

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, FEB 20, 1901.

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.

LOOKOUT FOR HIM.

Mr. L. L. Thomas, of North Carolina, who is at present spending several months with his son, Mr. F. E. Thomas, of Wedgefield, in this county, has decided to fill in his time by acting as traveling collecting agent for the Watchman and Southron.

Mr. Thomas is an old time gentleman with pleasing manners, and has had some experience in the line of work he has taken in hand for us. We think he will be able to make his calls pleasant to our friends as well as agreeable to us.

We commend him to our friends and citizens generally and ask them to help him along, and also to be on the lookout for him.

The need for a hook and ladder truck was demonstrated in a most practical and forcible manner at the fire Thursday, and it was only by accident that the fire department was able to handle the fire successfully and extinguish the flames promptly and without serious loss. The old hook and ladder is so dilapidated that it is out of service and the fire department is without the ladders necessary to enable the firemen to reach the roof of a burning house. Thursday there happened to be a ladder on the premises which the firemen found after a brief delay. Had this not been the case they would have been so seriously handicapped that the fire would, without question, have been much more serious. If the city is to have a fire department it should provide the apparatus that is absolutely necessary.

Candidates for State offices and for McLaurin's seat in the senate are said to be already so numerous that no calculations can be made. The candidates will be thinned down to a stand before the campaign eighteen months hence and there is no necessity for the State makers to get worried at this time.

The flesh pots were too seductive for the members of the Legislature to resist and they have repealed the anti-free pass law. The repeal of the law is tantamount to imposing a special tax of at least \$40,000 a year on the railroads, for very few legislators will be so churlish as to refuse the courtesy when a free pass is tendered by a friend who happens to be in the railroads' employ.

The cities of South Carolina are to be invited to erect buildings on the avenue of cities at the South Carolina and Inter-State exposition. As the fifth city of the State in point of population Sumter should be represented on this avenue and if anything is to be done it is time for the Business League to be moving. If Sumter is to be represented at the exposition the exhibit should be a good one in every respect, and money and work will be needed to collect and arrange the exhibit. What is going to be done about it?

The State Convention of the Young Men's Christian Association which adjourned Sunday night was, by the verdict of all the delegates, the most successful convention the association has ever held in this State. The attendance was large and more representative than heretofore, and the results accomplished were more important and satisfactory. The resolutions adopted at the farewell meeting Sunday night speak for themselves, showing that the delegates were pleased with Sumter, with our people and enjoyed their stay with us. That the people of Sumter enjoyed having the convention meet here and took pleasure in entertaining the delegates goes without saying and we know that they were made to feel that the welcome extended was sincere and that they will be ever welcome whenever they return. The convention was made up of as fine a lot of young men as the State affords and the impression that they made in this community was such that the Young Men's Christian Association holds, by reason of their visit to Sumter, a higher place in the esteem of our people than ever before. We do not think that we exaggerate when we assert that the consensus of opinion is

that the city that entertains the Y. M. C. A. Convention is the beneficiary and that the influence for good that the convention exerts in a community will be lasting. We are glad to have had the convention and we bid the delegates goodbye with regret.

The legislature left the appropriation bill in such a tangle that the Attorney General, Comptroller General and Treasurer are putting their heads together trying to decide whether certain sums appropriated by special acts, but not mentioned in the general appropriation act, can be legally paid out.

Sumter has passed the 6,000 mark in population and is still growing. New houses are being built more rapidly than ever before in the history of the place and new people are coming in so rapidly that houses are not being built fast enough to supply the demand.

Of the members of the legislature who will henceforth ride on free passes how many do you suppose will fail to draw the mileage allowed him by the State?

Senator McLaurin's friends are at last beginning to show that they are uneasy and do not like the signs that indicate his loss of strength and growing unpopularity.

