

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1902.

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.

If the farmers of South Carolina raised hogs and cattle in sufficient numbers to provide their own meat and some for sale they would be rejoicing over the high prices of meat and not bemoaning the poor farmers' hard fate and abusing the meat trust. There is no immediate prospect of lower prices in the meat market and the wise farmer, who has pasture land or can convert a part of his farm into good pasture by planting rye or other grains and grasses for winter grazing and Bermuda for summer pasture, will turn his attention more toward stock raising than he has in the past.

Politics make strange enemies as well as strange bed fellows. Who would have imagined, a few years ago, that in this year of grace 1902, Capt. John C. Capers would be engaged in a political controversy with Edmund Deas over the leadership of that malodorous organization of political grafters and place-hunters known as the Republican party of South Carolina? It is a surprising and unedifying spectacle.

A FRIENDLY CRITICISM.

Mr. J. B. Hunnicat, editor of the Southern Cultivator who attended and took a prominent part in the work of the Farmers Institute held at Clemson College last month has in the current issue of his paper a very complimentary editorial on the Institute and Clemson College. In concluding the article he offers the following friendly and pertinent criticism that those who are responsible for the management of the College should take to heart:

"One thing impressed us as needing amendment in the management of the college. The mechanical and scientific departments are well-equipped and to-date, but the agricultural department is neither. This is not as it should be. This department should lead in every way. It should have the best-equipped building and outfit of all. It should be magnified and made the head. To insure this, the president should be a man who has made a success as a farmer. The agricultural department should have the largest and best building. A museum containing specimens of all plants that grow in South Carolina, with brief descriptions of each, should be open to the farmers and students. Experiment plots should be given to each student and high prizes offered for best work. The college farm should be run on the highest and best possible plan. It should be an object-lesson to the State and a model of up-to-date farming. We hope Clemson may flourish and that South Carolina farmers may continue to be proud of it."

The Bad Condition of the Finances of the State Government as Reported by State Treasurer Jennings.

Columbia, September 19.—The fact has already been referred to that the State's finances are in such a condition that extreme economy will have to be practiced by the next Legislature, and even with that further investigation into conditions show that there will have to be an increased levy or a reduction in expenses somewhere if ends are made to meet. The total appropriations last year, in round numbers, amounted to \$1,138,000. On a levy of 5 mills it is expected that \$950,000 will be produced. The other revenue will be about \$25,000 from insurance and about \$8,000 from fees from the Secretary of State's office which is a large falling off compared with the previous year when the fees amounted to about \$40,000. This is explained by the fact that last year there was an extraordinarily large number of new enterprises with big capital stocks. While the number is equally as large this year the total amount invested does not come up to what it did previously. The total revenue of the State then will be in the neighborhood of \$983,000, making a deficit of \$153,000. To this must be added several other sums, as certain small appropriations, such as interest on old bonds, etc., that were made year before last and which are payable out of this year's receipts. Under these circumstances Treasurer Jennings finds that he will be compelled to borrow the full amount allowed by law \$300,000. Last year he had only to borrow \$140,000, some of which must be paid back by this year's taxes. The cash balance in the treasury year before last was \$165,000 and the last year \$99,000. Thus it will be seen that the finances of the State have been gradually going backwards, until now it comes to be a question whether the levy shall be increased or not. It will be a hard matter to find any particular place where expenses may be cut down, unless there is a general cut-down all around. There is one hopeful feature about it, that there have heretofore been some extraordinary expenses, which will not be necessary this year, and these were such as State House appropriation, Exposition appropriations and the like. The increased pension appropriation will undoubtedly stand, as there is no chance of a backward step being taken in that direction. Viewing the situation in the best light he can Treasurer Jennings can see nothing favorable in the outlook, and the Legislature will have the most serious problem that has confronted that body in years to solve in a manner satisfactory to all the interests involved.—News and Courier.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Columbia, Sept. 23.—The week ending Monday, September 22, was decidedly cooler than usual, with a mean temperature of 66 degrees, a maximum of 85 degrees at Greenwood on the 18th, and a minimum of 44 degrees at Greenville on the 15th. There was a general deficiency in sunshine, with more cloudiness over the eastern than over the western half of the State. The winds were light easterly to northerly.

