

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 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.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We congratulate Judge Earle that one of his most cherished ambitions has been gratified—or almost, for he is not yet Senator Earle What next?

And H. R. Thomas has been kicked too! Poor Thomas, he has worked too faithfully for the faction and the movement to be kicked with both feet at the same time.

We are rejoiced that Evans has been defeated, because it would have been a disgrace to the State to nominate him; but the nomination of Judge Earle carries with it no thrill of delight. There are dozens of men in the State fully as well qualified for the position and much more deserving of the honor.

When John Gary Evans was running for the Governorship against W. H. Ellerbe he promised to appoint Ellerbe Trial Justice. It has been suggested that Mr. Ellerbe make John Gary Evans a dispensary constable.

The State Board of Control has acted with commendable promptness in calling an extra meeting to investigate the charges of corruptness made by Evans, Mixson and Duncan. Let them but sift the matter to the very bottom and permit none of the rascals to escape and the people of the State will give the board their unqualified endorsement and sincere thanks.

Cotton went up with a rush Thursday after the Agricultural Department report was issued, but went off next morning more than thirty points. This slump can but be temporary as the short crop can no longer be disputed, and the demand for cotton will force the prices up. Nine cents for cotton may be expected before November 1st.

McKinley will be invited to meet Bryan in joint debate in Chicago. He will be as little disposed to meet Bryan as Ben Harrison is to encounter Ben Tillman. The Republicans know that they have to rely upon the money power for success, and they do not care to go before the people in debate with such an antagonist as Bryan.

The County Democratic Executive Committee in refusing to have anything to say in reference to the vote at Rattlesnake Springs precinct, in the absence of the official returns, adopted the only correct policy. The managers at that precinct neglected to send in the boxes and returns within the time required by law, and the committee had no right to take notice of any private returns that other parties had received, although there was no question as to the reliability and correctness of said returns. The failure to receive the returns from this single precinct had no effect on the result of the primary and it would have established a dangerous precedent had the committee accepted the unofficial returns available, as some members of the committee proposed should be done.

REJOICING IN GEORGIA.

The Kicker, of Augusta, Ga., issued a red ink special edition on Wednesday to commemorate the defeat of John Gary Evans. The following is a full reproduction of the matter contained in the extra:

"The telegraph brings the satisfactory intelligence that South Carolina has been redeemed from the thralldom of her base servitude. Honesty has overcome vice by at least 10,000 votes."
 "Carolinians! Again we greet you!
 Noble men of Noble Sires!
 Earle, the spotless—candor splendid—
 Light your hearts with fervent fires!"
 "Georgians! Now d'ye heed 'The Kicker'?"
 And by your votes no longer slicker—
 Hear the welkin ring in—
 And search for something yet sublimer!"
 "With best wishes,
 "The Kicker."

Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines sold on easy terms, and exchanged for old ones at the Sumter Music House, in Masonic Temple.

COMMENTS ON THE SALARY TAX.

What is Said About the Sumter Tax on Labor.

The present experience of our sister town of Sumter which seems to find herself necessitated to put a tax on all her young men who earn as much as \$25 per month by their daily labor, to help meet current expenses and interest on the public debt, should furnish the object lesson of wisdom—how easy it is to create a public debt and how difficult sometimes to pay it without being compelled to impose heavy taxes on young men, struggling hard by their daily labor to make an honest living, to pay their honest debts and meet their just obligations out of this small pittance of \$25 a month, more or less. It should further teach, and likely will, the lesson that town property can be so heavily burdened with taxation that nobody will care to own it because finding it nonremunerative on account of too heavy taxation.—Newberry Observer.

The city council of Sumter has taken an unusual step in the raising of supplies. Incorporated in the ordinance is a section imposing a license tax on all clerks and other employees who receive a salary of \$25 or more per month. The "Daily Item" says: "All persons receiving a salary of \$25 to \$40 per month will be required to pay a license tax of \$5 per annum. Those receiving \$40 or more—how much more cuts no figure—must pay \$10 per annum. Bank presidents will be required to pay \$75 per annum. Brokers who buy or sell options, \$50; ice factories, \$10; lumber mills, \$25; sash and blind factories, \$10; sales stables, \$50; livery stables, \$25; livery and sale stables, \$75; merchants doing a business not in excess of \$3,000 per year, \$5." The taxing of salaries will rightly be resisted as a tax on incomes, which the Supreme Court of the United States has decided as unconstitutional. The solons of Sumter are unwise to thus attempt to mulct the industrious at the expense of the do-nothings.—Aiken Journal and Review

