

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11, 1899.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1850 and the *True Southron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southron* now has its combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

As Mr. Douthit refuses to get out of the Dispensary, people who do not like to guzzle one X liquor will have to quit drinking as a means of self protection. Under Mr. Douthit's administration labels have become a delusion and a snare to entrap the unwary.

There is undoubtedly more or less politics mixed up with the Dispensary scandal, but a deal more of corruption and rascality. The great moral institution has always been a corrupt mixture of politics, mean liquor and official rascality.

Charlotte has raised the requisite amount for the erection of her fourteenth cotton factory.

Judge Klugh complimented the Grand Jury highly on the presentment made last Thursday and commended the body for the fearless, painstaking and intelligent manner in which the duty incumbent upon it had been discharged. The praise was well bestowed and the members of the Grand Jury deserve even greater commendation from the taxpayers and all good citizens of the county.

The matter of most vital importance mentioned in the presentment is the practice sanctioned by many years continuance, of using the funds of one school district to pay the claims of another that has no money to its credit. There is nothing criminally wrong in the practice, and one School Commissioner has done as his predecessor did in this respect until the custom has become recognized and accepted as a rule of the office. It is, however, none the less illegal, and now that the Grand Jury has called attention to it, a stop should be put to the practice forthwith. It is unjust for the people of one school district to be deprived of the use of their own money, when they need and call for it to support the schools in their district. The practice encourages extravagance and carelessness, and discourages the trustees who endeavor to manage the districts carefully and economically. If one school district accumulates money it should be kept in the treasury subject to the check of the trustees and it should never be "unavailable." There is no more reason for paying the checks of one set of trustees out of the money to the credit of another set, than for a bank to pay the checks of a man who has exhausted his deposit out of the money to the credit of another depositor. The position of the Grand Jury in this matter is well taken and the County Superintendent of Education should discontinue approving and ordering paid checks of trustees who have exhausted the funds to their credit. We are advised by a member of the bar that the practice is illegal and the County Superintendent of Education is responsible to the trustees for every dollar thus paid out, and that the trustees have the right to enter suit for the recovery of funds that should be, but are not, in the county treasury to their credit.

In the matter of the apparent shortage in the office of the County Superintendent of Education great obscurity exists, and the recommendation that an expert be employed is wisely made. The discrepancy was discovered by Supt. Rembert as soon as he took charge of the office and checked over the books. He called the attention of his predecessor, Mr. W. J. DeRant, to the matter at once, and was informed by him that the discrepancy existed when he went into office. Supt. Rembert reported the matter to the State Superintendent of Education and when the committee of the grand jury commenced the examination of the books of his office their attention was also directed to the matter.

A thorough examination of the books is necessary and it should be made at once by an expert.

The report concerning the malfeasance in office of Magistrate Barrett speaks for itself, and as it is a matter that will go into the courts, comments are not in order at this stage of the proceedings.

Must Beer Dispensers Go?

Question Whether They Can be Dismissed by the State Board.

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 9.—Beer dispensers are elected by the county boards the same as ordinary dispensers. The law contemplates that county dispensers be removed by the county board and not by the State board and it may be that the State board is altogether without authority to remove them. County dispensers, beer or otherwise, are elected for a year and it may be that they are not to be removed except for cause.

The Richland county board has been instructed to fire two dispensers here and the county board today asks the attorney general:

"Our county board recognizes it as their duty to discharge all unfit persons from the dispensary service in this county and to obey all orders of the State board of control, and would ask if complaints against these dispensers should not be put before our board with specific charges and if we can without stated cause carry out these instructions with impunity, and if so, should we continue these bonded men in office until suitable men are duly qualified to take charge, or close the places until their successors are properly qualified?"

WILL BE HOT STUFF.

Mr. Ouzts Will Make Sensational Revelations.

Mr. D. A. G. Ouzts was asked by a reporter today whether he had any statement for the public he wished published. He said that he was preparing one and that it would be long, but until he gave it to the press he declined intimating even what its contents will be. Mr. Ouzts promises some hot stuff, served up from data and a memory which has stored up many things. Possibly another sensation is in store.—Columbia Record, Oct. 9.

FOR THE STATE FAIR.

