

The Watchman and Southron.

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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.

A SAD SPECTACLE.

The altercation at Florence Friday between Governor Evans and Judge Earle has been the subject most talked of lately, and so far as has come within the hearing of the writer has been both regretted and condemned. That men occupying such high positions and aspiring to another that is held to be still higher, should so far forget themselves and what is due to their exalted positions, and likewise to the commonwealth that has honored them, is mortifying to all high-toned South Carolinians. It is the generally expressed opinion that the campaign, as conducted is doing no good—but the reverse; and that a discontinuance of further meetings will be the proper course to pursue. Many order loving and law-respecting voters are now of the opinion that a new and better man is needed in the Senatorial race.

From the comments of the News and Courier and The State the following extracts are made:

The State: After six years of the prostitution of politics and of the lowering of public taste and honor the culmination has been a fisticuff between the governor of South Carolina and a judge clothed with the ermine of justice! A fit outcome truly, disgraceful and humiliating as it is.

This affair will probably end the primary system. It ought to.

The News and Courier: Doubtless Judge Earle felt that he had no other recourse but his fists, but he should have remembered that some consideration was due to the high position which he now fills—in his role as a candidate for political office he should not have lost sight for a moment of the character and conduct befitting a Judge.

There is nothing of which any self-respecting Carolinian can be proud in the course of the present campaign or in the conduct of the candidates for the more important offices. It is bad enough to know that we have such candidates—it is worse to let the outside world know it. If the campaign could be closed now without another meeting or another speech it would be well for the State.

NOT DENIED, BUT UNAUTHORIZED.

The campaign meeting was held at Aiken yesterday and passed off quietly. The following summary is by the special correspondent of the State:

There were no sensational features in to-day's campaign meeting here. It was Governor Evans' home, and he had a strong "pull" on the boys, but that was expected. Senator Tillman was here to-day and made his appearance in the court house during Gen. Barber's speech. The building was packed, and as soon as Tillman entered the door there was a tremendous cheer. Governor Evans had entered a few minutes before and been welcomed with applause, but the volume of sound was but half that which filled the building when the senator came in.

Mr. Duncan again made his statement as to conversations between Col. Mixson and Governor Evans on rebates. Col. Mixson was absent and Governor Evans mildly pronounced the declarations false. Mr. Mayfield publicly repeated a message sent Governor Evans by Mr. Mixson, saying Mr. Duncan's statements were unauthorized. Governor Evans seemed satisfied with such refutation of Duncan's statements.

Judge Earle was there and is reported by the same correspondent, thus:

It was proper, said General Earle, that those who came before the people asking for office should be like the Roman senators, robed in white—willing to show the people that their records were clean. General Earle repeated what he has several times stated, as to how and why he entered the race for governor in 1890. The "Shell Manifesto" charged there was corruption in office; he declared such charges were false, and he said so still. He had gone before the people facing certain defeat; he had begged, he had dared any one to show

anything wrong with his office. Thank God, such was not charged against him. Governor Tillman had not charged it. He had been fair in his dealings with him and he had been fair to Tillman. No brave man would condemn him for entering that campaign and making the contest. In 1890 he had gone down as a candidate, but he had stood up as a man.

He did not come before the people saying to any man, "Save me or I sink;" he would not say it if there were such a man. The people were the ones to exercise their sacred right; to vote with their conscience. It should not be in the power of any man to say, "give this man that office," or "that man this office."

He rejoiced in the achievement of the Reform party in that it was the Democratic party; he rejoiced in what the white people had done, because it was his party. He hoped he was not so narrow, not so little as not to praise any man, from whatever faction, who made an able, just stand for the right. He had commended Senator Tillman's effort in the Senate.

General Earle devoted the remainder of his time to a recital of financial history, making an able presentation of the rights of silver.

