

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9, 1900.

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

If McKinley and Hay keep on monkeying with expansion and trying to ape John Bull they will stir up all the animosity in the menagerie, and the American people will have the music to face.

The floods are playing havoc with the early planted crops in Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, but this will not be a circumstance to what the bulls and bears will do to the Southern farmers if they go ahead and make a twelve million bale cotton crop. There is still plenty of time for a cotton crop to be planted in the now flooded districts of the southwest.

Charleston has succeeded in raising ninety of the proposed quarter of a million capital stock of the exposition. The rich men will have to go down into their pockets if the exposition is to be made a success. A few rich men and the men of moderate means and the employes of the big firms and corporations cannot bear all of the burden. A city with the wealth of Charleston should subscribe for the capital stock of a \$250,000 exposition company the day the books are opened. Enough has been said to convince all the doubting Thomases that the exposition will be the greatest thing for Charleston that was ever projected and that should be sufficient to loosen the purse strings of the business men, property owners and capitalists. What is a quarter of a million when the very commercial life, not to say the future prosperity of a city, is at stake?

No man should be elected to the legislature this year unless he clearly defines his position on the question of selling the State farms and use of convicts on the public roads. The State farms are neither necessary to the well being of the State nor profitable. This method of utilizing the convicts has been given a full and fair, as well as expensive trial, and in our opinion the result has been far from satisfactory. A good system of public roads is essential to the well being and future prosperity of the State, and no better use could possibly be made of the convicts than to put them to building roads. The farms in this and Kershaw counties can be sold at any time for a sufficient sum to build a reformatory for youthful criminals on the Lexington farm or some other suitable place, if that is not a desirable location for a reformatory, and to our mind the State would be far better off without the farms and with a reformatory than at the present time with the farms. This is a much more important and vital issue than that of who shall be elected governor or United States senator, and if the voters are wise and alive to their own interests they will not let it be overshadowed or lost sight of in the hurly burly of the campaign, where anxiety of the candidates to get a gas pipe cinch on fat offices is the paramount and absorbing motive. Of late years the individual hunger for office and the petty personalities of the campaign circles have forced the questions of real importance to take a back seat. We have little hope of better things insofar as the State campaign is concerned, for the signs all point to the same old scramble, but we are sanguine that the county campaigns will be cast on a different plane and that the candidates for the legislature will be required to discuss issues and to declare their position on certain well defined questions that are of importance at this time.

It has been stated that there is to be made an attempt to have the State Executive Committee rule the prohibition candidates out of the democratic primary. The report may have no foundation in fact, but it shows at least that the wish to do so is entertained by some person or faction. However this may be, it is a matter of interest even as a hypothetical case, for should the State Executive Committee take action along the lines indicated in the report, the democratic party, as at present constituted in this State, would be rent in twain and there would be two instead of one white man's party in South Carolina. The prohibitionists are a large and influential body in the democracy of the State and to rule out of

the primary any candidate or candidates who may be prohibitionists would be an injustice that they would not submit to. The executive committee might as well on its own responsibility formulate a party creed for the State and then adopt one iron clad rule that no candidate should be recognized in the primary unless he shall first subscribe to every article in this machine made creed. We have never been a strong believer in this business of "suggesting" candidates, but this method is not as objectionable as would be the action of the executive committee in ruling out of the primary democrats who happen to be prohibitionist when it comes to dealing with the liquor evil. A man has as good a right to be a prohibitionist as another has to be a dispensary, or an out and out whiskey man, and if those who think as either of the three see fit to agree among themselves to vote for certain candidates the State Executive Committee has neither the right nor the power to rule any of the candidates out of the primary. This was the ground taken by the dominant element in 1890 after the March convention had made "suggestions" and as that precedent has since held good, why should the dominant element desire to take another tack on the prohibitionists, who aided the dominant element to establish that great moral institution, the dispensary? It seems to us that with the 1890 precedents unrepudiated by the dominant element the prohibitionists may suggest their candidates and take them into the democratic primary and win, if they can muster sufficient votes.

A GOSPEL OF COTTON SEED.

Mr Edwin Lehman Johnson of Fort Hill, S. C., "a specialist in cotton seed," is publishing a series of articles in pocket-pamphlet form which he has named and copyrighted as "Queen Cotton Seed Tracts." They are intended, to use Mr Johnson's words, "for purchase and distribution to farmers by cotton mills, oil mills, fertilizer factories, bankers, merchants, cattle dealers, railroad companies or anyone who is able and farsighted enough to invest a few dollars in building up the country about him," and to show how \$200,000,000 of values are lost on every crop of cotton seed, and how the persons and corporations indicated can by working together save this enormous sum annually for their section. Three of these tracts have been issued and a fourth is in preparation.

