

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 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.

Corn planting has been practically completed in Sumter County, and a part of the cotton crop is in the ground. The many friends of Rev. Coke Smith in this city sincerely sympathize with him in the sad affliction he has met with in the death of his eldest son.

Japan is not very modest in her demands on China, but China will be more fortunate than the South was, for that country will not have to pay pensions to the surviving victors and all the relatives of the dead.

The letter received by Howell in Camden was on a par with Col. Dargan's Hartsville letter. Some fool or joker, and not a sensible man, was the writer in both cases.

Gen. Fitzbush Lee desires to be the Democratic nominee for the Vice Presidency, but his desire will remain ungratified.

Another suit has been instituted against the income tax and the last vestige of the law that would require the rich to pay taxes on their wealth will probably be wiped out.

The most ghastly fiend on record is Durant, the San Francisco Sunday school teacher, who carried several of his young lady scholars to the church and murdered them.

Adlai Stevenson would be the most popular man with the Democratic party that could be placed at the head of the ticket, but it is another thing when his strength with the country at large is considered.

Clemson College is unfortunate in having so much trouble in the faculty, but it was scarcely to be avoided in organizing an institution of such magnitude. When the College has been rid of all the worthless and discordant members of the faculty it will be better able to accomplish the great work it has before it.

Ex-Congressman James F. Izlar, in a communication to the News and Courier, makes an explicit denial of the charge that he traded off the public documents and seeds allotted him for distribution. The denial should clear away all doubts, although there were few people who credited the charge.

The Columbia Evening News has discussed at some length the subject of the manufacture of a marketable oil from the piñon, and has made out a strong case in favor of the somewhat despised peanut. If there is a demand for peanut oil, factories for making it will soon be as numerous as cotton seed oil mills.

The truth about Cuba and the Cuban insurrection may become known sometime in the future, but at present we are all very much in the dark. Reports from Spanish sources say that the government troops are killing and scattering the rebels at a terrific rate, while the insurgents send out the information that the yellow fever is playing havoc with the Spaniards. With Yellow Jack on their side the Cubans should give the Spaniards a hard fight, and they have our best wishes for success.

A new cotton gin, the invention of a Boston man, is attracting great attention, and is being exploited by a number of influential papers. It may be a good thing and we would not depreciate the value of the invention, but there is another new gin that is a good thing—it has been tested and proven to do more work and better work than any gin on the market—and this gin is the invention of a South Carolinian, Capt. J. W. Cooper, of Mayesville, Sumter County. As yet the merits of the gin have not been brought prominently before the public, but it will be known and appreciated in time. An invention by a Southern man has to have exceeding merit and originality to win success, but the Cooper gin is possessed of both of these qualities and it will soon replace many of the old style single-saw gins.

In making up a list of the water powers in South Carolina not a single one is credited to Sumter County. From a personal knowledge of the county the writer is satisfied there are

several powers in the county capable of developing more than a hundred horse power. The natural resources of Sumter county are not known or appreciated even by natives of the county and the outside world is in almost total ignorance of what a rich domain lies in the old Game Cuck County.

We all regret that Sumter will not have the pleasure of having the Citadel Cadets encamp here this summer. Notice is given now that Sumter has a prior claim on the cadets for next summer.

Thomas B. Reed and McKinley both want to be President, and are working with an earnestness that entirely discredits the prediction of the New York World that a Democrat will succeed Cleveland.

Not less than one million pounds of tobacco will be grown in Sumter County this year, and unless a warehouse is built here, every pound of it will be shipped beyond the county to be sold. One million pounds of tobacco represents a large sum of money, and if it is sold here the greater party of the money will be spent here, but if it is sold elsewhere the trade of Sumter will be reduced. It will be good business for the merchants and other business of Sumter to establish a tobacco warehouse, even if it never pays a cent of dividends on the investment. The increase of business that would necessarily follow the establishment of a warehouse would amply repay the investment.

