

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1903.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1860 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.

A hook and ladder truck is needed in the fire department, but a chemical engine is not an immediate necessity. Before this investment is made property owners would like to know if it will have any effect on insurance rates. Every improvement that has been made in the fire department, from the establishment of the water system down to the organization of a regular department has been followed by an increase in insurance rates and we are shy of other improvements. Let's go slow on the expenditure of city money, especially as every dollar that is spent now has to be borrowed from the banks at 7 per cent.

About three years ago the City Council then in office neglected to make any effort to purchase the electric light plant, although urged to do so by the Daily Item and also by the Watchman and Southron. The plant could have been bought then for \$10,500 on the city's own terms, but the Council did not even consider the matter formally. Yet the city has paid out in rent for lights since that time considerably more than the plant was sold for. Now it has been decided to increase the number of street lights by five at an annual rental of \$375, a sum alone almost sufficient to pay the interest on the total value of the electric plant. The folly of not buying this plant when it was on the market grows more apparent each year.

Charleston has deep water on the bar—the deepest of any port south of New York—and the News and Courier is calling for big ships to use the fine harbor. The way for Charleston to get the big ships is to build them with her own money. Utilize some of the rusty dollars lying idle in the bank vaults. Self help is the only secret of industrial and commercial salvation.

If the Sumter Water Works are now worth \$110,000, the valuation fixed by its owners, what will it be worth ten years hence? We are informed that the system when installed about ten years ago cost between thirty and forty thousand dollars and subsequent expenditures are estimated to have brought the total cost up to \$50,000.

If Japan undertakes to whip Russia there is more than apt to be important changes in the map of the Orient.

The new owners of the Augusta Chronicle, Messrs. H. H. Cobiniss and Thos. W. Loyless, of Atlanta, took charge Tuesday and there is apparent a marked improvement in the paper already. The men and a great opportunity in the newspaper field have met. May all possible success attend the efforts of the new owners to build up a great paper in Augusta.

Gov. Heyward and Miss Lumpkin, neither of whom is a veteran, were the star attractions of the Columbia Reunion. The reception they each received when they spoke amounted to an ovation. The enthusiasm aroused by Miss Lumpkin is not to be wondered at for the old soldiers were ever enthusiastic admirers of a young and charming woman, but the reception given Gov. Heyward was a remarkable tribute to his universal popularity in South Carolina.

Our City Council believes in spreading out even though it costs money to do so, and notwithstanding the fact that the money so expended for frills, so to speak, for the fire department must be borrowed.

The war department may eventually be forced to make public all of Gen. Miles' Philippian report which the officials attempted to suppress because it told the truth about the intolerable conditions existing in the islands under American mis-government. A garbled version of the report has been published, but all of it is demanded by the public.

VERITABLE DEATH TRAP.

Sanitary Inspectors Surprised at the Condition of the State House.

The secretary of state has for the past two or three days had a number of plumbers and sanitary experts to inspect the sewerage arrangements in the State house, which caused so much alarm last week. Some of the sanitary inspectors say that they never saw such conditions as they found at the State capitol and they express great surprise that the matter had been allowed to run along as it has been. They call this a veritable death trap and insist that it should be corrected at once.—State.

The commencement of the Columbia Female College takes place this year, May 29—June 2d.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, May 19.—The week ending 8 a. m., Monday, May 18th, had a mean temperature of 68 degrees, which is about 4 degrees below normal. Complaint is general of cool nights being detrimental to the growth of young crops, and the need of warmer weather is indicated for the whole State and for all crops. There was a harmful excess of cloudiness; with all but the last two days cloudy. Light to fresh to high easterly winds prevailed throughout the entire week that proved injurious.

Rain fell over the entire State and was generally beneficial, but the rainfall was excessive in lower Barnwell, Charleston, Hampton and Beaufort counties, doing considerable damage by washing lands in the latter. The rainfall was light, and generally insufficient, in the central, northern, and western counties where the need of rain is indicated to render hard and crusted lands fit to plow, and to supply moisture for the germination of recently planted seeds. The absence of heavy rains was favorable for farm-work, that made rapid progress except in the above named counties where rainfall was excessive and where the ground is too wet to cultivate and fields are becoming grassy.

