

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1902.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1866. The Watchman and Southern now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Those who are responsible for the management of the Charleston Exposition are embarking in a doubtful experiment when they seek to pull off the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons glove contest (prize fight) on the Exposition grounds. The encounter will attract an immense number of sports to Charleston and the gate receipts will be swelled, but there are too many people in South Carolina who are blindly prejudiced against the prize ring for the undertaking to be a profitable advertisement of the Exposition. The reaction will injure the Exposition more than enough to counter-balance the immediate financial returns from the fight.

Dr. A. Toomer Porter, who died in Charleston Sunday night, was one of the strongest and most notable men of his day and generation, and the influences of his life work in the cause of education in South Carolina will be felt for years to come. His labors were effective and the results he accomplished with the limited resources available at the inception of the undertaking were wonderful. Yet like all strong and determined men he made enemies and his motives were impugned and his purposes questioned. It may be that there was some truth in the criticisms of his enemies, just grounds for the aspersions of those who could see little good in him, nevertheless, if all this be granted it is but admitting that he was not a perfect character, and when all is said and the final estimate of the man and his work comes to be made, all must admit that he was a strong character and that his work was of incalculable benefit to the State, that he gave back far more than he received.

The charges of bribery in connection with the purchase of the Danish West Indies was a sensation for a day in Washington and there were unmistakable evidences of great uneasiness and alarm on the part of many Republican Congressmen when Congressman Richardson sprung the matter in the House; but the sensation has grown stale already and the alarm and uneasiness has been allayed. In all probability there was more or less bribery and a great deal of corrupt lobbying in connection with the transaction, but the lobbyists know too well how to cover their tracks to be proven guilty by a Congressional investigation. The lobby is too strong and has too many friends at court, too many accomplices in high position for the guilty ones to be exposed and condemned in the house of their friends.

The official figures showing the income and losses paid by the foreign fire insurance companies having agencies in this State have been made public by the insurance department of the Comptroller General's office. The report as to the American companies doing business in the State has not yet been issued. There were 27 foreign fire insurance companies represented in the State last year. Of this number 5 withdrew from the State during the year and have made no report as to the loss they sustained. Of the remaining companies 9 paid fire losses exceeding their total incomes from premiums, and 13 received incomes from premiums exceeding the losses paid. The total income of all the companies was \$316,117.80 and the total amount of losses reported was \$198,826.47. The insurance business as a whole is thus shown to have been far from unprofitable in South Carolina last year, notwithstanding the statements to the contrary that have been made in justification of the recent advance in rates.

Senator D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, arrived in the city this morning and will spend today and tomorrow here. Mr. Henderson is a candidate for the seat in the U. S. Senate now held by Senator McLaurin, and he is regarded by many as the strongest candidate in the field. His ability, his legislative experience and his comprehensive grasp of public affairs render him eminently fitted for the position to which he aspires.

We were struck with the Sumter exhibit. In it is advertised the Sumter telephone. Mr. J. M. Bell says that the information that he received from this exhibit alone fully repaid him for his trip. One of the employees of the manufacturing establishment, who understands every phase of their manufacture, has charge of the telephone exhibit. It is here that everybody may get a drink of the finest water in the state. It is absolutely pure, and one man devotes his entire attention to serving those who are thirsty.—Chester Lantern, March 25.

Gen. Wade Hampton celebrated his 84th birthday on Friday, March 29th.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Columbia, April 1.—The weather conditions during March were variable, as is characteristic of the month, both as to temperature and rainfall, although the mean of the former and the average of the latter were both about normal. The coldest day was the 19th, on which date freezing temperature, with thin ice and a ground freeze, occurred over the whole State, but fortunately vegetation was backward and many fruit buds had scarcely begun to swell, this minimizing the damage from the cold weather. The closing week was quite warm and favorable for work, with the exception of a heavy rain storm that swept over the State on the 29th, that delayed farm work for a few days. This storm was followed by high, drying winds that dried the surface ground quickly and made it again tillable by the close of the month. Previous to this storm, the rainfall had been generally light and evenly distributed throughout the month. The drought over the southeastern counties was practically relieved by a heavy rainfall on the 15-16th.

Preparation of lands, and spring planting, are about as late as they were last year, which is to say, about ten days later than the average season. Slow progress was made over the western counties, where farm work is backward, and the season very late. Here some corn lands have been prepared and a little corn has been planted, but planting has not become general. Over the eastern and central counties, upland corn planting is well under way, and some early planted is up. The ground is too cold, however, for favorable germination.