Why Cotton Leaves Sumter

The large amount of cotton that is going from this county to Camden instead of being brought to this market for sale is still the subject of considerable discussion among cotton buyers, sellers, merchants and others interested in the prosperity of this market. The attempt is now made to attribute the loss of cotton by this market to the opposition among the farmers to the public weighing of cotton, but this plea is too ill-founded to merit serious consideration. The stubborn fact that cotton has been going to Camden in increasing quantities each year for three or four years past cannot be concealed, and it is a vain attempt to try to saddle all the blame on the public weighing. The reason that cotton goes to Camden from Sumter's territory is more deep seated and powerful than mere opposition to public weighing. The fact that Camden merchants do not buy from the wagons in competition with the regular cotton buyers, as in Sumter, that the Camden buyers buy according to grade and pay the man who has fine cotton the highest market price and the one having inferior cotton exactly what it is worth, that Camden offers much lower freight rates by reason of competing lines and can therefore pay more for all grades of cotton than Sumter buyers; are the influences that attract cotton to that market.

Competing lines Sumter has not, and at present we are powerless to obtain lower freight rates on cotton, therefore this factor that is so much in Camden's favor cannot be discounted. The other influences that give Camden the advantage can be counteracted, if the merchants will adopt the same methods pursued by the Camden merchants. The present system is injuring Sumter as a cotton market, and the injury becomes greater each year.

The following letter received last week gives certain facts that are well worth consideration.

ST. CHARLES, S. C., Sept. 7, '96.
 Mr. H. G. Osteen, Editor Daily Item, Sumter, S. C.:
 I am just from Camden. Made very particular inquiries in regard to prices paid for cotton, &c. On Friday, Sept. 4th, 8c. was paid in Camden, for several bales by three different buyers, 7.75 @ 7.85 being the ruling bids. I got the same information from sellers as well as buyers. On the same day you quote Sumter market 7.7-16. More than 4c lower than Camden's lower price. The reasons are: 1st. By a combination of railroads and ships, Camden cotton is landed in Liverpool for 50c. per hundred pounds. There are competing lines in and in reach of Camden and as a last resort there is the Water-re River. She is, therefore, not "Bottled." Other reasons why Sumter cotton is going to Camden are, the cotton buyers buy the cotton from the farmers direct and are expert cotton graders, and do grade cotton very carefully. There are four special, leading cotton buyers, Messrs. Shannon, of Spring's Heath, and Shannon, Blake Steadman, H. C. King and Capt. Clyburn, each have an office, a platform, scales and even stalle, &c., for accommodation. And there is no combine or collusion between merchant and cotton buyer.
 Now, I plant no cotton myself and have no direct interest in its sale or price, and would be glad to see my own town able to induce

and buy every bale of cotton within hauling distance, but the stubborn fact is that hundreds and hundreds of bales are seeking Camden market and the exodus is on the increase and it is utterly useless to stem the tide or influence it save in one way, to do as Camden does, compete in bids from the wagon and compete in price. Mere assertions (vide "Freeman" last issue) are not worth the backing that links the type. If Sumter can afford to lose the handling of a large portion of the crop that ought to go to it, why then well and good, my trouble and interest is thrown away; but if not, then she had best see to it, for you can't fool the "Hayseed" Verb sap.

You can make what use you choose of this information. I, myself, met a dozen wagons on Friday afternoon and each wagon had carried cotton which was made, and ginned, and packed much nearer Sumter than Camden, and these were not all. Yours truly,
 J. MERRICK REND.

JAMES H. AYCOCK.

The subject of this notice was a son of the late Jas. H. Aycock and was born April 15, 1856. His death was great shock to his family and many friends.

Of strong robust body, moved by energy and untiring will power he was conspicuous among us in the busy circles of every day life, and any of us would have predicted for him a long life. But he who rules all things deemed it best to call him away while yet in the zenith of his manhood, showing to all that in the midst of life we are in death. To his will we humbly bow in submission.

The writer, on account of his close and intimate association with him, claims the privilege of paying this humble tribute to the memory of his friend.