The up country cannot supply the cotton needed by the mills already in operation or in process of construction in that section of the State, consequently the men who have money to invest in cotton mills will in future look to this section of the State for mill sites since it has few mills and produces a large surplus of cotton. Sumter county can within the next year or two secure several large cotton mills if our own people will but take the initiative and do their part toward furnishing the capital stock. It will require no great amount of money either, as the bulk of the capital can be secured elsewhere.

The cotton market closed Monday an eighth of a cent lower than on Saturday and the bears seem to have everything their own way. The outlook for any improvement in cotton prices is not encouraging and no one is sanguine enough to predict high prices in the near future. There is, however, the bare possibility of better prices during the spring months as receipts are beginning to fall off.

The price of cotton is going down day after day and those who have been holding on for an advance to ten cents are beginning to get shaky. There is undoubtedly a shortage in the crop, but the preparations for an immense acreage have already begun to have an influence on the market and the farmers are thereby placing it beyond their power to control the price. A big crop this year means five cent cotton but as the farmers appear to prefer selling at that price instead of at nine or ten cents nobody else should object.

An extra session of congress is to be held for the purpose of putting through the ship subsidy bill and to devise new schemes for holding on to Cuba. The government, all things considered, is an unpeppable fraud.

A furniture factory would pay handsomely and the Business League could do no better work than to push this matter. This section furnishes an abundance of many kinds of hard woods suitable for furniture making and the first cost of raw material is as low, if not lower, than elsewhere.

We have said more than once that this county has one of the strongest and best delegations in the general assembly, and if the record of our delegation as a whole and of each member individually is scrutinized the justice of this broad claim will be made as clear as day. They have taken an influential part in the deliberations of both senate and house and their votes have been recorded on the side of right and common sense. In one particular we are especially gratified and that is that our delegation voted solidly against the repeal of the anti-free pass law. They had the proper respect for themselves and for their constituents and did not by their votes invite the railroads to tender their free passes. We cannot congratulate the members for doing right, but we do not think it out of place to say that we expected no less of them, knowing the men who represent Sumter County.

THE LEGISLATIVE WORK.

The following are some of the acts that the general assembly passed at its recent session:

An act to provide for lighting the state house and other public buildings.

An act to provide for the appointment and compensation of a state geologist.

An act to amend section 1615 of the revised statutes of 1893, relating to the consolidation of railroad companies.

An act to amend sections 1 and 4 of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the A. R. P. orphanage, empowering the board of trustees to change the name and locality of the orphanage."

An act to increase the appropriation for Confederate pensioners to \$150,000.

An act to authorize the state penitentiary superintendent to hire out convicts to the several counties to work on the public highways, and not to hire them out for farming purposes.

An act to regulate the carrying, manufacture and sale of pistols.

An act to increase the powers of local boards of health.

An act to set apart for Confederate relics and souvenirs a room in the state house.

An act to provide for the establishment of chaingangs in cities and towns in counties that have no chaingangs.

An act to amend the law as to damages caused by defective highways, etc.

An act to require railroads to operate double passenger trains in each direction.

An act to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the state government for the year 1901.

An act to provide for the election of a public cotton weigher in the city of Sumter.

An act to regulate the bonds of public officers, and to provide penalties for persons who assume such offices without giving bonds.

An act to ratify the amendment to the constitution, to be known as article I, of amendments, to authorize the general assembly to provide by law for the condemnation of land for drainage purposes.

An act to provide for a building and a state exhibit at the South Carolina and West Indian Exposition.

An act to require owners of real property situated partly within and partly without incorporated towns to list the same separately.

An act to ratify the amendment to section 7, article viii, of the constitution, relating to municipal bonded indebtedness.

An act to prevent the sale of goods within one half mile of a religious campground.

An act to apportion the members of the house of representatives.

An act to provide for insuring the buildings of the South Carolina College.

A joint resolution to extend the time for the payment of taxes for the year 1901.

An act to provide for the election of directors, trustees and managers of corporations, and to carry out the provisions of the constitution in regard to voting cumulative stock.

