aboard too many isms and cranks. The people are demanding a change, and the financial condition is such that it is perforce the most prominent question before the country. There is not a business nor an individual, unless it be a bank or banker that does not feel the pressure of hard times, and no one sees any hope of relief, without some radical change. Thousands will go into the new party, without having any clear idea of what the party promises, but simply because they desire a change.

We observe that several Northern writers have been unstinted in their praise of George W. Cable's latest novel, *John March, Southerner*. One, Mr. Boysen, goes so far as to say that this book will be a mine of information to future historians, who seek for information concerning the re-construction period in the South. He pronounces the characters true to life and the book, as a whole, a picture of certain phases of life in the South. This is from a Northern point of view and is not surprising, for the book is at best but a vague and distorted caricature of the South. It is tiresome as well as untruthful. Southern people should read the book, however, if they can find time, as it is an example of the sort of stuff concerning the South that the North accepts and commends

Under the heading "A Timely Warning," will be found in this paper, a letter from Mr. W. T. Aycock, containing an extract from the New York *Mail and Express*, with timely comment thereon, bearing upon the political question now attracting the attention of South Carolina. Mr. Aycock is from this county, and understands and appreciates the force of what he writes

Gov. Evans is making a mistake in his handling of the notary public business. If he has valid reasons for revoking the commissions of notary publics he should state them. His course is furnishing the Republicans with campaign material of the best sort, and disgusts a large element of the white population at the same time.

The Tillman-Irby situation remains *in statu quo* and until things take another turn no one knows which will back down. It is generally predicted that Senator Tillman will be the one to bend to the storm, but we do not believe he will do so this time. He has already gained everything possible from the Irby ring and he is now working for the right to claim, with some semblance of truth, the title of a patriotic and far-seeing statesman.

The members of the County Board of Commissioners are exhibiting great interest in the administration of the affairs of the county under the new County Government law, and if the system does not prove a success in this county it will not be chargeable to the commissioners. The law has been found crude in many particulars and will have to undergo extensive amendment before it will accomplish all that its framers intended.

Coxey's scheme for the National Government to undertake road building on an extensive scale for the purpose of furnishing employment for the thousands of unemployed workmen would prove more popular this year than last, simply because there are more men out of employment now than last year when he undertook his famous march to Washington. Coxey's idea is nothing more novel than another phase of the same spirit that supports the protection system. It is all paternalism, and Coxey claimed to represent elements of the population that had never enjoyed any of the benefits of protection, and demanded in the name of those elements that the government extend its paternalism to include them. From this point of view the demand was not only rational but just, since the work accomplished would be a lasting benefit to the entire community, while furnishing a large class of citizens with honest employment which they cannot obtain otherwise. But from another point of view the whole scheme is wrong, because anything that is founded upon or connected with paternalism is in disaccord with the true function of this government. It makes no difference in what form this paternalistic spirit exhibits itself, be it in protection, extravagant pensions, the dispensary or Coxeyism, it is all wrong and tends to destroy the democratic form of government and degenerate into communism.

Dargan Did Not Speak.

A Misunderstanding Made it Impossible to Secure a Hall.

Col. J. J. Dargan, of the *Sumter Freeman*, who was scheduled to speak here last night at the County Court House, did not deliver his address on the coming Constitutional Convention. Col. Dargan arrived during the morning, but went to a private boarding house, and it was not known that he was in the city. In fact, up to about 8 o'clock, it was thought that he had not come. It was not thought that the Court House would be occupied last night, but the coroner's jury had it and was locked up therein. When the jury was asked to go to some other room in the building they declined, saying that they had too many witnesses to be examined for them to make use of any smaller room. In the meantime a crowd of about two or three hundred persons had gathered in front of the Court House, a great many of whom were negroes. Col. Dargan after a brief consultation with several gentlemen, having previously declined the offer made by some one in the crowd of the use of the Wesley colored church building or the Carolina Hall, turned to the crowd and said that he would speak here on Friday night next; that, if a hall could not be secured, they would take it out of doors, provided the weather was good; and that "it can be depended upon; I am determined to speak in the city of Columbia on the coming Constitutional Convention, whether I can secure a hall here or not."—*The State*.

