

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1899.

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 outbreak of lawlessness at Griffin, Ga., is a more serious affair than the sporadic lynchings that have been provoked from time to time by the outrages of negro criminals. It is organized lawlessness based upon race prejudice and labor jealousy, and is directed against law-abiding and industrious negroes and their white employers alike. Of course this outbreak is the logical result of mob violence and the general application of lynch law, which has begotten a disrespect for all law, and it was the belief that such things would inevitably follow that fortified us in our consistent opposition to lynch law. We have always been free to admit the defects of law, as applied in a majority of our courts, but we have contended and still contend that law and respect for law, however defective the law may be, is far better for the country and the whole body politic than the unbridled license and violation of all rights of citizenship that lynch law and mob rule are breeding in this country. The Griffin, Ga., white cappers should be dealt with severely, and the authorities of the State should make them feel and respect the strong hand of the law.

Mr. W. M. Graham finds that the portion of his strawberry farm that he has irrigated from an artesian well produces more than 50 per cent. more berries than other unirrigated fields, and that the berries from the irrigated field are of much better size and are superior in quality. This is a practical hint to strawberry growers and truck farmers that should not be permitted to pass unimproved. Artesian wells are not expensive to bore, and once a flowing well is secured the expense of irrigating a field is next to nothing, while the increased production represents a handsome additional profit on the acreage under cultivation.

Gov. Northern's Boston speech has aroused the thinking people of the north and opened up a new line of thought for them on the subject of the lynching evil in the south. If a few more representative men will tell the people of the north the truth as clearly and fearlessly as Gov. Nor then did much of the prejudice and falsehood foisted in the north by politicians and the unprincipled partisan press will be eradicated.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup will prove a quick and sure cure for croup. Mothers, when your children are attacked with that dreadful disease, you can depend on this marvelous remedy. It never fails to cure at once. Price 25 cents.

AMERICAN VICTORIES

London, May 29.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at The Hague says: "The British delegates have practically withdrawn their opposition to the American demand for neutral rights on the sea similar to those already enforced on the land, and it is now believed that Germany will also agree."

The correspondent of the Morning Post at The Hague says: "The discussion of the proposed modification of the Geneva convention provisions regarding sick and wounded neutrals constitutes a distinct success for the American delegates. When it was first broached the Russians declined to take any part in the discussion, on the ground that the subject was not mentioned in the circular of Count Muraviev. The Americans urged that the Dutch invitation included all subjects bearing on the circular, a view which the conference upheld. As yet the Russians have not abandoned their position, and they will make another effort tomorrow to have the American proposals rejected on technical grounds. Interesting developments are expected."

SPECIAL ARGUMENT.

He had no fewer than fourteen wives, This Mormon son of a gun, And argued it wasn't polygamy, Since he and his wife were one. Detroit Journal.

Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup cures any case of bronchitis, lung affection and grippe. Physicians prescribe this reliable remedy, and druggists recommend it; because it never fails to cure, and costs but 25 cents a bottle.

Cotton Crop Acreage.

LATHAM, ALEXANDER & CO'S ESTIMATE.

New York, May 29.—With the view of obtaining the most reliable information possible concerning the cotton acreage of the United States for 1899, we addressed, as usual, some 3,600 letters to cotton commission merchants, brokers, banks and bankers making advances, and responsible planters, embracing every cotton growing county in the south, asking acreage estimates.

Up to this date we have received 2,577 replies, of average date, May 23d, and the following is the result, which in our opinion is as approximately correct an estimate of the cotton acreage as can be secured by direct communication with parties competent to judge residing in the counties where the cotton is grown:

State	Acreage 1898.	Acreage 1899.
Alabama	2,879,000	2,591,000
Arkansas	1,714,000	1,491,000
Florida	239,000	222,000
Georgia	3,463,000	3,013,000
Louisiana	1,216,000	1,107,000
Mississippi	2,947,000	2,711,000
N. Carolina	1,218,000	1,060,000
S. Carolina	2,071,000	1,843,000
Tennessee	806,000	693,000
Texas	6,417,000	5,839,000
Various	602,000	536,000
Totals	23,572,000	21,106,000

The total estimated decrease in cotton acreage in the United States for 1899 is 10 4/10 per cent or 2,466,000 acres less than last year, and the average planting of the crop is about two weeks later than last year.