Stands of cotton have improved, but are not perfect, but recently planted and repanted fields are coming up nicely. Chopping is underway, but has not become general. First cultivation is general. The weather has been too cool for the best development of cotton, in consequence of which the plants are small for the season.

The condition of upland corn, as to stands and growth, is fairly good over the western counties, but stands on low lying lands in the eastern and central counties are still being destroyed by worms, necessitating constant replanting. Cultivation made good progress, but corn does not seem to respond satisfactorily. Bottoms being planted in palces, but most of these lands are either too wet or too hard to prepare properly.

Tobacco is doing well; plants are scarce in Chester county. Some fields in Florence county that were destroyed by hail are being planted to cotton. About half the reports indicate an improvement in oats, generally where rainfall was copious, and in the western counties where the damage from the aphid was less severe, and less extended, while the other half indicate a very low condition and poor prospective yield. Oats are ripening and will soon be ready to harvest. Wheat has rusted badly, and only in a few localities is even a fair yield indicated. Spring oats are more promising. Rice is thriving in some sections, but in the Colleton and Georgetown districts continued high tides have prevented the proper drainage of rice fields. Pear trees are blighting badly. Early peaches are dropping freely owing to worms, but fruit prospects are on the whole good. Gardens are fine. Sweet potato slips have been set out. Weather too cool for melons. Wild berries becoming plentiful. Pastures excellent.

Local Weather Report.

For 24 hours ending 9 a. m., May 20, 1903:

Temperature: Maximum, 89; Minimum, 60; Mean, 74.1. Precipitation, 0.00. Character of day—Clear. Direction of wind—South.

Sun rises, 4.57; sun sets, 6.55.

Forecast for 36 hours ending 8 p. m., Thursday issued from Washington, D. C.:

For Sumter and vicinity—Fair to-night and Thursday. Stationary temperature.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The Dakota storm moved northeastward to Minnesota, with its center north of Lake Superior this morning. It caused light scattered showers in the Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys. The cold wave moderated slightly, and is gradually extending eastward to the Great Plains and the central valleys, with a tendency to cause lower temperatures over the extreme western portions of the cotton belt. Fair weather and normal temperatures prevail over the cotton belt except that there were light showers in parts of Texas, with cloudy weather along the west Gulf coast. The highest temperature was 88 at Boston, New York and Pittsburg, the lowest 28 at Modena.

F. Prescott-Bullock, Local Observer, U. S. Weather Bureau.

Pinewood Happenings.

Pinewood, May 18.—Mr. W. D. Epperson, one of our young, progressive merchants, will marry Miss Nora Lawrence, the popular daughter of Mr. J. P. Lawrence of Fulton, on June 3, in the Presbyterian church. Peggy James, an old negro woman in the vicinity of Rimini, was thrown out of a buggy yesterday morning and suffered injuries which caused her death shortly afterward.

The oat crop, or that which resisted the ravages of the insect which was general in our neighborhood, is heading out well. The yield, however, will be under 50 per cent.

Prof. Williamston, who has been teaching the Fulton school for the past seven months, returned to his home in York county yesterday.

SPAIN G. KELLEY FLED INTO NORTH CAROLINA.

How the Escaping Manslayer Lost His Horse at Monroe—Reward Offered—A Description.

To the Editor of The State:

Spain C. Kelley, who shot W. F. Creech to earth on May 6, 1903, rode straight to Monroe, N. C., arriving there on May 8. On May 9 he offered his horse for sale, asking Mr. E. M. Griffin \$150. His talk became suspicious and Mr. Griffin offered him \$85 as a test. This offer was accepted. Mr. Griffin had the horse put in the stable. Kelley was then asked to give references, as he was a stranger. Kelley said: "Certainly I will," and went off as though he was going to the telegraph office. He soon returned, stating that he would not give any reference as he was accustomed to doing business on his face. Mr. Griffin refused to give up the horse, stating to Kelley that he had bought the horse and as soon as he proved a good title to the horse he would pay him the money. Kelley failed to appear for money or horse any more.

