

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 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.

The Greeks have become demoralized by the loss of a few battles and are now more anxious to get away from the Turks than they ever were to get at them.

The net profit of the state dispensary for the first quarter of the year was \$33,281.97. The moral institution may be said to be fairly prosperous.

The Richland county court has had two remarkably interesting cases in litigation during the recent term, to wit, the Gov. Ellerbe-Barney Evans "Sally case," and the Blue Gum Nigger case. It is difficult to decide which of the two is the more unique.

The Coosaw Phosphate Co. has gone out of business and will dismantle its plant and sell the dredges, tug boats, etc., owned by it. A large number of hands will be thrown out of employment, and there will be much distress among laboring classes in and around Beaufort in consequence. The octopus has been throttled and the State loses thousands of dollars in royalty a year, while hundreds of laborers are now out of employment.

The Seaboard Air Line has erected a special building on the Tennessee Centennial Exposition grounds for the comfort and convenience of its friends and patrons. The building is in the shape of an immense passenger coach, the interior of which is fitted up with desks, chairs and other conveniences for visitors. The Seaboard officers have extended a cordial invitation to the editors of the Southern States to make the S. A. L. building their headquarters while in Nashville, which they will doubtless gladly do. The Seaboard has the happy faculty of doing the right thing and makes hosts of friends in consequence.

The Tennessee Centennial Exposition will be opened with imposing ceremonies within a few days and the greatest exposition ever held in the South will be thrown open to the public. The exposition was planned on a liberal scale and the work was begun long enough in advance for everything to be completed and the exhibits installed before the opening. The most beautiful buildings ever erected for an exposition, excepting the World's Fair, of course, are those of the Tennessee Centennial, and those who have seen the grounds and the buildings are emphatic in declaring that Tennessee has surpassed all predecessors. The exhibits will be the most comprehensive and representative showing of the wealth, resources and development of the South yet made, while the exhibits from the other sections of the country and abroad, will give the exposition a national and international character. During the summer there will be a great influx of visitors to the capital of Tennessee and it will be well worth anyone's time to make the trip.

The dispensary is a corrupt and corrupting clear in the body politic of South Carolina. No man who has touched it has escaped unscathed. Even those who have been honest and upholding in their integrity have suffered in reputation by reason of the corruption of their associates. Rebates and diamond rings, whiskey samples and trunk stealing—why attempt to enumerate the whole disgraceful and outrageous history? It is too well known to all to those who still have respect for and pride in the State; it can but be sorrowful and painful reading. The entire story has not been disclosed, for it is evident that those who in the most favorable position to know all the facts are keeping back a great deal of information. Gov. Ellerbe has undertaken to clean out the cess pool and rid the concern of the rascals, who are using it for their own profit, and it is to be hoped that he will be successful. A few more incidents similar to the trunk affair will discredit the dispensary system with those who have begun to regard it favorably.

The Ladies Memorial Association, which has kept up the custom of decorating the graves of the Confederate dead who lie buried in the cemetery and in the church yards of this city, has

completed its mission, and has very properly turned over the work to the Daughters of the Confederacy. The Memorial Association was a local organization, and it was from such organizations in various sections of the South, that the Daughters of the Confederacy grew, and wherever a chapter of that patriotic order has been established the local Memorial Associations have been merged into it and the sacred duty of keeping green the graves and memories of the men who wore the grey has been committed into the hands of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The Memorial Association has done noble work; through the long years since the war they have never once been remiss, and with the advent of spring the first thought was to gather the flowers and weave garlands to lay on the graves where sleep the grey coated and true hearted Southern soldiers. We may conscientiously and gratefully say to the noble hearted women of the Memorial Association, "Well done!" And to the Daughters of the Confederacy who now assume the duty: Be faithful as your predecessors and the roses of May will be a never-failing reminder of your duty, the South's duty, to the dead who cannot and will not be forgotten while reverence for true patriotism and admiration for men who had the courage to die in defence of a principle, animates the human heart and inspires the imagination.

A New Way to Cure Tobacco.

Dr. R. N. Norment told the Robesonian man a good story Saturday afternoon about a new method of curing tobacco. Last year a white man and a negro raised a crop of tobacco jointly. When the week was ripe the white man cut his part first and put it in the barn, to cure it. He cured by the latest and most approved methods, having a thermometer in the barn by which to test the temperature and keep it right. While the tobacco was being cured the colored man was an interested spectator of the proceedings and closely watched everything. He saw the white man go into the barn and consult his thermometer and saw him take out or add to the wood in the furnace as the case might be. In due time the tobacco was cured and taken away and the negro brought in his crop. The thermometer had been removed by the white man, but this did not at all frighten or discourage the darkey. He had only gotten a glimpse of it once in a while and came to the conclusion that it was only a pair of draw balances. With this belief in mind he procured other balances and hung them up where the thermometer was before. This done the fires were started and the curing began. Remembering what he had seen the white man do the darkey did likewise. He went inside the barn and consulted his balances to ascertain the temperature, added to or decreased the quantity of wood as he thought necessary and did everything else just as he had seen it done. Everything went off all right and his tobacco was finally taken away cured. Later, on both men brought their tobacco to market and sold it. That of the white man, cured by the regulation process, brought 8 cents a pound, while that of the darkey sold for 23 cents a pound.

