

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29, 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 State Fair will be the greatest ever held. More than \$5000 in premiums will be distributed, and outside attractions will be more numerous than heretofore, the business men of Columbia having united to make the fair a drawing card. The people in every county should send as numerous exhibits as possible.

The yellow fever epidemic is spreading with disappointing rapidity, despite the rigid quarantine regulations and the most approved sanitary precautions. Each day shows a larger number of cases.

The percentage of mortality is very low and the near approach of cold weather encourages the health officers in charge to hope that this outbreak of the scourge will be unattended by serious loss of life. The business of New Orleans, Mobile and other cities in the infected region is at a standstill and the loss will be immense. The laboring classes have been thrown out of work and all are in a destitute condition.

A war with Spain growing out of the Cuban revolution is now widely discussed in this country and Europe, and by the alarmists it is asserted that Spain will be supported and aided by several of the Continental powers. There is but a remote possibility of serious complications, although Spain may make a show of war.

The removal of the metropolitan police system has been accomplished after many months of waiting. It is difficult to see wherein or how Gov. Ellerbe is deserving of credit or praise for the restoration of the right of self government to Charleston, and the less said along that line the better. The system was designed as a political scheme, and it was applied to Charleston by a small and mean politician, actuated by partisan spite. The system should have been removed months ago as a matter of right and justice, and we find it somewhat of a task to understand what Gov. Ellerbe meant by his several orders around the police issue, his declaration of intention to abolish the metropolitan system, then his refusal to do so unless all members of the city council signed an agreement dictated by him, and now his action in abolishing the system—but it has been removed, and that is the principal thing, the circumstances and reasons are now of minor importance.

The trustees of Clemson seem to be prone to experimentation in the selection of presidents for that institution. We trust the latest experiment will prove a decided success and that the college will enter upon a more fortunate and more prosperous career. The new President is a native South Carolinian, is young, energetic, ambitious, a forcible, and at times eloquent speaker, and has been successful in his own undertaking as a teacher. He is young, but not so young as the heads of some other and larger institutions of learning; he is but little younger than Dr. James M. Kirkland was when he was elected Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, and his age we do not deem an objection if he is possessed of the other necessary qualifications.

It would be all well and good and wholly unobjectionable if Atlanta and Greenville and such other enterprising places that want a share of everything going, whether it be a prize fight, revival or death dealing epidemic, would take in all the yellow fever refugees that come and keep them securely within their own borders. What Charleston and Savannah and Augusta object to is the establishment of a yellow fever distributing and jobbing establishment in Atlanta. The Gate City is a great place, the best distributing point in the South, but when the article distributed is yellow fever, other places cannot be blamed for being shy of her.

Take **JOHNSON'S**
CHILL & FEVER
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Weekly Crop Bulletin.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Sept. 28, 1897.
TEMPERATURE.

During the greater part of the past week the weather was abnormally cool, with departures from 2 to 16 degrees below the normal, but the last of the week was much warmer with nearly the normal temperature. The night of the 22-23rd was unusually cold with minimum temperatures under 50 over all the State except near the coast, where it was between 50 and 55. The lowest reported was 40 on the 24th at Kingstree, and the highest 95 on the 19th at Florence. The weekly mean was 65 and the normal for the same period is approximately 73.

RAINFALL

The long existing and severe drought was broken by showers early in the week, and a general heavy rain on the 21st and 22nd. The rain was accompanied by high winds over the eastern portion of the State. The rainfall measurements were generally heavy, only 5 places having amounts of less than one inch, 10 had from one to two inches and 26 had over two inches, with a maximum measurement of 6.25 at Oakland. The average of all measurements was 2.50 and the normal for the week is about one inch.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

The severe drought was broken by the rains of the week, and the entire state is now well watered, and the ground in fine condition for plowing and sowing fall oats, rye and barley, which work has actively begun. Peas, turnips, late potatoes and pastures were greatly benefited by the rain, and also fall vegetables, gardens and truck, but it came too late to materially benefit corn or cotton, except very late fields of the former and young immature bolls of the latter of which there are comparatively few.

