

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1902.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1856 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 biggest thing about the Presidential bear hunt has been the work of the press agents he carried with him. President Roosevelt is the greatest advertiser in America, and if he had to pay regular space rates his salary would not pay the bills for a week.

Smallpox is reported to be epidemic at Charlotte, N. C., and it has already broken out at several widely separate points in this State. Within the present week the State Board of Health has been notified that there are a number of cases of smallpox at Kershaw, Lancaster county and in the adjacent portions of Kershaw county. This is near enough to furnish grounds for apprehension that the disease will be brought into this county during the winter. It is easier to prevent an epidemic than to stamp it out after it has gained headway. There is but one certain preventive of smallpox, and that is general vaccination. We advise, as we have had occasion to do in the past, that every person who has not been successfully vaccinated within the past six years, be vaccinated now.

A writer in the December number of *Everybody's Magazine* pictures the life of the cotton-mill operatives of Columbia as closely akin to a living death or a hell upon earth. If one hundredth of what she insinuates be true a cotton mill village is a plague spot, a place filled with moral and physical degenerates, whose present condition is horrible and whose future is hopeless. But the purpose of the writer, a Miss Van Vorst, is too evident; she writes to damn the Southern cotton mill, not to tell the whole truth, good as well as bad. Even the pictures illustrating the article are somber-hued and would tend to create the impression that the Columbia mill district is a little inferno of filth, swamps and desolation. Such articles may injure the Southern cotton mill industry in the minds of some people, but the damage cannot approach that desired by the writer, for it is too greatly overdrawn. The enemies of the Southern cotton mills should employ some one more adept in the art of misrepresentation.

OFFICIAL ABSENTEEISM.

The Columbia Record is doing a good work in agitating for the enactment of a law to require State officers to stay in Columbia and attend to their duties. The following article in the Record of the 18th instant states the case clearly says, the *Newberry Herald and News*:

"The 'evils of official absenteeism' seem to be worrying the editor of the Columbia Record a good deal just at present. While it is a fact that all state officers ought to live in Columbia, we do not believe affairs in the state house are in quite as bad condition as The Record would have us believe. However, we would be glad to have The Record go more into detail in regard to the 'stringent law compelling state officers to stay in Columbia and devote their time to the business of the state, which it would like to have enacted. It strikes us an account of some of its workings, if enforced, would make interesting reading."

We are not surprised that the editor of the *Herald and News* doesn't appreciate how business interests are affected by official absenteeism. He has not been about the state house enough to learn much about it. If he will examine his own case a little probably he can understand how it would have been had he been the head of a department rather than the governor's private secretary. There would not be much detail, however, about the law to meet the case. All that would be necessary would be to require state officers to attend to the state's business just as any sound business individual would attend to his own. If a law were passed, we think it would be observed without the necessity of much detail about it; but, if it comes to the worst, officials might be required to certify on oath how many days they had been in their offices and attended to business before receiving their pay warrants. We do not believe there would be any necessity for this, because the simple passage of a law would be sufficient notice served that the evil must be remedied. If that fails, details will be easily enough arranged.

"Mother Eddy of the Christian Scientists has 'advised' her followers to refrain hereafter from treating contagious sickness. But why? The Scientists believe that all sickness is imagination and there can therefore be no such thing as contagious disease. What most people understand as contagious disease is to the Christian Scientist merely a fallacy of the mind which sweeps rapidly from one overwrought brain to another. But surely, this being the case, it were the duty of Mother Eddy to exert her utmost to arrest widely prevailing error. Of course, though, the wholesome law of the land, which the Scientists have been unable to persuade the authorities is a false 'claim,' has some terrors for them, and it has not yet appeared that any of the sect are inclined to suffer imprisonment, much less fine, or persuading deluded people to subvert themselves to the ravages of dis-

WHAT CONSTITUTES RESIDENCE?

Judge Buchanan. Claims Yet to Be a Resident of Sumter.

The *Newberry Herald and News* yesterday insisted that the *Newberry court* was adjourned because of the likelihood that the question of Judge Buchanan's residence would come up. Judge Buchanan has set all doubts on that point at rest as the following from the *Spartanburg Journal* shows: A communication received by a friend in this city from Judge Buchanan last night stated that the Judge expected to be in Spartanburg and hold court according to schedule. The communication stated that Judge Buchanan's court at *Newberry* was not adjourned on account of his alleged non-residence in the district, but on account of an altogether different matter. Judge Buchanan says that he is still a resident of this district and denies the statement recently made to the effect that he had changed his place of residence.