This is a true bill. Now who dares to say that the black man's new method is not the best? The Robesonian isn't enough of a farmer to give advice. It simply tells the story and lets others draw their own conclusion.—Robesonian.

Quinine and other fever medicines take from 5 to 10 days to cure fever. Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic cures in ONE DAY.

AUGHTRY GOES DOWN.

The remittent having been sent down in the case of Thomas C. Aughtry, Corporal Pressley of the State penitentiary met Sheriff Cathcart at the jail and took charge of the prisoner, carrying him over to the penitentiary to begin his life term. Aughtry has been in the Richland jail in close confinement a little over two years, and his leaving seemed to break up Jailer Coleman's family of prisoners. When called he came out; then went back in his cell and got his hat, announcing that he was ready to go. The handcuffs were placed around his wrists without any complaint from him, and he seemed to be in good spirits. He looked a little pale and worn from his long confinement in jail, but otherwise seemed in good health.

Greenville, May 8.—White Caps visited the house of Walter Price at foot of Paris Mountain late Saturday night and severely beat him a white woman named Mary Rochester, with whom he lived. Price is a negro. The woman is badly hurt. She recognized some of the party as white men living in and near Greenville.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

COLUMBIA, S. C. April 27, 1897.

TEMPERATURE

Average of 57 weekly means 69 degrees; approximate normal for the same period 68 degrees. Highest reported 95 on the 28th at Gillisonville; lowest 44 on the 28th at Cheraw. The temperature for the week was nearly normal over the entire State. There was a decided fall on Saturday, May 1st.

RAINFALL.

Scattered showers fell on the 26th over the eastern counties, and on April 30th and May 1st rain was general over the entire State. Twenty-three correspondents reported measurements of less than one inch; twenty-two from one to two inches, and seven more than two inches. Heaviest weekly rainfall was 3.35 at Elleree and the least 0.12 at Hallsville. The average of all reports was 1.16 and the normal for the same period is approximately 0.78. The rainfall was generally well distributed and sufficient for the present needs of crops, except in portions of Lexington, Newberry, Richland, Fairfield and Chester where the showers were light and local and where in places more rain would prove beneficial. In Sumter, Kershaw, Spartanburg and Anderson lands were, in places, badly washed and some bottom lands flooded. Hail fell over the extreme western counties on the 30th, but no damage is reported.

SUNSHINE AND WINDS.

There was about the average duration of bright sunshine, ranging from 43 at Boiling Springs and Winnsboro to 90 at Beulah and Hillsville.

Over the greater portion of the State the winds were generally south and southwesterly. There were high winds on the 30th which, however, did no injury.

CROPS.

The warm weather and rain had a very beneficial effect on growing crops.

For the greater portion of the week, however, it was too dry to finish preparing some lands for planting, nevertheless farm work progressed rapidly, and is generally as much advanced as usual at this season, although in some localities the season is considered late. Farmers are generally well up with their work.

Upland corn planting is nearing completion over the greater portion of the State, but in the northern counties there is much yet to be planted, the dry condition of the soil having prevented the preparation of lands. Stands of early planted corn are generally satisfactory, with exceptions in every county, owing to worms in Beaufort, Dorchester, Hampton, Colleton, Williamsburg, Berkeley and Florence; and lack of moisture elsewhere, however, the needed moisture has since been supplied. Chinch bugs continue destructive in Chester. Over the eastern counties corn has received its first working generally, and some its second. It is somewhat "off color" in a few localities, owing to dry weather and cool nights during the previous week. A great improvement is expected during the present week both in stands and color.

The percentage of cotton yet to be planted ranges from five to twenty-five, the latter in Chester and York and to the westward. Stands are greatly improved and are generally satisfactory. The late rains will bring up the recently planted to good stands. In the eastern portions of the State cotton has received its first cultivation and some fields have been chopped to stands. It is estimated that cotton planting will be finished in about ten days.

Transplanting of tobacco sets made much progress during the week, following the rains, and this work is well advanced. The plants continue plentiful and of good size.

River rice is about all planted, but up-land rice is late and planting has been delayed. In Kershaw rice has not done well. Considerable yet to sow in the Georgetown district. The cool nights of the previous week were injurious to young plants, as also were the brisk winds of the past week.

Wheat reported as heading short, but the rains are expected to make a marked improvement in this respect. Its condition continues promising.

The reports on oats vary considerably, but its general condition is still good. The rain will prove of great benefit to oats in all portions of the State. Oats are heading low in places. Sorghum came coming up slowly. More than the usual area is being planted in the central

A great improvement is reported from the truck districts, since the rains. Large shipments continue from the Charleston district.

Sweet-potato draws becoming plentiful and transplanting has begun in the southern counties. Irish potatoes growing well, and are large enough for use in the eastern counties.

Gardens are everywhere reported doing well. The rains of the week were timely.

Peaches are dropping freely in Hampton, but in other sections a fair crop is indicated. Apples plentiful on trees.