At last a ray of light has illumined another dark spot in Reform. Who would have thought it? Yet yesterday Mr. John T. Duncan made a home-thrust at the long-hidden dispensary rebate matter. And it is interesting—ah, how interesting. From which revelation it may be well to settle upon these statements: State Liquor Commissioner Mixson had some qualms of conscience touching the offer of the Mill Creek Distilling company. But he was assured by Evans that Ben Tillman had filled his pockets from the same source. Whereupon the liquor was ordered and the rebates were—where do you suppose? That is the point of the whole matter. That rebates were given does not admit of question. If the State received the benefit of them Commissioners Mixson's books ought to show the fact. If rebates were given and the State did not receive the rebate to which it is entitled somebody made way with the money—stole it in other words. There has been a suspicion afloat for some time that there was something crooked about this rebate matter. Mr. Duncan's charge is, therefore, of public interest. If he can furnish proof he may not be United States Senator but he will have conferred a real benefit on his State—something that he may feel justly proud of. The future course of this matter will be watched with interest. The whole affair should be rigidly investigated.—State, July 28.

Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, July 27, 1896. Bryan's nomination for President by the populist convention after he had declined the nomination because that convention had nominated Tom Watson instead of Sewall for Vice President was much more satisfactory to the average democrat than it would have been under other circumstances. Of course Mr. Bryan would not, even if he could, do anything to prevent the populists voting for him, but their nominating him after his declination will relieve him of obligations which would otherwise have existed. According to information received in Washington, Bryan would have received the vote of all the populists whether he had been nominated by their convention or not.

Unless those who ought to know are altogether out in their reckoning, the nomination of Watson for Vice President was one of those meaningless things which are sometimes done in politics, and no doubt is felt of the election of Bryan and Sewall should the democrats and populists combined have a majority of the electoral college. Nevertheless it is feared that Watson's nomination may cause some trouble in several of the Southern States should there be both democratic and populist electors put up and voted for in those states, as now seems probable, and there is of course, a possibility of there being trouble in the electoral college should the Bryan majority be small and the balance of power be held by Bryan and Watson electors.

Secretary Hoke Smith is out for Bryan and Sewall, and Secretary Carlisle and Postmaster General Wilson are expected to declare for the ticket very shortly. None of these gentlemen are responsible for the belief, but all the same it exists that if President Cleveland publicly declares against the ticket, as it is feared he will do, there will be a breaking up of the cabinet, caused by the resignation of the members who will support the ticket.

All of the democratic organizations in Washington have appointed Committees to act jointly in settling a date and making arrangements for a rousing ratification meeting. As Mr. Bryan is expected to be the principal speaker at this meeting it is likely that the date selected will be near that upon which the big notification meeting in New York City will be held.

There was some amusement at the Congressional Committee headquarters and among democrats generally at the report that somebody had hired Madison Square Gardens at New York City for an indefinite period from Aug. 1st, in order to prevent the Bryan notification meeting being held there, as conten-

plated, the idea presumably being that good luck attends a democratic candidate only when notified of his nomination in Madison Square Garden, because Mr. Cleveland received his notification there in 1892. If Bryan's enemies have money to spend in that way, the democrats will surely give them the icy laugh and hold the notification meeting somewhere else, out of doors, if it be necessary to accommodate the thousands who have already announced their intention to attend the meeting.

Democrats were much pleased when they heard that Senator Sherman was trying to persuade Mark Hanna to put him on the stump in the Western states for the gold standard ticket and they only hope that Hanna will do it. It is their belief that with the possible exception of J. Pierpont Morgan, the Wall street banker, or one of the Rothschilds, John Sherman could make more votes for Bryan and Sewall by talking up the gold standard in the Western states than any other man living. Sherman is one of the gold bugs whose advice to Western silver men would be certain to cause them to do exactly the opposite thing.

Representative B. B. H. of Wis., Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, isn't occupying a bed of roses this year. In addition to the worry incident to his position he has troubles of his own. He is making a three-cornered fight for his political life at home. He is a gold man, but it seems that a number of the most influential gold Republicans in his district are trying to throw the Congressional nomination to somebody else. There are a considerable number of silver Republicans in the District and they also are working against B. B.'s nomination. The third fight against him is being waged by the A. P. A. As he can control the entire influence and all the resources of the Congressional committee, he will probably succeed in getting nominated again, but with all these enemies in his own party, his getting elected again is quite another matter.