Over a large portion of the State, and the eastern half generally, there was little or no rain during the week, while in places over the western half fairly heavy showers occurred on the 18th and 19th. The rains were gentle and did not damage open cotton to any great extent. In the northeastern counties there is need of rain for fall crops and to put the ground into condition for fall plowing.

The weather was favorable, on the whole, for harvesting corn, cotton and rice and for farm work in general.

Reports on cotton are very full this week, and cover every section of the State, and they confirm previous estimates of a comparatively short crop. It appears that the promising condition near the close of June was irreparably injured by the hot and dry weather from June 28th to July 10th, which subsequently caused the plants to shed, rust and blight and to stop growing, and while some fields in favorable localities put on new growth late in August that has since bloomed and fruited, the majority of plants did not fruit well during August. Cotton is from two-thirds to four-fifths open, and much of it has been picked; indeed, some fields have already been abandoned, but in a number of counties pickers are scarce and there a smaller percentage of the crop has been gathered. The yields are estimated below last year's by a majority of the correspondents, although in five counties the yield is estimated equal to or greater than last year's. Frost deferred until late in November will increase the crop materially in places. Boll worms have appeared on late, unopened bolls in Barnwell County. Sea-island cotton is better than for a number of years, and bears a fair top crop; picking well underway.

Corn is being hosed. Minor crops are doing well. Truck is in a fine growing condition.

BELL OPERATES WITHOUT FRANCHISE.

The Telephone Situation in Virginia City is Interesting.

Sumter is not the only place in which the Southern Bell Telephone finds that it cannot do exactly as it pleases as has been stated more than once before. The latest set back the Bell has received in its campaign to acquire control of the Southern Bell occurred in Manchester, Va., Richmond's prosperous suburb. The Richmond Times, of 20th has the following report on the telephone situation from its Manchester bureau: Acting under instructions given him last night by the Ordinance Committee, City Attorney William I. Clifton will draw an ordinance covering all telephone companies now operating in the city, or which may hereafter operate here, expressly stating that no such company shall charge telephone patrons of Manchester rates in excess of those at the time charged Richmonders.

The status of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, now doing business here without a franchise, was discussed by the committee. A resolution of Mr. C. L. Pettit, offered in the City Assembly and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen, instructed the Ordinance Committee to inquire into the status of the Southern Bell Company's right to operate here and take such action as was necessary.

Several months ago Mr. Chipley for the Bell Company made application to the old Council for a franchise. This petition was referred to a joint committee. This committee demanded of Mr. Chipley that he accord Manchester the same rates charged in Richmond, and specify this in the franchise. After some time the committee received notice that the company wished to withdraw the application.

At the next meeting representatives of both companies will be present by invitation.

GOOD ADVERTISING FOR SUMTER.

Comparison of Sumter and Manning Markets Made by Manning Times.

Duty to our readers and our patrons generally whether they be merchants or farmers, compels us to keep a close watch on our market, and see to it that it does not go backward without our letting the people know it. The people know the market fluctuates, but they also know that no matter how the fluctuation goes, it does not change the relative market value. The difference between this market and Sumter, owing to freight rates is, as we have heretofore said, about 1/8, and our farmers are willing to concede it, but when it comes to a matter of 1/4 to 3/8 they are not willing to submit and as a result the cotton is carried on to Sumter.

When this market opened, the buyers pushed the market to the top notch, and there was no complaint, we were so pleased with the disposition to treat the farmer justly that we urged our readers to bring their cotton here, and we want to continue urging our farmers to bring their products to this market, but unless there is something done on the part of our merchants to force the buyers to pay full value for the cotton, as a matter of honest duty to our readers we will not advise them to come here. Here is an incident, related to us by a farmer, if correct, is very damaging to our market. He told us that he asked a buyer for the price of cotton, and the buyer said "my limit is 8 1/2, and it is the very best I can give you," a little later he heard the buyer talking on the telephone to an out-of-town merchant, and the buyer said "my limit is 3-16." This farmer said "now to me a farmer, his limit was 8 1/2, and to a merchant it was 3-16, this is not fair nor is it honest, and I shall take my cotton to Sumter where the buyers and merchants do not stand in with one another." The farmer referred to, is a man who runs a ginny and is in position to advise a good many people, and to do us much injury. Cannot our business men see how

throat-cutting this is to their interest? It is indeed painful to us to have to make an exposure like this, but we do it because we believe the only way to correct an evil, is to expose it, and we propose keeping up this kind of a fight if every business house in the town feels offended at us.

