

The Watchman and Southron.  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 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.

Everybody hereabouts is now convinced that the cotton crop of Sumter county is short—very short.

The Columbia firemen made almost a clean sweep in the Augusta tournament, taking \$750 of the \$850 offered in prizes. Sumter and Camden firemen are doubtless sorry they did not enter the contest.

The McLaurinites are claiming that the Willie Jones suggestion that Gen. Hampton be put up as the Senatorial candidate is a confession of weakness on the part of that element of the anti-McLaurin forces.

The bonds of the Charleston Exposition, amounting to \$150,000 have been placed, the entire issue having been subscribed for by Charleston banks and business men. These bonds are a safe investment, as they will be paid in full before the holders of the Exposition stock receive any dividends. This accounts for the comparative ease with which they were disposed of in Charleston.

The appointment of Mr. George R. Koester as collector of internal revenue demonstrates two things, viz: Senator McLaurin still has control of the distribution of Federal patronage in South Carolina and that Senator McLaurin sticks to his friends who have worked to further his political ambitions.

Volunteer cabinet makers have circulated the report that Senator McLaurin would be invited to enter President Roosevelt's cabinet. The report is false on its face for South Carolina is his field of labor and upon the success of his efforts here to build up a republican party depend a continuance of administrative favor depends upon his exertions here to strengthen the assistant republican party.

Lieut. Gov. Tillman was in Augusta last week and the Chronicle says he received "many assurances that he would be the next governor of the State." There was unquestionably more fire-water than truth backing up these prophecies.

President Roosevelt is said to favor the up-building of the American Merchant Marine, but he does not declare a preference for any of the measures to be brought before Congress. He does not care, we presume, to tie himself hand and foot to the ship subsidy steal and will look around a bit before he casts in his fortunes with the Hanna wing of the party.

The Texas oil speculators have reaped a rich harvest, the promises of great gushing wells having created a stampede to buy stock in the many speculative companies that had millions of capital on paper. A sucker is born every minute and there are always lambs ready for the shearer.

Miss Stone, the missionary, is still unransomed and the last reports hold out no hope of her relief until the terms of the brigands have been complied with to the letter. Those who favor home rather than foreign missions will have hereafter another strong argument with which to support their contention, foreign missions being doubly expensive since it costs a great deal of money to send the missionaries to the foreign heathen, and, as in Miss Stone's case, a great deal more to induce the heathen to let the missionary return.

The City Council has appropriated \$900 to supplement the \$1,000 appropriation of the county board of commissioners for the county exhibit at the Charleston Exposition. The exhibit is now assured and all that remains to be done is to make it a full and representative showing of the natural resources of Sumter County. We have the resources and with the hearty cooperation of all of those who have county pride and a desire to advertise before the world the greatness and variety of their county in natural riches the money appropriated will be sufficient to collect and install in the State Building in Charleston an exhibit that will be the equal of that of any other county in South Carolina. Specimens of all varieties of farm crops produced in the county are wanted and any one who has a fine specimen should contribute it to the exhibit. It is not necessary to attempt to enumerate what is wanted for when we have said that it is the hope of the committee to have included in the exhibit specimens of each and every product of the field and forest, we have stated the scope of the exhibit in the simplest but most comprehensive terms.

The money having been provided the

next thing is to collect and prepare the exhibit to be sent to Charleston. We possess a vast wealth of resources of field and forest and if the people will but get to work and all work together with the same object in view—the collection of the best specimens of field crops, woods, etc., and their proper preparation for exhibition. If we send our best to Charleston we need have no fear that our exhibit will suffer in comparison with the exhibits of other counties. The time for collecting the exhibit is short but where there are willing workers a great deal can be accomplished in a few weeks.

The amount of cash and hard work expended by the advocates and opponents of Lee county would have accomplished a great deal toward insuring the early construction of that proposed railroad from this city, via Bishopville, to connect with the Seaboard Air Line. And the said railroad would be of more benefit to Bishopville and the surrounding country than the new county, and the want of a Seaboard connection is more detrimental to the business interests of this city and its future prospects than the success of the new county movement can be. When the new county fight is over and done with, these hard workers should bury the hatchet, get together and build the railroad that we all need and agree in wanting.