CROPS.

Cotton reports are featureless for the week, except that much open cotton was blown to the ground on the 21st and 22d, and beat into the dirt and stained by the heavy rains. Cotton picking was delayed from one to three days by the unfavorable weather and the heretofore rapid opening of immature bolls as largely checked. Otherwise the rain was of no benefit to cotton, which is now so far advanced as to be beyond liability of injury by frost, there being practically no "top crop." Cotton in many places is nearly all open and over half of the crop has been gathered. The yield is reported to be smaller than expected and general disappointing.

There are many sections which will no doubt make a full crop but such reports are outnumbered, two to one, by reports of yields falling below an average. Sea Island cotton was not injured by the storm, on the contrary the rain will materially help the "top crop" of which there is a fair promise.

Corn is being gathered and the crop is generally reported to be a full one and in places an extra fine one. In the extreme northwestern counties where corn was planted late, fodder is still being pulled but even there the ears are matured and no longer subject to weather conditions.

Rice harvest was somewhat delayed early in the week but was resumed during the latter portion and is now practically completed. There are a few reports indicating poor yields of rice, but generally this crop is a full average one or better, and has been secured in excellent condition, it having been not at all damaged by the storm. Threshing is well under way.

Peas were helped by the rain and are generally fruiting well, with exceptions over limited areas where peas are complete failures.

Sweet potatoes show improvement since the rains and look more promising.

In the truck raising districts, plowing and planting winter vegetables is now under way, with the ground in excellent condition for this work.

Pastures which were parched and brown have started a new growth. Stock water is again plentiful.

LAST BULLETIN.

Crops having completed their growth, except a few comparatively unimportant ones, the issue of these bulletins will end, for the season of 1897, with this number. Correspondents will, therefore, please discontinue their weekly reports.

J. W. BAUER,
Section Director.

Glenn Springs Water will cure all stomach troubles and liver complaints. You can get it through W. R. Delgar.

Weather and Crops.

Germination and Plowing Retarded.
Good Harvest Weather.

Washington, Sept. 28.—The weekly crop bulletin of the agricultural department says to-day:

Except on the Atlantic coast, where rains have fallen, the week has been exceptionally dry, and upon the whole very favorable for maturing and gathering crops. Like the preceding weeks, however, it has been very unfavorable for germination of sown grain, as well as for fallowing and seeding, which is much delayed generally throughout the central and western and in some of the southern States. In Nebraska, however, a large acreage of wheat has been sown, much of which is up and doing nicely. In the Atlantic Coast States, the conditions have been more favorable for fall seeding, and satisfactory progress has been made.

The frosts of the early part of the week proved injurious to late corn in portions of Ohio, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New York, but farther west no serious injury is reported, and in some States cutting is nearing completion.

Cotton picking has been pushed forward rapidly in all sections of the cotton belt, although interrupted somewhat in the Carolinas, eastern Georgia and Florida by heavy rains. The crop has suffered further deterioration in Arkansas and portions of Mississippi and Louisiana, and damage from rains has resulted in the Carolinas and Florida. As stated in the bulletin of the previous week, the bulk of the crop will be gathered by October 15.

In Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio and Virginia, late tobacco has been seriously injured by frosts.

The Spanish Get Excited

On Discovering Supposed Plans of United States Minister Woodford Heavily Guarded.

Madrid, Sept. 26. The arrival of United States Minister Woodford from San Sebastian has made a sensation. The programme of the United States has been ascertained. This does not contemplate a declaration of war if Spain rejects mediation, but, according to reports, an ostentatious proclamation to the world of disapproval of the Cuban regime by suspending diplomatic relations with Spain and withdrawing the United States minister.

General Woodford has declined to be interviewed on the subject further than to say that his conference with the Duke of Tetuan, the foreign minister, was of the most satisfactory character. The unexpected bitterness of the press and public opinion has painfully impressed him, but he hopes this will soon be allayed, as he believes his mission favorable to Spanish interests and cannot comprehend that Spain could reject mediation designed to end an impoverishing war. He has not named a time at which the war must be terminated, but he hopes, as the result of his tenders, that it will be ended quickly. He believes the war is inflicting incalculable loss upon the United States and that it is impossible to prevent the organization of filibustering expeditions.

