

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23, 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 Sumter.

The Republicans are more afraid of William Jennings Bryan than of the entire Spanish army and navy, for while they have not hesitated to give the Spanish soldiers and sailors their liberty they refuse to grant Col. Bryan a discharge from the army so that he may return to private life.

Mr. A. C. Jones, Chairman of the State Prohibition Committee, has announced himself a candidate for the United States Senate in opposition to B. R. Tillman. Mr. Jones and the committee of which he is the head are best known in connection with the flunk made in the state campaign. We have no idea that Tillman will lie awake at night worrying over Mr. Jones and his candidacy. In fact, we believe most people will refuse to take Mr. Jones seriously and will regard his candidacy as a joke.

It is stated in some quarters that many privates and non-commissioned officers in the First Regiment are so much in love with army life that they will apply for enlistment in the Second Regiment. This may be true, but some of the privates who know what they are talking about, say that such talk is a fairy story and that the re-enlistments will be few and far between.

Columbia stands an excellent chance of being selected as the site of one of the army camps that the war department has decided to establish in the south. Columbia is as suitable a place as can be found and we hope it will secure one of the camps. An army camp is a money-making annex to the city that secures one, and we would be pleased to see a half dozen camps scattered over the State. South Carolina's climate will be good for the soldiers and the soldiers' money will be good for South Carolina.

When the finance committee of the City Council makes up the estimate for the tax ordinance the people of Sumter need not be surprised to find that the tax levy is to be higher than last year. Neither need they kick and abuse the council, for an increase in the tax levy cannot be avoided. The present council inherited a debt of nearly \$3,000 from the preceding council and on top of this came the smallpox epidemic that required a cash outlay of \$2,000 that caused an additional deficit to be made up. All are agreed that the money spent in suppressing the small pox was money well spent and now that the time has come for paying the bills, kicking and complaints are out of place. The city taxes will be heavier, but as the increase in the levy was rendered absolutely necessary by circumstances over which the council had no control, the taxpayers, to be reasonable should pay the increased assessment without complaint and with as great a degree of cheerfulness as they can summon to their assistance.

The action of the County Democratic Executive Committee on the Manning Moses contest does not call for extended comment. The proceedings as recorded in the minutes and as reported in this paper speak for themselves, and the less said the better it will be for the good name of the representative body of the organized democracy of Sumter County. We have never seen like proceedings before and we hope never to see the like again, for as one member of the committee said during the sitting of the committee, the day's proceedings should cause any democrat to feel ashamed for the committee. It was nothing more nor less than an exhibition of the use that a majority sometime makes of its power to override right, justice and facts with a blind, partisan and unreasoning purpose to carry a point at all costs. This is our deliberate opinion and the record is there to sustain it.

The State Democratic Executive Committee decided, after hearing both sides in the Manning-Moses contested senatorial election, to decline to take the responsibility of declar-

ing either one or the other the nominee, and therefore declared that no election had been held and ordered a second primary. The action of the State committee was unquestionably the best solution of the problem that confronted it. The people of Sumter County have now a clear cut issue before them, and they can go to the polls and say whether they will have R. I. Manning or Altamont Moses to represent the county in the Senate. There is but the single issue, there is no opportunity for trades and combinations between several candidates, and it is a settled fact that the man who wins will be the real choice of the people of Sumter County. The case has been referred to the court of final appeal and the verdict will be final.

Very Grave Charges.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—The Rev. Cyrus L. Brady, Archbishop of the protestant Episcopal diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania, and chaplain of the 1st regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, in a sermon to-night severely criticized the management of the volunteer camps which came under his supervision at Chickamauga, where his regiment was stationed for a long time. He said the medical, commissary, quartermaster and ordnance departments were all to blame, and continued thus: "I personally saw men left in the hospitals in camps for thirty-six hours without any medical attendance whatever. "I saw men in those hospitals suffering from fever with the rain beating down upon them. "I saw men committed to the care of unskilled attendants when it was absolutely impossible for them to receive anything like the attention they deserved. "I saw men suffering from fever lying with their mouths open, and their mouths filled with flies."

FRENCH MUST LEAVE.

Declines to Retire Without Orders.

London, Sept. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's Cairo correspondent, telegraphing to-day (Monday), says: "Gen. Kitchener found the French at Fashoda. He notified Maj Marchand that he had express instructions that the territory was British and that the French must retire, and offered them passage to Cairo. Maj Marchand absolutely declined to retire unless ordered to do so by his government. No fighting occurred. Maj Marchand was given clearly to understand that the British insisted upon their claims, and the rest had been left to be settled by diplomacy between the respective governments. "Gen. Kitchener sent a long official dispatch to London, hoisted the Union Jack and the Egyptian ensign, and left as a garrison the Eleventh and Thirtieth Sudanese battalions and the Cameron Highlanders to protect the British flag. Col. Jackson commands the garrison."

