

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 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 the State.

THE EXPOSITION VIEWED BY THE PRESS.

On last Thursday and Friday about fifty members of the various newspapers of the State together with members of their families visited the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition at Charleston.

A formal reception took place in the auditorium at which speeches of welcome and replies thereto were made, after which the grounds, buildings, and such exhibits as were in place, were viewed until about 3 in the afternoon, when all repaired to the Woman's Building and were entertained for an hour or more with social intercourse, short speeches, and a very enjoyable lunch and tea. After this the visitors strolled about in groups for a while making further observation until the electric illumination of the grounds and buildings. This is a grand spectacle, and will be still grander when everything is completed.

Some two hours or more were spent in the evening visiting the Midway, and enjoying the curious things there to be seen. The Old Mill, the Esquimaux Village, Jim Key the educated horse, Bostock's Wild Animal Show, the Golden Chariot ride, were all highly pleasing to all. The Midway managers were all quite courteous and attentive to the various members of the party.

On Friday the Press party were entertained with a trip on the water, under the chaperonage of Editor Hemphill of the News and Courier and Capt. F. W. Wagener, the President of the Exposition. This was one of the pleasantest features of the trip to Charleston, interspersed as it was social mingling, short and witty speeches, lager and sandwiches. While on the boat the following resolution, offered by the Rev. A. J. S. Thomas, D. D., editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, after being heartily seconded by several members, were unanimously carried and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Association.

"The South Carolina State Press Association has had many most pleasant gatherings, which have fostered and cemented the fraternal spirit that now so congenially binds the fellowship of the brethren. We are, most appreciatively, uttering words of truth and soberness when we thank those whose courteous ministrations and whose warm and friendly hospitalities have added a memorable occasion to past pleasure. Especially are we grateful to our Charleston brethren of the press for the warm glow given so courteous to the fraternal ties of our Association.

"In enumerating the blessings which have been ours we have special reason for commending the admirable work for the great Exposition done by the department of publicity and promotion. We have some adequate idea of the arduous duties and responsibilities of this work, and know that what was here so well done was a mainspring of life to the Exposition and its great success.

"With feelings of pride and gratification in what we have seen, with sincerest appreciation of the combined courtesies and pleasures which have been ours, and pledging ourselves to further the work as much as lies in our power—

Resolved, That this Association, after its visit to Charleston, most heartily endorses and commends to the people of South Carolina and of the South the South Carolina Inter-State and West Indian Exposition as one worthy their earnest encouragement and support. It is an Exposition which, both in extent and in beauty of artistic design, will compare favorably with any which has ever been held in this country, and an Exposition which will benefit not only Charleston, South Carolina and the South, but the whole country. Its influences for good cannot be limited by State or sectional lines. And one who comes to Charleston and sees the Exposition and the earnest work which is being done by the management to make it a success can not doubt but that the purpose for which it was undertaken—the bringing of our own people in closer touch, enlarging our trade relations with the States to the south of us and displaying the resources and advantages of the South to the world, will be accomplished. The Exposition is a gigantic undertaking, instituted for a great and good purpose and its promoters deserve all the success which can possibly attend their efforts, and the co-operation and encouragement of all our people.

"Resolved, That our thanks are due and hereby extended the management of the Argyle Hotel for the manner of our entertainment while here, and we congratulate the people of Charleston and of South Carolina upon having

such a modern and well-appointed hotel in their metropolis.

"Resolved, That we appreciate the attention of the people of the Midway, who gave special performances for us, and their efforts to make our visit to them a pleasant one.

"Resolved, That we return to the Mayor and the City of Charleston our thanks and appreciation of the kindly and hearty welcome extended us by them.

"Resolved, That our thanks are due the Southern Railway, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens and the other railways, which were so ready to extend courtesies to us.

"Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered the Consolidated Street Railway for courtesies extended our members while here.

"Resolved, That we feel under many obligations to the press of Charleston for their kindly ministrations to our comfort and pleasure while in the city.

"And now, reserving the best for the last, we take off our hats to the ladies, and tender them our sincerest thanks for the reception given to us at the Woman's building on Thursday afternoon. The far-famed hospitality of Charleston comes from charming representatives of Southern womanhood. The reception and its dainty finishing touches was the most delicate compliment paid us, and commands the genuine thanks of every member of this Association."

On motion the thanks of the Association were extended to the Geer Drug Company for the present of a lot of fine cigars, sent through Secretary Langston.

"The thanks of the Association were also extended to President Aull and Secretary Langston for the excellent arrangements made for the trip to Charleston."

Although there is much yet to do, that will require several weeks of hard work before the Exposition is completed, all felt well repaid for the trip, and expressed gratification as well as surprise at the extent and magnificence of the undertaking. It was the general verdict that those who do not visit the Exposition will miss one of the greatest shows that has been in this country.