Kelley went under the name of Law while in Monroe, N. C. Kelley was traced to Randolph county, North Carolina, where he is now supposed to be in hiding. That section is being closely watched by officers of the law.

Spain C. Kelley is 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighs 150 pounds, square built, good looking clean shaven, black hair, brown eyes, long eyelashes, teeth prominent, right lateral tooth very small and slightly curved in; 28 years old. One hundred dollars reward. If arrested notify J. Manly Smith, Sheriff Lee County, S. C. Bishopville, May 18, 1903.

The Reunion at Columbia, as Seen and Experienced by "Guv."

We have reunioned once more and are now convalescing. It took us some time to make up our prodigious mind to reunite at all and now it is taking as long to get over it and simmer down to normal. Why is this thus now. I didn't use to be so, we didn't mind four years of it once, must be a sort of heritage with which we are afflicted and for which the doctors tell us they can't prescribe and no operation will relieve. But there is temporary assuagement and we experienced it in Sumter on last Monday. We had failed to become at all enthused over reunion anticipations but went over to attend Memorial exercises in our old Game Cock City. Frank Wilson is first to blame for causing us to feel like snorting some again; then the beautiful, God blessed women at the Graded School collation manifested such a cordial, sincere, heartfelt and patriotic ardor in our behalf, with such entire absence of one single perfidious word, look or act, that our gills and comb began to redder and our wings to feel flappy and as though we'd love to volunteer again and limp to the front and use our arms in de-de—deliberately hugging the last blessed one of 'em and two hugs for her who pinned the pansy to our coat. Then Mendel Smith run us up to concert pitch and we went to Columbia and have flapped and crowded harsh, hoarse, squacky crows until Friday morning; then we come down by the run and now feel like low C flat and 30 cents. However if no one else is complaining we are not, for we consider our dollar and dime well invested and repaid, for that's all that was exacted us, and yet we patronized neither free lodging, free lunch, nor free beer resorts, yet lived at fountain head in all those particulars with rides and drives thrown in. Columbia did herself proud by her grand entertainment of and nobly generous hospitality to the old sons of guns and sons of veterans.

From high officials—the elite of both sexes—down to humbler citizens, all welcome on their faces, in their smiles and cordial greeting, and the old boys seemed to feel it and appreciate it and enjoy it hugely. Mangre all this there were some disgruntled ones. We made inquiries of three veteran officers as to who made most kicks against commissariat and Quartermaster during the war and they unanimously replied "those who had least at home." Mistakes doubtless occurred but we'll wager they were mostly owing to our own incomprehensibility (great goodness what a word.) We, our own self, have not seen Columbia in 40 years. Not since leaving the drill camp at Lightwood Knot Springs, for the seat of war in 1862, and the city was a complete revelation.

We'd lived some in the beautiful Forest city, Savannah, Ga., and were little prepared to find her match in our own beautiful capital city, with her imposing capitol edifice and handsome surroundings, her splendid boulevards stretching out into the farms of other days and even across the river. The sky scraper attracted very much attention. One confounded old corn-fall "confed" steaded himself ag'in a tree and gazed up to the topmost story for several minutes; then walked off with the muttered comment, "that thing is too d-a-m-m-e-d high." A view of Columbia from the Lexington heights across the river reveals a picture worthy the brush of any land and water scape painter 'We'll have to acknowledge that we were first carried bodily to the Penitentiary and were not permitted to see the city until our time was served out there. We were assigned to the dining room department and it fitted our frame of mind so well we wouldn't mind being sentenced again.

We signed a petition or two for pardon. I hope the petitioners deserve it. Pardous seem to be what's mostly bankered after in this institution.

Some other of our friends were anxious to see the insane at the asylum, but we don't know why unless they have no mirrors at home, we have one and can gratify our curiosity at any time.

The parade of the old decrepits was pathetic and the most pathetic feature was their simplicity in attempting it. The floral parade was exquisite, but to us, the most beautiful display and picture was the terrace garden of loveliness on the capitol steps and portico just before the Governor's speech, and the funniest thing was the general stampede and masterly retreat to shelter, made when a shower came and those precious, pricy (?) hats were in grave danger of damage, God bless the women all the same. They are our—our—no they are none of them ours—O doggon, sound taps. Guv.