Mr Johnson, who has contributed suggestive articles to the State on this subject, is perhaps the closest southern student of the cotton seed, and, as his writings show is an enthusiast in his work. He has spent several years at and near Clemson college where he has had excellent opportunities for pursuing his studies and applying the results of experimentation; and as time passes he grows more and more confident that in the proper employment of cotton seed is to be found means sufficient to regenerate southern farming and enrich this great section. He is a lucid and forceful writer, has a talent for apt illustration, and a great deal of good is to be anticipated from his researches and arguments.

Were it not that these cotton seed tracts of his are copyrighted, we would be tempted to quote freely from them, but their cost is so small as to place them within the means of everybody. We shall do our part when we show where they are to be had and what their purpose is. Mr Johnson's teaching is that "cattle is the one thing needed in the south to give symmetry, completeness and profit to all the industries connected with the cotton plant," and he is the prophet of "the modern system of intensive cattle raising which is going to work an entire revolution in southern agriculture"—to wit, feeding the cattle on cotton seed meal and feeding their fertilizing product to our worn out soils. We are given leave to print the opinion of a disinterested expert on this subject, a letter to Mr Johnson from the director of the University of Wisconsin's agricultural experiment station.

University of Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station. Madison, Wis. March 29, 1900. Edwin Lehman Johnson, Fort Hill, S. C.

Dear Sir: I have read your two cotton seed tracts with the keenest interest and am delighted with your pungent presentation of a subject of such vast importance to the people of the south. Why cannot your people

make use of the wonderful opportunities which nature has spread all about them in such profusion? To day, March 29th, as I write this communication, the ground is frozen and it is snowing here in southern Wisconsin. Our cattle must be kept in the yard and stable for a month and a half yet before we can turn them out to pasture.

In spite of inclement weather and a long winter, dairying is a great industry with us. Last year the milk, cream, butter and cheese products of Wisconsin brought to our dairymen between \$30,000,000 and \$35,000,000, these figures not including the returns from the cows and calves sold and the enormous output of pork made possible through the feeding of skim milk, buttermilk and whey. Our farmers in the southern part of the State have fed a little of the cotton seed meal produced in the south and would be feeding enormous quantities of it were it not for the fact that we are located close to the great flouring mills of the northwest, which furnish us bran and middlings by the tens and thousands of cars. Has nature done too much for your people, or what is the explanation for their slowness in utilizing the seed of the cotton plant as they should? Keep on with your work of waking them up.

Yours very respectfully, W. E. Henry, Dean and Director.

What is the explanation? We don't know, unless it is that from long industrial association with the negro, the southern farmer has fallen into the negro's habit of blind and satisfied conservatism—a sort of fatalism that forbids experiment and blights all progress, that moves in the old ruts with the mute patience of the mule and clings to traditional ways with the stubborn loyalty of the Guilan. It is but slowly and painfully that the agricultural habit of the south changes; yet it is beginning to change—there's hope in that. The great inert interior mass is fixed as yet, but the edges are moving at last, and the movement is quickening. Perhaps the farming interests of the south may henceforth change for the better more in one year than they used to do in five. We hope so; we hope that thinkers and experimenters and writers like Mr Johnson may soon come to be as heeded in South Carolina as they are appreciated in Wisconsin. In this hope we have written.—The State

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PUBLIC NOTICE.

IT HAS come to the attention of the County Board of Commissioners that persons cultivating land adjacent to the public highways have, at different places in the county, plowed into the highway, to the great annoyance and hindrance of the traveling public. The board has considered the matter and deems it its duty to notify and warn all persons not to obstruct or in any manner to plow up or interfere with the public highways of the county. For the information of the public the following section of the road law is published: "The road bed shall be not less than sixteen nor more than twenty feet wide, exclusive of side ditches, roots and other obstructions, unless otherwise ordered by the County Board of Commissioners." Overseers of roads are requested to give publicity to and enforce said notice and warning. By order of the board. TEOS V. WALSH, Clerk. May 9-2t

MASTER'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County in the State of South Carolina, in the case of Mary M. B. and against Marion Moise (substituted for James W. Phillips, George E. Phillips, Mary M. Wilson and Theodocia E. Dennis); Mary L. Parrell and William B. Phillips, Jr., (an infant under the age of 14 years) heirs at law and distributees of W. B. Phillips, deceased; Raveol S. Bradwell as Administrator of the Estate of W. B. Phillips, deceased; James Thornwell, Silas Hickson, G. P. Rueb and Hampton Parrell; I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the Court House in the city of Sumter in said county and State, on Saturday in June, 1900, being the fourth day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit: "All that certain tract of land measuring three hundred and ten acres more or less, situate, lying and being in the county of Sumter, State of South Carolina and is bounded on the north by lands of E. J. Wilson; on the east by lands of E. J. Goodman and J. L. Keels; on the south by lands of Jacob Keels, and west by lands of Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, and lies wholly in township 34 north of the county aforesaid."

