

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18, 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.

The wealthy manufacturers of the country are making a great parade of the fact that their mills and shops are resuming work since the election of McKinley, and they are using unusual and overdrawn arguments to convince the public that the election of McKinley was the potent factor that set the factory wheels in motion and re-opened the workshops to the thousands and tens of thousands of idle and needy workmen. These prices of the money power and robber barons of trustdom are, peradventure, correct in their evident conviction that a majority of the American people are fools, and therefore, trustfully receptive of such chaff and sophistry as is now being poured out to them as a farmer pours swill to his hogs, but there are a few, thank Heaven, who can and do see beyond and behind the cloud of false and deceptive arguments and perverted conclusions set before the people day after day with a persistence that is damnable, and they know only too well—almost as well as those who manufacture the deceptive arguments—that the resumption of work by mills, mines and workshops of all kinds that had been shut down, and that the general revival of business that has followed the election are no more the results of the election of McKinley than of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Many of these mills were shut down and the mechanics and laborers thrown out of employment as a campaign measure, others had been shut down for a period of greater or less duration as result of the industrial depression which has been prevalent for a year or more, and the idle and oftentimes hungry workmen were influenced if not coerced into voting for McKinley by the promise of work in the event of election and the threat of indefinite idleness and want should be defeated. The delight that filled the minds and hearts of the human vampires, who feed on the misfortunes of those whom they have in their power, when they were assured that McKinley, their chosen vessel, had been elected, was sufficient to actuate them to make good at once their promises of work for the idle. They were delighted, of course, because they had secured a renewal of their control of the governmental powers that enable them to oppress the people of the country and wring from them the fruits of their labor and industry. They knew full well that they could afford to re-open mills that were shut down to resume work after the election whether McKinley, Bryan, Palmer or Levering was elected, and they were safe in promising to do so. The owners of the mines and factories that had been shut down on account of business depression can afford to resume work for a time at least for the moral effect it has upon the class of voters that they desire to control politically as well as industrially. They can well spare the amount of money that they will sacrifice while temporarily operating these mills at a loss, for they can soon find an excuse or subterfuge for shutting down, and the unearned profits that will fill their pockets through the operation of the gold standard that steadily takes from the producer and gives to the non-producer, who has interest drawing and hoarded dollars, will within a very brief period reimburse him fourfold.

All this hue and cry about a return of prosperity and a restoration of confidence is but the development of the cunningly conceived scheme that elected McKinley and should deceive no thinking man. The money power craves an indefinite lease of rulership, and even now is laying the foundations for the campaign in 1900. The great business revival immediately following the election of McKinley will be a very powerful argument in 1900, when the battle between the producing masses and the grasping avaricious classes is joined once again. It will be a strong card, even though the exactions of the Mark Hannas may have been more galling than ever before during the administration of McKinley. The cards are being stocked now for the next deal, and unless the American people are fools indeed, they will realize it and be dupes no longer.

3 Facts to Figure on.

- 1st—That the hard, cold winter season is now near at hand, and it will be almost impossible to get along without making some preparation for the change.
- 2d—That when you have a certain amount to invest, it is very important that you get to the right place, for the right thing, at the right price.
- 3d—That any article from a fresh stock of Dry Goods, especially woollens, will last four times longer than an old shopworn article.

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The Sumter Dry Goods Company

Have put the knife into their elegant stock of Jackets, Capes, Blankets, Carpets, Dress Goods, and to all who are interested in these lines will assure you that it will be greatly to your interest to call in and get posted on the prices.

Secretary John G. Carlisle has been suggested as a suitable man for McKinley's cabinet. The suggestion is in poor taste, inasmuch as it ignores the master and names a mere passive agent. If McKinley desires a gold bug democrat in his cabinet his choice should be Grover Cleveland for Secretary of the Treasury.

Sumter has the best system of water works in the State and a fire department that is second to none in efficiency, and yet insurance is high—oppressively high. If the property owners in this city would unite in forming a mutual fire insurance association they would obtain protection against losses by fire at much lower and more reasonable rates. The risk in Sumter has been reduced to a minimum, and it is unreasonable in the insurance companies that they obstinately persist in maintaining the high rates that were in force years ago when there was neither a water supply nor a fire department worthy of the name.

If the moneyed men of this city wish to benefit Sumter they will organize a company, buy the Sumter Cotton Mill, equip it with new and modern machinery and then run it in accordance with business principles. The very idea of a place the size of Sumter having but a single little cotton mill, half equipped with old machinery and even that shut down and silent is sufficient to drive out of mind the thought of progress and growth.