Our home while in the city was at the Argyle, the new hotel just opened on the site of the former St. Charles at the corner of Meeting and Hazel streets. The building which was burnt some time ago, as been remodelled and refitted throughout by Mr. Wilson, and is run under the general management of Mr. J. H. Hinton, who will have as his office staff Mr. Albert V. Green, one of the best known hotel men in Charleston; Mr. H. A. West and Mr. C. E. Maroney. It is well kept, and cannot fail to satisfy its patrons so long as it continues as we left it.

Goods Roads.

Mr. Editor: A great deal has been said on the above subject. Meeting, after meeting, has been held in various places, but I doubt if any plan has been settled on, in the public mind, to improve our highways. All admit that they should be improved, but how, is the question. Until that is decided, nothing will come of the discussions of the matter of road improvement. All who have experience in the matter know, that to try to work them under the old system for various reasons, is a failure. Some of those reasons are that the state of the roads require improved tools to work them, and those tools the farmers have not, and the county don't furnish them. Then, part of the hands do all the work, and others shirk in many ways known to a "dead beater," this produces dissatisfaction. But if all did their duty in the time allowed by law, it is impossible to keep the highways in good order, without modern tools. So this old system by public sentiment is a thing of the past. The chain gang is doing good work, but it can't keep one large county in good repair. A plan must be adopted or else we will continue to jog along through sand and mud as heretofore, much as all know, to the inconvenience of traveling and injury to stock and vehicles.

The best plan to work our roads is by taxation on property. We cannot levy a poll tax for that would be unconstitutional. Only one poll can be levied and that goes to the public schools. As a matter of equity it is right that those who wear out the roads should repair them. People who travel on foot wear very little of the roads away and yet those people to a large extent work the roads. A tax sufficient to put our highways in good condition could be levied each year and we would hardly feel it. This with the help of the chain gang would soon give us good roads that all would be proud of and be such a saving on the wear and tear of stock and vehicles and add to the comfort of traveling. The tax realized from each township should be expended on its roads. It is useless now to go into details how this should be done. The public will never kick at a tax to give them good roads. Our senator and representatives will do all they can to help in this most needy and desirable matter.

Jas. E. DuPre.
Pisgah, Dec. 17.

An Appeal Against the Liquor Traffic.

To the Women of South Carolina.

Dear Sisters: Last month the Christian Temperance Workers at their meeting in Greenville, saw fit to elect me president of their organization for the ensuing year, and may God now help me to so touch the hearts of the women of our State as shall awaken them to a sense of their responsibility under the fearful condition of things existing in our midst.

As Christian Temperance Workers, we do not ask to be allowed to vote; we do not ask to hold any office, nor to take part in any law-making body; but we do ask, we plead—nay, by the help of God we will take part in the protection of our offspring—our boys and girls—from the accursed liquor-selling, drunkard-making business.

Think of it, ye mothers in the State! Through the liquor shops will be sold this year, about three million dollars in intoxicating drinks; and of this vast sum the pittance of one-fiftieth of that amount turned into the channels of education as a cloak for the great sin.

Three millions in liquors poured into our husbands and sons, and to justify it, a comparatively small sum given to education. One boy out of every four ruined by the drink habit, and our State spending millions to foster and encourage the the drink habit.

Thousands of our girls being wedded to young men who are worthless, because the State has made them drunkards—made them unfit for association with a decent woman.

The dispensary system of selling liquor with the revenue arising from it seems to have so infatuated our men that they have lost sight entirely of the value of our boys and girls. They pay liberally of their hard-earned money to educate our children, and then for a mere trifle in money value, set up a liquor shop at home to ruin the boys as soon as they graduate at college. The poor drunken boy may twine himself in the cords of love around his mother's heart, but there is no room for him in the business world, no room in the church, no room in society; for him no happiness on earth, no hope of heaven; and for the girl who marries him, there can be only a life of sorrow and shame.

What are we going to do? God forbid that we who have borne these children should be longer untrue to them—that we should sit down, and let things take their course.

For the sake of the boys and girls of our State let me plead with you, to at once organize and begin the dissemination of truth regarding liquor-selling, and liquor-drinking.

Let us combine our strength, our influence and our work in such a way as to become the power in the hands of God for the removal of the curse from our State.

Let me plead with you, my sister: are you rich! Then remember, riches are worthless in the hands of a drunken boy—and the friend of drink is just as apt to take your boy as another's—and come to our help. Are you poor? Let your poverty be no barrier; you may render more real help than some with more means.

We want every respectable woman in our State to join us in the work at once. Assemble in any place where a goodly number may meet, enroll your names, elect a president, secretary and treasurer, and send your roll and list of officers to our recording secretary, Miss Julia V. Smith, Spartanburg, who will at once give you working instructions. Don't wait for some one else to take the lead, but go yourself.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs. Joel E. Brunson,
President C. T. W.

Dec. 17, 1901.

Mr. W. J. Duffie Paralyzed.