WATER POWER OF THE SOUTH.

Government Engineers Will Make Complete Investigation.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The recent developments in the commercial possibilities of the electrical transmission of water power have rendered available a great many water courses, which though at times technically available, have until quite recently been economically without value. Particularly has such been the case with streams of the Southern Appalachian region, which, on account of topographic and climatic conditions, have a great fall and a large and constant flow, and on which, as a rule, the conditions are such as to render hydraulic developments comparatively cheap, thus affording potential water power of great value to the industrial life of the country.

On account of the inaccessibility of the country in which they are located these streams have in the past been without practical value, but advances in electrical science have rendered their development and use at some no far distant time not an improbability but a practical certainty. Therefore, the division of hydrography of the geological survey has recently begun a comprehensive investigation of these streams, for the purpose of determining the available fall of any probable power site, the volume of water available at each site, and such other general information as to practicable development conditions and methods as the engineers in charge of the work may be able to collect.

The information will be of great value to engineers and other intending users of water power, by indicating the localities apt to repay more detailed investigation on their part.

GOLD STANDARD IN MEXICO.

Must Abandon Silver Standard for Self-Protection.

"It is my opinion, that Mexico will adopt the gold standard in a few months," said Mr. Jesus Trejo, of Mexico City, who is at the Galt House. "The Mexicans want to trade with the United States, and realize to continue doing so they will have to adopt the same monetary standard that exists in this country. The difference in the Mexican money and that of the United States has become so great that the Mexicans cannot afford to give their money for our goods. An American dollar is now worth \$2.65 of Mexican money, while a year ago it was only worth \$2. The premium on American money, as you see, is growing all the time, and if Mexico does not hurry and adopt the gold standard the country will be in such a shape that when it is adopted it will be too late.

"The premium in Great Britain and Germany is not so great, and as a result those countries are gaining trade with Mexico. The difference in the values of money between Mexico and Germany is only two for one, what it was formerly with the United States. I cannot account for the varying values other than the merchants in the United States believe they offer advantages to the Mexicans which the competing countries cannot offer.

"But, as I said before, Mexico will soon be on a gold standard, and then the United States will get practically all of its trade. The Mexicans favor this country because it is near, and the people are more like themselves. Our Congress is now arranging to borrow some gold from the United States, which will restore confidence for a time but it can have only a temporary effect.

"It will not be many years before Mexico becomes a part of this country anyway, and the sooner that time arrives the better it will be for the Mexicans. The leading citizens in Mexico favor annexation, and they will eventually win."

Mr. Trejo travels in Mexico for a Louisville house, and is here to confer with members of his firm. He comes to Louisville about once every two years. —*Louisville Courier Journal*.

A Missouri man who went to Washington, D. C., to sell horses, reports the following condition there: "The people travel on electric cars and do not need roadsters; they ride bicycles and automobiles and do not need fast trotters; they gamble by wire and do not need race horses, and the Government is run largely by jackasses, and here you are."

Boy Kills Deer With Stone.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Nov. 17.—A boy ten years of age, Eddie Wilbert by name, of Wayne county, Pa., killed a deer weighing 130 pounds with a stone.

The deer was crossing his father's field and the boy threw a rock, breaking one of the animals' legs. The boy then attacked the deer with a club.

"I was bound that it shouldn't get away," said the boy, "I was knocked down twice before I hit him right."

The next general convention of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in Charleston in 1903.

THE CENTER OF POPULATION.

Situated Six Miles From Columbus, Ind., and Marker Will Note the Fact.

Dulin, Ind., Nov. 18.—The site has been located for the monument to be erected at the center of population of the United States. The center of population is in Henry Marr's barnyard, six miles from Columbus, Bartholomew county, and a marker will be erected on the public road nearby to attract the attention of passers to the exact center.

The marker will be three and one-half feet high, three feet wide and twenty inches thick, and on it will be chiseled an inscription showing why it was erected and the exact location, which is 3,400 feet northeast.

The monument will be erected in the center and bear the inscription, "Center of Population, 1900."

The Orr cotton mill of Anderson is to double its capital stock and increase the output of cloth proportionately. The capital of the mill is now \$400,000 and employs 400 hands.