Naturally endowed with a fine mind, his reading had made him one of the best informed men. He was lacking in that self-assertion which often makes others of less ability more conspicuous, yet when approached he would be found conversant on almost any subject claiming the attention of men. He strove to excel in whatever he undertook, his farm with its varied crops is a monument to his enterprise and success. And now when we come to speak of the higher, the nobler qualities of heart, who is possessed of these to a greater degree than was he? He knew not how to turn a deaf ear to an appeal for charity or for any worthy cause, yet he did it not for the applause of men, for even his left hand knew not the doings of the right.

The writer has had the privilege of serving as the medium through which some of these charities have passed, and knows whereof he speaks. His extreme modesty prevented his passing for his true worth. Few knew him as he was.

He is gone, the places that once knew him shall know him no more forever. Yet he has left behind many things to remind us of him as the days go by. Farewell "Jim" we will miss you while we live but will cherish the hope, that when we too shall have "crossed the river," that we will meet again in that sunnier, that better land. P. M.

It is a fact that Hood's Sarsaparilla the One True Blood Purifier, has proved, over and over again, that it has power to cure, even when other medicines fail to do any good.

Hood's Pills are purely vegetable and do not purge, pain or gripe. All druggists, 25c.

Plots in America

To Assassinate the Czar on His Visit to England.

LONDON, Sept. 1.—A communication of a semi-official character was issued this afternoon touching upon the arrest of the alleged dynamite conspirators. The communication says, among other things, that the Scotland Yard officials have been fully aware for some time past that a gang of desperadoes have been engaged in America in preparing the details and arranging the ramifications of an extensive and diabolical plot to perpetrate a dynamite outrage in England and establish a reign of terror.

Chief Inspector Melville of the metrop. an police has had charge of the Scotland Yard arrangements for frustrating the designs of the conspirators and gradually and with great secrecy drew a net work around the plotters. The fact was known to the police that the conspirators were in close communication with prominent Russian nihilists in the United States and through this information the police were enabled to discover upon almost undoubted evidence that the conspiracy had recently developed a scheme to perpetrate an outrage upon the czar upon the occasion of his visit to England. The prime movers of the plot were Fenians in America and when they had carried their conspiracy as far as they could in the United States, Tynan and the other principal agents were sent to Europe to put the designs of the plotters into operation. They left America as secretly as possible, coming by different routes. Their arrival was known, however, and their every movement was dogged by the Scotland Yard detectives.

After treating of the arrests of the dynamiters and the capture by the police of all of their documents, etc., the communication adds that Bell was assigned to go to Scotland to direct a series of outrages there, the necessary explosives to be sent to him from Belgium as they might be required. When Bell was taken into custody, he had between £300 and £400 in cash upon his person, together with American letters of credit.

Leavenworth, Kan., Sept. 12.—Lieut. Charles Young, ninth cavalry and the only colored officer in the United States regular army, was refused accommodations at the Leavenworth hotels yesterday and he was compelled to go to Kansas City for them.

Lieutenant Young is a graduate of West Point, and a few days ago he was ordered to report at Fort Leavenworth for examination for promotion from a second to a first lieutenant. He came in with a number of officers and the refusal of accommodation has caused considerable feeling.

Senator Marion Butler, of North Carolina, upon whom the duty was devolved, notified Thomas E. Watson, of Georgia, of his nomination for the Vice Presidency by the Populists.

Sucklen's Arnica Salve.
 The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Leucorrhoea, and Chancres, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures. It is no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 52 cents per box. For sale by Dr. J. F. W. DeLorme.

A choice selection of high grade five and ten cent cigars for sale by H. G. Osteen & Co.

Chamberlain's Eye and Skin Ointment.
 Is unequalled for Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Sore Nipples, Chapped Hands, Itching Piles, Burns, Frost Bites, Chronic Sore Eyes and Granulated Eye Lids. For sale by druggists at 25 cents per box.

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For putting a horse in a fine healthy condition try Dr. Cad's Condition Powders. They tone up the system, aid digestion, cure loss of appetite, relieve constipation, correct kidney disorders and destroy worms, giving new life to an old or over-worked horse. 25 cents per package. For sale by druggists.

For sale in Sumter, by Dr. A. J. China.