An act to remit fees to teachers attending the special courses in South Carolina College.

An act to require the railroad commissioners to fix storage rates.

An act to exempt graduates of Charleston Medical College from standing examination before State board.

An act to provide for a State board of entomology and to prescribe its powers and duties.

An act to provide for the completion of Wintrop College.

An act relating to the insurance of public buildings.

An act amending the road law as regards Sumter and Marlboro.

An act as to the manner of drawing jurors in courts of common pleas.

SUGAR TAXED.

Washington, Feb 17.—Count Liebertveld, the minister to the United States from Belgium, says his government has not taken any steps looking to the retaliation against the United States because of the continued imposition of a countervailing duty on Belgian sugars imported into this country.

The countervailing duty on Belgian sugar has been imposed for several years past. Recently, as has been the custom annually, it has restated or readjusted, and this has given rise to the impression that the step was taken recently by the government. The readjusted duty makes little if any difference in the existing rates.

NEGRO LYNCHED.

New Orleans, Feb 17.—A negro named This Jackson was lynched to day at St. Peter, a station on the Texas and Pacific road about 20 miles above the city.

Jackson's crime was particularly fiendish. About 9 o'clock this morning he visited the home of Alex Bourgeois, the engineer of the drain age machine on Belle Point plantation, some distance from the plantation quarters, going there on a tricycle. He told Bourgeois the manager wanted him and the engineer mounted the tricycle with him. A little way further on Jackson stabbed the engineer in the back and then threw the body into a ditch. He then returned to the house and butchered Mrs. Bourgeois and her two babies and ransacked the house.

Two boys were visiting the family and when they caught the first glimpse of the attack on Mrs. Bourgeois they hid in the woods.

After the negro's departure they went to St. Peter and gave the alarm and returned with a mob of several hundred. The negro was traced to his home, fully identified by the boys and was hanged and his body riddled with bullets before the sheriff arrived.

Storms in Europe.

London, Feb 17.—All Europe is experiencing a return of winter weather. Severe cold and snow storms are reported from all parts of England, France, Germany, Italy, Austria and Russia. The blizzard continues in the Odessa district. In Switzerland many villages are cut off. Numerous deaths are reported. Telegraphic communication is partially interrupted in France and France.

In wrestling with the Filipinos our government may learn something from the experience of the Dutch government in its fruitless efforts, with a large army, for twenty years, to subjugate the Archipelago in the island of Sumatra. The conditions in Sumatra are very similar to the conditions in the Philippines. The climate, the topography and the character of the natives are very similar. The Dutch soldiers are brave and are well equipped and well equipped, but the natives have resisted them for more than twenty years and are still unsubdued. Fighting still goes on.



The 5th annual festival of fun and frolic given under the auspices of the Merry-Makers Association, will be given at Augusta, Ga., commencing April 23, 1901, for one week.

The 20th century will be opened with one grand week of splendor, the like of which has never before been seen in the Southern States. \$10,000 in cold cash will be the outlay for the free street shows to be seen day and night.

The grandest Poultry, Pigeon and Belgian Hare Show ever held in Augusta will throw its doors open April 23, for one week. The finest poultry and pet stock of different states and cities will be seen at this show, the best judges have been engaged to judge the show, and the largest number of cash and special premiums yet seen in a catalogue will be offered, nothing will be left undone to make this show a success. Entries open to the world.

When you were here each of the past four years, you thought the fire works were grand, we can only assure you that they fade into insignificance compared to what you will see at this year's festival. The pictures in fire will be kept a secret from you until you see them. Don't fail to come.

The military display will be a feature. If your company is here on that occasion to drill for the prizes come with them and cheer them on to victory.

Five first class bands of music will give concerts hourly each day of the week.

Nothing but the highest class attractions will be seen on the streets, instructive and entertaining. Let the old, the young, the rich, the poor, high and low, let everybody come.