It was through agitation in these columns and our personal appeals that we induced one gentleman to enter the cotton market, that party created an activity from the start, and whenever he is in the market we hear no complaints, but just as soon as he is away or out, there seems to be a drag.

The farmers do not like the custom of buyers not buying direct from them, and they are not to be fooled, they know full well the buyers will not bid as high as the merchant, and the merchant buys, then at the close of the day the buyer gives the merchant the full market and takes the cotton. No town can ever hope to build a market on such lines, it is enough profit for the merchant to collect for the goods he sold in the summer at lien prices, he should be satisfied with that, and not be so gluttonous, to want to make a profit out of the cotton too.—Manning Times.

Hagood News Notes.

Mr. Editor: I do not say it to flatter you, but undoubtedly the Watchman and Southron is one of the best county papers in the State. The last issue was brimfull of good reading. The Watchman is a clean sheet that any man can take into his family without fear of the consequences.

A word about some of your correspondents. Dr. Brown needs no introduction or words of praise from the writer; the productions of his pen, on any subject are always read. He knows when to say a thing, how to say it, and how much. He is not like the fellow who got excited when called on to pray and could not quit.

Mr. Editor, what sort of a looking man is "Guv"? His productions are so laughable that I imagine him a fat chubby fellow. Am I right? [No, he is less fat and chubby than you, and can look over your head.—Ed.] Sometimes I get ambitious to be humorous but just as it is in the bud "Guv" comes out with his sprightly wit and humor and I take the blight. I give due notice to all concerned that I will not undertake to be a humorist till "Guv" is dead and his spicy productions out of print. I do wish he would write oftener.

I always read what my good friend J. E. D. has to say. He reads much and gives a newsy letter.

Cotton is nearly all open here and the bulk of the crop on the uplands is picked. Many of us now realize that it is quite short of what we expected. The crop of corn is very fair. It is believed by many that peas will be scarce. Potatoes are fine everywhere.

For one I would like to see Dr. Anderson's and Mr. Furman's replies to "Nepos" regarding Stateburg and Sumter's Mount. Will they not oblige us? Hagood, S. C., Sept. 22, 1902.

Wedgefield Items.

Wedgefield, S. C., Sept. 23.—The good weather of the past week enabled the farmers to catch up with their cotton picking. There is very little to pick this week. Our school opened this week, but the principal did not arrive as was expected. The trustees, though, have several applications on file and a principal will be elected again this week. Mrs. D. B. McLaurin is acting in that capacity until he arrives.

Miss Laura Hammond, of Columbia, is at her aunts, Mrs. A. E. Aycock, for a few days.

Mr. Frank Covington, Jr., of Marion, is spending the day with relatives in town, he goes to Columbia tonight to enter the South Carolina College.

Rev. Louis J. Bristow returned from Cartersville this afternoon where he has been conducting a protracted meeting.

Mr. J. A. Campbell, the newly appointed A. C. L. agent here, arrived Sunday and has entered upon the discharge of his duties.

A Day on Rafting Creek.

On Tuesday, the 15th, County Supervisor Seale, Chief of Police Bradford, Sheriff Scarborough and Treasurer H. L. Scarborough took a flying trip to Remberts and the State Farms. On their arrival at Remberts they were taken in charge by those ideal of hosts, Edward E. Rembert and his charming wife, and driven through one of the most magnificent farming sections in South Carolina, getting a splendid view of the farms and magnificent crops of Messrs. E. E. Rembert, T. O. Sanders, the State farms, T. P. Sanders and others. At the conclusion of the drive all were taken back to Mr. Remberts, where the Sumter contingent did full justice to a model dinner, returning to Sumter on the afternoon train. They speak in glowing terms of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Rembert.

To Washington and Return, \$10.00 to New York and Return, \$20.00

Unprecedented low rates via the Atlantic Coast Line, account of the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Washington. Tickets to be sold Oct. 3, 4, 5 and 6, with return limit Oct. 15. By depositing tickets with the joint agent at Washington, not later than 12 o'clock noon, Oct. 15, and upon payment of 50 cents, extension to final return limit of Nov. 3, may be obtained on tickets to Washington.

Interesting side trips to battle fields and other historic points may be made from Washington at low rates. These tickets will be good going and returning one way, or via diverse routes.