Our correspondents report that the reduction in the acreage has been brought about by the low price of cotton, reluctance of commission merchants to make as liberal advances to the planters as formerly, and the increase in acreage in tobacco, wheat and corn.

In Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina, owing to the continued drought and defective seed, much complaint exists of poor stands causing much replanting, and of late planting not coming up.

In Arkansas and portions of Texas there are complaints of too much rain causing a grassy condition, and considerable damage from worms.

Our correspondents also report a large reduction in the use of fertilizers, viz: 26 per cent. in Alabama, 25 per cent. in Florida, 30 per cent. in Georgia, 25 per cent. North Carolina, and 30 per cent. in South Carolina. Yours truly,

Latham, Alexander & Co

The Governor's Condition.

Information from the governor's bedside this morning was that he was "about the same," showing no improvement. The end is thought to be but a question of days now, though the governor has rallied from such a low condition before.—Columbia Record, May 30.

Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters in Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

"Every time you read of anybody being killed by the cars while walking on the track," says the Hartford Courant, "you can remember that if the law had passed making it a crime here, as it is in England, to walk on the track, that particular life would have been spared." It is made a folly in this country instead of a crime, and as it is usually punished with death, what more could be asked? What worse penalty would the Courant suggest?—News and Courier.

The beer which is consumed throughout the world who would fill a lake 6 feet deep, 3 1/2 miles long, a mile wide, or 2,319 acres in area. In this vast lake of beer we could easily drown all the English-speaking people, to the number of 120,000,000, throughout the entire world; or we could give a beer bath to every man, woman and child at the same time in the entire continent of America.

TRIBUTE TO HON. WM. PORCHER MILES

By the Faculty of the South Carolina College.

At a meeting on the 23d of May the faculty of the South Carolina college adopted, by a unanimous standing vote, the following:

The faculty of South Carolina college hereby tenders its heart-felt sorrow at the recent death, in Louisiana, of Hon. William Porcher Miles, the honored president of this college from 1880 to 1882.

A native South Carolinian, reared and educated in the State of his love and his birth, he adorned her history in his manhood, with his high character, noble virtues, distinguished abilities and valuable services.

His heroic spirit of devotion to suffering humanity was illustrated in his young manhood as a volunteer nurse during a yellow fever epidemic in Norfolk. Holding not his own life dear, his tender and skillful ministrations relieved the afflicted and soothed the dying. When the dread pestilence had ceased to "walk in darkness and destroy at noon day," a city's tears, and plaudits, and offers of civic honor attested the gratitude of the people and virtues of the man.

His countrymen, in recognition of his great worth, called him to positions of public honor and usefulness, as mayor of his native Charleston, as representative in the council halls of the assembly, as delegate to the Secession convention when South Carolina resumed her sovereignty, and as president of the South Carolina college, when it was rehabilitated from the ruins of war and political corruption, and needed a splendid type of man to lead in restoring the college to its rightful place as the pride of the State.

In every public trust committed to him he was faithful and efficient, winning the approval and admiration of his people. South Carolina regretfully gave her son to be the adopted son of her sister State, Louisiana. Two commonwealths now mourn his death as a common loss. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That a page in our minutes be dedicated as a memorial of our lasting appreciation of the Christian, the loyal citizen, the wise statesman and the distinguished scholar educator, William Porcher Miles.

2. That a copy of this tribute be sent to his bereaved family as an expression of sympathy in their sorrow, praying that God's grace may be their comfort and stay.

3. That this tribute be published in the press of South Carolina and Louisiana.

ANY PERSON

Wishing to know the truth in regard to their health should not fail to send for a valuable and new 64-page Booklet which will be sent FREE for a short time to those who mention this paper. This book is published by the celebrated physicians and specialists—Dr. Hathaway and Co. of 23 1/2 S. Broad St., Atlanta, Ga., whom you should address. Write to-day.

MONEY IN TIMBER.

"Every year," says the Pine Belt News, "timber becomes more valuable and large tracts of it are being gobbled up by syndicates and railway companies. Southern yellow pine and hard wood lands are quietly being gathered in at any rate that would astonish the country if the figures could be gathered and published. Good timber lands all over the south are on the verge of a boom in prices. A great deal of idle money is seeking this kind of investment."