Low railroad rates have been secured which will enable everyone to drop dall care, and spend one week of joy and pleasure at Augusta, Ga., 23 to 27th April, 1901.

Everything free. Hourly concerts each day, great military parades and contests. The highest acrobats and specialty artists sporting for the pleasure of the public on Broad Street day and night the entire week. Come and be a Merry-Maker.

A CLEAR HEAD; good digestion; sound sleep; a fine appetite and a ripe old age, are some of the results of the use of **Tutt's Liver Pills.** A single dose will convince you of their wonderful effects and virtue.

A Known Fact. An absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, malaria, sour stomach, dizziness, constipation, bilious fever, piles, torpid liver and all kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

BARRED AND WHITE ROCKS.

Extra \$1.50 per 15. Mr. Barred Plymouth Rocks have won for me and my customers at three large shows this season.

L. C. DARSEY, Sunny Side, Ga.

Estate of Miss Emma S. Witherspoon, Dec'd.

I WILL APPLY to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on March 6th, 1901, for a Final Discharge as Executor of aforesaid Estate.

Our Buyer is in the West and will return with 60 Head Horses and Mules.

There will be some fine Mules among them.

Competition being the life of trade we will have to hustle to merit our share of patronage, there being six sale stables in the city.

H. HARBY.

ONLY FOR A LIMITED TIME.

Your Greatest Opportunity! It may never Reach You Again.

Special. UNTIL MARCH 1st. Special.

We have decided to add to our extensive retail business **A Wholesale Stove Department,** and we are now getting up a large catalogue, which will be in the hands of the printers in a few days. Now customers, you have helped us to build up this extensive business, and we expect to give you the benefit of our progress. We, of course, have to buy in large quantities and confine ourselves to a few lines; so in order to clear out the odd stock, **We will sell Crockery, Lamps, China, Glass-ware and Toys at Special Prices.**

But Stop! Look!! Listen!!! Our

No. 8 ELMO STOVES, sell for \$20 00,	Now \$17 00 with ware.
No. 7 ELMO STOVES, sell for 17 00,	Now 14 00 with ware.
No. 1636 CAPITOLA STOVES, sell for \$16 00,	Now 13 50 with ware.
No. 7 COTTON OPTION STOVES, sell for \$14 00,	Now 12 00 with ware.
No. 7 KENTUCKY JEWEL " " " roll for 12 00,	Now 10 75 with ware.
No. 7 LITTLE DANDY " " " sell for 10 00,	Now 8 50 with ware.
No. 7-14 HAPPY TIMES " " " sell for 8 50,	Now 7 50 with ware.

PICTURES sold for \$1 25, now 75c. LAMPS you can't buy for \$8 now \$4 50.

Everything as represented—no fake. No goods barged during this sale.

T. C. SCAFFE,
THE STOVE MAN.

Does Your Son Need a

New Suit?

Well, here is a chance to get one for him:

In order to make room for our Spring stock, we will close out the balance of our Children's Suits and Overcoats—about 250 suits at

1-2 off 1-2
One-half off.

A \$1	Suit will cost you	50c
A \$1 25	Suit will cost you	63c
A 1 50	" will cost you	75c
A 1 75	" will cost you	88c
A 2 00	" will cost you	\$1 00
A 2 25	" will cost you	1 13
A 2 50	" will cost you	1 25
A 3 00	" will cost you	1 50
A 3 50	" will cost you	1 75
A 4 00	" will cost you	2 00
A 5 00	" will cost you	2 50
A 5 50	" will cost you	2 75
A 6 00	" will cost you	3 00
A 4 50	Overcoat will cost you	2 25
A 3 00	Overcoat will cost you	1 50

Your choice from a lot of odd Overcoats size 5 to 8 for 60c.

Come early and get first choice.

J. RYTTENBERG & SONS.

This sale does not include Clay Worsted and Serges.