

Eye Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1903.

The *Summer 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.

WHY?

Daily Item, April 15th.

We were notified today by the Secretary of the City School Board to discontinue the advertisement calling for bids for the \$15,000 issue of 4 per cent school bonds. Asking for a reason for the discontinuance of the advertisement, the reply was that the school board had sold the entire issue at par, the bonds to bear 4 1/2 per cent instead of 4 per cent, to the First National Bank of Sumter.

The advertisement published in the city papers and in other papers elsewhere stated that bids would be received until May 15th and that the bonds would bear 4 per cent interest. In response to these advertisements some fifty or more inquiries have been received from prospecting bidders by the secretary of the board. In more than one of the letters received the statement was made, in addition to the usual request for a financial statement showing the condition of the city, that the writer expected making a bid on the proposed issue of 4 per cent bonds. These inquiries came from bankers, banks and bond brokers in all parts of the country. One bank in the upper part of this State, knowing that the bonds would bear only 4 per cent interest, was one of the prospective bidders asking for information.

Why did the school board decide to sell the bonds without waiting until May 15th, the day fixed by themselves for opening the bids?

Why did the board increase the rate of interest on the bonds from 4 to 4 1/2 per cent?

Why did the board sell the bonds at par when it is a fact of public notoriety that Georgetown, Lancaster and Union, have recently sold 4 1/2 per cent bonds at a premium?

The up country papers are taking up the demand for the sale of the State farms so that more of the convicts can be put to building public roads. There is much to be said for and against the State farms, but the principle is wrong, and they will have to go before a great while.

William Jennings Bryan is an honest man and more of a patriot than the general run of office seekers, he is also a man of eminent ability, but he is rapidly degenerating into a common scold and the Democratic party is beginning to tire of his never ending lectures.

There will doubtless be a scramble for the place on the State Dispensary Board made vacant by the death of A. F. H. Duke. It is a job that pays a salary of \$400 per annum, but is worth whatever a director chooses to make it worth and the whiskey houses will stand for. It is a position much sought after by a certain type of politicians, but one which no consistent temperance advocate would seek.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, April 21.—The week ending 8 a. m. Monday, April 20th, had an average temperature of 57 degrees, which is about 8 degrees below normal. The temperatures were low enough for light frosts on the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, and some frost was noted on each of these days, but on the 18th only was it general. These frosts did no perceptible injury, except to check germination, and growth of crops that are up. The week was windy, and there was more than the usual amount of cloudiness, and the weather conditions generally were inimical to crop development, although the injury to crops was such that better weather would readily remedy it.

There were heavy rains on the 13th in the western and some of the eastern counties, and generally light rains in the central ones, with showery weather on the 14th. The rains retarded farmwork in the west until near the close of the week, so that neither plowing nor planting made much progress, but in the eastern and central divisions, both progressed rapidly. Some hail was noted on the 14th, and snow flurries on the 15th, in the extreme west.

Plowing, and farmwork in general, are more backward in the western division than usual. A small portion only of the upland corn crop has been planted, and none on bottom lands, and cotton planting has only begun. The weather conditions were more favorable in the east, where upland, corn, cotton and rice planting are almost finished, except the low-lands in the Georgetown district devoted to rice that continue too wet to work. More than half the tobacco acreage has been transplanted, and the set plants are doing well, almost all of them being alive; the weather having been suited to this work.

Much corn has come up to from poor to fair stands, and some has been cultivated, but stands were thinned by birds and worms, in places, necessitating replanting. The cool weather caused young corn, cotton and rice to look sickly and yellowed. There is, however, but little cotton up. Oats improved in a few sections,

although generally they deteriorated being still infested with lice, and the cold weather is said also to be injurious. Rust is prevalent on both wheat and oats. Oats are heading in many places, and in Charleston county will soon be ripe. Wheat is heading also but is unpromising, owing to rust and insects. The fruit prospects are good in most sections, although uncertain in others. The frosts did no injury to peaches. Gardens are improving. Truck shipments continue heavy, especially of strawberries. White potatoes are in bloom in the coast truck districts, but Colorado Lettles are numerous and destructive. The rains caused some of the clay lands to become packed and hard to plow.

PRIMARY ORDERED MAY 5TH.

Proceedings of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

The County Democratic Executive Committee met in the Court House at 12 o'clock Monday with 13 members present. The business for which the meeting was called was taken up promptly and acted upon with dispatch.

A motion was adopted ordering a primary for the purpose of nominating a Clerk of Court for the unexpired term, and the date was fixed for Tuesday, May 5th.

