

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17, 1897.

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.

There is a good deal of make-believe in the anxiety of the General Assembly to finish the work of the session and adjourn.

The proposition to dock the pay of the legislators while they go on a junketing trip to Charleston is preposterous and cruel. Some of the zealous members may wish to institute a personal investigation of the metropolitan police system, and to do this it will be necessary to gain admission to the lairs of numerous blind tigers, which will cost money.

The Jim Crow car bill has passed the House, but will scarcely get safely through the Senate. The bill provides that the accommodations provided for whites and negroes shall be identical, and should it become a law there will be no cause of complaint.

President McKinley's cabinet will be a select club of millionaires. Up to this time every man who has been tendered a position by Mr. McKinley is a millionaire several times over.

The newspaper war between Comptroller General Norton and the Sinking Fund Commission continues day after day with uncurtailed verbosity. Each side has had two or more rounds and still the matter is shrouded in obscurity as far as the general public is concerned. The parties engaged in the wordy combat may know all about it, but as yet have not succeeded in taking the public into their confidence. To an unenlightened outsider the Sinking Fund people appear to have slightly the advantage at present. When the Legislature has completed the promised searching investigation of the Sinking Fund mystery we may all know something about the merits of the controversy.

Crazy Man's Freak.

A Demented Fireman Jumps From His Engine.

The wild freak of a crazy fireman on the fast mail from Augusta, yesterday afternoon was the cause of a sensation to those who witnessed the occurrence. The name of the fireman in question is W. P. Hutchinson. He has been recently a resident of this city, but has only lived here a short time, and but little seems to be known of his antecedents except that he is a married man and has a wife and children. He is about 25 or 26 years of age, and gave no evidences of insanity previous to yesterday. He came out of Augusta all right, but just as the train left Bath, he became violent and suddenly leaped from the engine and broke for the woods at full speed. An immediate pursuit was made, but all efforts to catch him proved unavailing. So another fireman was put on in his place for the remainder of the run to Columbia. No doubt search parties will be made up in the vicinity where the incident occurred, and an earnest effort made to find the poor fellow and put him where he can be properly cared for. His action was so sudden that at the time it could not be prevented, nor could his train associates remain to continue the search, otherwise they would not have allowed him to wander through the woods at night in his demented condition.

Hutchinson is said by his friends to be a quiet man not given to the use of liquor in excess, and no possible solution of his act except that of insanity is entertained by them. At a late hour last night a party of railroad men accompanied by Hutchinson's father-in-law, went over to Bath with the intention of searching the woods for him. — *The State*, Feb. 16.

Soap From Sunflowers.

The Tacoma News says that a company has been organized in Spokane county to manufacture soap from sunflower seeds. The average yield of plants to the acre is twenty-five hundred pounds, gross; percentage of oil is one-third the weight of the seeds; so that six hundred pounds of seed will make two hundred pounds of oil. The latter, when refined and ready to use in making soap, is worth about one dollar a pound, and is to make the finest of toilet soaps. The net profit of the sunflowers to the grower is put at eleven dollars an acre. They require little care after being planted.

Do you enjoy a fine cigar? Try a Cincoc. Sold only by H. G. Osteen & Co.

BATTLES IN CRETE.

Greek Troops For Crete.

Athens, Feb. 14.—The army reserves of 1893 and 1894 have been called out and ordered to hold themselves in readiness to join their colors at 48 hours' notice.

A number of detachments of infantry, artillery and engineers have embarked at Piraeus for Crete. Their departure was attended with great enthusiasm.

Evening.—It is understood that the orders of the troops are to protect the Christian families in Crete and to restore order. This is looked upon as tantamount to the occupation of the island. Greece has notified the powers that she will willingly hold herself answerable for the steps she has taken.

Colonel Vassors, chief aide de camp to King George, commanded the troops, who numbered 1,500. As the men marched aboard the vessel which was to convey them to Crete, large crowds of people who had gathered to witness their departure cheered them again and again. The troops, who are already styled the "corps of occupation," reached Milo to-day.

A regiment of artillery has been ordered to start at once for the Thessalopian frontier. This regiment will be accompanied by Prince Nicholas, King George's third son.