Usually cotton planting is well under way over the southeastern counties by the first of April, but this year cotton planting during March has been confined to the extreme southeastern portion, principally to Beaufort County, where about one-fourth the contemplated acreage has been planted, mostly of the sea-island variety. Lands have been largely prepared and are awaiting suitable planting weather, over the eastern and central counties, where by April 10th it is expected the work will become general. In the western counties, the preparation of cotton lands is backward, and planting will be late, although during the latter portion of March the work of preparation advanced rapidly, but planting will be delayed until the ground becomes warm enough for the favorable germination of seed.

Tobacco plants, in beds are small for the season, but they are plentiful and healthy.

Rice lands are being prepared as rapidly as practicable, but freshets in the rivers have delayed the work in the Georgetown districts, where none has been planted. In Colleton County planting is well advanced, being about half finished.

The copious rainfall over the coast truck regions made the early vegetable crop very promising, although the freeze of the 19th did considerable damage to strawberries in bloom, white potatoes, cucumbers, muskmelons, snapbeans, squash and beets, all of which were hurt and some killed. Truck seeding was about finished by the close of the month, and peas were in full bloom, while asparagus, cabbage and lettuce are being shipped. About two-thirds of the fall sown oats were winter killed during last December, and January sowings did not come up well, but that portion of the crop that escaped winter killing looks well. Much of the land upon which early oats were killed was resown during February and March with fair results. The scarcity of seed oats on the farms, and its high price, prevented the full acreage of that that was winter killed from being resown. Oats on sandy lands suffered the greatest damage.

Wheat was not materially hurt by winter killing, and although small and with thin or scattered stands, looks fairly promising. In places it is infested by a small fly, supposed to be the hessian fly. Rye and barley are in about the same condition as wheat, that is to say, small and late.

It is the opinion of most of the correspondents, that the freeze of the 19th did not injure the fruit prospects to any considerable extent, as but few peach trees and some pear trees were in full bloom, while late peaches and other fruit trees had not begun to bloom at that time.

CHARLESTON'S BID FOR FIGHT  
Was Only One Made—Jeff is Shy  
---Fitz. Insists.

New York, April 1.—Only one bid was received in this city today for the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight. It was that of the Charleston Athletic club, which offered the fighters 75 per cent. of the gross receipts or a guarantee of \$26,000. The club agreed to hold the contest between May 15 and June 1 and offered to give the contestants the entire proceeds from the picture privileges. After the bid had been received a telegram was sent to San Francisco to ascertain if any bids for the fight had been received there, and the matter was deferred until a reply could be received. Late tonight a reply was received

from Jeffries. He said he did not think the contest could be held at Charleston and he wanted the Charleston men to post the full \$26,000 as forfeit.

Fitzsimmons immediately sent back the following reply to Jeffries:

"Charleston is the best bid and by articles of agreement we are both bound to accept it. Have every assurance of no interference. If you really want to fight accept or think up some better excuse than you have given. Your demand for \$26,000 forfeit is ridiculously unreasonable. I am ready to sign and post forfeit now."

MILLIONAIRES VISIT  
THE CATAWBA FALLS.

Development of Great Water Power Seems Certain—Dukes and Others Interested.

Special to The State.

Chester, April 1.—A party of business men from Winnsboro in registering at one of the hotels here Wednesday afternoon engaged several rooms for parties that were to come in that night on one of the trains from the north. This incident as trivial as it may seem, may prove one of the very greatest significance to this section, in fact to this State and to the whole south. The Winnsboro party consisted of Messrs. J. Q. Davis, T. K. Elliott and J. E. McDonald. These gentlemen, as is well known, have for several months been interested in the development of the Catawba falls power, and the supposition was soon made that they were here on business of this nature. This supposition was proved correct when early the next morning the Winnsboro gentlemen and those who had joined them, who as was afterwards learned were none other than the multi-millionaire, J. B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco company, and his associates, B. N. Duke, treasurer of American Tobacco company; George A. Watt, capitalist; and W. A. Erwin, president of a number of cotton mills in North Carolina; took an early train for Fort Lawn, the nearest railroad station to the falls. The party at once proceeded to the falls, which is one of the most magnificent water powers in the whole world. Through the Winnsboro gentlemen as agents all the lands surrounding these falls have been quietly bought up, and they now have all the property in that vicinity necessary to the accomplishment of their plans.

PEACE PROPOSALS IN AFRICA.

Number of Boer Commanders Willing for Peace and There Seems to be Prospect of Success of Negotiations.