Spanish Flagship Saved.

Playa del Este, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Sept. 25.—The wrecking company engaged under Lieut. Hobson in the work of saving the wrecked Spanish warships has succeeded in floating the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa. The cruiser after being got afloat was taken in tow by the Potomac, and conveyed by the cruiser Newark, the Scorpion and Alvarado, proceeded for Guantanamo bay, where she arrived last night. The successful issue of the attempt was greeted with the blowing of whistles, the firing of national salutes and by cheers, in which the Cubans joined, disturbing the noon siesta. Off Siboney the barometer and the wind indicated the approach of a hurricane and the towing power was increased. The Newark, under Capt. Goodrich, rendered valuable assistance in the work of saving the Maria Teresa. The cruiser is being put in condition for her trip north by the repair ship Vulcan.

Big Mill Contract.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 24.—The Alabama Steel and Supply company, which is erecting a million dollar steel plant at Ensley City, to-day let contracts for a 44 inch blooming mill, a gas producer building and ten open hearth furnaces, aggregating about \$200,000. The contract for the iron work of ten open hearth furnaces is the largest in the world. Pittsburg concerns secured the contract.

Commission Now Complete.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The President told his visitors to-day that the commission to investigate the conduct of the war department had been completed and would consist of nine members as first announced. He has not announced the full membership.

Several members of the commission, including Gen. Greenville M. Dodge, who will probably be chairman of it, arrived in the city to-day preparatory to attending the preliminary meeting at the White House to-morrow.

Washington Letter.

Washington, September 26.—Why should the investigation of the war department be made a star chamber affair? That is the question asked on every side since it was announced that Mr McKinley's commission would, until further notice, conduct the investigation behind the locked doors of a room in the war department. Secret investigations have never been popular with the American people. This was recognized by those who stated that these doors would be closed "until further notice." It is expected that public opinion will demand that these doors be thrown open, and the testimony in this investigation be publicly taken, and that expectation will almost certainly be realized. Let the commission make its consideration of the testimony as secret as its members may desire, but let the testimony be taken in public. Otherwise, the public will put the whole affair down as farcical. It may be only a coincidence, but it is a significant one that the chairman of Mr McKinley's commission is named Dodge.—Gen. G. M. Dodge, of Iowa. The other members, secured after much trouble and many absolute refusals to serve, are, Col. J. A. Sexton, of Illinois; Capt. E. P. Howell, of Georgia; Maj. Gen. J. M. Wilson, U S A; Hon. C. A. Denby, of Indiana; Ex-Gov. Woodbury, of Vermont; Ex-Gov. Beaver, of Pennsylvania; Gen. A. C. McCook, of New York, and Dr. P. S. Conner, of Ohio.

Giving officers honorable discharges, who have been openly accused by generals in the army of incompetency and mismanagement, is not a good way to convince the country that the war department either wishes to find the guilty or intends to punish them when found. A case in point is that of Lieut. Col. Rush H. Huidekoper, the horse doctor who was chief surgeon at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga Park, and against whom many charges were made, including one from a brigadier general, made directly to Secretary Alger. Instead of having Huidekoper court-martialed, so that he could have been either vindicated or convicted, orders were issued that his resignation should be accepted and he be given an honorable discharge. Mr. McKinley heard of that order and countermanded it, and directed that Huidekoper be ordered to Washington to testify before the investigating commission. Mr. McKinley is finding out much more about things than he knew before the talk about investigation began; and it is believed that he intends making it hot for some of the guilty parties. In fact, his personal friends are telling him that he must do so for self-preservation.

Representative Cochran, of Mo., who is in Washington trying to convince the administration to order more Missouri volunt mustered out of service, said of the republicans asking endorsement of their conduct of the war: "The republicans will be fortunate, indeed, if they can divert public attention from the bond issue; the neglect and mismanagement which has characterized the conduct of the authorities in actual charge of the prosecution of the war. How they can expect to gain any advantage by raising war issues, it is difficult to understand. The troops in the field are composed of men of all parties. They did their duty nobly, and have added to the glory and reputation of American arms, by deeds of unparalleled heroism. So much for the soldiers in the field. Now, if the authorities at Washington can afford to go to the country for approbation of an administration, which failed to provide our brave soldiers with rations, tents, medicine and competent surgeons and attendants, during the struggle, and hinged the result of the fall election upon this issue, the democrats can afford to meet it. I think, however, that the war will cut very little figure. Parties will divide on old lines, and the issues of 1896 will be fought over again."

