WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5, 1896.

n 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. at least, no less vulgar, ill-mannered W. J. Burkett are published with pleas-The Watchman and Southron new has and senseless in their abuse of Senator ure. We would state, in this connecthe combined circulation and influence Tillman. These papers have much to tion, however, that we have "insinuof both of the old papers, and is manilearn concerning South Carolina's ated" nothing, as Mr. McManus of both of the old papers, and is mani-festly the best advertising medium in junior Senator, and when they be a well-authenticated rumor. We

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Legislature is taking its time and the day of adjournment is not yet in sight. A long session seems to be inevitable, with the consequent heavy expense to the taxpayers.

under the metropolitan police system, unjustly and unreasonably forced on the city by Gov. Evans. We are glad that master in the art of bomboozling the there has been no rash and ill-considered outbreak of righteous indignation that would lead to blood shed and riot. Gov. Evans has exceeded his power and overstepped the bounds of justice, and decency as well, in order to retain a political friend in office, but this does not serve as sufficient grounds for a forcible resistance to the operation of the metropolitan police law. We trust there will be no violence and no riot in Charleston, and in time the justice-loving and honest citizenship of the State will see how flagrantly the liberties of the city and of the people of Charleston have been violated and the law, framed for the purpose of oppression, will be wiped from the statute books.

The Senate bill to require insurance companies to pay the face of policies in case of loss by fire will increase the rates of insurance in this State. It is next to impossible to fix the true value of property when a policy is issued, and if the bill becomes a law a premium will be placed on fraud. Persons desiring to defraud the insurance companies will be encouraged in placing a false valuation on their property and then burning it. As a means of selfprotection the companies will increase the rates and the honest men will be taxed to uphold the rascals in their dishonesty. When it is known that all losses by fire are to be adjusted by appraisement after the fire, those who would otherwise place a fictitious value on their property will be deterred from doing so; for they realize that the chances of selling out to the insurance companies at a big price is by no means a certainty. When everything is considered, we are confirmed in the opinion that the proposed insurance law is a good law to kill before it is enacted.

The number of cotton mills projected in Sonth Carolina indicate that this State will maintain the first place in the South in cotton manufacturing. Mills will be built in all parts of the State, from Beaufort to the mountains, during the year. Cotton manufacturing is the most promising industry that Southern capitalists can invest in, and it will continue to be as long as the mills can obtain their supply of cotton near at hand and do not have beavy freight charges to pay. Sumter produces sufficient cotton to supply several large mills and it is an inviting field for investment, for the mills can obtain their supply of cotton at the lowest price and will consequently have a larger margin of profit to be distributed in dividends to the stockholders.

There is no argument in asserting that a factory will not prove profitable in Sumter. If the factory has the proper equipment of the latest and most improved machinery for making the class of goods that is in demand by the trade, if it is managed according to authorized President Cleveland to aubusiness principles by a man who nounce his resignation in the event of understands the mill business thoroughly, if it is run on a cash basis it cannot fail of success for it has been demonstrated by hundreds of mills in the South that money can be made and fair dividends paid by Southern mills when goods sell at prices that mean a net loss on every yard made and sold by Northern mills. In open competition the Southern mills have every advantage over their Northern rivais and can afford to undersell them in every market. The history of the mills in this State, North Carolina and Georgia prove that there is more money in cotton manufacturing, when intelligently managed than in any other enterprise the Presidential Campaign, as it is published in which money is invested.

provoked comment from the press in teresting departments, unique features, car-toons and graphic illustrations, the latter be-from other causes shall be deemed taxable every part of the union, and the comment is in the greater number of instances very unfavorable. Many of the papers that style themselves "leading and influential" have outclassed Tillman himself in the copious use of abuse papers is \$2.50.

condemn Senator Tillman very justly for his ill-mannered, vulgar and senseless abuse of President Cleveland; but The Sumter Watchman was founded they prove themselves, many of them,

find that they are now playing that they died "under very suspicious exactly into Tillman's hand. They are circumstances." We do not deem it pursuing the very course that he most proper to go into details in a newspaper desires them to pursue, for it is making readily give Mr. McManus or any one bis name a household word in every else interested our authority, whenever state in the Union. If the papers will demanded privately. We sympathize only continue their abuse and consequent extensive advertising of Ben Charleston is moving along quietly Tillman they will make him President E. DuPre will put a "quietus" to these of the United States.

Tillman is a demagogue, and a past people, but he is not a fool by any means. He is the most accomplished and successful self advertiser this country has ever seen, and he knows better how to use the newspapers and get them to advertise him free of charge than any man we have ever heard of Tillman accomplished all he desired by his speech and he is smiling to himself every day as he sees how nicely his scheme is working.

IN NEWSPAPER CIRCLES.

