

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 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.

The Reformers, of Richland, did not take very kindly to Gen. Youmans and accordingly left him off the ticket. Gen. Youmans should not feel as if he has been discredited.

The Spartanburg Conservatives who went into the primary were snowed under, and they now feel like it was a mistake to go into it. We had enough of the primary without trying it again this year.

Senator Tillman was nominated in Edgefield as a delegate to the constitutional convention, but strange to relate, John C. Sheppard received a greater number of votes than Tillman.

The Harvey-Horr "Financial School" debate has run its length and is ended. Now look out for the book. They were talking for publication and not in hope of convincing each other.

Judge Goff refuses to grant the injunction against the Supervisor of Registration for Richland County on the ground that he cannot go counter to the decree of the Court of Appeals setting aside the injunction in a similar case issued by him sometime ago. This settles the fact that the election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention will be held without interference.

There may be a contest at the general election in a number of the counties between the tickets nominated in the primary on Tuesday and independent democratic tickets, and the fights may be bitter and exciting. In a great many instances the division of delegates was not carried out in the primary as promised beforehand, and now there is naturally much dissatisfaction. This dissatisfaction may develop a fight. The situation in this county is more satisfactory, for the joint ticket is independent of the Irby organization, and is supported by the people. The ticket put out by the machine has not sufficient backing to make it representative of anything save a small coterie of politicians. If this machine ticket, which received a scattering band, full of votes at the farcical primary on Tuesday, goes to the general election on the 20th, instant, the people of the county who desire to have a representative delegation in the Convention, will have to turn out and pile up a big majority for the joint ticket. There is no possibility of the election of a negro, or negro-fusion ticket, unless there is great indifference among the white people of the county, or a larger support of the Keels ticket at the general election than the result of the primary would indicate. If we are to have a fight at the general election the majority of the white people are together, they have a good ticket to vote for and a good many negroes will vote for it also, because it is composed of men whom they know and respect. The joint ticket will sweep the county, for it represents true conservatism in both factions, honest elections and just laws.

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THE SITUATION IN SUMTER COUNTY.

As Viewed by Col. Blanding.

The Item: I would not do an intentional injustice to an enemy, certainly not to personal and political friends. I have just read the article in The State over my name headed "The Sumter Situation". It was written late at night, without time before closing of mail for a reading. In referring to the action of the Conservative convention as to Irby primary, to the question put to myself, did I declare "that they would not go into the primary?" the answer is given, "No; for they had solemnly said they would go in, if they could either get antedated pledges received or the primary postponed." They merely resolved "that the primary be disregarded," &c. My pencil or the printer makes me say "solemnly," when I intended to say "inferentially." It is also due to Messrs. Altamont Moses and R. D. Lee, that they declared in the Convention that

they were opposed to going into the primary, and so did Messrs. M. Moise and R. I. Manning in the meetings of the joint committee. But these were mere private opinions expressed hours after I had retired, and after the convention had been and were still debating with the primary question. The convention did not so declare until after it was an ascertained fact that no candidate could get into the primary. I also request The State to publish this. J. D. BLANDING. Aug. 2d, 1895.

From The Daily Item, August 3.

We gave space yesterday to an article by Col. Jas. D. Blanding explanatory of an article which appeared in the State. We are satisfied that Col. Blanding is still in error as to the willingness of the Conservatives as individuals, or the Conservative Convention as a body to agree to go into the Irby primary. In support of this opinion we will quote section sixth of the declaration of principles adopted by the convention instead of the resolutions offered by Col. Blanding. Section sixth reads as follows.

6th. To these principles we call on all Democrats to rally without reference to former factional differences, and ask that they support our ticket in the election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention, at the general election to be held on August 20th, 1895.

It was subsequent to the adoption of this declaration of principles that Col. Blanding resigned his seat in the convention. From the text of the above section, apart from the general tenor of the convention, which was strongly opposed to going into the primary on any conditions, we should say that instead of "inferentially" agreeing to participate in the Irby primary the Conservative Convention inferentially resolved to disregard the primary and to run a ticket at the general election on August 20th, and at no other time. We understood this to be the meaning of the section at the time of its adoption and we so construe it now. It was an appeal to the general election and an appeal to the people, the democrats of Sumter County, to support the ticket to be nominated by the convention, at the general election, and no reference was made to the primary. It was disregarded from first to last; and we are convinced that had the Reform mass meeting not agreed to a compromise outside of the primary a full ticket would have been nominated by the Conservative Convention and a clean cut fight made at the general election. It is well known by those who were present during the session of the Conservative Convention that at more than one stage the members became impatient of the delays of the Reform meeting and the nomination of a full ticket was on the verge of being made.