Correspondents report the entire crop conditions as eminently satisfactory and encouraging to farmers over the entire State.

J. W. BAUER, Section Director.

Lynched by Negroes.

SEVEN YOUNG FIENDS EXECUTED IN TEXAS.

Houston, Tex., April 30.—For burning an old man, a child and a young woman, a criminal assault upon two girls and the burning of the homes of the victims, seven young negroes were last night sent to their doom at the hands of an infuriated mob of negroes at Sunny Side, Walter county. Last fall a gentleman from Brenham was robbed of \$65. Suspicion pointed to four boys named Thomas, and they confessed to having committed the deed, and said they had given \$30 of the money to Henry Daniel. Daniel spent the money, and on Sunday evening last the four Thomas boys, according to their confession, decided to either collect their \$30 or kill Daniel. They carried out the latter part of the programme. Henry Daniel, an old negro, lived at Sunny Side in a little hut with his step-daughter, Marie, and a 7-year-old child. Wednesday night the house was broken open, Marie Daniel and the child assaulted and old man Daniel clubbed to death while trying to protect those in his care. Then the body of Daniel and his insensible step-daughter were thrown into the house and the structure fired. The child was cast into the well. The murderers then left, thinking that they had covered up the awful deed.

The fire had not attracted much attention and when it was noticed that Daniel and his family were missing, the charred ruins of the house were searched and the terrible truth was soon made only too plain. Local officers went to work and were ably assisted by the best citizens of the neighborhood. Bloodhounds were secured and they were not long in finding the right track. Before night they were straight to the place where the Thomas gang resided, and one by one they were secured—Fayette Rhone, Will Gates, Thomas, Aaron, Jim and Ben Thomas. The last four are brothers. Will Williams was also arrested. When taken all were smeared with blood.

The bloodhounds worked splendidly and after the murderers had been confronted with the evidence of their crime they confessed to committing the deed. About 12 o'clock a mob broke open the jail and took the prisoners towards the Brazos bottom. A little later 40 or 50 shots were fired and the mob returned. This morning, dangling from the limbs of a large oak, were found the bodies of six negroes. The body of Will Gates Thomas was burned from the waist down. Bloodhounds from all over county are surging back and forth but always find that one tree the centre of attraction. All of the bodies are there except Williams, and he is not to be found. The shots probably explain his absence.

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Charleston, S. C., March 31, 1897. I was run down in health, and tired all the time, but after taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla I was much improved, and friends said I looked ten years younger. Mrs. L. Jenkins, 23 Franklin St.

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DISTRICT NUMBER 1

The following poem was written during reconstruction days immediately subsequent to the war by Capt. Randolph, a Confederate officer, and expresses the sentiment then prevalent throughout the South: We are glad to see you, John Marshall, my boy,

So fresh from the chisel of Rodgers— So take your stand on the monument there, Along with the other old codgers.

With Washington, Jefferson, Mason and such Who seemed with a great transgression In their old-fashioned notions of freedom and right.

And their hatred of wrong and oppression. But you've come rather late to your pedestal, John;

Things are much changed since you've been here, For the volume you hold is no longer the law, And this is no longer Virginia.

The old Marshall law you expounded of yore, Is no longer at all to the purpose, And the old martial law of a new Brigadier Is stronger than "Habeas Corpus."

So shut up your book which which you hold with such care,

For the reign of law is over, And reeve all your brass to be holding it there.

With "Justice" inscribed on the cover.

Could life awake in the limb of bronze, And blaze from the burnished eye,

What would you do with a moment of time, Ye men of the days gone by!

Would you chide us or pity us, Blush or weep?

Ye men of the days gone by! Would Jefferson tear up the scroll which he holds,

Which time has proved a lie— Would Marshall shut up the volume of law, And lay it down with a sigh?

Would Mason roll up the Bill of Rights From a race unworthy to scan it,

And Henry dash down the patriot's sword And clasp it against the granite.

Would Washington seated in his massive strength

On a charger that paw the air, Could he see his sons in their deep disgrace Would he ride so proudly there?

He would come right down from his big brass horse

And hide his face with shame, For the land of his birth is District One, Virginia was once its name.

The fire department turned out at 6:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and ran to Monumental Square, where a large bonfire had been kindled, and gave an exhibition with the fire extinguishers. The fire was burning at a furious rate, but as soon as the extinguishers were brought into play the flames began to die out and within two minutes nothing was left but a smouldering heap of charred dry goods boxes and barrels. Both squads made fast time from their houses to the fire and the exhibition was considered both satisfactory and interesting by the large crowd that had collected to witness the test. There were between five and eight hundred people gathered on the square, and after the fire department had completed the exhibition the ice cream festival, given by the Ladies Aid Society of the Baptist Church, was the attraction and quite a crowd remained on the square for several hours.

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The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

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

WHEREAS, MRS SUSAN S. TINDAL was suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of MRS MARY E TINDAL, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said MRS MARY E TINDAL, 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 May 20, 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 5th day of May, A. D., 1897.

THOS V WALSH, Judge of Probate.

May 5—2t.

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