

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.

Senator McLaurin will be fixed for life when he succeeds Judge Simon-ton, and he will be heard of no more as a factor in South Carolina politics. It will be just as well for the State, as his leaning toward McKinley's imperialism shows that he is not in accord with his constituents, and there are other men in the State who would more truly represent South Carolina in the senate.

The numerous aspirants for the governorship of Alabama are all delighted to have Gen. Wheeler go to the Philippines, for while he remained in this country there was danger that he might cast covetous eyes on the governorship himself.

The price of bottled stuff appears to be the determining factor as to whether it is or is not a beverage under the terms of the dispensary law. The opinion of Assistant Attorney General Gunter does not say that malt extract is a beverage nor does it declare it is not—it simply straddles the question and leaves it for the public to decide whether there are any folks fool enough to pay twenty-five cents a bottle for malt extract at a drug store when they can buy beer from the dispensary at ten cents a bottle or three for a quarter.

The severest criticism of the McKinley-Alger administration thus far made is that of the London Times, an impartial and conservative journal, that cannot be accused of partisan bias since it is an outsider and sees things as they appear from the point of view of a disinterested third party. What could be stronger or more severe than this, "Alger has run the war office as a political machine. Military posts have been bestowed upon political friends without regard to fitness or the interests of the country. Dishonesty and corruption have been rampant wherever there was public money to be handled. American soldiers were killed by thousands on American soil by such agencies as embalmed beef and scandalous neglect of elementary sanitation McKinley, for some reason or other, is incapable of ridding himself of the incubus of his secretary, who, evidently regarding himself as having the president in his pocket, serenely defies the public indignation that has been aroused by his mismanagement." And it is true, every word of it.

Gorman's presidential boomlet gains neither strength nor popularity with the lapse of time. Gorman may be made the nominee of the assistant republican gold bugs who masquerade under the name of democrats, but he is not and never can be the leader of the democratic hosts of the country who can neither be bought nor intimidated by the trusts and money power. The democrats will select their leader without the aid of the self-appointed bosses of the Gorman clique, and a clear cut fight will be made.

Steel Cars.

It is claimed that the pressed steel freight car is a demonstrated success and that its use is increasing very rapidly. A Pittsburg company, with a capital of \$25,000,000, is manufacturing cars of this kind, and has filled orders for \$14,000,000 worth of them. The factories of the company employ 6,000 men and are being run day and night.

An additional plant to employ 4,000 men will soon be completed. The cars of the new style are made of steel pressed into correct steel shapes, with proper regard for strength and utility, and it has been found that they add from 30 to 40 per cent to the carrying capacity of trains over the old style of wooden cars. The steel cars in use on the Baltimore and Ohio have a carrying capacity of from 95,000 to 100,000 pounds, and recent cars of this type secured by the Pennsylvania railroad will carry 110,000 pounds. The capacity of wooden cars is usually 60,000.

At the recent convention of master mechanics at Old Point Comfort the steel car was the subject of considerable discussion.—Atlanta Journal.

Climate and Crop Condition.

U. S. Department of Agriculture, South Carolina Section.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 25, 1899.

The week ending July 24th averaged about 3 degrees per day hotter than usual, with a weekly mean of temperature of 84 degrees, but the maximum temperature did not reach the extreme figure of the previous week. The nights were uniformly hot.

There were light, scattered showers on the 17th, and the two following dates, but at few points only was the rainfall heavy enough to break the drought. Charleston had 1.00 inch; Kingstree 1.05; and Summerville 3.13 inches; elsewhere the amounts were generally under half an inch, while over the greater portion of the State practically no rain fell. The drought has reached a serious stage. Crops of all kinds have deteriorated, and some, such as old corn, etc., are in places ruined. The prospects are reported to be "gloomy" and "appalling" in places. No amount of rainfall, correspondents say, would restore the failing crops to profitable yields. Water for stock is scarce, and in places cattle are reported dying. Light showers have fallen in portions of the state since most of the reports were received.

Cotton failed rapidly and drought has stopped growth, it is turning yellow as though maturing, and is shedding leaves and fruit. The plants are blooming from bottom to top. These are the prevailing conditions, but in spots cotton continues to do well. Sea island cotton, while generally in excellent condition, is blighting to a considerable extent.

Old corn is injured beyond recovery in many sections, and generally it is but a poor crop. Corn on bottom lands is very good. Fodder pulling has begun in the eastern counties.

Tobacco was severely injured in places by the drought and extreme heat; the leaves are sunburned, and the quality of the crop is reduced. Where timely rains fell, the crop is very fine. Curing is general.