Messrs. H. L. Darr and H. A. Brunson have purchased the Florence Messenger and consolidated it with the County Banner. The union of too good papers should make one much better than either of the old, and we have no doubt the Banner-Messenger will be one of the livest and most successful papers Florence has ever had.

Camden is to have a new paper. It will be known as The Sun, and will be issued this week by Mr. G. G. Alexander, an experienced newspaper man.

The Yorkville Enquirer now issues both a weekly and semi weekly edition. Both editions are models of excellence and typographical beauty.

The tobacco edition of The News and Courier, published on Saturday last. is the clearest and most convincing proof that the tobacco industry in South Carolina has attained great magnitude we have seen. It is a well drawn outline that gives nothing save facts and only a few of the most striking of the great mass available.

The Charleston Evening Post appeara few days since in a new dress and greatly enlarged in size. This substantial evidence of prosperity is gratifying to the friends and admires of the Post. The paper has improved noticeably in every department and it deserve success and prosperity.

The court of general sessions of Berkeley county is being held in the loft of a store at Monks Corner, the new county seat.

Mr. S. T. Guerry, of New York, was killed on the railroad track in Atlanta yesterday.

The Treasury gold reserve stood at \$47,792,649, yesterday.

The Ouachita river, Arkansas, is higher than for years and the entire country is flooded

The Wheelock Piano Co., The Weber Piano Co, and the Sluyvesant 10th. Piano Co., all of New York, failed yesterday.

### Bayard May Resign.

London, Feb. 3.—The United Press learns that Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, United States ambassador here, bas a vote adverse to him upon the house of representatives resolution censuring him for his utterances in his speech in Edinburgh and elsewhere in Great

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and villification. They criticise and The Deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Bur-

From the Wateree Messenger. The subjoined statements concerning the untimely deaths of Mr. and Mr.

have learned the lesson, they will stated distinctly that "it is reported" concerning these reports, but will very very much with Mr. McManus in his sad affliction, and hope that his statement together with that made Mr J. reports, but from all we've heard it would seem that an investigation is eminently in order It will be observthat Mr. DuPre is silent, whether intentionally or not, as to what their first sickness was and what brought it on.

If the reports are not true, and no attempt has been made to shield a criminal, then a great injustice has been done the deceased couple and their families, and for the sake of all parties concerned we hope there is no foundation for the damaging rumors

The following are the statements re-

I notice in your paper of Jan. 26, an article insinuating that my daughter and her busband, W. J. Burkett, were poisoned. I would like to know what authority you have for such a statement. They had been sick nearly three weeks with pervous disorder, from which they were recovering when they contracted measles and finally congestion of the brain, which proved fatal. Your article is absolutely without foundation, as they had had the best medical attention through their entire illness. I would like to know who your informant accuses of administering the "overdose of a dangerous drug."

Please publish this correction and Yours, etc., W. A. McManus.

The deaths of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Burkett, of this place, who died here recently, were caused from measles. Their first sickness had about been controlled, when in their weakened state they took measles, which resulted in congestion of the brain, and death ensued in a short time. I have this statement from their attending physician and this should put a quietus upon the many reports about the matter, which to say the least, are very distressing to the parents and relatives of the young couple whose untimely taking off is regretted by all.

Jas. E DuPre. Pisgab, S. C., Feb. 3, 1896.

### TAX RETURNS

\_\_\_FOR\_\_\_

1895-96.

AUDITOR SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C. Nov. 27, 1895. RETURNS OF ALL PERSONAL PROat the following times and places: Mechanicsville, Thursday, January

Smithville, Friday, January 3d. Providence, Saturday, January

Wedgefield, Tuesday, January 7th. Stateburg, Wednesday, January

Hagood, Thursday, January 9th. Rembert's Store, Friday, January Guaranteed Analysis:

J. M. Tindal's, Saturday, January Mannville, Monday, January 13th.

Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 14th and 15th Magnolia, Thursday, January 16th.

Lynchburg, Friday, January 17th. Concord, Saturday, January 18th.

Mayesville, Tuesday, January 21st. | Call on or write to them for Free Pamphlets. Johnston's Store, Wednesday Jan-

Shiloh, Thursday, January 23d. And at Auditor's Office in City of Sumter from January 24th to February 20th, inclusive.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc , ieturo the same under oath to the Auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valu-156 PAPERS A YEAR. ation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January, 1896.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each Township where the property is located and also in each and every case the No. of the School District must be given. Every male citizen between the age of

All returns must be made on or before the We offer this unequaled newspaper and the returns after that date and all returns made Watchman and Southron together one year after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

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Sumter, S. C. Jan 22 .- 2m

## Navassa Guano Co.,

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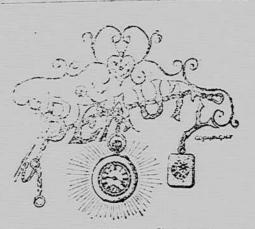
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