

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.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

It is not necessary for us to send a statement to each individual subscriber who is indebted to us for subscription, as the label shows the time to which each one has paid. Examine the label on your paper and if you are in arrears please call and settle at your earliest convenience. If it is not convenient to call in person send the money by bank draft, registered letter or post office or express money order.

The amount due by each one is small, but the aggregate amount due is large, and this is the reason that we expect our subscribers to make settlements. We have carried some of these subscription accounts over from year to year as an accommodation to our subscribers, but we cannot do so longer as there is now no excuse for non payment with cotton selling for ten cents and over.

The Penitentiary made considerable money on the State farms the past year, and this will be the great argument against selling the farms and putting the convicts to work on the public roads. There are, however, good and sufficient reasons, in our opinion, for the retirement of the State from farming, and the single fact that it has at last been made a profitable business should not counterbalance the arguments in favor of the sale of the farms.

The South hating Republican members of congress who are so much in love with the negro that they are willing that they be disfranchised provided the representation of the Southern States be reduced, should either come south and stay long enough to thoroughly understand the conditions that exist, or should accept the statements of those who do understand the conditions that render necessary the disfranchisement of the ignorant and irresponsible negroes. They utterly ignore the fact that no educated negro is disfranchised, and their speeches in congress would lead an uninformed person to believe that the negro has been disfranchised as a race and for no other reason than that he is a negro. The effort that is being made to reduce the South's representation is unmistakably an outcropping of the ingrained hate of the South still prevalent in certain sections of the North, and the restriction of the suffrage in the South is used simply as a club to strike the section that the radicals hate.

The Republican party as managed by Hanna, McKinley & Co., is the greatest rogues' protective league conceived. The way that McKinley protects the Cuban postal thieves and covers up their rascality is a positive invitation to rascally officials to help themselves.

The new century has dawned, but Sumter is still without a passenger depot commensurate with the size of the city or the volume of passenger traffic that originates here. Let us hope that the inhabitants of Sumter one hundred years hence will not find themselves in the same fix.

Active efforts should begin at once to collect and prepare the Sumter county exhibit for the Charleston Exposition. The county that is not represented by a first class exhibit at the exposition will miss the greatest opportunity for a profitable advertisement that has ever been within reach.

The W. T. G. U. tackled a bigger proposition than the liquor evil when they undertook to put a stop to the practice of kissing.

Senator Hanna's ship subsidy bill has been side tracked by the army bill, and this is but one indication of the powerful influence that the spirit of militarism and imperialism has developed already. Hanna is the most influential man in the republican party, but the army influence is greater than Hanna. It will be seen that the larger the army is made the greater power it will exert in and out of congress.

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# 25 per Cent. Discount Sale.

Just a few words by way of explanation, so that the people may understand the full meaning of our Clearance Sales: **Twice in each year, January and July, we hold these Clearance Sales for the purpose of closing out the season's stock**

If we carry our heavy-weight Suits and Overcoats over to next Fall, we will probably have to sell them at a loss *then*, how much better it is to take our loss *now*—to get the money out of the goods and invest it in new goods, to keep our stock clean and fresh; so until FEBRUARY the 1st, we will offer a uniform

## Discount of One-fourth off

On all Men's, Boys' and Children's Winter Suits, Overcoats, Trousers and Woollen Underwear.

- This means a \$20 Suit or Overcoat for \$15 00
- This means a \$15 Suit or Overcoat for \$11 25
- This means a \$12 Suit or Overcoat for \$9 00
- This means a \$4 Suit or Overcoat for \$3 00
- This means a \$10 Suit or Overcoat for \$7 50
- This means an \$8 Suit or Overcoat for \$6 00
- This means a \$6 Suit or Overcoat for \$4 50
- This means a \$3 Suit of Underwear for \$2 25
- This means a \$2 Suit of Underwear for \$1 50, etc., etc.

An early selection counts for much, as first comers fare best. It is needless for us to mention that this will be a cash sale. It wouldn't be business-like to sell goods at a sacrifice and charge them.

# D. J. CHANDLER,

THE CLOTHIER.

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Will any member of the legislature have the nerve to introduce a bill repealing the dispensary law?

Ex-Congressman George W. Murray said, in a speech delivered in Laurens on Tuesday, that giving the negroes civil and political rights after the war was premature. If the negroes had not been granted these rights immediately after the war when sectional feeling was intensely bitter and the north knew little of the negro, it is almost a certainty that the negroes would still be without the right to vote. That the negroes were not qualified for citizenship when it was granted them is now admitted by all well informed men, negroes as well as whites; and it is equally true that a large majority of the negroes are today no better qualified than thirty five years ago.

The conquest of the Boers is not at all certain, and Gen Kitchener is in a fair way to lose his hardly won reputation as the most successful soldier in the English army.