Notwithstanding the extraordinary efforts which are being made to hold them back by talking of nominating a gold democratic ticket, a great many democrats who do not approve of the final plank of the platform are announcing their intention to vote for Bryan and Sewall instead of throwing their votes away or casting them for McKimley, and there will be a great many more of them before the campaign gets fairly started.

Remember—only such medicines were admitted for exhibition at the World's Fair as are accepted for use, by physicians, in the practice of medicine. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and Ayer's Pills being included in the list. They are standard medicines.

Public Sales.

The following sales are advertised, elsewhere than in this paper, to be made on Saturday August:

BY THE MASTER

In the case of Equitable Building and Loan Association, against Fannie M. Troubled Lot in Wedgfield, 51 feet front on road from Camden to Charleston, adjoining land of Wright, Wilson and H. J. McLaurin. Terms half cash.

The British and American Mortgage Company Limited, against Sarah Quackner and others. 180 acres in Stateburg Township near the Village of Stateburg, bounded by the Stateburg and Laches River road and lands of William and Henry Ellison. Terms half cash, and balance on credit of one year.

BY THE SHERIFF.

One lot in City of Sumter on Sumter Street and M. & A. R. R. as property of Wesley James.

One lot in City of Sumter on New and Liberty Streets, as property of M. H. Fields.

One lot in City of Sumter on Calhoun Street as the property of Amy Bossard.

All suit of City of Sumter for Taxes.

When your stomach begins to trouble you, it needs help. The help it needs, is to digest your food, and until it, you won't have any power. Stomach trouble is very distressing, very obstinate, very dangerous. Many of the most dangerous diseases begin with simple indigestion. The reason is that indigestion (not-digestion, not nourishment) weakens the system and allows disease germs to attack it. The antidote is Shaker Digestive Cordial, strengthening, nourishing, curative. It cures indigestion and renews strength and health. It does this by strengthening the stomach, by helping it to digest your food. It nourishes you. Shaker Digestive Cordial is made of pure herbs, plants and wine, is perfectly harmless and will certainly cure all genuine stomach trouble. Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to \$1.00 per bottle.

Tutt's Pills Cure All Liver Ills.

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health, constitution undermined by extravagance in eating, by disregarding the laws of nature, or physical capital all gone, if so, NEVER DESPAIR

Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you. For sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, torpid liver, constipation, biliousness and all kindred diseases. Tutt's Liver Pills an absolute cure.

Cotton Tie Trust.

The price of cotton ties has been increased from 65 cents to \$1.30 a bundle—an advance of 100 per cent. in one year. In the meantime, there has been no advance in the price of labor or of material to justify the enormous increase in the price of ties.

As to the trust or combination that has increased the price of cotton ties 100 per cent., no language would be too strong to voice the indignant protest of the helpless victims of what appears to be an unexcusable extortion. In a time of unexampled depression among Southern farmers, it does appear to be nothing short of an outrage to increase the price of cotton ties from 65 cents to \$1.30 a bundle.

The increased price has been carefully kept a secret by the manipulators of the trust until a time when it is too late for the farmers to make arrangements to secure ties from other sources.

A few years ago the farmers of the South were the victims of a similar outrage at the hands of the Cotton Bagging Trust, but by united action and positive agreement among themselves to use no jute bagging they soon forced the Bagging Trust to terms. It would be a great thing for the country if it were possible for the farmers to defeat this new indignity by the use of some other material than iron ties for baling their cotton. Bales of cotton goods in the factories are securely bound with ropes, and it would be a splendid thing for the cotton farmers if it were possible to substitute cotton ropes for iron ties.

It is a matter of regret that the farmers did not continue the use of cotton bagging and offer inducements for the making of bagging out of cotton which would meet all commercial requirements. Had this been done, it would give a new field of industry for a number of Southern cotton mills, and would afford the means of consumption for a considerable portion of the cotton crop. This phase of the question would only be enhanced if it were possible to use cotton rope for binding the bales. Southern cotton baled in cotton bagging and bound with cotton ropes, would be something worth working for, if it is possible with these articles to meet the demands of commerce.—Augusta Chronicle.

All kinds of Sewing Machine Needles at Sumter Music House.