The letter of Gen. Edward McCrady which we re-publish from the News and Courier to-day is well worth the large amount of space devoted to it to the exclusion of other matter. Gen. McCrady is a man whose opinion is respected throughout the State, and with good reason. All of his public documents have been characterized by thought and clearness of expression, and this letter is not an exception. All those persons who desire to investigate the questions that will come up before the Constitutional Convention and from these investigations form an opinion for themselves will find much in this letter to interest them. Those who have no opinion and have no intention of forming opinions themselves, will be wasting time and taxing unnecessarily their intellects.

Charleston has learned that the future of the city depends upon better and more friendly railroads, and there is now much earnest discussion in that city of the means to be used to obtain this. We have one suggestion to offer. That is, to join hands with the Ohio River and Charleston Railway. This road has been partially completed, and it will be, when finished, the most direct line from the West to Charleston. It traverses the richest mineral region in the country and the business that will originate along the line will be immense. It would be a paying investment for Charleston, if they should have to build a road from Charleston to Camden to secure an independent line to the West.

The movement to organize the Sumter Manufacturing Company with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars on the installment plan has met with a most favorable reception from the people of Sumter. Every other man the writer met on the streets this morning was talking about it in the most enthusiastic manner. The spirit of progress and home enterprise has been aroused at last, and with a strong, united effort Sumter will be placed in the front rank of the progressive towns of the South. Unity of action and perseverance will accomplish wonders anywhere, but here in Sumter where the natural advantages are so great it will accomplish so much that even those who do the work will be surprised.

The decision of City Council to take a page advertisement in the cotton mill edition of the Manufacturer's Record will meet with the approval of the public-spirited people of the city, for it means progress. If we would not have Sumter drop into obscurity and gradually dry up from sheer inanition we must keep the place and its advantages before the public. While we do not favor the expenditure of money in "write-ups" in every little wild-cat pamphlet that these peripatetic fakirs pretend to circulate, because it is a waste of money and nothing less, we do favor advertising in such well established and influential journals as the Record. An advertisement in that paper reaches the people whose attention it is desirable to attract, and influences them to investigate the claims made in favor of a town or sec-

tion of country. The identical advertisement in one of those "write-up" pamphlets, even if it should, by chance, fall under the eyes of the capitalists of the North, would receive not a tittle of the consideration it would when in the columns of a reputable and well-known journal. City Council spent money wisely in this instance, for it is the best sort of investment, and we shall be glad to see the same thing done again when a favorable occasion arises.

THE LARGEST CIRCULATION.

George P. Rowell & Co's Newspaper Directory, which is conceded to be the highest authority in America, says:

"The Watchman and Southron is credited with a higher circulation rating than any other paper issued in Sumter County, and the accuracy of the rating is guaranteed by the publishers of the Directory, who will pay a reward of one hundred dollars to the first person who proves that its issues were not as stated."

This is a fact briefly and strongly stated. Advertisers should consider it. It is not an unfounded claim based upon imagination and the presumed ignorance of the public, but a fact backed by money.

FULTON LETTER.

FULTON, S. C., April 16, '95. Spring in all its attractions of emerald beauty and loveliness has come at last. Corn planting is nearly over, and some of the farmers have about finished putting in their cotton.

A 24 hour service from "The Seven Last Words Spoken by the Savior" was conducted by the Rev. Jno. Kershaw, at St. Mark's on Good Friday.

The M. & A. through freight was almost totally consumed by fire at Rimini last Saturday morning, by the bursting of a tank of kerosene oil. Out of nineteen box cars 16 were burned, causing a loss to the Company of twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars.

Mr. N. C. Stack, the young and efficient R. Agent at Pinewood, has recently been promoted to the agency at Morven, N. C. Mr. Gilchrist, of Marion, S. C., succeeds Mr. Stack.

Miss Noddie Richardson, of Panola, is visiting at Mrs. John Manning's.

Miss Lynch Deas, of the Sumter Institute, visited the family of Maj. H. B. Richardson last week.

Mr. Henry W. Frost, of Charleston, is visiting at Maj. Henry Richardson's.