Much interest is felt in Washington in that affidavit made by "Teddy" Roosevelt, that he was not a resident of New York, but of Washington. It is not believed that the making public of this affidavit by the friends of Governor Black, will prevent "Teddy" getting the republican nomination for governor of New York, but "Teddy's" explanation of why he made it will go a long way towards helping the democrats to defeat him afterward. He says he made the affidavit under advice from his lawyers, because he was assessed for personal taxes both in New York and in Washington, and did not wish to pay double taxes. He escaped the payment of his personal taxes in New York by filing that affidavit, and a careful search of the tax book of the District of Columbia, shows that he paid no personal taxes in Washington. "Teddy's" army record shows that a tax dodger may make a tip-top fighter, but the voters of New York are likely to decide by a large majority that they do not approve of making a tax dodger governor of their state.

Col. W. J. Bryan and Gov. Holcomb, of Nebraska, received much attention from prominent democrats during the several days they were in Washington working in the interest of the Nebraska volunteers. Col. Bryan could not publicly talk poli-

tics, but he participated in some important political conferences and freely gave his opinion to his fellow democrats.

Dots From Fulton.

Fulton, Sept. 21.—We hear loud complaints from the laborer and employer alike while we see the cotton picker getting just as much for picking 40 cotton as he did for 8 and 9c cotton—can we wonder at the hard times when everything is so unequally managed. We say without hesitation that there is no class of common labor better paid than the field hiring by the farmer who should of all classes have cheap work. The cause of this trouble is that every negro who can rent five acres of ground can get a lien to tie upon with comparatively little work through the principal cropping season, the consequence of which is to gather such encumbered crops on the penalty of being closed out by tenant and landlord; then half starve through the winter as a result of not entering the farm contract where he would be well fed throughout the year, thereby bettering his own and the employer's condition alike by having bread and meat to go upon and not force the farmer to employ day laborers at an unreasonable figure.

Misses Via and Beattie Sally, after a week's visit to their uncle, Dr. Paul Sally, returned to their home on Monday.

Miss Noddie Richardson, of Panola, is visiting Maj. H. B. Richardson's family.

The Fulton High School will open in a few days with Miss Bunn, of Washington, as principal.

The Rev. A. B. Watson is conducting a revival meeting at Pinewood, which we hope will be attended by much good.

Mrs. Henry B. Richardson and daughter are visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

Dr. Murray has nearly completed his new dwelling at Pinewood—what's the next thing to happen to a bachelor?

The Fulton Literary Club had an election of officers a few evenings ago to the satisfaction of all present.

Miss Carrie DeChamps, of Pinewood, who has been visiting relatives at Elliotts, returned to her home on Monday. S. B. W. G.

Bishopville News.

Bishopville, Sept. 23.—The Graded School opened last Monday with an enrollment of 125, which was 12 more than enrolled on opening day last year. The routine exercises of the school moved off smoothly, with a full corps of teachers in attendance, Miss Annie James filling Miss Powe's position until October 1st.

Dr. A. C. Baskin left Tuesday for Nashville, Tenn., to resume his studies at Vanderbilt Medical College.

Mr. R. H. Pate went to Charleston on business yesterday.

Dr. E. S. Booth, of Manville, was in town yesterday.

Mr. F. B. McCutchen, of Manville, spent yesterday in town.

Miss Laura Seabrook, of Charleston, is visiting at Mr. W. K. Crosswell's.

Miss Melie Crosswell, of Charleston, is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crosswell.

Mr. J. D. Galloway, of Ionia, was in town yesterday.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. B. J. DuBose.

Mr. W. W. Hearson is able to be out on the streets again.

Private M. B. McCutchen, of Co. M, is improving after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. W. W. Scarborough, of Elliotts, is in town to-day. G

Good Sewing Machines from \$10.00 up at Randle's.

Managers Senatorial Primary Election.

THE FOLLOWING Managers have been appointed for the Special Primary Election for State Senator to be held on Tuesday, October 11th.