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 Cure All
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Tried Friends Best.
 For thirty years Tutt's Pills have proven a blessing to the invalid. Are truly the sick man's friend.

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 For bilious headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation and all kindred diseases.
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 Gentlemen:—We sold last year, 600 bottles of GROVES' TASTELESS CHILL TONIC and have bought three gross already this year. In all our experience of 14 years, in the drug business, have never sold an article that gave such universal satisfaction as your Tonic. Yours truly,
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The State of South Carolina,
 COUNTY OF SUMTER.

IN THE COURT OF PROBATE.

In the matter of the Estate of Mrs. Ella M. Gillespie, deceased.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that on Wednesday, the seventh of October, next, I will apply to Hon. T. V. Walsh, Judge of Probate for Sumter County at his office for a final discharge as Administrator of the estate of the said Mrs. Ella M. Gillespie, deceased.

JAMES C. SPANN,
 Administrator.
 Sumter, S. C., September 2, 1896—41

Claremont Lodge No. 64 A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, Sept. 17th, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.
 By order, F. M. SPANN, W. M.
 H. C. MOSS, Secretary. jul29-1w



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 Showing the Great Popularity of HAWKES' GLASSES over all others.
 These Famous Glasses are fitted to the eye by Dr. A. J. China's Drug Store, Sumter, S. C. Der. 11-2.

Notice!

AFTER an experience of twenty-eight years in the Cabinet shop of Mr. J. D. Gray, the undersigned has gone into the business of repairing and cleaning furniture, on their own account, and feeling confident of their ability to give perfect satisfaction, respectfully solicit the patronage of the people of Sumter and vicinity.
 The preparing and dressing of dead bodies for burial will be promptly and carefully attended to.
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Sept. 1st, 1896. Sumter, S. C.

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 Clothing for Boys.
 Clothing for Children.
 Fine Clothing, Medium Clothing, Common Clothing.

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For Men, Boys and Children that has ever been brought to Sumter. If you want a real cheap suit you can get it. If you want a medium price suit, I have hundreds for you to select from. If you want a fine, tailor-made, perfect fitting suit, you will find a good assortment of the most popular fabrics made up in Cambridge, Princeton and Oxford Sacks and the latest style Cutaways. No other house will show you a larger or better selected stock. No other house will sell you cheaper, and no one will appreciate your patronage more than,

Yours truly,

D. J. CHANDLER,
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again to our low prices of Staple Groceries. We are now offering them at prices at which never before have they been sold for in Sumter.

We buy in large quantities and for cash and in this way we buy cheaper. We have not space to give you prices of all our goods, but will give you some, that you may see that we can make it to your interest to see us before buying elsewhere.

100 Small full Cream Cheese at a bargain,

FLOUR.			
Fancy Patent, per Bbl	66	\$4 25	
Half "	66	3 90	
Good Straight "	66	3 75	
Family "	66	3 00	
Choice "	66	2 75	
GRITS.			
2 Bu Sacks 66		\$1 25	
RICE.			
Best whole Grain, per lb.	44		
Good Quality "	38		
100 lb. Bags "	\$2 95		
BACON.			
White D S Sides per lb	66	41	
Smoked "	66	5	
LARD.			
Pure 50 lb Tins 66	66	53	
20 "	66	62	
10 "	66	70	
5 "	66	72	
MEAL.			
2 Bu. Bags 66		\$1 70	
HAMS.			
Orange Brand per lb 66		98	
Choice Family " "		9	
Picnic " "		66	
SUGAR.			
Granulated 66		52	
Extra C 66		43	
COFFEE.			
Best Rio Green 66		21	
Good " "		18	
Mustard per doz 66		16	
Common " "		14	
Common " "		11 1/2	
SARDINES.			
American 100 lb cans 66		\$3 00	
Mustard per doz 66		30	
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SEED! SEED! SEED!
 We will pay the highest cash market price for your seed or give you Cotton Seed Meal in exchange for Seed, which will give you much better results as a Fertilizer than putting down your seed and save you one-half labor in handling. Cotton Seed Meal contains from 8 to 10 per cent. ammonia and is cheaper to the farmer than using the seed.

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We beg to say that we are handling High Grade Guanos, Acid Phosphate with Potash, and Genuine German Kainit, and are prepared to make prices on same. If you want first class goods see us before you make your purchases, as we will save you money.

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