Candidates are required to file pledges and pay their assessments on or before Tuesday April 28th. Each candidate is required to pay an assessment of \$75 when he files his pledge. After the primary the unexpended portions of the assessments will be returned to the candidates after the total expenses shall have been paid in the following proportion:

The successful candidate shall pay one-half the total expenses, if there shall be more than two candidates, the other candidates shall pay the other one-half in equal portions; the successful candidate shall pay two-thirds of the expenses and the other candidate one-third, if there shall be only two candidates.

A resolution was adopted interpreting the rule in respect to qualifications for club membership and the right to vote in the primary to mean that any young man who shall be twenty-one years old before the first Tuesday in November is entitled to vote in the special primary.

The appointment of managers was then taken up and completed as far as possible.

The polling place of Bossards club was changed from Bossards to Oswego.

The subjoined letter from Gov. Heyward to Senator Manning, chairman of the delegation and the endorsement thereon shows the action taken by the delegation at a meeting held to consider the matter.

State of South Carolina,
Executive Chamber,
Columbia, April 14, 1903.

Hon. Richard I. Manning, Sumter, S. C.

My dear Senator: I am in receipt of yours 13th inst., in behalf of yourself and the delegation from your county. My policy in regard to filling vacancies which may occur, is to leave the matter to the Legislative delegation for recommendation. The delegation being in the county can best judge as to whether it is necessary to have a primary in order to arrive at the wishes of the people before selecting a competent man, or whether they can recommend such a man for the appointment without a primary. They are also the best judges whether the necessary delay occasioned by a primary would be detrimental to the interest of the county.

In the circumstances, I prefer to leave this case entirely to you, and to be governed by your action.

I herewith return petition for primary. Very respectfully yours,
D. C. Heyward,
Governor.

Col. Jno. M. Knight, Chairman.
Dear sir: This matter is referred to the Executive Committee. We recommend that the petition for a primary be granted and that a primary be ordered. Rich'd I. Manning,
For the Delegation.

Harmony Presbytery.

This body has on its roll 15 ministers, and 34 churches, in which there are 120 Elders, 96 Deacons, and 2,363 communicants. It held its recent spring meeting in Summerton Church, Clarendon county. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. James McDowell, after which Rev. J. E. Stevenson of Mayesville was elected moderator, and ruling elder J. E. McCutchen of Bishopville reading clerk.

Rev. Kenneth McCaskill was received from Charleston Presbytery, and enrolled, making 11 ministers present. There should have been one elder from each church, but several churches were not represented.

The Rev. Mr. Herbert of the M. E. Church South, and Rev. Messrs. Connors and Sallett of the Baptist Church, were invited to sit, as visiting brethren.

Rev. Hampton C. DeBose, D. D., that devoted servant of God, who has been a missionary in China for 30 years, arrived on the 2d day of the meeting, and made a splendid address, which was listened to with intense interest. He hopes in a few months to return to his work in that great Empire.

The following commissioners were elected to attend the meeting of the General Assembly in Lexington, Va., on the 21st of May. Minister Rev. J. C. Bailey, with alternate Rev. A. M. McNaull, ruling elder, J. E. McCutchen, and as his alternate Isaac Bradley.

Capt. D. E. Gordon was chosen Trustee, of Davidson College, to fill out the unexpired term of the lamented elder Anthony White, deceased.

Ministers F. W. Gregg, and A. M. McNaull, with elder James Reaves were elected Trustees of the Presbyterian College, of South Carolina at Clinton, S. C.

The church of Sumter was represented in Presbytery, by Dr. H. J. McLaurin, who was appointed Chairman of the committee on finance.

The narratives on the State of Religion, and the statistical reports from the various churches, were encouraging.

The following committee composed of Ministers J. E. Stevenson, W. J. McKay, D. D., V. R. Gaston, and F. W. Gregg, with ruling elders, T. B. Fraser and James Reaves was ap-

pointed to correct and revise the "Manual of Harmony Presbytery," and present their report to the next regular meeting.

The executive committee of Presbytery for the next 12 months are as follows:

Ministers—N. W. Edmunds, D. D., Chairman, W. J. McKay, D. D., James McDowell, F. W. Gregg, and V. R. Gaston, with ruling elders, R. R. Briggs, and J. E. McCutchen.

Edifying sermons were preached by Revs. J. E. Dunlop, V. R. Gaston, J. E. Stevenson, and K. McCaskill. Fine music was rendered by the choir which was greatly enjoyed.

Midway Church was chosen as the place for next meeting. Time Oct. 7th, 1903, at 12 o'clock m.

The good people of Summerton were certainly kind and hospitable, and the meeting was truly a pleasant one.

Rev. James McDowell remained over and preached Sabbath morning and night. All denominations turned out and worshipped together. Ministers as well as private members, giving a beautiful exemplification of the words of the Psalmist, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity"

Knights of Honor.

