

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 21, 1898.

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 Samter.

Gov. Ellerbe has been reelected by a majority of more than four thousand, but he and his friends were a badly scared lot of politicians during the last few days before the primary. He holds on to the office, but the endorsement he received at the polls was neither overwhelming nor flattering, nevertheless he should be deeply grateful to his friends who labored so energetically for him. They made many promises and pledges in his name, and if he succeeds in fulfilling them all he will prove himself an expert manipulator of the duties and prerogatives of the office.

A gentleman who returned Thursday from the up country reports hearing a rumor that the order from the war department for the disbanding of the First S. C. Regiment and other volunteer organizations has been recalled, and that a call will soon be made for 30,000 more volunteers, preference being given to those who have already served. This action of the war department, however, will not interfere with the 30 day furloughs to be granted to the troops. The source of the rumor was traced to an officer on a furlough from one of the encampments in the South, whose name was not learned. The rumor was first heard at one of the watering places in North Carolina, and afterwards in Columbia.

The State Democratic Executive Committee has acted justly, wisely and in obedience to the rules of the party in remanding the Manning-Moses senatorial contest to the County Executive Committee and ordering that body to recount the contested boxes. This is all that was requested at the outset, and had the county committee granted it all the trouble that has ensued would have been avoided. The county committee has got to do the very thing it should have done at its first session on September 1st, but which it refused to do by a decided majority. The recount may not alter the result, but it will remove all the doubts that now exist as to the correctness of the returns of the managers, and all parties will be better satisfied. Furthermore it will be a compliance, though tardy and forced, with the rules and precedents of the party, which should not be disregarded. The action of the State Executive Committee will result in lasting benefit to the Democratic party in the State at large, for it establishes the principle beyond question or doubt that a recount must be made by the County Executive Committee when it is requested on good and sufficient grounds. When the recount has been made everybody should accept the result as final and lay aside whatever of feeling or dissatisfaction they now have. The recount is as fair to one as to the other of the aspirants for the Senatorship, and neither should complain when exact justice has been done.

HOW SPANIARDS TREAT THEIR GENERAL.

Vigo, Spain, Sept 16—A crowd of about 700 people besieged the house of Gen Toral to day, demanding that the troops which arrived here yesterday from Santiago de Cuba on board the Spanish steamer Leon XIII be immediately landed. They proceeded to the quays, cheering the troops, and were with difficulty dispersed by soldiers of the garrison. Afterward a crowd of about 1,500 people returned to the quays, and when they saw the soldiers landing barefooted and nearly naked, they became infuriated and surrounded Gen. Toral's house, hooting and hissing and stoning the building. Eventually, the Spanish general succeeded in escaping to the Leon XIII. On learning that the mob gathered on the dock and stoned the steamer for half an hour, smashing the cabin windows. The Leon XIII was obliged to leave the place where she was moored.

Five steamers are ready to transport the returning Spanish soldiers and civil officers, with the archives and munitions of war from Cuba, but it is believed it will take four months and cost 80,000,000 pesetas to bring the troops back to Spain.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, South Carolina Section.

For the Week Ending Monday, September 19, 1898.

COLUMBIA, S. C., September 20. The beginning of the week was cool, and the latter portion very warm. The average temperature for the week was 73°, which is one degree below the normal.

Light rain fell over the southeastern and central counties on the 17th, heavy at Kingstree only, but over the remainder of the State the week was rainless. The normal for the week is 1.18 inch. Over the western counties there was abundant sunshine, while over the central and eastern counties, cloudy or partly cloudy weather was the prevailing condition.

The almost entire absence of rain, and generally clear weather during the past week, were conditions favorable for farm work and maturing crops. Some corn was housed, large quantities of fodder, pea-vine and other hay were saved in well cured condition. Picking cotton made favorable progress and cotton opens freely, nearly half the bolls being open. The plant is about dead over the eastern counties, where little or no top crop will be made, while over the western counties slightly better conditions prevail, and cotton is still fruiting to a limited extent. In places a full crop is probable, but generally the recent wet weather materially reduced the prospective yield. First picking is inferior. Rotting and shedding have ceased. Sea Island cotton slightly improved, but no top crop making.

Rice harvest well under way, both in the coast districts and upland rice. Sorghum and sugar-cane, peas and peanuts are doing well. Sweet potatoes not yielding well in places, but the average yield is good. Large quantities of truck being planted, but the ground is packed too hard by the recent rains for small seed to come up readily. Fall gardens generally poor.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS, BY COUNTIES.

Abbeville—Link: Dry weather with light, cool winds prevailed, and has been very favorable for pulling fodder and picking cotton; much storm and half rotten cotton; bolls have quit rotting.—R F Morris.

Aiken—Talatha: Cotton opening rapidly; weather good for gathering; hay is being cut and saved nicely.—W S Eabanks, M D.

Anderson—Holland: Dry weather causes cotton to open rapidly; will probably make a full crop; heavy forage crops of all kinds.—Dr J W Earle.

Bamberg—Denmark: Weather has been fine for gathering crops: hay was cut, and cotton picked; cotton looks better since the sun has dried it; peas, potatoes, sugar cane, and all other growing crops are doing well.—W G Wilson.

Barnwell—Blackville: A good week for gathering crops; early corn turning out short of expectations; the bottom crop of cotton also short; the middle crop promises to be above the average, the top crop will amount to very little, nothing at all on many places, and can hardly equal, how ever late frost may come, the damage from storm to bottom and middle crops; minor crops doing well.—E S Hammond.

