

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 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.

The Texas cotton growers are talking of reducing the acreage this year. There, as elsewhere, it will probably end in talk.

There is something about the pension system that appears to be an incentive to fraud. A few days ago we heard of a case that came before the Sumter County pension board that shows how careless some men are about swearing to things of which they have no knowledge. A certain man made application for a pension and two reputable ex-Confederates signed affidavits that the applicant had served in the Confederate army. The board ascertained the facts, however, and the application was refused. The facts were that the applicant was a conscript and never saw a day's active service. While in charge of the conscript office on the way to Columbia he put his hand under a car wheel at Kingville and deliberately let it crush four fingers. He was sent to the hospital, instead of to the army, and when his hand, minus the four fingers, healed, he was discharged and returned home. The men who signed the application of this conscript-fraud, did so, we are informed, taking the oath of the aforesaid fraud and making oath that he had served in the army, with out knowing that he had done so. Instead of making it easier to obtain a pension, every possible precaution should be taken to purge the rolls of frauds and to keep them off.

The terms Denmark names for the sale of her West India islands will not be accepted by the United States government. The gang in power are buying taxable subjects, not free trade citizens.

England's finances have been brought to such a low ebb by the costly Boer war that resort will be had to a protective tariff to raise the needed revenue.

Some of the New York papers think that Carnegie is overdoing the library idea and that the city had much better spend money to provide long and urgently needed school houses than on the sites for the sixty five proposed Carnegie libraries. They argue with considerable force that the libraries will not benefit the thousands of children who are growing up in absolute ignorance because there is no room for them in the schools.

The City Council can, by increasing the street tax, raise more money than the bicycle license tax supplied and at the same time do no violence to the constitution.

If the work on the State House is not properly done it will not be for lack of watching. We know nothing as to the merits of the controversy between Col. Marshall and the other members of the board, but we are satisfied that the result will be beneficial, for there will be little opportunity for jobbery and shoddy work while so close and vigilant a watch is kept over the contractors.

Should Senator McLaurin control the distribution of the Federal patronage in this State, acting as McKinley's agent, his democracy would have a more tainted odor than it has at present. The assertion is openly and frequently made in Washington that McLaurin will deal out the loaves and fishes for McKinley in South Carolina.

Why should the Council "request" the Electric Light Co. to improve the service and replace broken globes on arc lights? If the service is not satisfactory, if the company has not complied with terms of the contract, why not withhold full payment. Poor service merits poor pay and full pay should not be given for anything less than the contract specifies. Requests are excellent in their place, but the way to reach the soul of a corporation is to hit the pocket book. "Requests!" "Requests" have been made before, but what of the results?

The first number of the Mayesville Times was issued yesterday. It is a five column folio. The business men of Mayesville are well represented in its advertising columns, which is an indication that the venture will be a success. Mr. W. T. Grant is editor of the Times, and we extend to him our best wishes for the success of his venture.

It would be interesting to know how much cash down Aguinaldo gets out of his capture this time. When the Spanish induced him to advise his followers to lay down their arms and leave the Philippines himself, he was paid a tidy sum. This Funston capture reads too much like it was prearranged with Aguinaldo and executed with his connivance to arouse much enthusiasm.

England, Japan and the United States acting in concert have temporarily blocked Russia's Manchuria scheme, but no one believes that Russia will be turned aside from the fixed purpose to obtain absolute control of Manchuria.

Sumter will have no connection with the long distance telephone lines any time soon, if at all, and there is no immediate prospect of securing a connection with Columbia or Charleston or any of the towns in the upper part of this State. The action of Council Thursday night fortifies the Sumter Telephone Co., in its monopoly of the telephone business in this city, and to a certain extent, that action benefits a few citizens, as it shuts off competition in their line of business, but it is difficult to see wherein the public at large is benefited in the remotest degree. On the contrary it seems that the public has been denied the benefit of competition, which usually gives better service and lower prices in all lines of business. The proposed new telephone exchange would have given to Sumter, as soon as established, connection with the long distance lines that now traverses the south, connecting not only all the important towns in this and adjoining States, but all the cities of the country. The promoters of the new exchange also proposed to give lower rates than the old company now charges and to bind themselves to install the best equipped system that could be obtained.

