

The Watchman and Southron

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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 Confederate Reunion in Charleston next May bids fair to be the greatest gathering of the veterans of the Lost Cause ever held and the people of that city are now at work making preparations to entertain the great throng of visitors in a manner befitting the occasion and in keeping with the hospitable traditions of the City by the Sea. An auditorium that will cost \$30,000 is to be built and everything else will be on a corresponding scale. The veterans will be well taken care of while in Charleston and it stands to reason that the first reunion to be held in the city in which the first ordinance of secession was adopted will be the most interesting yet held and around which historical associations of the most inspiring nature will cluster.

Were it not for the combination between all the cotton seed oil mills to keep down the price of seed the farmers would be receiving almost as much for the seed produced on an acre of land as they do for the cotton itself. Only a few years ago when there was competition between the oil mills cotton seed were worth thirty three cents a bushel. This did not suit the mills, however, and they formed a combination to regulate the price of seed to suit themselves, and now the price varies little, if at all, from season to season.

What encouragement can the cotton grower extract from the outlook when next year's crop is now being bought and sold for less than the cost of production? Cotton futures were quoted on the New York Cotton Exchange yesterday as follows: August, 5 39; September, 5 40; October, 5 41. There is no power strong enough to alter these prices for the better, short of a small crop, say less than eight million bales. To bring about this reduction it will be necessary for the farmers to cut down the acreage at least one half what it was this year, for with the reduction of acreage the average production per acre will be greater than it was this year, and in all calculations an allowance must be made for this increased production per acre under cultivation.

Gov. Elerbe has turned over a new leaf in his treatment of dispensary constables. He has actually discharged one who shot at a negro when the negro made an attempt to escape. Perhaps the punishment was inflicted as a penalty for poor marksmanship.

The teachers of the public schools throughout the county should arrange to observe the first Arbor Day with appropriate ceremonies. There is not a school house in the county that would not be made more attractive by the planting of trees and flowering plants on the grounds surrounding it.

The members of the peace commission in Paris and of the commission in Havana are taking life easy and having a pleasant and leisurely time at the expense of the government, but the Cubans, in whose behalf this so called war of humanity was commenced, are continuing to starve to death by the thousand. They are in no worse condition, probably, than they were before the United States took a hand in the conflict, but this is due entirely to the fact that there are now not so many of them by some hundred thousands to starve to death—they are dead and the vultures have eaten them. At the present rate of progress there will be no Cuban question within a few months to worry the McKinley statesmen, for the remnant will have died and the island will be open for colonization.

The Sumter and Wateree Railroad cannot bring to Sumter a flood-tide of prosperity and great business to keep the stores of the merchants crowded day in and day out the year round—it can and will do no more than give competing rates. It will merit the fullest and most liberal support

that the people of Sumter can give it, and each business man should appoint himself a committee of one to see that the Sumter & Wateree has fair play and a full share of all the business that it can take care of.

The minutes of the annual meeting of the State Press Association have been issued from the press of E. H. Aull, of Newberry. It is a model typographically, and the matter is of lasting value and interest.

Editor C. W. Wolf, of the Kingstree Record, will represent Williamsburg County in the House of Representatives. Williamsburg County has bestowed worthily an honor upon one of her sons, and we are confident that Mr. Wolf will make a valuable and influential member of the General Assembly.

Since reading Editor Gonzales' diary of his experiences in the Cuban army we are convinced of the truth of the assertion that "an army travels on its belly." The slim diet of the Cuban army accounts for its slow progress.

A man by the name of Dunning writes the Greenville News that he expects to enter suit against Senator McLaurin shortly and will prove that he wrote all of McLaurin's speeches, except the last one delivered in the Senate. Dunning was formerly editor of the National Economist, the organ of the National Farmers' Alliance. He makes a serious charge against Senator McLaurin, but he will find it a difficult one to prove to the satisfaction of the senator's constituents, for Mr. McLaurin makes too good a speech, with or without preparation, for anyone to credit the assertion that he found it necessary to hire a hack writer to prepare his speeches.

It begins to look as if the United States will consent to pay a substantial bonus to Spain for the Philippines. We suppose that a small matter of thirty or forty millions, cash down, will make no difference to the peace commission, but it appears to the writer that the country would be much better off if the money were spent in improving the public roads. The Philippines will cost many times more than they will ever be worth before the United States get through with them, and the people who receive the least of the small benefits accruing from possession will bear the burden.