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Several of the business men of this town have been investigating the pork packing business with a view of establishing a packing house in Sumter if it is practicable to operate a small plant at a fair profit on the capital invested. The investigation has not been pursued to a sufficient extent to enable them to arrive at any definite conclusion, and it is not probable that any move for the organization of a company to pack pork will be made immediately. The establishment of this industry in South Carolina would be a great advance in the right direction, for it would stimulate hog raising and would keep a great deal of money at home that has heretofore been sent West to pay for meat, and along with the growth of hog raising would become a diversification of crops and a reduction of the cotton acreage, for a large amount of grain, potatoes, turnips to feed the hogs.

Only one more day remain in which unregistered voters may qualify themselves to vote for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. It is the duty of every man to exercise the right of voting and the first essential in this connection is registration. It may necessitate some slight neglect of business, but this is a matter of small moment in comparison with the grave issues at stake that will come before the Constitutional Convention. Democrats should neglect the matter no longer.

Sam Howard who was on Monday found not guilty of obtaining money under false pretences was immediately arrested on another charge. It is said that Sam has been through the court seventeen times and has escaped conviction each time. If this be true Sam is a dandy and should hang out his shingle as an expert consulting witness.

Since the exercises of the Graded School have been resumed in the school building, there has been considerable anxiety in the minds of parents lest the water that has been in the cellar will create sickness among the school children. The writer has inquired of several men whose opinion should carry weight, and they all are of the opinion that there is no reason to apprehend any sickness from the presence of water in the cellar. The water has been pumped out as rapidly as it rose in the cellar and has not become stagnant at any time. The furnaces keep the school rooms dry and comfortable, and there is no reason to believe that the water in the cellar will effect the health of the children.

The heavy rains and severe weather of the winter have left the bicycle track in bad condition and considerable work, in the way of repairs, will have to be done before the track is in condition for the spring races. The wheelmen of the city are a unit in desiring that the track will be put in good condition and that the Track Association will arrange for a series of cycling events during the spring and summer.

The Confederate Monument has become an unsightly object on account of the mould and discoloration which encrusts it. This could be prevented to a great extent if a little judgment and care were exercised. Every spring, on Memorial Day, the monument is decorated with flowers and festoons of evergreens, and these are left on the monument to decay and engender mould which discolors the monument. The mould should be removed from the monument, and some care exercised in future.

It is not to be wondered at that Ayer's Pills are in such universal demand. For the cure of constipation, biliousness, or any other complaint needing a laxative, these pills are unsurpassed. They are sugar-coated, easy to take and every dose is effective.

A Fast Florida Flyer Derailed in Georgia.

MACON, Ga., March 8.—Advices from McRae, Ga., say: The Florida vestibuled train, No. 31 southbound, Conductor Hubbard, Engineer Dave Moore, was wrecked at Scotland, Ga., about 5 o'clock this morning by a tampered switch, the staple being broken. The train consisted of three Pullmans, first and second class coaches, mail and express car, every one of which was derailed, the Pullman, first and second-class coaches being thrown on their sides. One of the coaches was occupied by the Roland Reed Company and the others having a full complement of passengers. That there was no greater damage is miraculous. The schedule running time is fifty miles an hour and the engine crashed into some cars on the side track, telescoping itself in a box car.

Mrs. C. H. Subers, of Pickens, Miss., with a ticket to Ocala, Fla., was killed. A five-year-old daughter of Mrs. Subers was also killed.

The injured are: Roland Reed, badly injured leg and back; Mrs. Mary Myers, of New York, severely wrenched back and shoulders; James Douglass, Brooklyn, slightly injured; Miss Isadore Rush, New York, slightly injured; Julian Reed, Philadelphia, slightly injured; W. R. Bernan, New York, slightly injured. All of the above are of the Roland Reed Company, who cancel their dates and return to Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman Elvia, of Ohio, and Mrs. P. H. Morton, of Cincinnati, are slightly injured. Mr. Roland Reed distinguished himself by a great risk, rescuing three of the ladies from the up-turned car.

Mrs. Suber's nursing babe escaped uninjured.

