

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, 1896.

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.

The Australian ballot system has not been killed, although rejected by the House. It will be before the General Assembly again next year, and every year until it is adopted.

The yaller dog campaign will begin in South Carolina as soon as the Legislative candidates begin to be announced by "Many Friends," "Vox Populi," "Voters" and other old friends of other campaign years.

There is not much probability of a repeal of the metropolitan police law. It is too handy an instrument of tyranny to be surrendered willingly, and it can be made to supply many excellent, fat jobs for the parasites of the dominant element.

The Legislature has rejected the Manning Australian ballot bill and by this act declares in favor of fraudulent elections. We hoped for something better from the Legislature, although, to be candid, we never seriously expected it to adopt a law that would make honest elections possible.

The State Fair will not receive an appropriation from the State, and it now rests with Columbia to determine whether the Fair shall be held or not. If the Fair is worth anything at all, it is worth \$2,500 a year to Columbia, and if the business men of that city are not willing to expend that sum annually in support of the Fair, Columbia is not worthy to have it.

Samps Pope was, for a time, the great peace and unity man in the democratic party, but failing to accomplish peace and unity or to obtain an office he had to get out of the party. He is now declaring himself a republican and has re-commenced preaching peace and unity. His sermons are directed to the Melton and Webster factions of the g. o. p.—the one representing the lily whites and the other the coal blacks. Samps is the clown of the South Carolina political circus, and the gravity with which he performs his antics add to the droll humor of the situation.

McKinley, who is apparently the strongest and most popular Republican Presidential candidate, is gaining ground in the South and West every day, and unless his opponents can go deep down in the boodle barrel he will have an easy thing in the nominating convention. He is not nominated yet, however, by a long ways, for the boodle barrel is the potent and determining factor when a Southern Republican delegate comes to vote in a nominating convention.

The friends of Lieutenant Governor Timmerman are putting him forward for Secretary of State, and urge in his behalf that he is one of the few office holders from Edgefield that have not had substantial slices of the leaves and fishes. They have made out the case for Dr. Timmerman—let him be elected, Edgefield must be provided for!

The shipment of hogs by the car load from this city is regarded by The News and Courier as a matter of importance meriting a column editorial. Sumter county did not win a prize in the hog contest, but, as was said at the time, what the country lacked in weight of the individual hogs was more than up in the number. This country has raised about as much hog meat during the year as any county in the state, and to-day the hog market is overstocked; so much so that those who have hogs for sale are complaining at the low prices that prevail. If a constant supply of hogs could be assured it would be a very good idea to establish a pork packery in this state—Sumter preferably—for there is money to be made by the packer and profit to the hog raiser. We have no doubt but that a pork packery which would furnish a steady market for all the hogs that the farmers of this section of the state could raise would find no difficulty in obtaining a constant supply of hogs, for a steady market would be an incentive to hog raising, and as long as the hogs brought good prices the farmers would strive to raise them in large numbers. Sumter county can raise more hogs than the people of the country can consume, why not have a pork packery?

The man who can devise a plan for paving Main Street without increasing the burden of taxation will be a popular candidate for municipal honors.

The General Assembly has decided to adjourn on March 7th, but many of the Legislators would linger much longer in Columbia had they a chance.

The report of the public printing investigating committee shows that the Public Printer has been having a soft snap at the expense of the taxpayers, and that there is room for retrenchment and reform in the department of printing and publicity established by a reform Legislature.

The Legislature proposes levying a tax of twenty-five cents per pack on cigarettes. The bill introduced by Mr. Connor has passed the House and is said to have a fair chance of passing the Senate. Should the bill become a law, cigarettes will be almost as expensive as cigars, and unless cigarette blind tigers are established, the cigarette fiends will find suicide by the cigarette route rather costly. It is somewhat doubtful, however, whether the bill will become a law, and cigarette smokers are hoping that the bill will never get beyond the Senate, the graveyard of House bills.

Congressman J. Wm. Stokes will introduce a bill in Congress at an early day that will provide for an appropriation to erect a monument in honor of Gen. Thomas Sumter, the Revolutionary warrior and hero. It is but proper that the National Government should honor the memory of Sumter in the same manner as has been done in the case of other men less renowned and whose services were less valuable. Sumter was as true a patriot and as hard a fighter as bore arms during the war for independence, and while he is in no danger of being forgotten, a monument would be an appreciative recognition of his services by the National Government.

The Broxton Bridge lynchings have been acquitted of the murder of Hannah Walker, and were congratulated by crowds when the jury announced the verdict. No one denies the guilt of these men, and the result of the trial is not the vindication of innocent men, but on the contrary is the prostitution of the law to shield men whose guilt is too glaring to be concealed. The verdict of the jury is an outrage to say the least.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Feb 24, 1896. President Cleveland dropped a hint to a gentleman who was talking with him a day or two ago that will not be enjoyable news to the republican Presidential candidate who presides over the House, and who has lately been congratulating himself on the apparent success of the do nothing programme he arranged for Congress many months ago. President Cleveland made it plain to his caller that he thought the country was to day as badly in need of financial legislation as when he sent that special message to Congress asking that no Christmas recess be taken; also, that if Congress adjourned without adopting some legislation for the relief of the Treasury he would not hesitate to call an extra session at once for the purpose of providing that relief. Of course, Mr. Cleveland knows that he cannot make Congress pass remedial legislation by calling an extra session, but he can focus public attention upon the refusal or inability of the republican Congress to adopt legislation that would relieve the Treasury, and intelligent people will not be slow either in placing the responsibility or in locating the reason. The republicans are afraid that if they should help to put the Treasury in good shape it might lessen their chances for carrying the Presidential election by making the country too prosperous. They don't wish the country to get too prosperous before election. The Republican Senators are still wrangling over that tariff bill. This week Senator Carter, of Montana, will call up the same motion that Senator Quay once made and then withdrew, to send the bill back to the Finance Committee, and will make a speech in favor of it. The democratic Senators will probably vote solidly for Carter's motion, or for any other that promises to aid in killing the tariff bill.