Invitations are out for a sociable at Mrs. David Lide's, next Friday evening. A most pleasant time is expected by all.

There is to be a picnic at Weeks' Mill next Saturday, given by the patrons of the "Pinewood School."

Mr. M. L. Harris, of Pinewood, who has been confined to his bed since last summer with a most painful disease, continues to weaken, with little hope of recovery.

Mr. J. N. Connors, of Pinewood, who was stricken with paralysis some time ago, is still very ill.

HAPPENINGS ABOUT MECHANICVILLE.

MECHANICVILLE, S. C., April 12, '95.

Some two or three weeks ago Jno. A. McCutchen's store was broken into at night, by forcing the window, and goods to the amount of about eighty dollars, was carried off by the burglar and thief. It was a dark rainy night, and the store was in about 30 or 40 feet from his dwelling.

A short time after that Henry Anderson, colored, in the Fork about 1 1/2 miles from Mr. McCutchen's store, was burned out, that is all of his provisions, farming utensils, cotton seed, buggies, (double and single) read cart, wagon, &c. He barely saved his stock. The fire, it is thought, was clearly incendiary.

About the same time Henry Holmes, colored, was burned out also.

Suspicion seems to point to several parties, but nothing definite has been learned up to this time, which can be made public.

It will be remembered that Mr. John C. Parnell's barn, &c., was burned with all of its contents a short time before Anderson's fire, and he is in the Fork—a neighbor of Anderson—I think their farms join.

No motive can be imagined for these outrages, without robbery preceded the burning, and the condition of things about here favor that presumption.

In most instances, I am glad to say, the oat crop is looking well—much better than we had any right to expect. Planting is now progressing rapidly, and if the weather continues favorable, crops will all be sown by the end of this month.

Messrs. Decker & Rice's turpentine still has been put into operation at this place, and will soon be running on full time, if this balmy weather continues.

Mr. R. T. Cook, at DuBois Roads, is progressing rapidly with his settlement buildings, and his farm also, and by the time Fall comes, his store will be on a boom also—in fact he is a progressive man. He is polite, attentive and as far as in his power lies, considerate and accommodating.

The Alliance Gin and Mill at the same place, is still in operation—dispensing the molecular needful to the public—and although somewhat embarrassed in financial matters, owing to the money stringency, I understand that they intend to "hold the fort," come what may. I admire their pluck. They evidently know a good thing when they see it. They have been lessees of Mr. T. Scott DuBois for five years, I think, and are making preparations for another term, if agreeable to all parties.

christian gentleman and a whole soul farmer, out and out. I have been making inquiries and find that there will be a considerable reduction in the cotton acreage about this section, and rice, sorghum and potatoes will be planted to a much larger and more general extent. So far as the Constitutional Convention is concerned, the non-factional idea meets with general approval as the only wise, safe and patriotic course that can be pursued. But enough for the present, you will hear from me again, if the foregoing is of any interest. PUBLICS.

\$100,000 OF LOCAL CAPITAL TO BE RAISED.

A number of the most prominent business men of this city have been consulting together for several weeks as to the best method of inaugurating a new era of progress and prosperity in Sumter. The result of their consultation and discussion has taken shape in a plan to raise one hundred thousand dollars on the co-operative monthly payment system. Every feature of the plan has been thoroughly discussed and the active work of obtaining subscriptions will be commenced next week. Although no canvass has yet been made, and the movement is known to but a few, as yet, quite a number of shares have been asked for by men whose names will do much to make the enterprise a success. When the canvass is begun there is no doubt but that every share will be placed in Sumter County.

The capital stock will be divided into one thousand shares, of a par value of one hundred dollars each. These shares will be paid for in monthly installments of one dollar each, in order that men of small means may take stock and pay for it without inconvenience. It was by this plan that a majority of the Charlotte, N. C., cotton mills were built, which, by the way, have been and are among the most successful in the South. At first glance the plan seems a long and tedious one, by which to raise money for any enterprise, but to this objection the success which has followed every enterprise established in this manner is sufficient answer.