This was a business proposition, and, to the writer, it appears that it should have been accepted by Council. The old company has had a monopoly of the field for about seven years, and, if with the vantage ground of possession it could not hold the business it now has, there must be something radically wrong. There is no use worrying over what has been done, however, and as the exclusive franchise has only about three years more to run the old company will have to meet competition eventually, unless it shall before that time forestall prospective competitors by giving strictly first class service at the lowest possible rates at which the business can be successfully conducted. We are not anxious to have two or three competing telephone exchanges in Sumter, but we are desirous of having a service that shall be the best to be had, the equal of that enjoyed by other towns. If the Sumter Telephone Co. can and will give us such service at the rates charged in other towns, let them do so and there will be no complaint. If it can't or won't, then the doors should be thrown open for those who can and will to come in. That is the way we look at this matter.

Fruits of the War Tax.

Washington, March 30.—The following statement, prepared at the internal revenue bureau, shows the receipts by items from the war revenue act, only from June 13, 1898, the date on which the act went into effect, to February 28, 1901, cents omitted:

Schedule A (documentary stamps), \$98,420,009, Schedule B (proprietary stamps), \$12,784,694, beer \$89,154,822, special taxes \$14,026,359, to bacco \$42,405,859, snuff \$2,393,275, cigars \$8,291,608, cigarettes \$3,547,490, legacies \$6,889,055, excise tax \$2,398,823, mixed flour \$20,609, additional taxes on tobacco and beer \$978,816. Total, \$281,311,515.

The Spaniard Lorenz Prieto, who was charged with assisting the insurgents by furnishing information to the insurgent Gen. Canles, in exchange for trading privileges, was tried by a military commission, found guilty and sentenced to death. Gen. MacArthur commuted the sentence to imprisonment for ten years.

Wade Hampton's Leadership.

It has been remarked that South Carolina had no great leader or leaders after Mr. Calhoun, says D. H. Chamberlain in the April Atlantic. This was true until 1876, but not later. At the head of the Democratic forces in South Carolina, in June, 1876, appeared Gen. Wade Hampton, known only, one might say, till then except locally, as a distinguished Confederate cavalry officer. He had led the life of a planter on a large scale, and possessed well-developed powers and habits of command. Totally unlike Calhoun, Hampton's strength of leadership lay, not in intellectual or oratorical superiority, but in high and forceful character, perfect courage, and real devotion to what he conceived to be the welfare of South Carolina. Not even Calhoun's leadership was at any time more absolute, unquestioned, and enthusiastic than Hampton's in 1876; and it was justly so from the Democratic point of view, for he was unselfish, resolute, level-headed, and determined. He was for the hour a true "natural leader," and he led with consummate mingled prudence and aggressiveness.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Washington, April 1.—The weather bureau has issued the following summary of crop conditions:

From the central Mississippi valley eastward to the Middle Atlantic coast the weather conditions of March were generally favorable for farm work, but in the States of the Missouri valley and upper Lake Region they were not so favorable. Complaints of drought are received from central and western Texas, while heavy rains in the South Atlantic and east Gulf States during the latter part of the month interfered with farm work and caused injury by washing prepared land. Preparations for planting corn are in progress as far north as Kansas, Missouri, Kentucky

and Virginia, some having been planted in the southern portions of the first two named States. Farther south a larger part of the crop has been planted.

Some cotton has been planted in Alabama and southern Texas, and preparations for planting in other portions of the cotton belt are well advanced.

A Testimonial From Old England.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best in the world for bronchitis," says Mr. William Savory, of Warrington, England. "It has saved my wife's life, she having been a martyr to bronchitis for over six years, being most of the time confined to her bed. She is now quite well." Sold by A. J. China.

A Massachusetts town since putting in public baths has been able to reduce its police force 42 per cent. Here's a pointer for Charleston.—Augusta Chronicle.

Secret of Beauty

is health. The secret of health is the power to digest and assimilate a proper quantity of food. This can never be done when the liver does not act its part.