Early rice is heading. The crop stands in need of rain, generally, and of water for flooding, where not laid by. Upland rice has suffered from heat and drought.

Comparatively few sweet potato slips have been set out. Stand of peas on stubble is dying in places. The commercial crop of melons about all shipped. Sugar cane, sorghum and millet not growing well. Pastures very soant. In the Charleston truck district, the weather conditions were favorable for preparing fields for autumn planting.

EXTRACTS FROM CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

Darlington—Society Hill: Excessive heat accompanied by drought has been disastrous to corn and tobacco; cotton has suffered less, but needs moisture to retain its fruit; minor crops need rain badly.—Maj J J Lucas.

Florence—Lynch: Light rain on the 17th, but not enough to do much good; all crops and gardens are nearly ruined; it seems that corn will be a failure; tobacco is badly sunburned; cotton has about stopped growing.—E J Smith.

Orangeburg—Bowman: Crops are suffering for rain generally, more than at any time this year; cotton is shedding forms and leaves badly in some fields; corn is about made when planted early, and this crop will be fairly good; sugar cane backward; early rice beginning to head; pastures failing some.—B O Evans.

Riobland—Congares: Cool, desiccating winds; hot sun and lack of moisture have well nigh ruined all growing crops; cotton fired and shedding; corn is not filling out well; farmers are discouraged and the outlook is appalling.—J F Smith.

Pickens—Loopers: We have no rain yet, and our crops are about gone; cotton bloomed to the top, is shedding its leaves and is drying up; late planted corn is tasseling and is not shooting, and cannot make over half a crop from appearances at this time.—W N Hughes.

Kershaw—Tiller's Ferry: All crops still suffering from drought; cotton last of all to fail, is shedding badly and turning yellow; sorghum heading low; potatoes do not grow at all; early peas bearing a half crop.—J W Gardner.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for years and always with good results," says Mr. W. B. Cooper of El Rio, Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective." For sale by Dr. A. J. China.

Alger's Big Bluff.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION A SURPRISE.

Washington, July 24.—The unsuccessful bluffer is spoken of as a duffer by sports. Well, Alger is an unsuccessful political bluffer, and the result will be his retirement from public life on August 1. Somehow this bluffing phase of the question has been overlooked. But a close friend of Alger's is responsible for the statement that Alger's resignation was handed to Mr. McKinley as a big bluff, with the expectation that he would decline it in a nice little note that Alger could have published to refute the charge that he was remaining in the cabinet against Mr. McKinley's wishes, and that Alger was the most surprised man in Washington when he received Mr. McKinley's note accepting his resignation to take effect August 1. The same man says that Alger is very mad, although pretending to be greatly pleased, and that he may toss a few bombshells administrationward after he drops official harness, and that their explosion will not make pleasant music for Mr. McKinley. If the new secretary of war—Mr. Root—is merely to look after the legal questions connected with our military occupation of Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, leaving military affairs to be controlled by Meikeljohn and Corbin, and that is the present understanding, Algerism isn't likely to depart with Alger.

Unless Mr. Elihu Root, of New York, can persuade Mr. McKinley to shake up the war department clique and to give Gen. Miles the say that properly belongs to him as commanding general of the army, in all strictly military matters, he will live to regret the day he so eagerly accepted the war portfolio to perform duties properly belonging to the attorney general, after two members of the cabinet, fully conversant with the situation, had declined to do so, and to stand before the country as a figure head responsible for the conduct of the war department.

Perhaps it was a fellow feeling that caused "Corporal" Tanner, who was kicked out of the pension bureau by Harrison, after a few months service as commissioner, to rush into print with fulsome praise of Alger and Algerism. Whatever it was, it was creditable to Tanner's heart, if not to his sense of thrift, to stand up for the under dog, in this fracas, because he liked him personally, although he knew when he did it that it was likely to lessen his own pull on the administration.

Mr. M. L. Lockwood, of Pennsylvania, president of the Anti-Trust league, which although a non-partisan organization, purposes to take an important part in the presidential campaign, is a strong Bryan democrat, and he says of the sentiment of Pennsylvania democrats: "I am in touch with the true democrats of Pennsylvania, and it is safe to say that 95 per cent of them are loyal to Bryan and the principles of the Chicago platform. The real democracy of the State and of all other states must be on the alert, for if the tricksters get one vote more than one third of all the members of the national convention, they will accomplish their end, which is the defeat of Bryan. The monopolistic and trust interests will bend all their energies to defeat his nomination because they recognize that no human power can prevent his victory at the polls, if he be again declared the nominee of the democratic party."