The pest house at the city hospital in Charleston caught fire Tuesday morning shortly before 2 o'clock and three negro men were burned to death before they could be rescued. One negro woman, the only other inmate of that department, escaped.

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

Important to Mothers.

The manufacturers of Castoria have been compelled to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to familiarize the public with the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. This has been necessitated by reason of pirates counterfeiting the Castoria trade-mark. This counterfeiting is a crime not only against the proprietors of Castoria, but against the growing generation. All persons should be careful to see that Castoria bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, if they would guard the health to their children. Parents, and mothers in particular, ought to carefully examine the Castoria advertisements which have been appearing in this paper, and to remember that the wrapper of every bottle of genuine Castoria bears the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, under whose supervision it has been manufactured continuously for over thirty years.—*Phila. Bulletin*.

A NORTH Carolinian, with splendid farming experience in tobacco, corn, cotton and all kinds of truck, wishes position on farm. Good reference furnished. Apply 44 Main Street. Nov. 19—1t.

WANTED—Standard yellow pine ties 6x9x8. Anderson Lumber Co., Charleston, S. C. Oct 15—2m

DOG LOST—Strayed or stolen a brindle bob-tail Bull Terrier, with white on chest and throat, had on collar with H. G. Osteen, marked on name plate. Dog is about 6 or 7 months old and not quite grown. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated, and a suitable reward for return. H. G. Osteen.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF THIS?

The Watchman and Southron has made an excellent arrangement for its friends. It offers:

THE TWICE-A-WEEK NEWS AND COURIER

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THE WATCHMAN AND SOUTHRON

BOTH FOR \$2.00.

It is a wonderful offer!

The Twice-a-Week News and Courier will give you all the latest cable, telegraph, general and State news as well as serial stories and general reading.

The Watchman and Southron will give you all your home news.

Take two, for the price of one. Keep yourself and your family fully posted on what the world is doing.

Think of the two for only two dollars. The Twice-a-Week News and Courier comes 104 times a year. Do the right thing—send us your subscriptions at once!

This offer is only for Cash in Advance subscriptions.

Sumter, S. C., November 17.

THE CARNIVAL IS OVER

And we can give our attention once again to business. The past week has been a success from a standpoint of fun and merry-making, but we are free to admit that we are disappointed in the results from a business point of view. It may be a verification of the old saying, "Business and pleasure won't go well together," and now that we have had the pleasure, it is to be hoped a satisfactory business will follow. We placed several rush orders in anticipation of a

RUSHING BUSINESS

And these goods must now be disposed of, even if we have to sacrifice them.

MANNING HOSE.

On July 1st we placed an order for three cases of this now celebrated misses' stocking, and only a few days ago received our first case. From our experience in getting these goods we are led to believe that other brands are being sold in their name, so if you want the genuine article get it while this case lasts—we don't know when we will get another.

TAR HEEL BLANKETS.

We had sold entirely out of this much appreciated article of winter comfort, but are pleased to say we have another case in transit due to arrive the end of the week. It has recently been brought to our attention that some competitors are selling what is known as the Dixie blanket, and trying to make their customers believe it is the same as our Tar Heel. We desire to "nip this in the bud," and to say that it is deceiving the customer and an attempt to do injustice to us, which does not bear fruit. The Dixie blanket is all right for the price, but it is the second grade, the Tar Heel being the first. We know what we are talking about, because we buy both blankets from the same mill and we believe we are among the few retailers in the State that buy them direct.

When this mill first started we heard of them through a friend and wrote for samples of their product, and being immediately convinced of their superiority over the blankets we had been using we have handled them exclusively since. In the past few years such a demand has been created for their goods that the wholesale dry goods houses have offered to take

THEIR ENTIRE OUTPUT

If they would eliminate the retail trade, which they agreed to do, and for a time they declined to sell us, but when reminded that we were among their earliest customers, and being largely responsible for the demand created for their goods in this section of the State, they placed us upon the jobbing list, which gives us an advantage over all competitors. In addition to our claim upon them from early association, they recognize our right to jobbers' privileges.

We buy them by the hundred, and not by the dozen, as is customary with retailers. If you want

THE TAR HEEL

You can't buy it elsewhere. If you want

THE DIXIE

You can buy it here cheaper than elsewhere.

O'DONNELL & CO.

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J. RYTTEBERG & SONS.

SUMTER, S. C.

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SUMTER, S. C.

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