The war in Cuba and the possibility of a war with Spain are the topics most largely exploited by the newspaper correspondents at present, and, without claiming to be at all blood-thirsty, we must confess to a partiality for the highly colored and somewhat questionable accounts of the sanguinary slaughter of Cuban patriots and the heroic execution wrought by the Spanish warriors; this is much more pleasant than the accounts of what the United States government is not doing. The Cubans appear to be holding their own pretty well, and, aside from the occasional killing of a few American citizens and the wholesale destruction of their property, we presume that President Cleveland and his cabinet have at least the legal right to regard the conflict with an equanimity, born of indifference. Looking at the whole affair from a philosophical point of view and in a calm and calculating spirit estimating the cost in dollars and cents, it is, perhaps, much more economical to acquiesce in the butchery of a few score Americans who should have been at home, no doubt, than to resent Spanish atrocities and by so doing run the risk of involving this country in a war with Spain. We now have a very business like, diplomatic and economical government, indeed, and the business interests of the country will support its policy. The government is pursuing a very wise policy at present, a policy that we regard with the least possible pride—it is getting ready at considerable expense to be in a position to resent a kicking that Spain is expected to administer, when it suits the convenience of that country to cease butchering Cubans and go into the kicking business, with Uncle Sam as the subject. We do not attempt to discredit the policy of the government nor deny the wisdom of being prepared for an emergency. Of course a government should be in a position to resent a booting, and it may be diplomatic to calmly wait until its antagonist has commenced the expected kicking machine.

The demand for Ayer's Hair Vigor in such widely-separated regions as South America, Spain, Australia, and India has kept pace with the home consumption, which goes to show that these people know a good thing when they try it.

In to day's issue we give considerable space to an argument in reference to fertilizer rates made by R. R. Commissioner Thomas at a recent meeting of the Commission when the question of a reduction of rates was taken up for consideration. Having published an article giving the other side of the question, we feel that it is but fair to give Mr. Thomas a showing.

The State Fair this year was a success, and that it was, is due to in a great measure to the people of Columbia who took hold of it in earnest and not only contributed freely of their money, but made a larger number of exhibits than ever before. Had other portions of the State made the effort to send exhibits that Columbia did the Fair would have been as far ahead of any previous fair in point of excellence, as it was in point of attendance. The future of the State Fair is assured and the next fair will surpass all records.

A severe storm prevailed in Washington and Oregon during the last ten days and all the rivers are out of their banks and all railroad communication is cut off.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 16.—The Republican State committee met here to day in conjunction with about 100 prominent leaders, and after an all day's session, decided to contest the election of R. L. Taylor, Democrat, for the office of governor. The decision was practically unanimous. The face of the returns show that Taylor defeated the Republican nominee, G. N. Tillman, by a trifle over 7,000 majority. Alleged frauds in west Tennessee will constitute the basis of the contest.

ATLANTA, Nov. 16.—On the first ballot of the Democratic legislative caucus this evening, Hon. A. S. Clay, chairman of the Democratic State committee for the past four years, was nominated for United States senator. He received 94 votes, 89 being the requisite number for nomination. The caucus has met daily since Monday. Clay received 81 votes last Friday and received the benefit of a stampede on the first ballot to day. He is 43 years of age, has been speaker of the house, president of the senate and managed the last two State campaigns as chairman of the State Democratic executive committee.

Rheumatism is a foe which gives no quarter. It torments its victims day and night. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood and cures the aches and pains of rheumatism.

Hood's Pills are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Gentle, reliable, sure.

Tutt's Pills
Cure All Liver Ills.
Secret of Beauty is health. The secret of health is the power to digest and assimilate a proper quantity of food. This can never be done when the liver does not act its part.

Do you know this?
Tutt's Liver Pills are an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, torpid liver, piles, jaundice, bilious fever, biliousness and kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

FARM TO RENT.

TO RENT FOR THE YEAR 1897, OR for a term of years. My farm on Manning Avenue, just outside the corporate limits of the city. There is on the place a comfortable dwelling and all necessary out-buildings, one hundred and ten acres of land, eighty of which are under cultivation.

T. J. TUOMEY.
Nov. 4—1m

Hood's Pills

Are gaining favor rapidly. Business men and travelers carry them in vest pockets, ladies carry them in purses, housekeepers keep them in medicine closets, friends recommend them to friends. 25c.

A CARD.

I desire to inform my patrons and the public generally that I have not retired from business, but am still to be found at the old stand. The furniture and undertaking business is now conducted by

The J. D. Craig Co.,

which I was instrumental in organizing and of which I am president. The stock of goods is as large and as complete as ever shown in this city, and I solicit a continuance of the patronage of the people of Sumter and adjoining counties, assuring them that our prices are as low as can be found in any market. Very Respectfully,

J. D. CRAIG.

Nov. 3. lmo.

GROVES



TASTELESS CHILL TONIC

IS JUST AS GOOD FOR ADULTS. WARRANTED. PRICE 50 cts.

GALATIA, ILLS., Nov. 16, 1896.
Paris Medicine Co., St. Louis, Mo.
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,
ABNEY, CARR & CO.

SOLD—No Cure, No Pay, by A. J. China, J. F. W. DeLorme, J. S. Hughson & Co.