Speaker Reed is even greater than the rules he has made for the government of the House. By those rules ex-members are entitled to the privileges of the floor, but they are not allowed to exercise that privilege until they have procured a pass signed by Mr. Reed, as all the doorkeepers of the House have positive orders not to admit ex-members who cannot show Czar Reed's pass.

This regulation explains why so few ex-members have been seen on the floor of the House at the present session. They don't care to apply for Reed's pass.

Senator Morgan, of Alabama, has succeeded in putting C. P. Huntington, the Pacific Railroad magnate, on the defensive. After failing to get any important direct information out of Huntington, in the examination before the Senate Pacific Railroad's Committee, Senator Morgan produced a copy of the report made by the U. S. Commission, more popularly known as "Patterson Commission," owing to Ex-Gov. Patterson, of Pennsylvania, having been at the head of it, concerning the roads in question, and proceeded to call Huntington's attention to statements of fact therein. Huntington tried to poopoo the whole thing including the testimony of one of his former partners, the late Senator Stanford, of California, as amounting to nothing. But that didn't go. Senator Morgan called him down at once, and giving him a copy of the Patterson report, told him that the committee was disposed to be entirely fair towards him and would give him a week to present evidence disproving the statements in that report, and that in the absence of conclusive evidence to the contrary, the country and Congress would accept the report as containing the truth in full, and that he had doubt Congress would legislate accordingly. This brought Huntington to bay, and he promised to prepare his answer to the report.

The democratic Congressional Campaign Committee was organized for business to-night, and will soon begin the work of the campaign.

Considerable interest has been aroused among the friends of the other candidates by the report that a deal has been made by which the friends of Mr. Harrison, Gov. Morton and Senator Allison, are to try to make the ticket Allison and Morton. Three of the republican representatives from Pennsylvania refused to put their names to the endorsement of Quay's dickering candidacy, and they do not hesitate to say that Quay cannot control the entire Pennsylvania delegation either for himself or for anybody else.

Not a few democrats express the belief that Secretary Carlisle's judgment was at fault when he wrote that letter to the democrats of the Kentucky legislature who are trying to elect Blackburn senator, and that he will see it in that light himself before many months have rolled around.

Congress is getting warmed up on the Cuban question and will very shortly take action which is generally believed will result in the recognition of Cuban belligerency.

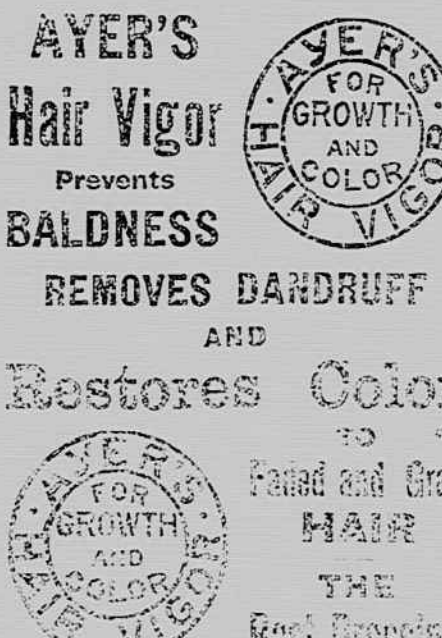
New Orleans is becoming the leading grain export port of this country. In January the corn shipments amounted to 3,505,607 bushels, nearly twice as much as New York, nearly 1,500,000 more than Baltimore. As showing how the business is increasing the shipments for the seven months ending with January last amounted to 9,983,775, against 1,325,335 bushels for the corresponding months of the previous year.

Ash Grove, Mo., Feb 23.—A duel was fought in the streets of this town yesterday with revolvers between J. Brock, an attorney-at-law and chattel mortgage dealer, and James Gilmore, resulting in Brock's death, one of Gilmore's bullets penetrating Brock's abdomen. Gilmore was taken into custody. He received two wounds which are not serious.

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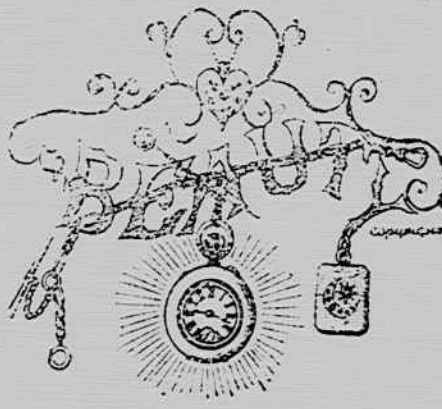
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