How do our esteemed contemporaries, who slopped over so conspicuously when they discovered that President Roosevelt's mother was a Southern woman, feel now. By some occult process of mind reading they ascertained that the President had a full and sympathetic knowledge of Southern feelings, sentiments, and conditions and would so conduct himself as to win the confidence and esteem of all Southern people. No one should be surprised that the President invited Booker Washington to dine at the White House, for when Governor of New York he entertained negroes at his house. A man has the right to choose his company and if President Roosevelt has a liking for negroes he will probably have them to dine with him as often as he sees fit. From a practical point of view it may have been good politics to invite Booker Washington to dine at the White House for the negro republican vote in the next national convention will be needed when Roosevelt makes his fight for the Presidential nomination. This social recognition of the negro will also go far towards counteracting the dissatisfaction that has grown up among the negroes on account of the encouragement, in the way of patronage given the democrats who have gone over to the administration either as out and out republicans or as commercial democrats. Many of the negro politicians will gladly acquiesce to the loss of offices if they can save the wounds with social recognition. Theodore Roosevelt may be headstrong, impetuous and stubborn, but he is not a man without guile. As a smooth and adroit politician he is in the first class.

Attention, Alliance-men.  
Goodwill, S. C., Oct. 21, 1901.  
Mr. Editor: I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. J. C. Wilborn, President of the National Farmers' Alliance and State reorganizer, saying that he will be delighted to meet and address our citizens on the necessity of the reorganization of the Alliance. On Friday, Nov. 1st, I have arranged to have the use of the Court House on that occasion, and invite all former alliance-men, and all other interested citizens to meet there that day. President and Organizer Wilborn will on that occasion personally answer the request for a pledge made by our meeting of Oct. 6th. I hope we will have a good audience and give him a respectful hearing. I would like to have the meeting begin promptly at 11 a. m., so that we may have time after Mr. Wilborn's address to deliberate and decide upon the course we will pursue.  
Yours truly,  
E. W. Dabbs,  
Committee on Notification.

Those famous little pills, DeWitt's Little Early Risers compel your liver and bowels to do their duty, thus giving you pure, rich blood to recuperate your body. Are easy to take. Never gripe.—J. S. Hughson & Co.

Experiment With Oil an Experiment No More.  
A second application of the oil douche has been given the macadam work on Blanding Street between Marion and Bull. The first application in June was so effective that on this block, after an entire summer of heavy, washing rains, the dust was not half as bad as on blocks adjoining, notwithstanding the fact that mud and dust had been carted to this block, from blocks which had not been treated with this bath of oil.  
In the second application, as in the first four months ago, six barrels of oil were used. It has laid the dust beautifully. Mr. J. M. Graham, who is deeply interested in this matter, declares that it has passed the experiment stage and is now a custom. His neighbors on that block were anxious for the second application, and it is reported that the block between Marion and Sumter will be given an application of this road oil. The cost is about \$36 a block, and three applications will keep the dust down for a year. The second year two applications may be sufficient. This is cheaper and better than having the street sprinkled with water every day. In addition to settling the dust and, in a measure, acting as a water shed, this oil causes the road to become soft and spongy and vehicles with metal tires run over it almost as easily as if with rubber tires.—The State, Oct. 18.

AN EXPLANATION.

"The petition to the Governor referred to by Mr. McCutchen was published in the Watchman and Southron in May 1898, but the signatures to the same were not. We are informed that in its republication in the pamphlet mentioned by him, which pamphlet was not published in this office, some of the names were placed there through a mistake of recollection. Mr. McCutchen's disclaimer is, of course, conclusive. The mistake ought not to have occurred and is regretted. We learn that application has been made to the Governor for a certified copy of the petition, and if furnished, the same will be published in full, names and all.