Athens, Feb. 14.—Advices have been received here giving details of the detention at Candia of a Turkish vessel by a Greek warship. The vessel which was stopped and compelled to return to her anchorage, was the Turkish transport *Fand*, bound for Canea with munitions for the besieged garrison at that place. As the *Fand* moved from her anchorage and started to leave the harbor, the Greek warship headed in such a direction as to intercept her and ordered her to stop. No attention being paid to this order the Greek vessel fired two shots across the *Fand's* bows, and the transport, being unarmed, put about and returned to her moorings. It is reported that the commander of the British fleet protested against the action of the Greeks and ordered the vessel of that nation to make no further attacks upon the Turks.

In Two Desperate Conflicts the Christians Victors.

Canea, Crete, Feb. 15.—The Greek flotilla is lying at anchor outside of the cordon which has been formed by the warships of the powers and will not be permitted to come any nearer. The foreign warships are practically blockading Retimo and Canea. The reports that the Greek flotilla landed large quantities of arms, ammunition, etc., intended for the use of the insurgents during the night of Feb. 12, or at any subsequent time, are absolutely untrue. The number of insurgents who are gathered around Canea is estimated at 12,000. They have only one field gun. The Turks under the cover of four of the guns of the fortress, made a sortie on Saturday upon the Halepa quarter of the town, where a hot fight ensued, resulting in the Turks being driven back by the Christians and compelled to retire to the fortress. After night-fall, a force of 1,700 Moslems, regulars and volunteers, made another sortie, which was stoutly opposed by the Christians. The fighting which ensued was of a more desperate character and the losses on both sides were heavy. The Moslems finally returned to the fortress. It is thought that despite the vigi-

lance of the warships of the powers the Greek transport ships may succeed in landing an expedition in the bay of Kissamo.

BRAVE GREECE BOUND.

Athens, Feb. 15.—The representative of the powers accredited to Greece held two meetings yesterday, their conferences taking place at the French legation. At the second meeting, which was held in the evening, it was agreed that the powers, through their ministers at Athens, should protest against Greek intervention in Crete and as result of this decision, the French minister, M. Bourée, waited upon M. Delyannis, the Greek premier, and intimated to him that the powers had determined to take decisive steps, even resorting to arms to prevent Greece from taking further hostile action in Crete. M. Bourée, as the spokesman of the representatives of the powers, advise the immediate recall of the Greek flotilla from Crete and, at the same time, promised that the powers would take into consideration the claims of Greece in Crete and the question of union of Crete with Greece.

Premier Delyannis asked to be allowed time in which to reply to the representations made by M. Bourée, which request was granted.

The military reserve forces are responding with great unanimity to the government's summons and are flocking to the military depots in large numbers. The military bureaus report that the list of reserves will be made up within a few days.

Advices received here from the island of Crete announce that the corps of occupation, consisting of infantry, artillery and engineers and numbering 1,500 men, which embarked at Pareius yesterday, have landed at Patanias, 14 kilometres west of Canea.

The warships of the powers, these advices also state, had previously landed strong detachments at Retimo, Heraklion and Canea.

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE.

Berlin, Feb. 15.—The many rumors concerning what actually occurred in Athens as a result of the two conferences of the powers yesterday and the subsequent representation of the conclusions arrived at by the conference to Premier Delyannis, M. Bourée, the French minister being the spokesman of the diplomats, have been set at rest by a semi-official statement which was given out here to-day. According to this statement, M. Delyannis, upon being formally notified of the action of the foreign ministers, which notice was put in the form of a protest against the action which Greece has taken in Crete, asked that time be allowed him in which to consider and formulate a reply. This request having been granted, Mr. Delyannis to-day communicated to the diplomats through M. Bourée, an answer to their protest. The Greek premier, after a brief review of the situation, declares without qualification that it is the purpose of Greece to occupy Crete. In view of this defiant attitude of the Hellenic kingdom, the German government will consider that it is no longer consonant with dignity to proceed further in the path of diplomacy at Athens, and after having communicated this conclusion to the governments of the other powers will instruct the commander of the German warship *Kaiserin Augusta* to proceed to Canea and join the associated fleets off the

Cretan coast in preventing any hostile action on the part of Greece and co-operate with them in restoring order in the island. According to the semi-official statement, this decision on the part of Germany is final.