HARBY & CO.,

WHOLESALE BROKERS,
—AND—
Cotton Storage Warehouse
PROPRIETORS
UP-TOWN OFFICE:
COURT HOUSE SQUARE,

250 fine Hogs for sale. Some good breeders, heavy with pigs. Price, 4c. per lb. on foot.

Respectfully,
HARBY & CO.
Nov. 4

FOR SALE.

A JERSEY BULL, two years old, entitled to registration. Price \$25. Apply to N. G. ELLERBE, Hagood, S. C.
Nov. 4.

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.

TO HORSE OWNERS.
For putting a horse in a fine health 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.

THE DUCKER & BULTMAN CO.

WHAT WE SAY IS TRUE! WHAT WE DO IS LEGITIMATE! WHAT WE PROMISE IS FULFILLED!

- LADIES' CAPES AND CLOAKS—All this season's garments. Newest Fall and Winter styles. To be sold at following cut rate prices. These were 2 00 to 18.50. Now at 4 00
- SMYRNA RUGS—Entirely new. Reversible. A.1. the new colorings. 72 x 36 inch. Value 5 50, 60 x 30 inch. Value 3 00, 54 x 27 inch. Value 2 50, 36 x 18 inch. Value 1 00, 4 38, 2 69, 2 13, 84
- FINE VELVET RUGS—Variety of patterns to select. 60 x 27 inch. Formerly sold for 3 00. Now at 2 39
- LARGE white ANGORA RUGS—Note our price, Heavy "BRUSH" DOOR MATS—27 x 17 inch, 1 79, " " " " 30 x 19 inch, 1 19, " " " " 30 x 19 inch, 1 48
- LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOSIERY—Genuine bargains in our fast black and brown goods for 10, 12½, 15 and 20c. the pair
- BEST Hermsdorf Dye, extra length, Ladies Hosi, absolutely fast black and stainless, the pair, 25
- CHILDREN'S Ribbed or plain, double heel and toe, fast black or colored Stockings—all sizes, 23
- LADIES' UNDERVEST—Heavy wool—sizes from 20 to 40, worth \$2 the pair. Now at 1 58
- Extra quality Australian Wool—sizes from 30 to 40, worth 3 00 the pair. Now at 2 48
- Fine all-wool Ribbed Vest—sizes 30 to 40, worth 2.50. Now at 1 98
- Soft all-wool Scarlet Vest—sizes 30 to 40, worth 2.25. Now at 1 78
- Good full measure Cotton Vest—all sizes—the pair, 30c, 50c and 90c.
- FULL LINE MEN'S UNDERWEAR for less money than they are sold elsewhere.
- MEN'S, BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING. Men's all wool suits—sizes 35 to 40—only, 2 50
- Men's heavy wool overcoats—all sizes—only, 1 90
- Children's Suits—age 4 to 14—in these we knock them all out. In prices ranging from 4 00 for extra quality nobby down to 65
- MEN'S SHOES—all in the latest style, and up-to-date toe—bargains in fine goods—\$1 75 was 2 25. \$2 75 was 3 00. \$3 35 was 4 00. Heavy and medium grades solid leather, laced—1 00, 1 25, 1 35, 1 50, 1 60.
- LADIES' SHOES—All the newest styles, warranted in every particular. We make a special in a fine glove kid and opera toe—button or lace—common sense—equal to most \$3 makes. Our price 2 13
- CHILDREN'S SCHOOL SHOES—The place to buy them is from us. Every pair warranted solid leather—and if they rip we'll fix 'em for you. 75c., 1 00 and 1 25 per pair.
- DRESS GOODS. Our prices are way down in colored Dress Goods—all the latest shades, with the proper effects in Trimmings—you shall save money by giving us a call.
- GROCERIES—Specials. 1 00
- 20 lbs best granulated Sugar for 1 00
- 10-lb kit extra fat new Mackerel for 25
- Finest fancy creamery Butter, the lb, 1 00
- "Jockey Club" Sardines—finest French, 6 for 25
- New S. R. Buckwheat, 3-lb pkgs 15c, 2 packages for 60
- New crop N. O. Molasses, per gal., 1 00
- "Moma's" Roasted Coffee—always fresh 35c, 3 lbs for 1 00
- Heinz's Pickles plain, sweet, mixed or chow, per quart, 20
- "Swadown" Flour—No finest in the U. S. bbl., 5 00
- Fresh Oatmeal, Breakfast Food, Barley, Farina and other cereal preparations.
- This year's dried and evaporated Fruits.
- Jellies and Preserves in buckets or retail.
- Prices and samples furnished on application. All mail orders receive prompt attention. No charge for drayage or packing.

THE DUCKER & BULTMAN CO.

TO ARRIVE This Week.

One Car each Horses and Mules.

H. HARBY.

Sumter, S. C., Nov. 2, 1896.

ARTHUR BELITZER, The Furniture Man, MAIN STREET.

Big Stock and its For Sale.