We respect Col. Blanding and believe him conscientious in his opinion, but we cannot agree with him in his present position. We do not believe that any principle has been sacrificed by the Conservatives, nor that a compromise has been entered into with a small fraction of the Reform faction. We know that twelve of the strongest clubs out of the fifteen controlled by the Reform faction were represented in the Reform mass meeting held July 26th. These twelve clubs have a voting strength of about 900, and if the joint ticket receives only two-thirds of these votes and none from the other seven Reform clubs, then it will be elected without doubt. The result of the primary indicates that an opposition ticket can poll but a very small white vote, and the inference we would draw is that the joint ticket will receive not only a large Conservative vote, but also a very large majority of the Reform vote.

A Reply by Col. Blanding. Editor The Item: Replying shortly to your editorial, I far prefer pouring oil upon troubled waters to stirring them up. My article in the State was simply to give my reasons for leaving the convention, as there was no opportunity to do so in that body; to wit: the belief, and the grounds therefor, that the Conservatives could have gone into the Irby primary if they could not have secured a division without going into it; and I was unwilling to run the risk of being committed to this. Such was and still is my opinion; and in this the Conservative-Reform, or Reform-Conservative (or if it prefers, Independent) Sumter Herald fully concurs. You think otherwise; of course each is entitled to his opinion, but it is useless to dispute about an unascertainable speculation. I sincerely hope you were right, and reciprocate the same respect and conscientiousness of opinion which you accord to me. Let me add another opinion: The Conservative Convention itself could not have picked out three better, safer, more intelligent and reliable Reformers than the nominees of the mass meeting now on the fusion ticket. J. D. BLANDING. August 5, 1895.

Organized for the Campaign.

The committeemen from the Conservative and Reform clubs supporting the joint ticket for the Constitutional Convention met to-day in the Armory Hall and organized for the campaign. There were twenty seven gentlemen present and several other clubs were represented by written proxies. The committee was organized by the election of Mr. Altamont Moses, as chairman; Messrs. Sheppard Nash and George P. McKagen, vice chairman, and H. G. Osteen, secretary. All necessary arrangements for the campaign were perfected as far as possible. The following was the most important resolution adopted: "Resolved, That the committee, viz: the Democratic County Campaign Committee—does not deem it expedient to order a series of campaign meetings, but that if the County Democratic Executive Committee should order such meetings that the candidates on the joint ticket are expected and will attend all such meetings and address the people." A resolution was also adopted providing that the nominees on the joint ticket shall prepare an address to the people of Sumter county, setting forth their views and position on the questions now before the public. Messrs. A. Moses, E. M. Pitts, R. D. Lee, Sheppard Nash, Geo. P. McKagen, Edwin Wilson and J. G. White were appointed a committee with power to act as may be necessary in conducting the campaign between the times of meeting of the whole committee. The committee adjourned to meet on Friday, August 16, at 11 o'clock in the Armory hall.