The advantages which it has over other plans recommends it to this section and fits in so well with the existing conditions that the disadvantages are not to be considered. The plan is peculiarly adapted to a section that is without men of very large capital, but that has a large number of industrious citizens, who are willing to assist in developing the resources of the county by contributing from their earnings as they are able.

The co-operative installment plan is essentially fitted to a country that would become prosperous by self-help and growth. Sumter has within herself all the elements that by development bring wealth and prosperity, and in this enterprise there lies the germ of the development that so many of the citizens here desire. It is the beginning of better times if every man will do his part. Subscriptions of one share will be received and it is to be hoped that there will be a popular movement from the start.

Privateer Personals.

PRIVATEER, S. C., April 15, 1895. It was mentioned in this correspondence not long since that Mr. Henry Geddings was building a large workshop at the Privateer Station. The shop is now completed and is a credit to the township. Mr. Geddings will do blacksmith and general repair work. He has a special turn as a machinist, and was under Mr. Edgar Skinner for three years. He has done work on locomotives and stationary engines; and has a number of testimonials in regard to the latter work.

Miss Mary Delle Mellett pleasantly entertained her friends last Wednesday night on a candy pulling. Several games were played during the evening.

Little Miss Frances Harbert, daughter of the Rev. Walter Herbert, of Florence, is visiting in the community.

Mr. Jim Griffin, one of Privateer's young farmers, plays on seven musical instruments, ranging from the piano to the jaw harp. Mr. Griffin is a grandson of the famous walker, the late Capt. Robert W. Andrews.

Among Privateer's citizens is one who bears the singular nickname of "Long." The citizen alluded to is Mr. John Turner, whose height is about 6 feet 3 inches. He is called "Long John Turner," to distinguish him from a cousin of the same name, who is short of stature. Mc D. F.

The Last Gun at Appomattox.

BISHOPVILLE, S. C., April 15, '95. Editor Watchman and Southron: Dear Sir: I fully concur with an article published in W. & S. of last week, headed "The last gun at Appomattox." Mr. Newman is right in what he says in regard to the firing of the two guns. Only he speaks of "the other gun," being a 12 lb. Napoleon, while in fact it was an 18 lb. gun. This I know, as I had the honor of helping to handle it.

I have never been in doubt as to these two guns, a section of Garden's "Palmetto" Battery, having fired the last shots at Appomattox. After we received orders to cease firing, I have no recollection of having heard the sound of another gun.

Well do I recollect that memorable day, the 9th, April, 1865. After having marched night and day for a week, we were marched through the town of Appomattox, and told to place our guns in position, on a slight eminence beyond the town. This we did by a hard struggle, the cannoniers placing their shoulders to the wheels and helping the poor old broken-down, and starved horses and mules. But we "got there," and oh! what a sight was presented in our front. The whole earth seemed to be covered with Yankees; but, thanks to a kind Providence, they did not get near enough to open their infantry fire, before the order came to cease firing.

I wrote a short article a year or two ago to the News and Courier, and mentioned these facts, as to who fired the last shot at Appomattox, and I am glad to know that they are living witnesses to verify my statement. H. G. S.

Dr. Coke Smith's Eldest Son Accidentally Kills Himself.

Mrs. J. A. Rice received a despatch yesterday from her brother, the Rev. Dr. Coke Smith, of Norfolk, Va., conveying the sad intelligence that his eldest son, Coke, accidentally shot and killed himself yesterday morning. No particulars were given in the dispatch. He was fifteen years old last November and was a youth of very fine character and great promise. Dr. Smith has hosts of friends in this city and State who will be deeply grieved at this shocking intelligence and who sympathize with him and his afflicted family in their sore bereavement. —The State, April 12.

Thirty glasses soda water at A. J. China's for \$1. April 15, 6t.

A New Pastry Cook Book.