Train leaving Sumter at 6.35 p. m., city time, arrives in Washington at 7.54 the following morning. New York at 2 p. m., carrying through Pullman sleepers and dining car.

Train leaving Sumter at 8.20 a. m., city time, arrives at Washington at 11.40 p. m., following evening, New York, 7.15 following morning.

Jenkins Bros. have just received a large shipment of ball bearing, drop head, New Home machines. See them. Under Masonic Temple. July 30.

Large shipments of Guns, Rifles and Ammunition, just received by T. B. Jenkins, Jr., Masonic Temple. Sept. 9-4t

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, OF SUMTER, S. C.,

At Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the close of business, Sept. 15, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts,	\$279,915 35
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured,	16,539 48
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	18,750 00
Stocks, securities, etc.,	15,400 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures,	3,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents),	6,486 27
Due from State Banks and Bankers,	48,191 79
Due from approved reserve agents,	10,158 35
Checks and other cash items,	4,665 91
Notes of other National Banks,	2,000 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents,	1,734 35
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie,	13,450 00
Legal-tender notes,	7,000 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation),	937 50
Total,	\$428,229 00
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in,	75,000 00
Surplus fund,	15,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid,	23,451 13
National Bank notes outstanding,	18,750 00
Due to other National Banks,	79 41
Due to State Banks and Bankers,	1,511 82
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks,	2,244 39
Individual deposits subject to check,	223,307 02
Notes and bills rediscounted,	68,885 23
Total,	\$428,229 00
State of South Carolina, } County of Sumter, } SS.	
I, R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, 1902.	
I, C. STRAUSS, [L. S.] Notary Public for S. C.	
Correct—Attest:	
H. D. BARNETT, NEILL O'DONNELL, } Directors. R. D. LEE, Sept. 24, 1902.	

J. Ryttenberg & Sons.

We are showing the NEW FANCY VELS

1 5-8 yards long, at 43 and 49c.

Also the newest in VEILINGS

at 23c the yard.

J. RYTTENBERG & SONS.

THE HUNTING SEASON.

The bird season soon opens, and the sportsman who wants a good gun—a real high-grade sportsman's gun—will make a mistake if he fails to inspect my stock of

PARKER'S, REMINGTON'S, L. C. SMITH'S, LEFEVER'S, BALTIMORE, WORCESTER AND ITHICA HAMMER-LESS SEOT GUNS

and the standard makes of HIGH GRADE RIFLES.

Double barrel shot-guns ranging in price from \$20 to \$80; single barrel \$5 to \$8.

AMMUNITION.....

Full stock of Loaded Shells—all size shot—for standard gauge guns.

BICYCLES.....

I am sole agent for Rambler and Tribune Wheels—none better made—and have in stock both chain and chainless for men and women, ranging in price from \$25 to \$75. A full line of bicycle sundries and supplies.

My prices are right on guns and wheels.

W. S. REYNOLDS,

30 W. Liberty Street.

Sept 24-tf

Pure Corn Whisky

4 Full No marks to imitate contents. \$3.00 Direct from the Quar's Ex. Paid



This is old put up in plain cases, holding twelve bottles marks to indicate contents. This whisky suitable for medicinal purposes, being best quality. You are at liberty to have physician test satisfactory to your money, should be with order must than four qua prepaid.

If interested in whiskies write for full price list. In ordering remember whisky cannot be shipped C. O. D., and all orders must be accompanied by cash.

Address all communications to E. A. LACKEY, Hamlet, N. C. aug 13-6m

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Money to lend in sums to suit borrower, real estate required as security. Apply to F. FRANK WILSON, Master for Sumter County. Sept 17-3t.

GLENN SPRINGS WATER Cures Dyspepsia.

For sale by A. J. China, J. F. W. DeLorme.

NEW CARPET STORE.

We have opened up an entirely new department in our store for the sale of

CARPETS, MATTINGS, RUGS, ART SQUARES, LINOLEUMS AND WINDOW SHADES.

Our stock in this line is probably the largest and most complete ever carried in Sumter.

The space devoted to this department is on the second floor of our building, 65x25 feet—quite a store in itself.

There are few housekeepers who will not need something in this line before the cold weather sets in, and we extend to all a cordial invitation to examine our line, and believe we can make it to their interest to place their orders with us.

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