"The petition appeared to have been generally signed, for in Mr. Josey's communication, also republished in the pamphlet, he says \* \* \* 'this petition, now receiving practically the unanimous approval of the citizens of our dear little new-born.' &c.

"Since the above was written we have been furnished with ten of the petitions in question, all being alike and published the same elsewhere in this issue with the signatures thereto. We are informed that other copies with other names are in existence, but have been misplaced.  
"We are informed that evidence will be furnished that Mr. J. E. McCutchen approved the matter of said petition—indeed that he suggested the same and expressed his willingness to join in said protest."

The above statement appeared in our last issue as an addenda to a card from Mr. J. E. McCutchen. This matter was furnished by the committee which prepared and sent out the pamphlet referred to by Mr. McCutchen. When Mr. McCutchen's card was received we were at a loss to know to what he referred as we had never heard of the said pamphlet. We sought information from the committee, and the statements made in the first two paragraphs were given, which, together with the card, were published in The Daily Item, as requested by Mr. McCutchen. On Tuesday afternoon the matter contained in the last two paragraphs was handed in for publication in the paper the next day by a member of the committee. Without giving the matter the consideration it should have had it was permitted to appear in the paper without the signature of its author.

We take occasion now to disclaim any responsibility for the statements contained in the addenda to Mr. McCutchen's card and to express regret that we thoughtlessly permitted this paper to be placed in a position that we do not care to occupy—that of taking sides in a personal controversy between Mr. McCutchen and those who prepared and circulated the pamphlet.

PETIT JURY LIST.

- The following is the jury list for the first week of the November term of court:
- R. E. Carnes, Bishopville.
  - Lad M. Crosswell, Bishopville.
  - W. W. Stuckey, Bishopville.
  - J. E. Crosswell, Bishopville.
  - F. P. McLean, Bishopville.
  - J. W. Dixon, Bishopville.
  - J. B. Kelly, Bishopville.
  - T. N. Griffin, Lynchburg.
  - W. P. Newman, Lynchburg.
  - J. A. M. Carraway, Shiloh.
  - A. H. Truluck, Shiloh.
  - S. A. Tomlinson, Shiloh.
  - J. B. Crouch, Middleton.
  - G. M. Dew, Middleton.
  - C. McLaurin, Middleton.
  - George Hartsoe, Middleton.
  - M. E. Wactor, Providence.
  - Frank Bradford, Providence.
  - J. M. Woodley, Providence.
  - Charley Pinckney, Stateburg.
  - Charles Buckner, Stateburg.
  - N. S. McLeod, Swimming Pens.
  - J. H. Robinson, Swimming Pens.
  - T. J. Baker, Swimming Pens.
  - J. S. R. Brown, Swimming Pens.
  - W. D. McLeod, Swimming Pens.
  - J. A. Boykin, Mayesville.
  - E. L. Cooper, Mayesville.
  - E. M. McElveen, Mayesville.
  - T. H. Osteen, Privateer.
  - McD. Furman, Privateer.
  - John M. Tindal, Privateer.
  - W. F. Entzinger, Rafting Creek.
  - J. E. DuPre, Rafting Creek.
  - T. B. Jenkins, Sumter.
  - B. M. Leiby, Sumter.

Jury List for Second Week.