Miss L. A. Willis, Principal Baltimore Cooking School, has compiled a new Pastry Cook Book, which is being distributed to the patrons of the well-known Horsford Bread Preparation. The reputation of the author renders the book of especial value. Mail one wrapper from a package of Horsford Bread Preparation to the Rumford Chemical Works, Providence, R. I., a copy will be sent free. April 10-3t.

All books used in the classes of the Sumter Institute and the Graded School, at Wholesale Prices at H. G. Osteen & Co's., next to the Watchman and Southron office, Liberty Street.

Quit Talking Hard Times and Get to Work—Good Advice From a Business Man.

SEPTEMBER, April 11, 1895. Mr. Editor: As Mr. Langley very truly said in his talk yesterday, we have a first rate town, but that it is our business to let others know it. Now let us take his advice; let us quit croaking and begin hustling, and let other know what we have. When strangers visit our town we entertain them by telling them how hard the times are, how the bad crops and poor prices have affected everything; how much we have lost by the bottling up of the C. S. & N. R. R. Now that is all wrong; let's change our tone and all of us take on a more cheerful air. Put the best foot foremost, let our deficiencies go into the background and talk about what we have; tell about our wonderful climate, excellent health, unsurpassed water, fine schools, morality of our people, our telephone factory, lumber mills, &c., &c. Then let us organize and get another railroad, cotton factory, canning factory, oil mill, &c. There is plenty of money in this county and the first thing you want is confidence. If you once get the people to help themselves you will soon inspire confidence and get plenty of outside capital. CONFIDENCE.

Abandoned the Trip.

At a meeting of Palmetto Division, Uniform Rank, K. of P., held Tuesday night, the proposed trip to Sumter on the occasion of the meeting of the Grand Lodge, May 21 was discussed and reluctantly abandoned, as the Knights could not secure what they deemed reasonable rates for the journey. A great many were disappointed, as they had anticipated a pleasant trip.—News and Courier.

Henry Ward Beecher once informed a man who came to him complaining of gloomy and despondent feelings, that what the most needed was a good cathartic, meaning, of course, such a medicine as Ayer's Cathartic Pills, every dose being effective.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla advertisement featuring a circular logo with "AYER'S SARSAPARILLA" and text: "Cures OTHERS, WILL Cure You. AYER'S Sarsaparilla MAKES THE WEAK STRONG."

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. David H. Morris, W. B. Burns and J. Frank Pate, Plaintiffs, against John H. Averill as Administrator of the Estate of Littleton L. Martin, dec'd. Harry Ryttenberg and C. L. Martin, Defendants.

Pursuant to an order of said Court in this cause, dated March 20th, 1895, I do hereby call upon all creditors of the said Littleton L. Martin, deceased, to come and establish their claims before me on or before the first day of May, next 1895 or be barred the benefit of any decree to be made in this case. As directed further by said order I will offer for sale at public outcry in front of the Court House, in the City of Sumter, on Sale day in May next, 1895, being the 6th day of said month, the following personal property belonging to said estate of Littleton L. Martin, deceased:

Two Sporting Rifles, one hammerless Breech Loading double-barreled shot gun and gun case, one case loaded Shells, and a wove wire spring single Cot. Terms Cash. W. H. INGRAM, Master for Sumter County. April 15.

Master's Sales.

By J. E. Jervey, Auctioneer. COUNTY OF SUMTER, IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

PURSUANT to the judgments and orders of the Court aforesaid, severally made in the following entitled cases I will offer for sale at Public Auction, before the Court House in the City of Sumter, County and State aforesaid on the FIRST MONDAY in MAY next, 1895, (being the 6th day of said month), between the hours of eleven o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in afternoon of said day, the real estate in each case described, on the terms in each case specified.

In the case of Caroline W. Ravenel, plaintiff, against Janie M. Wilson, William M. Wilson and Robert E. Wilson, defendants.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, more or less, situate, lying and being in Lynchburg township, in the County of Sumter and State aforesaid, bounded on the North by Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wilson, but now of Edwin Wilson; East by Boggy Gully Branch and lands of Miss Sallie Lou Wilson; South by lands of Mrs. Orrie M. Smith, formerly of W. Healy Wilson and lands of Mrs. Sallie Lou Wilson, and West by the Lafayette Public Road, leading Southward to Matysette, being the land conveyed to me by my mother, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Wilson. Terms—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.