Atkins—W. T. Truluck, J. F. Burkett, Reese Nesbitt; J. L. Keels, clerk. Bandana—E. G. Morris, D. G. Brown, J. Wilson; J. L. Gillis, clerk. Concord—T. B. Brunson, W. W. Kenny. (Others to be supplied.) Earle—T. L. Ingram, Roland Chaplin, Wesley Broadway; B. R. Hodge, clerk. Farmers—T. W. Lee, L. D. Spann, E. S. Kennedy; Willie Burkett, clerk. Gaillard's X Roads—E. B. Colclough, W. E. Dick, E. F. Burrows (One to be supplied.) High Hills—W. M. Sanders, W. W. Mellett, C. L. Emanuel; J. L. Jackson, clerk. Laborers and Mechanics—To be supplied. Manchester—J. B. Osteen, W. J. Ardis, T. H. Osteen; G. T. Gaddins, clerk. Mayesville—W. D. Mayes, Geo. T. DesChamps, H. H. Coocer; E. D. Smith, clerk. Pleasant Grove—Daniel Gibbs, R. W. Chandler, Major McElveen; Jacob Keels, Jr., clerk. Privateer—John M. Jackson, McDonald Furman, Jesse Whilden; S. Dwight Cain, clerk. Providence—R. M. Brown, J. A. Boykin, H. A. Raffield; L. R. Jennings, clerk. Rafting Creek—C. W. Young, S. Lee Young, W. W. Boret; D. V. Keels, clerk. Salem—W. N. McElveen, R. E. McElveen, W. J. Boykin; J. Frank McElveen, clerk. Scarborough—J. F. Bradford, D. C. McLeod, E. P. Scarborough; W. A. Sparks, clerk. Shiloh—J. D. Frierson, S. W. Truluck, W. J. Keels; R. W. Green, clerk. Stateburg—J. T. Frierson, D. Bull, W. J. Rees; W. J. Norris, clerk. Sumter—J. Dizes W. Her, A. P. Vinson, R. F. Jackson; M. DeVeaux Moore, clerk. Swimming Pens—W. D. McLeod, J. I. Lesene, R. K. Brown; J. H. Robinson, clerk. Tylors—J. W. Caraway, J. S. McNeill, A. H. Truluck; E. D. Smith, clerk. Wedgefield—J. C. Singleton, J. B. Ryan, B. P. Kelley; Sam Weinberg, clerk. Zoar—S. J. White, W. A. Newman, J. B. Brogdon; J. J. Davis, clerk. R. O. PURDY, County Chairman.

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Estate of B. J. Barnett, Dec'd.

NOTICE OF FINAL DISCHARGE. I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on October 28, 1898, for a Final Discharge as Executor of the aforesaid estate. JOSEPH E. BARNETT, Executor. Sept 23-4t

Estate of Jas. R. Gdom, Dec'd.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County, on October 16th, 1898, for a Final Discharge, as Administratrix of aforesaid Estate. Mrs. CLEO TROUTMAN, Administratrix. Sept 14-4t

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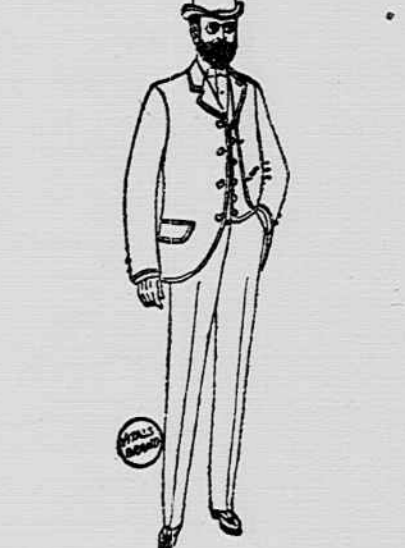
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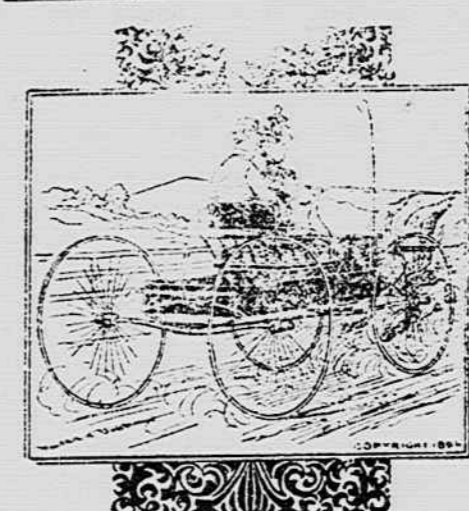
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TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

OFFICE OF County Superintendent Education. SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 15, 1898

THE DATE FIXED for the next regular examination of applicants for Teachers' County certificates is October 21st (third Friday), at Court House, at 9.30 a. m. W. J. DURANT, Sept. 17 County School Commissioner.

Claremont Lodge No. 64, A. F. M.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 44, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday, Evening, Sept. 29, at 7 1/2 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly. L. S. CARSON, W. M. Attest—H. C. MOSS, Sec.