It has developed that the schedule time of the train was thirty-two miles an hour and that the train was running on time. The switch was changed by drawing the spikes out of the track, making the rails of the siding fit the rails of the siding. The nick of the switch had been tampered with, but was not broken.

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Privateer Personals.

PRIVATEER, March 12, 1895.

There are four young men of our township who are going to sea on outside the coast: Cadet Whilden Nettles at the Clemson College, and Messrs. Hampton Ramsey and Richard and Dwight Cain at the Williston High School in Barnwell County.

Miss Mary White Nettles is going to school in Wedgefield and Miss Susie Bradford is attending the Jordan School, in an adjoining township.

Sunday was an ideal day and the large crowd at Bethel Church almost reminded one of an association meeting. McD. F.

Beholding as in a Glass.

Review in Arena Magazine.

"Beholding as in a Glass," by Virginia D. Young, is a story of a South Carolina girl who went West, travelling alone on her first little journey in the world, and encountered an experience that was to influence her whole future life. The story truly holds the mirror up to nature and contains many clever and vividly-drawn pictures of life in the middle West. The manners and provincialisms of the people are touched with a fidelity and sympathy that is something new in American fiction. We have already had New England and the South in our fiction until their characteristics are perfectly familiar, and indeed a little stereotyped, in the minds of most readers in the English-speaking world. But Arkansas is new ground in this respect, and Mrs. Young has given us some character sketches of rural life in Arkansas that show something of the skill with which Mr. Garland has depicted similar social conditions in Iowa.

Mrs. Young gives negro lingo and negro peculiarities with a fidelity to nature of some to the manner born; the scene in the cotton field is painted with a realism that makes it alive.

At one point in the story Viria seems about to achieve a great success in her chosen line of effort, when a call of love induces her to sacrifice the fruits of her hard labor, and again take up the yoke from which she had been freed. This piece of self-sacrifice leads to a new discipline of greater suffering than any she had ever dreamed of in her highest flights of romance, winding up in a most original and cruel climax. Relief comes, however, and the tears which the woman's anguish had wrung from us, are dried in joy over her deliverance.

There is not a particle of affectation in the author's style. It is all as straightforward, sincere and simple as a transcript from a letter written merely for friends. Mrs. Young's strongest traits as a writer are in the realm of humor and pathos, but she does not fail to touch the fountain of tears. Her negro dialect is so absolutely true to life that we can almost fancy her taking down the talk as it was uttered. There is a good deal of originality in her writing, and "Beholding as in a Glass" is altogether a pleasing and satisfactory story.

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THE next meeting of the Pharmaceutical Examining Board of South Carolina, will be held at Sumter, S. C., on the 20th and 21st inst. Applicants must apply by letter not later than the 15th inst. By order of the President, H. W. HUMMEL, Secretary of Board of Examiners. March 13, 2—1. Charleston, S. C.

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SHERIFF'S SALES. BY virtue of sundry Executions, to me directed, I will offer for sale at Public Auction in front of the Court House in the City of Sumter, on the first MONDAY in APRIL next, and as many days thereafter as may be necessary, within the legal hours of sale, the following property: All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in Middleton Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing one thousand, six hundred and fifty acres, more or less, and bounded North by lands of Gallups, formerly of Clarkson, East by Beech Creek, South by lands formerly of Col. Blanding and West by Wateree River, levied upon and to be sold as the property of John Moore at the suit of the State for taxes. MARION SANDERS, Sheriff for Sumter County. March 9-16-23-30.

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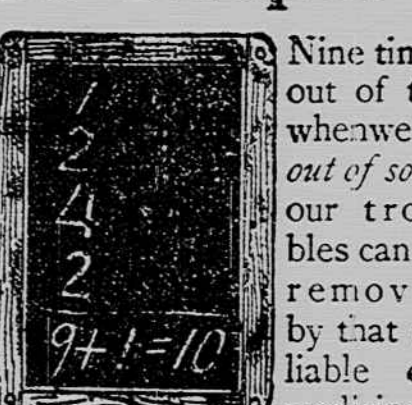
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A. D. HOLLAND.
March 13, —4t.

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