The statement that Hon. W. C. Whitney, whose shrewd manipulation procured the last nomination of Mr. Cleveland, in spite of the seemingly invincible obstacles, had gone to Europe for the purpose of trying to persuade Admiral Dewey to allow his name to go before the next Democratic convention as a candidate for the presidential nomination, while interesting, was not regarded in Washington as of any particular importance. Mr. Whitney has been hunting for sometime for anybody to beat Bryan, and has sounded a number of men as to their willingness to contest the nomination with Col. Bryan. Nobody with the slightest political knowledge has shown any disposition to try to do the impossible, and it is among the possibilities that Mr. Whitney, banking upon Admiral Dewey's ignorance of politics and existing political conditions, may intercept him somewhere in Europe and try to persuade him to attempt it. Those who know him best say that Admiral Dewey never changes his mind after having once decided a question, and that he will give Mr. Whitney the same answer he has already given to others to the same question.

Gen. Carlos Garcia, son of the late Gen. Calixto Garcia, is in Washington as a representative of the Cuban Republican league, which advocates complete political independence of Cuba. He asked Mr. McKinley for authority to hold election for municipal offices, throughout Cuba, in order to demonstrate the ability of the Cubans to govern themselves. Mr. McKinley did not give him a decided answer, but it had been previously said by officials that no elections would be held in Cuba until a census of those entitled to vote had been taken.

Nitro-Glycerine Used in Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, July 24.—Rioting broke out afresh here tonight and a second attempt to wreck a car was made. A Pearl street car, speeding south near Holmden avenue, carrying beside the motorman and conductor a guard, successfully ran a gauntlet of missiles thrown from the roofs of houses, only to run into a can of nitro glycerine which exploded with terrific force. The rear platform was thrown off and the flooring wrenched from its fastenings. The crew was not injured, but emerged from the shattered ruin with their pistols drawn and began firing at what they thought was a couple of men crouching as if to hide themselves behind a small bill board. The explosion was the signal for renewing the attack from the house tops and alleys. Troop A, hurrying on horseback to the scene, was bombarded with giant firecrackers. One of these exploded with such force that the mount of one of the troopers was knocked over. In his fall he carried with them two other horses and their riders. Several arrests were made. Pistol shots were frequently heard, and one man was slightly wounded in the arm, it is said. Up to a late hour reports more or less vague of blockades and shooting floated about town but failed of confirmation.

Strikers and their families held a mass meeting in Newburgh, a suburb of Cleveland tonight during which the men were urged to persevere in their fight against the Big Consolidated.

W. J. Jones, a prominent farmer of Talston, Ga., was fatally shot on Saturday night by his 17 year old son whom he attempted to whip.

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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: Women's Department, New Spencer Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn. Mention this paper.

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SHERIFF'S SALES.

BY VIRTUE of sundry executions to me directed, I will offer for sale at Public Auction, in front of the Court House in the City of Sumter, on the first Monday in AUGUST, next, and as many days thereafter as may be necessary, within the legal hours of sale, the following property:

One lot in the city of Sumter, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, bounded by lands of Dr. Auld, Mrs. Monaghan and by Manning Avenue of said city, levied upon and to be sold as the property of James Manigault at the suit of the State for taxes.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Springhill Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 25 acres more or less and bounded on the north by lands of G. W. Murray, south and west by lands of Horace Barby, east by lands of J. E. Rembert and C. L. Williamson, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Nora Butler at the suit of the State for taxes.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Springhill Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 10 acres more or less and bounded north by lands of Lydia Jefferson, south by lands of Annie China, east by lands of Miss Ellen P. Gaillard and west by lands of Mrs. Neill O'Donnell, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Jimmie Deas at the suit of the State for taxes.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Mayesville Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing three acres more or less and bounded by lands of Eugene McCutchen, J. E. Mayes, trustee, and Smart Wilson, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Brunson and Wilson at the suit of the State for taxes.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Springhill Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 18 acres more or less and bounded by lands of Ransom Dick, Dandy Simmons, R. C. McFadden and others, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Jace Burch at the suit of the State for taxes.

All that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in Springhill Township, Sumter County, State of South Carolina, containing 15 acres more or less and bounded by lands of Ransom Dick, Dandy Simmons, R. C. McFadden and others, levied upon and to be sold as the property of Jace Burch at the suit of the State for taxes.

One red cow levied upon and to be sold as the property of Robert M. James at the suit of the State for taxes.

B. G. PIERSON, Sheriff Sumter County.

For Rent—From September 1st. DR. W. B. ALFORD, DENTAL SURGEON. SUMTER, S. C. THE STORE on Main Street, occupied by W. B. Burns. One of the best stands in the city. D. JAS. WINN. July 12—1f