Beaufort—Tomoty: Weather at last permits harvesting, being dry, cool, and pleasant; cotton, corn, rice and potatoes are materially hurt.—Geo G. Matber.

Cherokee—Gaffney: Fodder all housed, grass and pea vine hay being saved in abundance; corn very good; cotton opening fast and being gathered; this part of the country is blessed with fine crops of corn and cotton.—B F Camp.

Chesterfield—Chesterfield: An ideal week for farm interests; cotton picking being pushed, though pickers scarce; two-thirds of the crop will be gathered first time going over; peas bearing better now; some caterpillars in grass fields.—Geo W Spencer.

Clarendon—Oakland: Favorable weather for cotton picking; yield far short of expectations; best hay crop in years being harvested.—S J Mc Faddin.

Colleton—White Hall: Favorable weather for crops and farm work, especially for handling rice; freshest in upper Combahee River has not passed off yet; rice on upper river has been badly damaged by freshest and high tides.—W E Haskell.

Darlington—Society Hill: No improvement in cotton; weather favorable for picking; crop is below an average; some progress made in cutting and curing pea vine and crab grass hay; scuppernong grapes a failure for the first time in many years.—J J Lucas.

Edgefield—Cleora: Fair weather with sunshine all the week; cotton opening fast; there being no top crop, all will soon be open; crop short; much pea-vine and hay being saved; late corn poor.—L R Brunson.

Fairfield—Winnsboro: The past week was very favorable for picking cotton and pulling fodder.—Clement Davis.

Florence—Lunch: Clear weather and cool nights are causing cotton to open fast, and it is being picked very slowly; sugar cane and millet doing well.—E J Smith.

Greenville—Greenville: Favorable weather has benefitted all crops the past week.—Mrs S A Crittenden.

Greenwood—Troy: Sandy land cotton is all matured; there will be no late crop on it; there will be some on red lands; a good week for saving hay.—A C Kennedy.

Hampton—Estill: We have lost, by storm and rain, at least one-fourth of our cotton, and what is left will sell as storm cotton; our fields are still so wet that we cannot get into them with wagons.—T O Lawton.

Kershaw—Camden: The warm, dry weather made cotton open fast; young corn is about made, and is a good crop; hay crop very good and being saved nicely.—B Ammons.

Laurens—Renno: Fine weather for cutting hay and picking cotton, and they have been rushed; since the rains we find we have a good deal below an average crop of cotton, the early crop having rotted and the late shed until prospects are discouraging; peas are flourishing.—J W C Bell.

Lee—Tillers Ferry: Much work has been done this week; cotton that has opened since the rain is beautiful, that that opened before is poor; corn crop good; sorghum being made into molasses; rice ripening.—J W Gardner.

Lexington—Leesville: No rain this week; cotton in a bad state, not much fine cotton saved in this section this season; peas and potatoes doing very well.—A J Boatwright.

Newberry—Beautiful weather for farm work; farmers busy gathering cotton and pea vines; turnips growing nicely.—H J Kinard.

Oconee—Walhalla: Weather beneficial for maturing crops; cotton opening freely and picking progressing, late fodder stripped and well cured; large quantity of well cured hay saved; sweet potatoes will not make an average crop.—E F Pagan.

Orangeburg—Orangeburg: Favorable weather for all farm work and growing crops; no improvement in cotton, it has stopped growing and shed top crop; it is being picked rapidly; peas, sugar cane, potatoes, and pastures doing well.—Jno S Rowe.

Pickens—Liberty: Higher temperature and more sunshine were very favorable for curing late fodder, and we have the finest hay crop ever known in this section; cotton has about stopped growing, is still blooming, and opening rapidly; picking is general.—John T Boggs.

Spartanburg—Inman: Fair weather; much good fodder and hay saved; cotton opening rapidly; heavy vegetation of rag weed and crab grass on stubble fields.—E J Finch.

Sumter—Statesburg: Conditions during the past week were very favorable for cotton picking and for farm work of all kinds; farmers in much better spirits.—W W Anderson, M. D.

Williamsburg—Trio: On account of the weather, but little more than half a crop of fodder secured, and that in a damaged condition; the cotton crop has been cut off by excessive rains to about three-fourths of a full crop; peas, potatoes, and peanuts promise a fair yield; plenty of grass for hay.—J J McCullough.

York—Warrens: The much needed sunshine came this week; peas, vines and hay were cured nicely; cotton heavily fruited, but first pick-

ing blue and rotted; picking progressing slowly; late corn better than for four years, old corn rotting in the ear, worse than for years.—A L Neely.

Hester's Cotton Statement.

New Orleans, Sept. 16.—Secretary Hester's New Orleans cotton exchange statement issued to-day shows that the amount brought into sight for the week ending to day is 159,810 bales, against 244,622 for the seven days ending September 16 last year, and 312,206 year before last. This brings the total amount for the 16 days of the new season to 263,502, against 405,910 last year.

The statement shows receipts at all United States ports since September 1 of 176,950 bales, against 262,479 for the same time last year. Southern mill takings were 56,162, against 54,376 last year. Foreign exports for the 16 days have been 70,736, against 49,927.

Including amounts left over in stocks at ports and interior towns and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 581,068, against 522,464 for the same period last year.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 16.—Dr Purcell made the announcement to day of a new case of fever in Jackson. The patient is J. H. Manley, a train dispatcher employed by the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Railroad company. His condition to-night is serious. Following the announcement many persons left to-day. Numbers more are preparing to leave.

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OFFICE OF County Superintendent Education

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