Holder of timber lands in the south should remember, says the Birmingham Age, that the timber of the country is practically exhausted except in the south and that the demands upon the southern supply will become greater every additional year. Every tree in the south has value in it. Every tree can be turned to some use. Even sweet gum is coming into use and value; and all know that the yellow pine and the oaks are wanted, and all should know that they are worth good money. The timber of the south should not be parted with for a song. It is worth a good deal of money, and, if held, it will be worth much more in the course of a single decade.

If the woods of the south could be turned into manufactured goods, they would make this section very prosperous and very rich.

It is a great pity that our people will not recognize the value of diversified industries and realize the possibilities of a small, well-equipped, intelligently operated plant. Our giant cotton mills have set the standard of factories so high that our people cannot realize that it is not necessary to build a million dollar factory in order to make money. We have a sufficient number of these giant mills; what we need is a large number of small factories turning out diversified products and giving employment to a high grade of skilled labor. Why not a furniture factory? Augusta Chronicle.

Wardner, Idaho, May 26.—All saloons in Mullan, Gem and Burke have been closed, the publication of The Mullan Mirror stopped and its editor, W. H. Stewart, arrested on the charge of publishing seditious matter. There are now 325 men under arrest accused of rioting.

Go to H. G. Osteen & Co. for Paper Dolls, ladies, misses and children.

A Strong Fortification.

Fortify the body against disease by Tutt's Liver Pills, an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, jaundice, biliousness and all kindred troubles. "The Fly-Wheel of Life." Dr. Tutt: Your Liver Pills are the fly-wheel of life. I shall ever be grateful for the accident that brought them to my notice. I feel as if I had a new lease of life. J. Fairleigh, Platte Cannon, Col. Tutt's Liver Pills

Derelict Estate of Jos. T. Andrews, Deceased.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on June 21, 1899, for a Final Discharge as Administrator of aforesaid Estate. SHEPARD NASH, May 24—4t C. C. C. P. & G. S.

Derelict Estate of W. Smith Andrews, Deceased.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County, on June 24, 1899, for a Final Discharge, as Administrator of aforesaid Estate. SHEPARD NASH, May 24—4t C. C. C. P. & G. S.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF SUMTER,

STATE, CITY AND COUNTY DEPOSITORY, SUMTER, S. C.

Paid up Capital - - - - - \$ 75,000 00
Surplus and Profits - - - - - 25,000 00
Additional Liability of Stockholders in excess of their stock - - - - - 75,000 00

Total protection to depositors, \$175,000 00
Transacts a General Banking Business.
Special attention given to collections.

SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.

Deposits of \$1 and upwards received. Interest allowed at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, on amounts above \$5 and not exceeding \$300, payable quarterly, on first days of January, April, July and October.

R. M. WALLACE, President.
L. S. CASSON, Cashier.

Everything in DRUGS, Soda Water,

AND Cigars,

—AT— HUGHSON-LIGON CO.

Successors to J. S. Hughson & Co.

MONAGHAN BLOCK SUMTER, S. C.

MAKE OUR STORE YOUR HEAD QUARTERS WHEN YOU COME TO TOWN.

THE BANK OF SUMTER, SUMTER, S. C.

City and County Depository

Capital stock paid in, \$75,000 00
Undivided surplus, 16,000 00
Individual liability of stockholders in excess of their stock, 75,000 00

Transacts a general banking business; also has a Savings Bank Department. Deposits of \$1 and upward received. Interest allowed at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually.

W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, President.
MARION MOISE, Vice-President.
W. F. RHAME, Cashier.
Jan 13.

RELIEF CAME.

Mrs. E. C. COLYER of Salubriety, Ga., Aug. 8th, 1898, writes: Benedicta has certainly been a blessing to my sixteen year old daughter. She was in wretched health and had missed four months. Two bottles of Benedicta have entirely restored her health. The monthly periods have returned and are now painless and regular.

Do you suffer from Painful, Irregular or Suppressed Menstruation? Benedicta has cured many suffering women and will care you in the privacy of your home, without the necessity of physician's examinations. Its marvelous action on the distinctly female organs, heals and strengthens them so that the monthly periods may be regular and painless. Headache, Dizziness, Nervousness, that dragging sensation and those terrible pains in the back, hips and abdomen quickly disappear.