Pretoria, Monday, March 31.—President Steyn and Gen. De La Rey have been located and a meeting between them and Acting President Schalk-Burger is expected to be arranged without delay. It is reported that Gen. Botha will also attend the conference.

Commandant Mears has sent in word that his command will abide by the decision of the Boer government.

Commandant De Villiers, who has been operating in Kimberly districts, has sent in a flag of truce, asking for terms.

The peace movement, however, has in no way interfered with the military operations. The British are again sweeping the northwest districts of the Orange River Colony, where it is believed they have about 1,000 of Gen. De Wett's men within the cordon.

Heidelberg, Transvaal, Monday, March 31.—Commandant Alberts has called a meeting of the Boers in his district, to take place 35 miles east of the Springs station, in order to discuss the proposal for a general surrender. It is said that Gen. Hana Botha has summoned a similar meeting at Amsterdam.

A party of constabulary and native scouts was ambushed near here March 30. Six of the party were killed. The Boers eluded pursuit.

Surrenders are occurring daily in the Standerton district.

Pretoria, April 1.—Thirty-nine British soldiers were killed and 45 injured in a railroad wreck March 30, near Barberton, Transvaal Colony.

London, April 1.—The war office in reporting the railroad wreck at Barberton, Transvaal Colony, merely says that it was accidental. The victims nearly all belonged to the Hampshire regiment.

Brutal Murder in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, April 1.—Fearing that he would be arrested for theft, William H. Lane, a colored butler, shot and killed his employer, Mrs. Ella J. Furbush, her 11 year old daughter Madeline, and probably mortally wounded another daughter, Eloise, aged seven years, at their home, 652 north Fifteenth street, shortly before noon today. Lane, who is 25 years of age, escaped from the

house and four hours later was captured by Philadelphia detectives while waiting in Camden, N. J., to board a train for Bridgeton, N. J. He was immediately brought to this city, was identified by little Eloise, and confessed his crime.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

Washington, March 31.—Senator Concha, the Colombian minister, delivered to Secretary Hay today a definite protocol between the United States and Colombia, embodying the terms under which Colombia will agree to concede the rights necessary for the construction of a Panama canal. It is understood that Colombia gives unqualified consent to the sale of the rights of the new Panama Canal Company to the United States Government and the consummation of its offer of \$40,000,000. It is stated that the protocol embodies adequate and satisfactory provisions for the completion, maintenance, control and operation of a Panama canal by this Government. It was stated most positively today that, beyond the 5,000,000 francs (about \$1,000,000) in stock, which the Colombian Government holds in the canal company, no portion of the \$40,000,000 will revert to Colombia.

It has been made clear that the protocol delivered today withholds the city of Panama from United States sovereignty. Panama city is practically the State of Panama, for there is no other town of importance within the State. The administration of justice within the canal belt is provided for in the shape of mixed tribunals, and the right to pursue criminals charged with crimes committed within the limits of the belt to any part of Colombia is bestowed. Compensation for the canal rights is desired to be in the shape of an annual rental of about \$750,000.

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At the close of the quarter ending March 31, 1902, published in conformity with the Acts of the General Assembly.

ASSETS.	
Loans and Discounts,	\$209,934 22
Bonds,	12,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,500 00
Cash on hand, Cash Items and Cash due by other Banks and Bankers,	28,514 92
Total,	\$251,949 14
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in,	\$ 75,000 00
Deposits,	149,605 43
Due to other Banks and Bankers,	824 40
Rediscouunts,	10,550 00
Undivided surplus,	17,969 31
Total,	\$251,949 14

The State of South Carolina, } S. S.  
Sumter County, }  
I, W. F. RHAME, Cashier of "The Bank of Sumter," do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
W. F. RHAME, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of April A.D., 1902.  
R. J. BLAND, [L. S.]  
a Notary Public for S. C.

Correct Attest:  
W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, President.  
R. L. COOPER, } Directors.  
RICH'D I. MANNING, }  
April 2, 1902.

TRESPASS NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS are hereby warned against trespassing upon any of my lands in Sumter County, in any manner, and especially as to taking therefrom wood or straw. The law will be enforced against anyone who may be found disregarding this notice.  
R. C. McFADDIN.  
April 2—4\*

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Mrs. Sarah L. Lacey, widow, made suit to me to grant her Letters of Administration of the estate of and effects of Thos. E. Lacey, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Thos. E. Lacey, 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 April 15th, 1902, 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 1st day of April, A. D., 1902.  
THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate.  
April 1—1 2 9

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