Do you know this?

Tutt's Liver Pills are an absolute cure for sick headache, dyspepsia, sour stomach, malaria, constipation, torpid liver, piles, jaundice, bilious fever, biliousness and kindred diseases.

Tutt's Liver Pills

MRS. L. ATKINSON.

Announces her Spring Opening

Fine Pattern Hats, APRIL 3d and 4th.

The public are cordially invited to call and inspect her stock. She spent several weeks North getting up her styles for the trade and they will find a complete line of Novelties for the season. She has a full assortment of "ready-to-wear" Hats and Children's Hats (all and see the Pattern Hats)—latest designs of Paris and New York, on display, Thursday and Friday of next week.

Main Street, Sumter, S. C. Feb 20

CROSSWELL & CO.

This name has long been a by-word in every household where good and cheap groceries are wanted.

We wish to state to all our patrons and friends that we are still in business, not at the old stand, but in our commodious new building, located by the tracks of the A. C. L. Railroad, between the Southern and A. C. L. Depots, on Sumter Street. Here we have the most convenient and best house to be found anywhere, and we can sell cheaper and serve our friends and patrons to better advantage than we have ever been able to do, because of the saving in the draying of goods, low rate of insurance and no rent to pay. We take the goods from the cars and put them into your wagons or stores rick that would astonish the largest and closest buyer.

We are not only selling HAY, CORN, OATS, &c., but

Everything in the Grocery Line.

Candies, Crackers, Jellies, Jams, Preserves, fancy table Syrups in tins, glass jars and barrels, Mcllasses, Salad Dressing, Sauces, Catsups, Canned Goods of every description, consisting of Vegetables, Fruits, Fish, and Canned Meats of every kind; Green Coffees, Roasted Coffees, Teas, Spices, both whole and ground, Chocolates, Coconos, Extracts, Family Medicines Toilet Soaps, Laundry Soaps of every description and brand, Washing Powders, Lead Pencils, Stationery, Wrapping Paper, Paper Bags, and in fact everything that belongs to a first class store.

WE ALSO HANDLE

Lime, Cement, Corn, Oats, Grits, Meal, Rice, Lard, Bacon, Hams, Pigs' Feet, &c.

We are going to wholesale these out to our customers and friends at the lowest prices that have ever been made in the old town of Sumter. We invite everybody to come to see us, and convince themselves that what we say is true. Remember that our guarantee goes with every article that we say is good.

We buy direct from headquarters in car lots and discount our bills. We cannot and will not be undersold. Come to see us for all your wants.

Yours truly,

Crosswell & Co.,

WHOLESALE GROCERS. Phone 53 March 13, 1901.

Are you ready to buy your

Spring Goods

WE ARE READY AND ANXIOUS TO SHOW THEM TO YOU.

We have the prettiest to be shown this season. We will please you or give you your money back.

Don't delay your coming.

You know you have to have some of the thin fabrics and the longer you wait, the less your chances are to get the choicest patterns. Today is the day.

Come and we will give you a show anyway.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.



We sell R. & G. CORSETS

Every woman knows what the R. & G. Corset is. It is the Corset of comfort with the essence of style. It is the only Corset that will not, cannot and does not stretch. If you buy an R. & G. Corset that does stretch, or proves unsatisfactory in any way, bring it back to us and we will give you a new one. We have in stock the famous No. 397, moderately straight front, which is popular with most women who find it in the new straight front shown in our illustration.

We sell No. 397 for \$1.00.

Our corset stock is large and well selected.

WE SELL THE THOMPSON GLOVE-FITTING CORSET ALSO.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.

March 27—

Special Sale

—OF—

Two lines of material for Waists.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, ONLY.

About 300 yards of the new Crepe Albatross—Cream, white, light blue, heliotrope and grey. Just the thing for Waists, regularly retailed at 50 cts. For the 2 days only

44 Cents.

We have a new line of Dotted Cashmeres—grey and black, blue and black, pink and black, splendid for waists, worth 35 cts.

These two days

29 Cents.

J. RYTTENBERG & SONS.