Georgia is agitated over the adoption of the Australian ballot system, and the papers of that State are of the opinion that the law will be enacted during the present term of the legislature. We hope South Carolina will eventually realize that the Australian system is the best guarantee of honest and fair elections and that a legislature will be elected pledged to enact a new election law based on the Australian system. Senator Manning, when a member of the House, introduced an excellent bill along this line, but it met with little favor. We entertain the hope that he will, as senator, renew his efforts in behalf of the Australian system and honest elections in South Carolina.

The State Fair this year will be fully as excellent in all respects as it has been during the past few years, and the fire works promise to be much the finest ever seen in Columbia. If the railroads run special trains at convenient hours a much larger crowd will go over to Columbia especially to witness Pain's exhibitions.

France has decided to get out of Fashoda with bag and baggage and abandon all the disputed territory to England rather than fight, and the new cabinet will not stand by anything that was said by the cabinet that went to pieces last week. It is a wise decision and averts a war, for England was putting on her fighting clothes as rapidly as possible.

May be the Maria Teresa.

New York, Nov. 7.—James E. Ward & Co., steamship agents of this city, received a cablegram from Mr. Soyer, agent of the firm at Nassau N. P., that a two funneled steamer, the name of which had not been learned, is ashore on Cat Island, about 30 miles from the point where the former Spanish warship Maria Teresa was supposed to have foundered during a storm. The stranded steamer may be the warship or one of the army transports.

Lee County Reference.

Case Heard Before Mr. Joseph F. Rhame This Afternoon.

Columbia Register, Nov. 2. The Lee county reference case was heard this afternoon at the supreme court room before the special referee, Mr. Joseph F. Rhame, who was appointed by order of Chief Justice McIver.

This case came before the special term of court held in August at which time the court was constituted of the circuit and supreme court judges. This session of the court was occasioned by the division of the justices on the question of the April term.

The respondents were represented by Messrs. R. O. Parry, of Sumter, and T. S. Moorhead and LeRoy F. Youmans of this city. Col. R. W. Shand appeared for the appellants.

Both sides of the question were ably and fully discussed by the attorneys. This matter has been of considerable importance to the public and the result has been awaited with much anxiety. All the evidence in the case was submitted this afternoon.

The only issues referred to Mr. Rhame, the referee were, first, whether the board of commissioners for Darlington county certified its result of the election held in those portions forming the proposed new county of Lee, under the order of the governor, in tabulated statement of the vote at each precinct, and transmitted the same to the Secretary of State; second, if so, whether it appears from such statement that two-thirds of those voting at such precincts voted in favor of the establishment of Lee county.

Mr. Rhame has until the convening of the supreme court to file his finding in this reference case. The court will convene on the fourth Tuesday of this month. It is very probable that the report to the court will be made before that day.

A Dilly-Dallying Policy.

A correspondent of the Associated Press writing from Cuba says:

"Almost nothing has been accomplished. The spirit of jealousy fills not only the individual members of all the commissions; but also exists between the different commissions collectively. These rivalries seem to engross the attention of commissioners much more than the serious questions affecting the welfare of Cuba and the dignity and good faith of the United States.

"Unless the Washington government forces its lethargic commissions into greater activity Cuba will be an immense grave yard and its fields barren before the United States take possession. The daily records of morality show that the population in all parts of the island is dwindling steadily. Entire villages are dying of starvation. On all sides the Spaniards continue robbing and plundering. In the meantime, these gossiping commissioners from the United States sit sipping drinks by day and seeking shelter by night with moral dread of fever, yet absolutely impervious to the demands of humanity.

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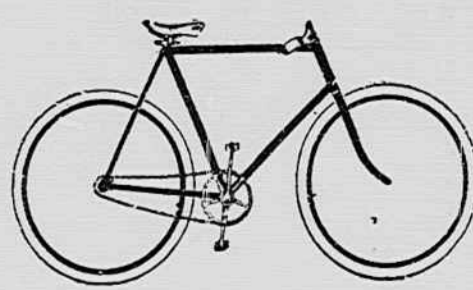
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