- The following is the list of jurors drawn for the second week of the November term of court:
- J. A. Rhame, Lynchburg.
  - J. J. DuRant, Lynchburg.
  - S. W. Frierson, Lynchburg.
  - J. E. Wilson, Lynchburg.
  - W. M. Lenoir, Stateburg.
  - Henry Benanhaley, Stateburg.
  - E. F. Holmes, Stateburg.
  - F. M. Tomlinson, Shiloh.
  - J. R. McElveen, Shiloh.
  - D. E. Wells, Privateer.
  - Peter McLeod, Privateer.
  - Willis Hodge, Privateer.
  - Manning L. Hodge, Privateer.
  - N. B. Ingram, Privateer.
  - R. E. Hodge, Privateer.
  - T. J. Yates, Swimming Pens.
  - W. S. Chandler, Swimming Pens.
  - M. J. Michau, Swimming Pens.
  - W. B. Troublefield, Middleton.
  - W. J. Ross, Middleton.
  - Neil O'Donnell, Sumter.
  - C. F. H. Bultman, Sumter.
  - L. W. Jenkins, Sumter.
  - C. L. Rhaue, Sumter.
  - J. J. Britton, Sr., Concord.
  - Jno. W. Davis, Bishopville.
  - W. S. James, Bishopville.
  - T. Ed. Baskins, Bishopville.
  - T. E. Davis, Bishopville.
  - Samuel Mooneyham, Mt. Clio.
  - Davis Brown, Rafting Creek.
  - W. V. Cauthen, Rafting Creek.
  - T. O. Sanders, Rafting Creek.
  - R. S. Brown, Rafting Creek.
  - R. W. Young, Rafting Creek.
  - J. F. McElveen, Mayesville.

W. L. Wallace, M. D. of Kingstree, S. C., says: "In my practice I have used a lot of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, the great remedy for indigestion and other stomach troubles and have had no failures but relief in almost all cases. This is the first time in 45 year's practice that I have ever had occasion to publicly advise all dyspepsia of a certain remedy in Kodol Dyspepsia Cure."—J. S. Hughson & Co.

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You all know the class of goods we hand out to you at all times.

LOW PRICES, BUT NOTHING INFERIOR, NO, NEVER!

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GREAT DRESS GOODS DAY!

10 pcs all pure wool (Fancy Black Goods, regular 50c, Friday, 39c

15 pcs 36-in Herietta, in all colors and black—Special Friday, 22c

1 case Apron Gingham, special at 4c

Apron Gingham, the 7c kind, Friday at 5c

Specials for BARGAIN DAY NEXT FRIDAY.

HERE IS A RARE CHANCE:

Our entire line of all Black Dress Goods in fancy weaves, the regular prices of which were \$1 and \$1.25, will go on sale Friday at

73 cents.

GREAT DRESS GOODS DAY!

38 & 40-in. col. Dress Goods, regular price 35 & 40c—for this day, 29c

10 pcs all-wool Eiderdown, in all shades—Friday at 22c

ANOTHER CORSET SALE.

40 doz Fine 4-hook goods in white, black and pink, regular 75c, Friday 49c

More of those 25c Children's Hose Friday, 3 pair for 50c

10c 10c

The Best Yet! 3,000 yards fine Nainsook and Cambric Embroideries, none worth less than 15c, many worth 20c—Friday all one price:

10c 10c

From Our Cloak Department.

DON'T MISS THESE:

40 ladies 27-in Box Coats, all silk-lined, in black and castor, worth regular \$5, will be sold Friday, \$3.48

50 Children's Box Jackets, ages 6 to 14, in heavy tan goods, worth \$2, on sale Friday, \$1.39

50 pcs 38-in Bleach Homespun (in small pieces 6 to 20 yds) nice soft goods, free of dressing, Special Sale, 6c

46c

Ready Made Sheets, extra large, hemmed and shrunk—the cloth would cost you more—Friday at

46c

10 pcs fine Curtain Swisses, large new patterns, regular 15c—Friday, 11 1/2c

20 doz all linen Window Shades, all colors, complete with fixtures, special at 21c

We Save You Money. SCHWARTZ BROS. Sumter's Dry Goods Leaders.

Wisacky Winnings.

Mr. Editor: Well, by the time this reaches you Lee county will be weighed in the balances and—if we may take the people of this community as voicing the sentiments of Lee county, we will say, she will be weighed and found sadly wanting.

It seems, Mr. Editor that the Lee county people could not have hit upon a better year than this to get defeated, for farmers are gloomy and are confronted with matters far more important to them than a new county or new anything else, unless it's a new way to pay these many obligations, and fill up their empty barns and smoke houses.