Wee Wee, May 17, 1903. P. S.—We are a loyal Lee county citizen, and expect to do our little best for the promotion of her interest, but as a Confederate veteran and member of Camp Dick Anderson our sacred allegiance is due and shall ever be rendered to our old Game Cock county.

Gov. Heyward Cannot Come to the S. M. A. Commencement.

Maj. H. F. Wilson, of this city will deliver the annual address in Governor Heyward's stead.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE SALEM SCHOOL.

McDonald Furman the Orator.

Goodwill, May 16.—The closing exercises of Salem school were held yesterday. The decorations of the school room and recitations of the larger pupils were in the nature of southern memorials, South Carolina and Sumter county history coming for a full share. Mr. McDonald Furman delivered one of his characteristic addresses, which was both instructive and entertaining. We hope this is but the first of many more visits from him.

After the school room programme the ladies served a nice dinner in the shady grove by the school house. It was very pleasant to see such a happy little company and augurs better times in the future, when the present homes are multiplied several fold and the school house has to be enlarged. E. W. D.

The Sunday School Picnic at Oswego.

Mr. Editor: One of the most pleasant picnic occasions was celebrated at Oswego, on last Saturday, 16th inst.

The Magnolia Street Church, Sunday School, having been invited by the Oswego, Sunday School, to join them in their annual day of festivities, a goodly number of our school, with a number of friends numbering nearly or quite 100 souls, met at the A. C. Line depot promptly at 10 o'clock. At about 10.15 we were on board, and off for the place of our destination, arriving at Oswego, at 10.30. There we were met by a committee, who gave us a most heartfelt welcome. From the time of our arrival on the ground, until our departure, this good people continued to lavish upon us a continuation of their characteristic hospitality. Such meetings as this are calculated to do a vast amount of good, in bringing neighborhoods and individuals in closer touch to each other in this great Christian warfare. After a day of much pleasure we all arrived safely back to our homes about 8 o'clock. S.

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12.50
15.00
16.00

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Read what the noted Dr. L. C. Stephens, who stands at the head of the profession in South Carolina, and who was president of the State Medical Association, also president of the Medical Board of Examiners of South Carolina, until he resigned to move to Greenville, says:

Greenville, S. C., October 10, 1902.

After a service of one season at White Stone Lithia Springs, as resident physician, I do not hesitate to say that the effect of the water upon those who drink it for any length of time, has been perfectly marvelous. Invariably an increase both in flesh and appetite was perceptible in one week, proving it to be a mineral water of undoubted powerful tonic property. Its peculiar adaptability to diseases originating from disorders of the kidneys, bladder and liver, such as dropsy, Bright's disease, diabetes and uric acid calculi, and all forms of dyspepsia, rheumatism and gout, is to be expected from the splendid analysis. It has been noted frequently that visitors before coming here had to follow every meal with some form of corrective, or confine themselves entirely to predigested foods; soon discarded these entirely, being delighted to find that the water alone—nature's own remedy—sufficed.

Of the many who drank this water this season for ten days consecutively, not one but experienced decided benefit and a perceptible gain in weight, varying from two to five pounds.

L. C. STEPHENS, M. D.

Columbia, S. C., October 1, 1902.

Mr. J. T. Harris, White Stone Springs, S. C. Dear Sir: Your favor of the 8th ult. was duly received. In reply thereto I would say that it affords me much pleasure to add our words of commendation to your springs and all its surroundings. Our visit there last August was highly enjoyed and greatly appreciated by us all. We derived much benefit from the use of the water, and we can say without hesitation, that we have never used any mineral water with greater benefits. The action of this water on both kidneys and liver was very marked and beneficial.

We are also pleased to add our commendation to your hotel, and all of its surroundings. We found the building all that could be expected, and fully up to your representation. The table was well kept and afforded us entire satisfaction. We would without hesitation commend it most favorably to any one seeking a mineral water of this character; and we trust that you will enjoy a future of great prosperity for this enterprise so well started; and which deserves the patronage of our people.

Yours very truly, W. A. CLARK, President Carolina N. Bank.

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