Sold by all Druggists or sent post-paid for \$1. A box of "Monthly" Regulating Pills to use in connection, is with each bottle.

LADIES BLUE BOOK sent free to any address. A sample box of "Monthly" Regulating Pills sent for 10c. in stamps. Address, Woman's Department, New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Mention this paper.

Sold by Hughson-Ligon Co.

Those Who Have Cash to Spend

Prepare to spend it now.

The following items of interest to all desiring new seasonable merchandise.

Hosiery.

20 doz black and tan Hose, plain and dwarf stitch 13c, 2 for 25c—elegant value.

20 dozen ladies black and tan hose—plain and drop stitch 22c—best value ever sold for the money

25 dozen ladies black Hose, balance of several lines some as high as 65c, none cheaper than 40c—all at 33c
Infants' socks, sizes 4 to 5 1/2, white, black and tan—17c, 3 for 50c

All other qualities of our infants and children's Hose, reduced for this sale

Handkerchiefs

Are surely needed these hot days. You can supply yourself from our stock and it won't cost much either.

20 doz embroidered and lace edge hdk's at 5c
15 doz white hemstitched handkerchiefs, a good one for the price—3 for 2c
20c white linen Handkerchiefs, 3 for 50c
25c " " " 3 for 65c
30c " " " 3 for 90c
See our embroidered Handkerchiefs at 9, 13, 18, 22, 29 and 34c.

INFANTS WHITE LAIN AND LACE CAPS—AT COST.

Children's white and tan duck hats at 25c. Balance of our 40c duck hats at 25c.

SPECIALS IN

Striped and White Plaid Lawns.

3 lots stripes and plaid at 7c, 8 1/2c, 11 1/2c—all new desirable goods—prices cut for this sale only.
1 piece 34-in white Pique 11c
See our specials in white Piques at 11, 19, 23 1/2, 27 1/2 and 33c

Percals, Etc.

All of our best Percals, light and dark colors, never sold for less than 12 1/2c—now 10c. Balance of our 8 and 10c Percals all at 7c. Small lot of fancy Lawns and Dimity, 10c and 12 1/2c quality to close them out 9c

15 pieces colored Lawns, all good patterns at 4c

The balance of our fancy Ducks and Piques, 10c and 12 1/2c qualities at 9c

Not much of our 15c Corsette left, you can have the balance at 11c

Four specials in Table Damask.

1 piece 64-in 3/4 bleached, all linen at 44c
1 piece 48-in 3/4 bleached, all linen at 69c
1 piece 60-in bleached, all linen at 52c
1 piece 72-in bleached, all linen at 89c
All our other Damasks reduced for this sale

Specials in Towels.

20 dozen all linen buck Towels 18 1/2 x 40 inches, grand value at 17c
A small lot only of Turkish Towels 22 x 48 inches—while the last, 21c
10 dozen all linen Damask Towels 22 x 45 elegantly fringed 25c, no more at this price after these are sold.

3 Soap Drives.

Ask to see our Eighth Wonder Soap, a fine tar soap, for this sale 4c cake
100 boxes Buttermilk Soap, 3 cakes to box, 9c box
75 boxes splendid Toilet Soap, 3 cakes to box, 14c box

Mattings

AT WAY BELOW VALUE PRICES.
3 pieces fancy Matting at 12 1/2c
5 pieces fancy Matting at 16 1/2c
5 pieces fancy Matting at 21c
3 pieces fancy Matting at 25c
Remnants of Matting less than cost.

BELTS.

All styles and sizes from 26-in. to 44-in—ranging in price from 15c to \$1.00

J. RYTENBERG & SONS.

Hammocks!

Hammocks, Hammocks, Hammocks.

WE HAVE A LOT OF SAMPLE HAMMOCKS

That we are offering at prices that cannot be duplicated from regular stock.

These Hammocks are first quality and big values. When this lot is sold no more can be had at same price.

The Hammocks season is at hand and every house needs one or more to render it comfortable. If you need one let us supply your wants.

Bats in variety at all prices.

Spalding and Reach Balls, \$1.00 Down.

Catchers' Mitts, Basemen Mitts, Fielder's Gloves,

From the best professional \$7.50 Mitt down to Boy's 25c Mitt.

H. G. Osteen & Co.,

Liberty Street.