Well, Mr. Editor, we have always heard that times were hard and worse coming, this has been a saying ever since we were a little boy, and I tell you, Mr. Editor, if it ain't about to come sure enough, we are a poor judge of small matters. With the shortest crop of cotton we have made in twenty years, and a still shorter corn crop, nothing to fatten hogs with, no rice, no 'lases, and not much potatoes, we will say if somebody don't starve clean to death in this country next year, they will sure miss a mighty good opportunity.

The Wisacky school has opened with a good attendance, with one of Sumter's charming young ladies as teacher, and we look for splendid results, as Miss Richardson is very highly spoken of. We see no reason why Wisacky should not have a high school. When we ride over the country, Say, Darlington for instance, and see the large and nicely conducted schools in no better country than we have, we feel almost like complaining, and laying the blame on somebody. There is the Ashland High School in no better country than this, which would be a credit to any town, and leaves the Bishopville Graded School a long ways in the dark, so far as the looks of the buildings are concerned at least.

Mrs. M. L. Williams, is visiting her mother Mrs. Mike Clark of Eastover, S. C. Yours truly, Knead. Wisacky, S. C., Oct. 21, 1901.

Pan-American Congress in Mexico.

City of Mexico, Oct. 21.—Everything is in readiness for the holding of the initial session of the Pan-American congress tomorrow. The meetings will be held in a hall of the national palace, which has been completely refurbished for the occasion. President Diaz will formally welcome delegates and there will be brief responses from the representatives of the several American republics.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

COUNTY OF SUMTER.  
By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.  
Whereas, Benj. J. Humbert made suit to me grant him Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Wm. J. Stone, deceased.  
These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Wm. J. Stone, 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 Nov. 7th, 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 23d day of October, A. D. 1901.  
THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.

In Season. Do You Run a Gin or Machinery of Any Kind? Then come to us for BELTING, either Leather or Rubber, PULLEYS or other fixtures, Machine Oils, Gin supplies in general. Your attention is invited to our fine line of SADDLES, HARNESS, WHIPS. Full stock of PAINTS AND OILS. And everything in the Hardware line at reasonable prices. L. B. DURANT, The Hardware Man of Sumter, Sept 18-x

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS. OFFICE OF COUNTY TREASURER SUMTER CO. SUMTER, S. C., Sept. 24, 1901. NOTICE is hereby given that I will be in my office in the County Court House at Sumter from October 15th to December 31st, 1901, inclusive, for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 1901. The levy is as follows: For State purposes, 5 mills. For County purposes, 3 mills. For School purposes, 3 mills. Total levy, 11 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. 20, 3 mills. Mt. Clio, 2 mills. Concord, 2 mills. Privateer, 1 mill. No. 5, 1 mill. No. 17, 1 mill. School District No. 23, 4 mills. School District No. 22, 4 mills. Commutation Road Tax for 1902 \$1.00, payable from Oct. 15th, 1901, to Feb. 1st, 1902. H. L. SCARBOROUGH, sept 24 Treasurer Sumter Co.

MRS. L. ATKINSON Will open the Fall and Winter Season on Thursday, October 10th With a large and artistic collection of TRIMMED MILLINERY. The public are requested to call and see the display. The largest assortment of Pattern Hats ever shown in Sumter. Hats for all tastes from the "Picturesque Gaiety" to the simple street hat. Misses and children are not forgotten. Styles for them this season are quite elegant. Tailormade Hats are all the go in New York. We can show you quite an assortment of them, and at reasonable prices. We are in our new store—three doors below old stand. Come and see our hats, and we are sure you will buy, for they are quite irresistible. Yours to please, MRS. L. ATKINSON. Oct 9

MONEY TO LEND. ON LONG TIME at 7 per cent interest. LEE & MOISE. Oct 9-3m Sumter, S. C. Estate of Sam'l F. Osteen, Minor. I WILL apply to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on November 12th, 1901, for a final Discharge as Guardian of Person and Estate of said Minor. Miss ESTHER OSTEEEN, Guardian. Oct 9, 1901-4t

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