The executive committee of the Columbia fair association met Saturday night. The finance committee made a report which was satisfactory considering the short time the members have been working. The attractions designed will require a considerable sum, and all business men are expected to be liberal in their subscriptions.

The committee was met by some gentlemen who said they proposed to negotiate with Paine for an exhibition of fireworks. It is understood that these negotiations are satisfactorily progressing. The committee decided to arrange all of its attractions so as not to interfere with the pyrotechnic exhibition.

The Lowry Press.

The Lowry press has been before the public for some time and no small effort has been made to bring it into general use. One was used here for a while, but it did not give satisfaction and was put aside.

No matter what the merits of this press may be, we would be glad to see it fail it everywhere, as long as the methods to introduce it are pursued. Where you are not allowed to own and use a thing, but must pay a royalty on the use of it, then it is better to let that thing alone. Paying royalties on the use of a cotton press is another shrewd, cold, calculating scheme to grind the farmer, and we hope that the farmers and those who are interested in the welfare of the farmers will never consent to patronize any company who make or handle a machine which is worth so much to them in royalties or rentals that they cannot afford to sell it and allow those who use it to own it.

Greenwood Journal.

The Short Cotton Crop.

We are in receipt of the subjoined letter which was accompanied by copies of several thousand telegrams from banks, merchants, farmers and cotton buyers in every cotton producing county in the south. The statements made in the letter are based upon the most accurate information that could be obtained, and after reading the letter and telegrams we are more fully convinced than ever before that the cotton crop is very short and that Neill's estimate was nothing more than a trick to depress the price of cotton in the interest of the speculators:

New York, Oct. 4, 1899.

Editor *Sumter Daily Item*: We enclose you herewith reprints of telegrams recently received by us in response to inquiries made from parties whose signatures are appended, as to the condition of the cotton crop.

It is our earnest conviction that a strenuous and improper effort has been this season made by a clique of bear operators in New Orleans, to mislead the world in regard to the cotton crop, and thus put the Southern cotton producer at a disadvantage. The facts, however, are beginning to assert themselves. The information we submit comes from a class of men who are presumably better informed and more worthy of confidence than any single individual may be, however great his prescience, to say nothing of his speculative interest in lower prices, and we believe that the interests of your constituency, especially of the cotton trade at large will be well served by giving all possible publicity to this information. We send it to you in the hope that you may find opportunity, perhaps, to reprint a portion of it in your paper.

Yours very truly,
Price, McCormick & Co.

The railroads have grown into tremendous dimensions. The capital stock is \$11,000,000,000. The dividends aggregated \$96,000,000, or 5.28 percent, on the stock that paid. But two-thirds of the roads made no dividends. There were 500,000,000 of passengers carried in 1898. Of these 221 were killed and 22,000 injured. The men employed were 875,000. Of these 1,958 were killed and 32,000 injured, more than in any battle in Europe in a half century perhaps. One man in every 447 was killed—heavy loss. One in every 28 was injured—terrific. Cannot something be done to prevent such great casualties? The roads paid \$500,000,000 in salaries—an average of \$570 a year, or some \$11 a week.

We have been asked why cotton does not bring as good a price in Camden as it does in Kershaw, Sumter and Bishopville. A comparison with the Sumter quotations, shows this market to be fully equal to that place. We do not know the price being paid for it in the other places, but we can see no reason why Camden cannot pay as good prices as either of the places named. Camden's cotton buyers are all good men, and we hope for the good of the community, that they will do all they can to help Camden to hold her reputation as the best cotton market in middle Carolina. Before accepting these statements, a fair comparison of prices is necessary.—Columbia Messenger.

Sure Harbinger of War.

There's one sign of war that never fails. When the great American male gets in motion the fighting is bound to begin. As long as he is allowed to roam the broad prairie in unbridled freedom there is hope for peace, but the moment he is harried and put into harness we know that the incarnate fiend of sanguinary strife are to be let loose. The news that England has closed her New Orleans options and that thousands of mules are going aboard the transports at the Crescent City dissipates the last hope that Om Paul and Johnny Ball will be able to smooth the wrinkled front of their controversy.—Baltimore Herald.

Twenty Years Proof.