The broad tire bill will be brought up in the legislature again, and Senator Manning, who was the pioneer in this movement in the South Carolina legislature, is armed this year with stronger arguments in favor of the measure than ever before. The bill should have become a law several years ago, and if it should be again defeated this year it will be before the legislature next year as sure as fate.

The governor refused to extend the time for the payment of taxes, but as the members of the legislature are in touch with the people they may decide in favor of giving the usual extension to the delinquents. Every extension helps a few poor men, but it is a well known fact that is the rich and well to do, the big taxpayers, who usually wait until the last minute to pay taxes, preferring to keep the money in use as long as possible to paying the State and county what they owe. Except in exceptionally hard times the small taxpayers and the real poor people are among the first to pay taxes, and the extension of the time usually comes too late for them to hold on to the tax money for a month or so longer, just for the pleasure of having it in hand.

The following editorial tribute to the Hon Richard Dozier appeared in The News and Courier today: "The Hon Richard Dozier died at his home in Sumter on Sunday last in the 79th year of his age. He had lived a most honorable and useful life and was highly respected by a large circle of acquaintances in all parts of the State. He was a distinguished lawyer, true to the best traditions of the profession, and had many friends at the bar of Charleston, by whom he was highly esteemed

on account of his ability as a lawyer and his worth as a man. His last service was as senator from Georgetown County, where he spent the greater part of his life, and in this, as in all other positions, he discharged his duties with no other end in view but the good of the State. For nearly 60 years Mr Dozier was a regular reader of The News and Courier and its predecessors, and was an appreciative student of the times in which he lived. He possessed accurate information upon a great variety of subjects and was a most charming member of the high social circle in which he moved. There will be sincere regret that he could not be spared yet a little longer, although he had lived more than the allotted span of life, and death to him was doubtless a blessed relief from the cares of this transitory existence. He left behind him the record of a blameless life, and nothing but pleasant memories of duty well performed."

### SUPT. McMAHAN ASKS FOR \$200,000.

Superintendent of Education McMahon recommends that the legislature appropriate \$200,000 for the public schools. He says:

"I therefore urge upon the legislature a duty which I hope will appear also as a privilege, the appropriation of \$200,000 to be apportioned to the schools in the spirit of the constitution. The taxable property of the State is nearly \$179,000,000, so that 1 1-8 mill would raise over \$200,000."

In the next paragraph he says, "I recognize that in some quarters this will be an unpopular measure," and proceeds to make a strong and unbiased argument in support of his recommendation.

Of course there will be opposition to the proposed measure and it will be intensely unpopular in some quarters, for there is already widespread complaint that taxes are excessive and that public money is expended in an extravagant manner. Any effort to increase the rate of taxation will be fought in the legislature by those who like to pose as economists and protectors of overburdened taxpayers. There is not that general interest in educational matters in South Carolina that demands the improvement of the common school system even though it cost a great deal of money; and the majority of taxpayers are content to put up with poor schools if by doing so they save a few dollars a year. If it is possible to put the public school system on an efficient footing by the appropriation of \$200,000, annually it would be a good investment and a wise thing for the legislature to do. We fear, however, that there will be so many demands for appropriations this year that the public schools will be put off with promises until a more convenient season.

William P. Rockwell, a fifteen year old boy prefers selling lunches in a Florida restaurant to returning to his home with his millionaire grandfather in Taunton, Mass., from which he ran away sometime ago.

### The Legislature Assembles.

#### Senate and House Organized—Officers Elected and Get Down to Work.

Columbia, Jan 8.—The senate was called to order at 12 o'clock by Hon R. B. Scarborough, the retiring lieutenant governor, who made an address to the old and new members. All of the members, both old and new, except Senator Williams, of Williamsburg, were present. He was granted an indefinite leave of absence on account of illness.

Hon John C. Sheppard was reelected speaker pro tem and Gen R. R. Hemphill clerk without opposition.

Mr J. F. Schumpert, of Newberry, was elected sergeant-at-arms, defeating J. T. Gaston, of Columbia, and E. A. Crawford, of York.

Mr W. H. Stewart, of Rock Hill, was reelected reading clerk, and Rev S. H. Zimmerman was elected chaplain.

The appointment of minor officials made by Lieut Gov-elect Tillman were announced by the president, by request, as follows:

- Journal Clerk—M L Clark.
- Bill Clerk—E S Dingle.
- Doorkeepers—downstairs, J C Ragan, C F Holmes; upstairs, J A White.
- Pager—Halsey Fox, Willie League.
- Mail Clerk—R J Parks.
- Porter—H D Butler.
- Keeper of President's Room—L B McCracken.

Assistant Clerk—R M McCown. Laborers—Jack Pressley, Albert Nanco.