A few weeks ago Mr. McDonald Furman received a literary curiosity in the shape of a letter from a relative of King Philip, of the Wampanoags, to whom he wrote. The relative is Miss M. Mitchell, of Lakeville, Massachusetts, who is descended from a sister of that famous Sachem. Messrs. O'Donnell & Co. are making several improvements in the interior of their store that will enable them to handle their large trade with greater convenience and more satisfaction to themselves and customers. The grocery has been moved into the rear of the store and the department heretofore occupied by the clothing and shoes. An elevator will be put in about the middle of the store, opposite the office, and a package and cash railway will be put in before the fall trade begins. The Board of Election Commissioners—Messrs. W. K. Crosswell, E. J. Goodman and L. D. Jennings—met in the office of H. L. B. Wells, Esq., Monday and appointed the managers for the constitutional convention election on the 20th instant. Three managers for each precinct were appointed and they were empowered to select a clerk. The managers for Sumter precinct are J. Walter Dinkins, R. M. Ives and J. Diggins Wilder. The Supervisor of Registration's office was open for the registration of voters last Monday for the last time prior to the election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention. There were comparatively few who made application and received certificates. Supervisor James has had to perform a large amount of extra work on account of this election for which he will receive not a cent of extra pay and he is glad that he has finished the job. It was reported on last Friday that the dwelling house of Mr. Hugh W. Scott, of Wisacky, was burned that morning at an early hour, but the report proves to have been false. The smoke house was burned and not the dwelling house, and all of the contents of the smoke house were saved. The Republicans held a meeting last Saturday in the hall of the Colored Investment Association, that was in session for several hours. George W. Murray made a lengthy speech and others had something to say. It was finally decided to put out a ticket for the Constitutional Convention, and W. T. Andrews and R. H. Richardson were nominated. It is said that the meeting was not all harmony. A burning trash pile on Harvin Street was the cause of the alarm of fire being given about 11 o'clock last Thursday. The entire department turned out in a jiffy and made a quick run to the scene of the supposed fire. The old Planters' Warehouse is being repaired and refitted for the D. W. Alderman Sons Co., which will open business here within a short time. Goods for the firm are already beginning to arrive. Sumter was represented at the Newberry Bicycle races yesterday, by Sol. J. and Charlie Ryttenberg. Sol. rode his new Siemens racer, the "Yellow Fellow" for the first time in a race. The general rains on Saturday night was very beneficial to corn and in some sections was just what was needed to insure a fine crop. In the Bishopville section the corn crop is said to be the finest in ten years. Cotton was considerably benefited by the rain also. Capt. Keels is at work on the books in the treasurer's office preparatory to making the settlement with the Comptroller General. He says, however, that it will be ten to fifteen days before he will be ready to make the settlement. The vegetable trains on the M. & A. road have been taken off for this season. The last one went through on Saturday morning. Capt. J. J. Ragin has returned from Ft. Valley, Ga., where he has been for the past seven weeks looking after the fruit business for the A. C. L. The rush of early peaches to the Northern markets is now over, and Capt. Ragin is at home for awhile. Mr. M. F. Nixon is having two bath rooms fitted up on the second floor of the Nixon House and will have all the rooms supplied with hot and cold water. Each bath room will be fitted up with two large, porcelain-lined bath tubs, and every convenience that can be procured will be supplied. Arrangements have already been completed to supply hot and cold water to all parts of the hotel. Merriman Graham, colored, was before the mayor last Wednesday for using profane language on the streets. Sentence, \$5 or ten days on the streets. Willie Simmons and Willie Parker were also before the mayor, and were fined one dollar each for loitering around the depot and creating a disturbance.

MANAGERS OF ELECTION.

The following named persons are hereby appointed managers of the election for delegates to the Constitutional Convention for August 20th, 1895. They will appoint their own clerk, and in case of failure to serve, supply the vacancy. They will call on the clerk of this board at his office in the city of Sumter not later than Saturday, August 17, 1895 for blanks, boxes, and instructions to conduct said election according to law: Corbett's Store—S. M. Jenkins, K. E. Wells, George McCutchen. Sumter C. H.—W. J. Dinkins, R. M. Ives, J. Diggins Wilder. Statesburg—C. A. Mitchell, William M. Sanders, W. W. Anderson, Jr. Providence—J. B. Raffield, Willie Boykin, J. J. Myers, Jr. Rafting Creek—T. B. Sanders, J. E. Gillis, W. J. Young. Bishopville—G. F. Parrott, J. P. Kilgore, Thomas Barnes. Manville—E. C. McCoy, W. Jasper Smith, J. Eddie Stuckey. Bossards—Marion Dorn, George A. Brown, J. H. Lesesne. Mayesville—S. F. Shaw, Henry McLeod, Robert DesChamps. Lynchburg—J. D. Clark, W. A. Tallon, T. G. McLeod. Shiloh—R. A. Frierson, J. K. McElveen, R. E. McElveen. Concord—L. E. White, J. M. N. Wilder, G. W. Mahoney. Privateer—David E. Wells, J. W. Broadway, H. Drane Tindall. Smithville—J. P. Westberry, J. M. Miller, Samuel Robertson. Wedgefield—B. P. Kelly, J. M. Mosely, H. C. Cuttino. L. D. JENNINGS, Chairman. W. K. CROSSWELL, E. J. GOODMAN.

Board of Election Commissioners for Sumter county. HENRY L B WELLS, Clerk of the Board. All Sumter papers please copy.

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S. S. Convention.