In the case of L. S. Griffin, plaintiff, against Manigault Williams and Benjamin M. Carpenter, defendants.

All that lot or parcel of land, measuring one-fourth (1/4) of one acre situated in town of Mayesville, North-west of Sumter Street and is bounded on the North by lands of Ellison McGill; on the East by lands of Viney Wilson; on the South and South-east by lands of Mitchell Smith, and on the West by lands of J. E. Barnett, being the lot whereof L. (Manigault) Williams now residing at the date of these presents. Terms—Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. W. H. INGRAM, Master for Sumter County. April 10.

Duke Cigarettes advertisement featuring an illustration of a pack and text: "DUKE CIGARETTES High Grade Tobacco AND ABSOLUTELY PURE"

Master's Sale.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS. The Dundee Mortgage and Trust Investment Company, Limited, Plaintiffs, against Harriet Rebecca Saunders, William L. Saunders, Ann Catherine Saunders, Robert C. McFaddin and Marion Moise, Defendants.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE of an order in the above case, dated October 4th, 1894, I will as Master for Sumter County, sell, on the sale day to wit: the first Monday in MAY next, 1895, being the 6th day of said month, between the hours of 11 o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, at Sumter Court House, in the City of Sumter, the following described property:

I. All that plantation or tract of land, known as the "Wash Bracy Plantation," situate, lying and being in Rafiting Creek Township, in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina, containing four hundred and twenty-seven and one-half (427 1/2) acres more or less, bounded North by lands formerly of Benjamin Gerald, East by lands now or formerly of Barrell Cato and South and West by lands formerly of Marion Sanders.

II. All that plantation or tract of land, known as the "Moody Tract," situate, lying and being in Rafiting Creek Township, in the County of Sumter, and State of South Carolina, containing three hundred and one acre (301) more or less, bounded on the North by lands formerly of T. H. Sanders, South by Rafiting Creek and lands of Mrs. W. F. Moore, and West by lands now, or formerly W. W. Anderson and T. H. Sanders, together with the buildings and all the improvements thereon.

Terms of sale—One half cash. Balance on a credit of one year from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser bearing interest from day of sale and a mortgage of the premises sold. Buildings on last named place to be insured in such reasonable sum as Master may determine and policy assigned, or be made payable to him. Purchasers have option of paying the whole amount of bid in cash.

Purchaser to pay for all papers, recording fees and insurance. W. H. INGRAM, Master for Sumter County. April 13.

GRIST MILL.

ON TUESDAY next, March 12th, I will start a Grist Mill at the lumber mill of C. S. Harvin (formerly Carr's mill) near the C. S. & N. R. R. Junction, and will give prompt attention to grinding Meal and Grits. The patronage of the community solicited, and first-class work guaranteed. A. D. HOLLAND. March 13, -4t.

So Simple.

Nine times out of ten when we are out of sorts our troubles can be removed by that reliable old medicine, Brown's Iron Bitters, which for more than 20 years has been curing many people of Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Malaria, Impure Blood, Neuralgia, Headache, Liver and Kidney troubles. It's the peculiar combination of iron, the great strength-giver, with selected vegetable remedies of true value that makes Brown's Iron Bitters so good for strengthening and purifying the system. It is specially good for women and children—it makes them strong and rosy.

Brown's Iron Bitters advertisement featuring an illustration of a bottle and text: "Brown's Iron Bitters, which for more than 20 years has been curing many people of Dyspepsia, Biliousness, Malaria, Impure Blood, Neuralgia, Headache, Liver and Kidney troubles. It's the peculiar combination of iron, the great strength-giver, with selected vegetable remedies of true value that makes Brown's Iron Bitters so good for strengthening and purifying the system. It is specially good for women and children—it makes them strong and rosy." Osbourne's Business College advertisement is also present at the bottom of the block.