Hood's Pills

Restore full, regular action of the bowels, do not irritate or inflame, but leave all the delicate digestive organism in perfect condition. Try them. 25 cents. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

ENOUGH IS SAID. In our new price list to give you a pretty good idea of the range of our products—such as Doors, Sash, Blinds, Side Lights, Transoms, Mouldings, Stair Work, Lumber, Shingles, &c., and we want to send you a copy of this price list. It is got up in the form of a folder and is very convenient for mailing. We send it free at request. AUGUSTA LUMBER CO., AUGUSTA, GA.

TO CONTRACTORS. Repairs to Court House.

THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS will receive sealed bids for repairs to the Court House of Sumter County, according to specifications, &c., on file in their office, up to August 1st, 1896, at 12 m. The Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

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CANDIDATES CARDS.

FOR CONGRESS.

The Hon. J. Wm. Stokes is hereby announced as a candidate for re-election to Congress from this, the 7th Congressional District, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

Capt. P. P. Gaillard is announced as a candidate at the ensuing Democratic Primary for the position of Clerk of the Court. June 10.

The undersigned respectfully announces himself a candidate for Clerk of Court and would appreciate the support of his fellow Democrats for that position. THOS. E. RICHARDSON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Court, subject to the Democratic primary. SHEPARD NASH. May 20.

Mr. Editor: Having been satisfied by friends, I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Clerk of Court for Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. Having considerable experience in the office under the late Col. Graham and others, I flatter myself that I can give general satisfaction, and solicit an earnest support from the party. Very respectfully, S. F. LENOIR.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. J. EDWIN KENBERT. July 15.

I announce myself a candidate for the office of County Superintendent of Education, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. A. F. VINCIGUERRA. June 25.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education, at the approaching election. W. J. BURMAN. July 15.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

H. L. Scarborough begs to announce himself for re-election as County Treasurer, subject to the Democratic primary. May 20.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.

Believing in an honest, economical and practical conduct of our county affairs, the friends of MARION DORR put him in nomination as a candidate for the office of County Supervisor. He possesses the qualities to fill the office to the satisfaction of all the taxpayers.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Supervisor, and will abide by the decision of the Democratic primary. W. S. DINKINS. May 20—*

Mr. Editor: Please announce my candidacy for the office of County Supervisor. JUNIUS A. RHAME. May 20.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor for Sumter County. E. B. MULDRON. May 20—*

The friends of JOHN J. SHAW, of Mt. Clio, announce him as a candidate for County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. VOTERS.

FOR CORONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. July 22. A. D. MOSES.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Coroner at the approaching Democratic primary. July 29. CHARLES THAMES.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to office of Coroner for Sumter County, subject to Democratic primary. July 29. W. H. COMMANDER.

FOR SHERIFF.

I announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic party. July 8th, 1896. T. S. STUCKEY.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the decision of the Democratic Party. June 10. JAMES E. GAILLARD.

Knowing Mr. Geo. P. McKee to be thoroughly competent in every respect and highly appreciated for his moral worth, we feel that the affairs of the Sheriff's office would be without fear or favor administered by him, and acceptable to the whole people, and he is hereby announced as a candidate, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. MANY VOTERS. May 20.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter County. B. G. PIERSON. May 20, 1896.

Please announce Capt. E. Scott Carson as a candidate for Sheriff at the ensuing election. Having served faithfully in that capacity, we believe he could best fill the office with ability and fairness, and will give general satisfaction. DEMOCRATS.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. E. D. SMITH.

Friends of Col. J. HENRY WILSON, appreciating his past efforts to serve them, respectfully ask that he be returned to the House of Representatives.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. A. K. SANDERS.

The many friends of Mr. W. A. NETTLE, of Privateer, hereby announce him as a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the Democratic primary. June 25, 1896. McDONALD FURMAN.

FOR AUDITOR.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Auditor, for Sumter County, at the ensuing Democratic Primary Election. R. O. DIXON. Bishopville, S. C.

Mr. Editor: Please announce the undersigned as a candidate for Auditor of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. June 17. J. DIGGS WILDER.

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