St. Charles, July 24, 1895. Pastors will please read this notice to their congregations, which will inform them that their annual Sunday school convention will assemble in Bishopville on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock on the 29th of August, next. I would respectfully suggest to the congregations which approve of this work, the advisability of instructing their delegates as to where the meeting of '96 will be held. Who would like to entertain this body? Superintendents of Sunday schools will please send one or more delegates, number of scholars, and interest manifested in the work. Delegates, the generous and large-hearted hospitality of the people of Bishopville and vicinity await your coming. W. A. JAMES, Secretary. S. D. M. LACOSTE, President.

The Boys Organize a Bicycle Club.

The first meeting of the Young American Bicycle Club was held Thursday night at the residence of Mr. H. Ryttenberg. The meeting was called to order at 9.15 p. m., and the following officers were elected to act during the ensuing month: President, Harry Green; Vice President, Lee Riles; Sec. and Treas., Charles Ryttenberg; Captain, Danney McKiever; Reporter, Sam P. Osteen. The president moved that the next meeting be called on Monday night, August 5th, at the same place, which was duly seconded. After this the following resolutions were passed: Resolved, That all members shall meet on August 5th, as some important business will be transacted. Resolved, That all dues shall be collected monthly by Sec. and Treas. Resolved, That any candidates for membership must apply to the Secretary, who, he sees fit, will recommend him to the club. Resolved, That a copy of the minutes of our first meeting be published in the Daily Item. After these resolutions had been passed the club adjourned.

A. C. L. Annual Excursion.

The Atlantic Coast Line will run the Annual Summer Excursion to Asheville, N. C., on August 14th Capt. W. G. Webb, the popular conductor, will be in charge of the excursion train and will go through to Asheville. Tickets will be good only on train leaving Columbia on morning of August 14th. Return may be made until August 31st. Children under twelve years and over five at half rates. The rates from Sumter are as follows: Spartanburg, Greenville and Glenn Springs, \$5.05; Abbeville, Cross Hill, and Laurens, \$4.55; Walhalla and Anderson, \$5.30; Hendersonville, \$6.05; Asheville, \$6.80. Passengers from Sumter will take train No. 52 leaving at 9.45 a. m.

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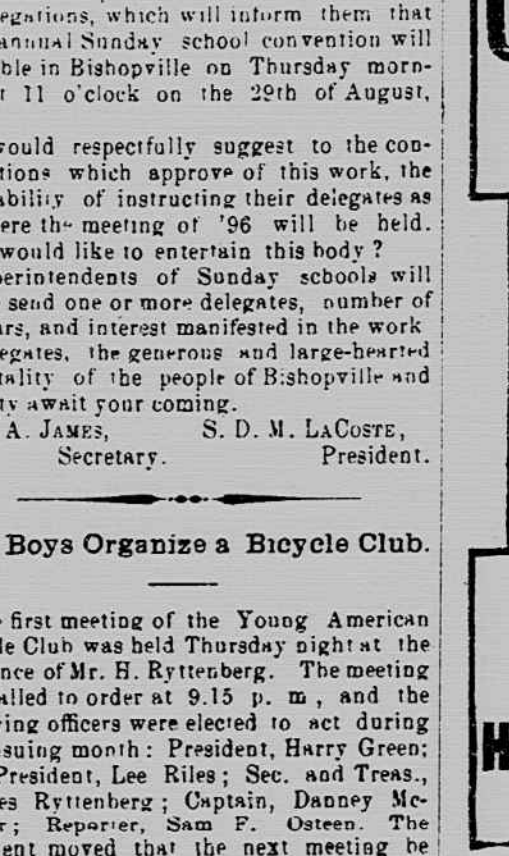
Schedule of Freight Trains.

Table with columns for Train Type (Tri-Weekly, Monday, Wednesday and Friday; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; Daily, Except Sunday) and destinations (Florence, Sumter, Lanes, Atkins) with corresponding times.

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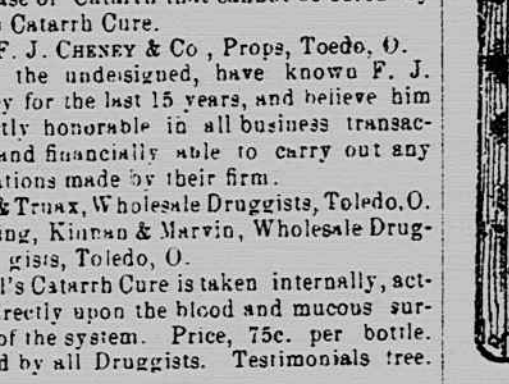
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