Thirteen Prisoners Escape Through a Hole.

Yorkville, Feb. 14.—There was a wholesale delivery of prisoners at the county jail this morning about 3 o'clock. Among the prisoners that escaped are M. R. Reese and Dave F. Luckie, convicted of the murder of Obas F. Williams, of Tunnel Hill, Ga., and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, but awaiting the result of an appeal to the supreme court. These were the only two white prisoners that escaped, but in addition to these were 11 negroes, who effected their escape also. These negroes are charged with various misdemeanors, but none of the crimes are serious.

All day long posses have been scouring the country searching for the escapees, but as yet without any success. The escape of the prisoners was not discovered until about 7 o'clock this morning, but Sheriff Logan promptly gave the alarm and summoned his posses.

The manner in which the delivery was effected shows a great deal of ingenuity and is undoubtedly due to the fertile brain of M. R. Reese. When the jail was searched this morning it was found that a hole large enough to admit the body of a man had been bored from the cell of Reese through the ceiling. Through this hole the prisoners crawled to a point directly over the stairway. Here another hole was cut in the ceiling and by means of blankets the prisoners let themselves down to the floor, and from there to the ground by means of the stairway was a very simple thing.

Blood hounds have been secured and are now out following tracks supposed to have been made by some of the prisoners. It is the common supposition that Reese drove to Rock Hill in conveyances provided for him by his friends and there took the train for the north. He was known to have had about \$2,000 on his person.

There is a great deal of excitement over the delivery and rewards will undoubtedly be offered. On a Bible of Luckie's left in his cell was found these words: "M. R. Reese, David L. Luckie, in remembrance of us."

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness, is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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Cotton Futures.

New York, February 15.—The Sun says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 518 bales for spinning and 300 delivered on contract. In the early trading the market was strong and active. The Liverpool news was better than had been expected; recent sellers bought back their cotton; Liverpool and the South bought and there was considerable new buying for local account. The unsettled foreign political situation had no influence on the market, as it is generally believed that war between Greece and Turkey will be averted by the action of the Powers. The receipts were light, the exports were liberal; Southern spot markets were firm and higher in some instances, and Fall River and Manchester private advices were favorable. In the afternoon session trading was less active, but the undertone of the market was strong, and prices closed firm at about the highest figures of the day. The port receipts for the week are estimated at 95,000 bales, against 111,000.

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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, March 18th, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

NOTICE.

TAKEN UP on the premises of Sumter Moore, on McDowell place, three miles from Sumter, one dun colored Cow, white face, white jaw. Owner can have same by proving property and paying damages and expenses. If not called for same will be sold at Sumter Court House, S. C., according to law to pay damages, costs and expenses, on Monday, the 1st day of March, 1897. HENRY L. B. WELLS, Magistrate. Feb. 3.

Estate of Mrs. Rebecca A. Woods, DECEASED.

ALL PERSONS HOLDING CLAIMS against Estate of said deceased, will present same duly attested, and all Persons indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment to ALLISON H. TRULUCK, Qualified Executor. Feb. 10, '97—3*. Taylors P. O., S. C.

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Estate of Miss Jennie Dargan, MINOR.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on March 10th, 1897, for a final discharge as Guardian of the Person and Estate of foresaid Minor. MILTON DARGAN, Guardian. Feb. 10, '97—4*.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By T. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, MARY THOMPSON, widow, made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of RICHARD THOMPSON, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said RICHARD THOMPSON, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H., on Feb. 25, 1897, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of Feb., A. D., 1897. THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.

Feb. 13—2t.

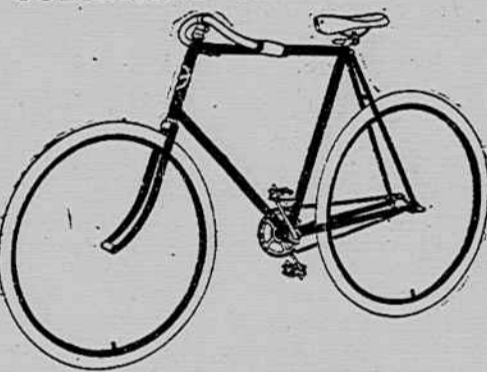
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