Unusual measures were taken to protect Minister Woodford on his journey from San Sebastian to this city, but the trip was quite uneventful. A party of gentlemen, commanded by a sub lieutenant, guarded the southern express on which he was a passenger. Secret police were posted at the station, and the prefect of police was in waiting to escort him to the hotel. The drive through the streets was marked by no special incident, though several people saluted him, and received a bow in return.

Some comment has been caused by the fact that Minister Woodford's family has not accompanied him, but remains out by French frontier. Woodford explains that his party is a large one, requiring a commodious home, and prefers spending a pleasant October at Biarritz until a suitable residence can be secured here. The legation cannot be used as a residence. General Woodford has already engaged a box at the Royal opera house and has purchased horses. He has taken apartments at the Hotel Roma, but receives official visits at the legation, where he passes the entire morning.

New York, Sept. 27.—The most important development in the Greater New York political situation to-day was the unanimous nomination of Henry George for mayor by the United Democracy, composed of numerous free silver and Bryan clubs which were active in the campaign of last fall.

THE NEW ELDORADO OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

DIRT WORTH \$10,000 A TON.

Seattle, Wn., Sept. 26.—The first authentic news concerning Washington's new Eldorado, Mount Baker, and how to get there is brought to Seattle by E. W. Saportas, president of information and registry, who, with Frank Orydo and Gus Wagner, experienced miners of Dawson City, went to the scene of the latest excitement last Saturday. According to Mr. Saportas, the route is passable and not very difficult until within five miles of the find. The last five miles, however, present obstacles that would forever discourage any one not an experienced prospector and mountaineer. There is in Mount Baker and its surrounding heights enough gold, says Mr. Saportas, to keep prospectors busy for the next ten years. In samples of ore that were brought back by the informant, Mr. Bogardus, the assayer, by a cursory inspection, declared that free gold existed in exceedingly good quantities.

"I met many men," continued Mr. Saportas, "who came from Mount Tomchoy (Tomboy), and they all reiterated the stories concerning the discovery of dirt that will run \$10,000 to the ton, made in Bear Mountain and in Tymoboy, and several others have found ore equal to the discovery in Bear Mountain."

MARVELOUS RICHNESS.

A special correspondent of The Evening Times sends words from Sumas as follows:

"The gold discoveries in the mountains of Whatcom county are beyond any doubt the richest in the annals of the Pacific coast, or even in Alaska."

"The recent find is in Bald Mountain, situated in the northeast portion of Whatcom county, northeast of Mount Baker. The mineral range runs northwest and southeast, and today is located for thirty miles. There is no telling how much further it extends."

"The vein in the five claims, Lone Jack, Bonnie, Sidney, Lulu and Whist, varies from three to five feet in thickness. It runs under a layer of porphyry ledge in a serpentine manner, and auriferous shale appears in the ledge. It is free milling quartz, of sugar and rose color, carrying copper and silver. The vein can be traced half a mile. The cropping is under solid porphyry."

"The gold is known as wire gold and can be seen with the naked eye and picked out with the fingers. Great quantities of it exist, there is no doubt. The formation of the range in which the find is located does not look to be very rich in minerals. If there is any placer mining, it has not as yet been demonstrated to be a paying proposition."

A practical woman in Oconee county remarked the other day that the interesting things in a newspaper to her are the advertising columns. "And long ago," said she, "I quit buying of those who do not advertise. It always seems to me that the merchant who advertises invites me to trade with him, while the one who does not advertise impresses me with the idea that he doesn't care enough for my trade and is too stingy to ask me for it. Then, too, I know that the merchant who advertises has fresher goods for the reason, I suppose, he sells more, and a stingy man can't always be trusted."

WANTS.

ADVERTISEMENTS of five lines or less will be inserted under this head for 25 cents for each insertion. Additional lines 5 cents per line.

Estate of James R. Odom, Dec'd.