Tutt's Liver Pills keep the bowels in natural motion and cleanse the system of all impurities. An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation and kindred diseases.

"Can't do without them" R. P. Smith, Chilesburg, Va. writes I don't know how I could do without them. I have had Liver disease for over twenty years. Am now entirely cured.

Tutt's Liver Pills

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By T. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, GEORGE M. STUCKEY, made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Miss Mattie M. Stuckey, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said MISS MATTIE M. STUCKEY, late of said County and State, deceased that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, S. C., on October 18th, 1899, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand this 4th day of October, A. D. 1899.

THOS V WALSH,
Judge of Probate.

Oct 4-21

Walsh's Shoe Store

Again in "full blast,"

NEW SHOES ARRIVING EVERY WEEK FROM HEADQUARTERS

All shoes that were on shelves August 1st sold regardless of what they cost.

Walsh's Shoe Store

Under City Clock.

Sep 27-v

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

OFFICE OF

COUNTY TREASURER SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 29, 1899.

NOTICE is hereby given that I will be in my office in the County Court House at Sumter from October 15th to December 31st, 1899, inclusive, for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1899. The levy is as follows:

For State purposes,	5 mills.
For County purposes,	3 1/2 mills.
For School purposes,	3 mills.
Total levy,	11 1/2 mills.
Also the following special school levies:	
School District No. 1,	2 mills.
School District No. 16,	2 mills.
School District No. 18,	2 mills.
School District No. 2,	3 mills.
St. Cho,	2 mills.
Concord,	2 mills.
Privateer,	2 mills.
No. 5,	1 mill.
No. 17,	1 mill.
Commutation Road Tax for 1900 is also payable at the same time.	

H. L. SCARBOROUGH,
Treasurer Sumter Co.

Oct 4

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

THE REGULAR MONTHLY COMMUNICATION of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held on Thursday Evening, October 12, at 7:30 p. m. Brethren will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

B. J. RHAME, W. M.

Attest—P. C. MOSS, Sec.

RELIEF CAME.

Mrs. E. C. COLYER of Salubry, 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 cure you in the privacy of your home, without the necessity of physician's examinations. Its marvelous action on the distended female organs, brings them to their normal condition, and restores the monthly periods to their regular and painless flow. Headache, Dizziness, Nervousness, that charging sensation and those terrible pains in the back, hips and abdomen quickly disappear.

BENEDICTA PLANTERS OR FEMALE REGULATOR

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.

Sold by Higson-Ligon Co.

After Dewey What?

7 1/2 CENTS COTTON.

This is Healthy and Profitable.

Our ambition and determination are to expand our business and to enable you to expand yours, by meeting and beating our strongest competitors in the

Dry Goods and Shoe Trade.

The battle is ours—the benefits can be yours if you will only grasp this opportunity, and make your purchases at the store of *The Sumter Dry Goods Co.*

Our goods are still at 4 and 5 cents cotton prices. We want your business, and if you will give us a chance we will have it if prices are anything these good times.

Very Truly Yours,

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.

PROPRIETORS OF

Sumter's Leading Dressmaking Establishment

—AND—

Regulators of Prices for this Section of the State.

Oct 11

THE HORSES AND MULES

Which arrived in our 1st load are partly sold out, and we will soon be after another.

Scan this paper for notice of arrival.

The usual line of Buggies, Carriages, Surreys, one and two-horse Wagons, Hay, Grain, Lime, &c, on hand.

H. HARBY.

Sumter, S. C., Oct. 9, 1899.

MOVED UP

L. B. DURANT

Has moved his stock of

Hardware, Stoves, Cutlery, Crockery, &c.,

Into the large store next to First National Bank, lately occupied by the Ducker & Bultman Company.

And is now better prepared with a larger stock than ever, to supply the public with everything in his line. Especial attention is directed to the very large line of

Stoves and Stove Fixtures.

Both cooking and heating, and also to our large line of

CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, WINDOW GLASS, PAINTS, OILS.

Our regular lines of Hardware, Tools, Cutlery, Guns, Ammunition, Harness, Saddlery, Housefurnishing Goods, &c., will be found larger and more complete. We also carry Engine and Mill Supplies. Remember, all our stoves are warranted. Call and see us. Very respectfully,

L. B. DURANT.

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