The many friends of Mr. W. J. Duffie, one of Columbia's most prominent and aged merchants, will regret to know that while at breakfast yesterday morning he suffered a stroke of paralysis. He fell in an unconscious condition and remained so until about 5 p. m., when consciousness was restored. Physicians were immediately summoned and everything possible is being done. Last evening the physicians considered Mr. Duffie's condition critical, but could not then indicate the issue.—The State, Dec. 17th.

What's Your Face Worth?
Sometimes a fortune, but never, if you have a sallow complexion, a jaundiced look, moths patches and blotches on the skin, all signs of Liver Trouble. But Dr. King's New Life Pills give Clear Skin, Rosy Cheeks, Rich Complexion Only 25 cents at J. F. W. De Lorme's Drug Store.

Hope for Cherry Tree Agents.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 14.—Judge Fred Moore of the superior court has issued an order restraining the banks of Rutherfordton, which hold money belonging to the Amos Owen Cherry Tree company, or its former owners, from paying out same. This writ was served today. The order is made returnable Jan. 1 before Judge Council at Newton and was obtained by Eaves & Rucker, attorneys.

The action is probably taken to scare payment of amounts due agents, although there is no specific information on that point. No arrests, it is said, have yet been made, and it is probable that the promoters have left the State.

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COLUMBIA, S. C.

Has a Storage capacity of 20,000 Bales of Cotton Stores and insures Cotton for 15 cents per Bale per month or fractional month. Lower rates on 500 Bales and above. Special rates for six months and season contracts.

All railroads running into Columbia permit Cotton to be stopped for storage and reshipped at any time during the season at the through rate from original starting point, with only a trifle charge for re-handling.

Cotton consigned to Columbia has the advantage of active competition when sold, and loans can always be secured on our Warehouse receipts at minimum rates. No commission or other charges for selling cotton. Correspondence solicited.

H. L. ELLIOTT, Manager.

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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,	2 mills.
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.

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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 Mark Reynolds against Mary Ann Bradley Brown, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction at the Court House in the city of Sumter, in the county of Sumter, in said State, on sale day in January, 1902, being the sixth day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

"Situate, lying and being in the city and county of Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, bounded north by lot No. 30, measuring thereon one hundred and two and one-half feet, east by Prand street of said city, measuring hereon fifty feet; south by lot of J. D. Blanding, measuring thereon one hundred and two and one-half feet, being the lot purchased from J. D. Blanding, deed recorded in Book N. N. N. 443, for which balance of purchase this mortgage is given."

Terms of sale cash. Purchaser to pay for papers.
H. FRANK WILSON,
Dec 11 Master for Sumter County.

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Do you want a flat-opening, patent, flexible-back

Ledger, Journal or Day Book?

We can supply your needs in these particulars,

And also all other needs in the way of Blank Books, Office Supplies and Stationery.

We buy direct from the manufacturers; our prices are right and quality guaranteed.

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We are Ready for the Xmas Shoppers!

Just received our usual Holiday line of Books, Toys, Dolls, etc.

OUR LINE OF Handkerchiefs, BETTER THAN EVER.

We have received our holiday Holiday Umbrellas,

Sterling Silver Mountings, and they are beautiful.

Don't miss looking at our stock while out shopping.

J. RYTTEBERG & SONS, Sumter, S. C.

HOLIDAY REDUCTION IN PRICES.

THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY OF THE SEASON FOR SHOPPERS.

I have decided to reduce prices on my entire line of HOLIDAY GOODS.

Sterling Silver Novelties, Cut Glass, Imported China, Japanese Ware, Gold and Silver Mounted Umbrellas, etc., etc., and from this date until Christmas Eve

The People of Sumter Have an Unprecedented Opportunity TO OBTAIN

The choicest productions of the Jeweler's art AT PRICES LOWER THAN EVER BEFORE.

The stock in variety, style and quality of workmanship, is the equal of any ever shown in this city. Everyone is invited to inspect my goods, and I believe I have something to please each one. The Big Bargain is the

25c Show Case containing articles worth from 25c to \$1.00—Your choice for Twenty-five Cents.

At 6 O'clock Christmas Eve I Will Give Away A HANDSOME

GOLD CRESCENT PIN

Set with 35 Pearls and one Diamond. From now till that hour each cash customer will receive one coupon for every dollar purchase and the one holding the lucky number will receive the pin.

E. A. Bultman, THE JEWELER. Dec 11 MAIN STREET.

GREAT REDUCTION SALE.

FROM NOW UNTIL JANUARY 1, 1902, We will sell our entire stock of Furniture, including Pictures, Easels, Jardinier Stands, Music Racks

And many other useful articles suitable for Christmas presents, At Greatly Reduced Prices.

We have the largest and best selected stock we have carried in years, and

We Can Save You Money On anything in our lines. Come and be convinced. Window and Picture Glass at the old low prices. Yours to please,

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