ALL PERSONS having claims against aforesaid Estate, will present same duly attested, and persons in any way indebted to said Estate will make payment without delay to Mrs. CLEO TROUTMAN, Qualified "Adm'r", Sept. 22, '97-31. Wedgefield, S. C.

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

Estate of Mrs. Henrietta D. Crosswell, Deceased.

ALL PERSONS HAVING DEMANDS against aforesaid Estate will present same duly attested, and all persons in any way indebted to said Estate will make payment to JAS. E. CROSSWELL, Qualified Executor, Bishopville, S. C. Sept. 29-31.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMNER.

By T. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. WHEREAS, REV. CHAS. B. SMITH, of Spartanburg, Thos. G. McLeod, attorney, made suit to me to grant him Letters of administration of the Estate and effects of Mrs. Fannie S. Koger, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Mrs. Fannie S. Koger, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, S. C., on October 14th, 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 29th day of September, Anno Domini, 1897. THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate. Sept. 29-31.

Our first Special was a

Success.

Our others will surely be.

A firm with the good reputation and high standing that ours has enjoyed for years, can not and will not, run any chances of, losing the same by offering cheap, shoddy goods and calling them bargains. We offer only first class goods and at the very lowest possible prices.

Success Follows Success.

So the beauty and style of our Dress Goods and Trimming Stock eclipses all previous efforts. We have all the new weaves and styles in stock too numerous to mention.

Call and see them for yourself—They are open to inspection at all times

And not specially arranged for one day.

HERE ARE A FEW THINGS WORTHY OF YOUR ATTENTION!

Marque De Sosee—a new weave, price 50 cents To introduce them—this week, 40c.
Mohair Curls—a handsome Novelty, very effective for Fall Suits. Worth 75c. our price 60 cents.
Persian Suitings—42 inches wide, worth 25c, will go at 15 cents.
Athenian Novelties—Very pretty, bright colored goods, price 18 cents. To introduce them, we offer them at the low price of 14 1/2c for this week.
To close out the balance of our line of Ladies' Sweaters, your choice of them—\$2.50 and \$2 goods—\$1.

The Shoe Trade

Promises to be large this season. We have already had more than our usual share. If others do find it to their advantage to trade with us. It will be well for you to look at our line.

As Chocolate is to be the Prevailing Shade in Shoes this Fall, We offer the following bargains.

Child's Chocolate no-heel Shoes, sizes 1 to 5—Regular price 75c, as a leader 59 cents
Child's Chocolate Shoe, wedge heel, size 5 to 8—Regular price \$1. To show you what we can do, 75c.
Children's Chocolate Shoes, 9 to 11—\$1.15 Misses 12 1/2 to 2—\$1.50 Every pair warranted

Positively the strongest line in the State.

Special Hour Sale.

Friday and Saturday from 11 a. m. till 12 o'clock M.—One hour only.

Finishing Braid, white and colors, 1c a bunch.
Good Needles, regular 5c and 10c goods, 1c a paper.
Infants' Flannel Caps, 11c each.
The Best of all—a regular harvest for you—Misses and Children's \$1, 75c. and 50c Tam O'Shanter Caps, Infant's Eiderdown Caps, Boy's and Child's 50c Wool and Cloth Hats. Only one of a kind to one customer at this price, 22 Cents.
Children's all-wool Suits with extra pair of pants—suit alone worth \$3, sizes 5 to 14—special sale price with extra pants \$2.69.
Montrose brand Pickles, pints, 7c. One bottle to a customer.

Yours for Business,

J. Ryttenberg & Sons.



Boy's Clothing.

In this department of our store you will find a larger stock than ever before, and some remarkably good values.

\$2.50

Will buy a genuine woven wool suit—knee pants suit—sizes from 16 down. We handle the celebrated "Miss. Jane Haskin" brand, manufactured by one of the most reliable clothing houses in New York. They are all made of good material, put together well, and seldom fail to give satisfaction. The pants have double seats and knees.

D. J. Chandler,

THE CLOTHIER.

Sept. 2-3m.