Mrs. E. O. Kelly has been paid \$2,000: the amount of her husband's, (B. P. Kelly) benefit certificate in the local lodge of the order. Mr. Kelly had been a member about 20 years and had only paid into the order the sum of \$701.03. Since its organization in 1878, over \$70,000 has been paid in death benefits to the widows and orphans of deceased members of the local lodge. The death claims are now paid within ten to 20 days after the proofs are received by the Supreme Lodge. The young man desiring protection will find the Knights of Honor to be the society he is hoping for.

JURY LISTS.

Grand Jury, and the Petit Jury for the First Week of Court.

The Grand Jury that will serve for this year and the Petit Jury for the first week of court will convene on Monday, May 11th were drawn yesterday and are given below. Judge Gage will preside at this term.

GRAND JURY.

E. S. Miller, W. A. Bowman, D. W. Owens, J. L. Jackson, J. D. Meyers, John Haynsworth, T. J. Holliday, Newell S. Strange, R. D. Bradford, J. W. White, H. W. Cattino, A. J. Ard.

PETIT JURY—FIRST WEEK.

W. L. Brunson, Warren Bennehaley, G. D. Dawkins, C. D. Lide, G. P. Ardis, V. G. Nelson, T. B. Brunson, D. M. Owens, J. J. Brunson, F. K. Young, H. J. Grover, Jr., J. F. Ingram, E. W. Rivers, W. N. McElevan, W. S. Tisdale, W. W. Rees, V. H. Phelps, F. O. Jennings, W. R. McLeod, J. J. Harby, J. D. Jennings, J. B. Richardson, J. D. Bradford, R. L. Wright, E. F. Holmes, W. L. Saunders, J. A. Lewis, Hazel M. Sanders, John H. Burgess, E. S. DesChamps, Alva Mellett, J. B. Holliday, S. B. Hatfield, John B. White, K. R. Mobley, T. P. Lynam.

Privateer Personals.

Privateer Township, April 20.—A very pleasant oyster supper was held at the Bethel parsonage Friday night for the benefit of the church. It was well attended and pecuniarily was success, between 20 and 25 dollars being cleared. Everyone present, especially the children, seemed to enjoy the occasion, and the fair sex looked unusually pretty that night.

As it may interest your Privateer readers to learn something about railroad property in the township, we will give the total values, which we find in the last report to the Comptroller General. The Manchester and Augusta, Railroad has \$84,330 worth of property, the Sumter and Wateree has \$820,500 and the Northwestern has 20,200, making a total of 1,35,030 dollars worth of railroad property in our township. This is a pretty considerable amount for a country township.

Messrs. Drane Tindal, Tom and Elisha Hodge are trying tobacco culture.

Mr. Duff Stone, in the eastern part of the township, has started a shingle mill and Mr. Tom Hodge will start one, if he has not already done so.

Mr. Heyward Pool and Miss Minnie Winkles, both of this township, were married not long since.

During the past thirteen months there has been a very good marriage record among our white people for a country township. We know of sixteen marriages which took place in that time, where one and in some instances, both the parties were from Privateer Township.

Mrs. M. A. Hughson, of Sumter, is visiting at Mr. Matt Ramsey's, and Misses Anna and Genie Lockwood, of Charleston, are visiting at Mr. George Nettles's.

Mrs. Alice Beckham, of St. Charles, has also been on a brief visit to our community.

Dr. Richard Furman attended the meeting of the State Medical Society last week.

Our community has two representatives at the Sumter Graded School, Miss Hennie May Bradford and Master Charley Jenkins.

One of our former young bachelors, Mr. Whilden Nettles, is on both the boards of assessors and school trustees for our sister township of Manchester. County Superintendent B. D. Wilson is visiting the schools of our township.

CHICAGO STARS.

Bloomer Girls Will Play in Sumter Next Week.

A game of ball will be played on the local diamond on the 28th. of this month, that for an interesting novelty will far eclipse anything of the kind ever seen in this place. The Chicago Stars, a celebrated team of female base ball players travelling in their own private car, will cross bats with our strongest home team, and the game will be a drawing card, both as an exhibition of skillful base ball playing, and also as a novelty. The Stars carry their own large canvass fence, the general admission into which will be the sum of 25 cents per capita. The same price for adults and children. Reserved grand stand seats will be procurable for the ladies and all who want the same at a slight advance price of fifteen cents the seat.

Summer Sale.

We will sell at prices that will convince you that we only want a living from our business, but want all that are in need of Furniture to have it. We have the goods, but not the room, and must sell. Our sales of the past show that our prices are right, and now that we have cut prices on all goods for cash, it will pay you to see us early. We will be pleased to quote prices to merchants in small towns who handle Furniture as a side line, and will make it to their interest to give us their orders.

We lead—others follow.

Yours for business,

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