Terms of sale one-half cash and balance in one year secured by bond and mortgage of purchaser. In which shall be provided for counsel's fees in case same has to be collected by suit, purchaser to have the option of paying all cash. H. FRANK WILSON, Master for Sumter County. May 9, 1900.

Doctors Say; Bilious and Intermittent Fevers which prevail in miasmatic districts are invariably accompanied by derangements of the Stomach Liver and Bowels. **The Secret of Health.** The liver is the great "driving wheel" in the mechanism of man, and when it is out of order, the whole system becomes deranged and disease is the result. **Tutt's Liver Pills** Cure all Liver Troubles.

CANDIDATES. FOR SOLICITOR. I am a candidate for reelection to the office of Solicitor, and again solicit the support of the third circuit, subject to the rules of the Democratic primaries. May 4. JOHN S. WILSON.

FOR HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. THOS. G. McLEOD

FOR CONGRESS. EON J. Wm. STOKES is hereby announced as a candidate for re-election to Congress in the Seventh district, subject to the Democratic primary.

FOR SHERIFF. Believing E. T. WINDHAM to be a suitable man for Sheriff of Sumter county, we hereby announce him a candidate for the office, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. May 9*

The friends of Deputy Sheriff JAMES E. GALLARD take pleasure in nominating him for Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary. His long and efficient service as Deputy Sheriff, his faithful discharge of every duty devolving upon him and his thorough familiarity with every detail necessary to the proper administration of the sheriff's office qualify him for the position.

The friends of HARRY W. SCARBOROUGH would respectfully present his name to the Democratic voters of Sumter county at the approaching primary as being a suitable man for Sheriff of Sumter county, feeling assured that he will be acceptable to the entire people.

The voters of Sumter county are asked to support for sheriff William H. Epperson, a true and tried Democrat, a man who was a gallant Confederate soldier and served four years in the ranks. He is competent and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office if elected. COMRADES.

CLERK OF COURT. Gentlemen: I want to be elected to the office of Clerk of the Court for Sumter County. No one has asked me to be a candidate (I guess they just didn't think of it). I trust, however, you will not forget me at the Democratic primary election, which will settle the question, who shall be clerk? as far as I am concerned. Hoping to be yours at the primary, I am Very respectfully, J. W. DENNIS.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR. I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of County Supervisor of Sumter County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, and pledge myself to support the nominees of the Democratic party. MARION DORN.

Mr. FREN MELETT is nominated for County Supervisor, subject to the result of the Democratic primary. He is a competent man for the position, a Democrat who deserves the support of the party, and if he is elected will render faithful and valuable services. DEMOCRAT.

To my friends who so nobly supported me before and the public generally: I wish to announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, promising to stand by the action of the Democratic primary. Respectfully, W. H. SEALE. Mcb 10*

FOR CO. SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION. Believing that the acquaintance of the present incumbent, J. EDWIN REMBERT, with the duties of the office, the various teachers, trustees and needs of the several communities of the county qualify him for the office of County Superintendent of Education, and that he is heartily interested in the duties thereof, we nominate him for reelection, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. MANY VOTERS.

FOR CORONER. Mr. Editor: You will please announce SAMUEL F. FLOWERS a candidate for Coroner for Sumter County and oblige HIS FRIENDS.

Mr. A. D. MOSES, who has so efficiently filled the position of Coroner during the past four years, is hereby nominated for reelection, subject to the Democratic primary. He will receive the hearty support of MANY VOTERS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Sumter County subject to the result of the Democratic primary. I am acquainted with the duties of the office and if elected will faithfully and efficiently perform them. The support and influence of the Democrats of the county is solicited and will be appreciated. Respectfully, THOMAS M. JONES.

NOTICE TO TEACHERS. In Compliance with instructions of State Supt. of Education every teacher, white and black, in Sumter County is requested to send me a list of books of each kind (giving name and author) owned by children in their school. J. EDWIN REMBERT, Co. Supt. Ed. Apr 10

The Position OF RESIDENT MANAGER OF THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY for Sumter and vicinity, is open to a man of character and ability. A favorable contract, carrying renewals, will be given to the right man. W. J. RODDEY, Manager. Apr 25 Rock Hill, S. C.

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The weather of the past few days would indicate the near approach of Summer, and the consequent necessity of providing one's self with appropriate wearing apparel. In looking around for your wants in this line, do not fail to give us a call for we feel assured we can supply a liberal percentage of your needs. Our line of

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Already our stock is badly broken in some lines which we hope soon to replenish. There has been a great deal said about the advance in prices of Dry Goods, but we see no justification for this, except in domestic goods, such as bleached, brown and plaid homespuns, that are directly affected by the price of cotton, the advance is not apparent. We are still selling

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