The committees were announced and the senate was ready for business. Senator Manning was elected chairman of the committee on claims and grievances, and a member of the following committees: Agriculture, penitentiary medical affairs, and public buildings.

The Governor's message was read and received as information.

Senator Marshall introduced his oblige labor bill, and Senator Barnwell introduced the bill appropriating \$50,000 for the Charleston exposition.

The first member of the house to take the oath of office in the new century was Mr. Altamont Moses of Sumter. As soon as the house was called to order by the clerk, Mr T. C. Hamer, Mr. J. O. Patterson of Barnwell moved that Mr Moses be elected temporary chairman.

The motion was put by Mr Bacot of Charleston, and Mr Moses presided during the organization. The members of the several counties appeared before the bar of the house as the names of the respective counties were called in alphabetical order.

#### BEING SWORN IN.

Delegations from two or three counties were sworn at a time—as many as could lay their right hands upon the Bible held by Mr N. H. Stansell, sergeant at arms. When they had banded

in their credentials, had subscribed to the oath and had kissed the Bible, the book being passed around with no special show of reverence or veneration, the members signed the roll of the house, and were then law makers of South Carolina.

After the induction into membership the election of officers was held. This part of the organization was not completed yesterday. The next step would have been to notify the governor that the house was ready for the transaction of business. The governor would then have sent up his message and it would have been read. Yesterday, however, the house adjourned without the reading of the governor's message, an almost unparalleled procedure.

The officers elected are: W. F. Stevenson, speaker; T. C. Hamer, clerk; Joo S. Withers, reading clerk; J. L. Wilson, sergeant-at-arms. The chaplain was not elected yesterday.

#### WILL NOT DISQUALIFY.

During the induction of the members into office, Mr Harvey Wilson of Sumter called attention to the fact that the commissions of the legislators issued by the secretary of state were dated "Jan 8, 1900," and he inquired if that would invalidate the election of the house. Mr Stevenson suggested that as the commissions stated specifically "in the 125th year of our independence" the instruments were valid.

There were but two members elect who did not qualify yesterday: Mr E. B. Ragdale of Fairfield and Mr H. H. Woodward of Horry.

#### THE ELECTIONS.

When the members had all been sworn in, the election of officers was in order, the first office to be filled being speaker, or presiding officer of the house.

Mr W F Stevenson, of Chesterfield, was put in nomination by Mr T Yancey Williams, of Lancaster. Mr Francis H Weston, of Richland, was nominated by Mr John McMaster, of Richland. Mr George E Prince, of Anderson, was nominated by Mr E M Rucker, of Anderson.

On the first ballot 116 votes were cast, 59 being necessary to elect. Mr Stevenson received 73, Mr Weston 17 and Mr Prince 26. Mr Stevenson was declared elected.

#### NAVAL STORES.

New York, Jan 8.—Turpentine easy 40 to 40 1/2. Rosin steady.

Charleston, Jan 8.—Turpentine firm 36. Rosin firm, unchanged.

Savannah, Jan 8.—Spirits turpentine firm 36 1/2; receipts 451; sales 250; exports 355. Rosin firm and unchanged; receipts 6,658; sales 3,615; exports 10.

Wilmington, Jan 8.—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; receipts 140. Rosin 1.20 to 1.25; receipts 768. Crude turpentine quiet 1.30 to 2.30; receipts 24. Tar firm 1.30; receipts 165.

Gen Roosevelt has gone out West on a hunting trip.

### The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

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

WHEREAS, DAN'L M. YOUNG, Esq., made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Hon THOS. B. FRASER, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Hon Thos. B. Fraser, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H., on January 24th, 1901, 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 ninth day of January, A. D., 1901.

THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.

Jan 9—2t

### Estate of Mrs. Leonora J. Muldrow, Deceased.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on January 10th, 1901, for a Final Discharge as Executor of aforesaid Estate.

JOSEPH MULDROW, Exor.

Dec. 12, 1900—4t

### 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. JAYNSWORTH, President.  
MARION MOISE, Vice-President.  
W. F. REAMS, Cashier.  
Jan 31.

#### MONEY TO LEND.

WE are prepared to negotiate loans on improved farming lands in Sumter and Clarendon Counties on long time in amounts of \$300 and upwards at seven per cent interest, and with no expense to the borrower except a small brokerage commission. We can also negotiate loans in any amounts at 8 per cent on terms to suit the borrower. Apply to LBS & MOISE, Sumter, S. C. Dec 19—2m

### SASH! - DOORS! BLINDS! ETC.

I am agent for a reliable Sash, Door and Blind Factory in the State, and am prepared to fill such orders with promptness and dispatch.

You can save money by giving me your orders.

Respectfully,

## A. D. HARBY.

Leave all orders at H. Harby's Stable.

Dec 12—3m.