

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1903.

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.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—The week ending 8 a. m., Monday, Sept. 7th, had a mean temperature of 77 degrees, which is 1 degree below normal, due to low day temperatures during the first three days. The closing days had temperatures above normal. With the exceptions of local high winds in Florence, Darlington and Chesterfield counties, accompanying thunderstorms, the winds were generally light, and mostly from an easterly direction. Cloudy weather prevailed during the first half, and bright sunshine during the last half.

During the closing days of the previous week and the first days of the present, showers were numerous, and in places heavy over the eastern and central counties, but there was practically no rain over the western counties, and there are also sections in the central and eastern ones that had no beneficial amounts. The absence of rain had a deteriorating effect, and the need of rain is urgent over the larger part of the State. A few places reported excessive precipitation, and some reported hail.

The dry weather injured young corn materially, and it is no longer in a promising condition except on moist bottom lands. Much fodder was saved in fine condition.

A few reports indicate a slight improvement in cotton, but the majority indicate continued, and in places marked deterioration, due to rust and shedding. In places cotton is dying. Sharpshooters were noted in Marlboro County. In the western and central counties cotton is suffering for rain. In a few localities, in the eastern counties, it was damaged by excessive precipitation. Cotton is opening rapidly, some prematurely, in the eastern and central counties where picking is general; in the western counties cotton is beginning to open, but picking has scarcely begun, and the season continues from two to three weeks late. Sea island cotton improved.

Much pea-vine and other hay was gathered in prime condition. Drought has injured the prospects for a large hay crop in the western parts. Rice harvest is underway; yields are good in Beaufort, but are poor in Colleton County. Turnip sowing is not finished, stands are poor. Rain is needed for all minor crops in the western counties. Fall truck planting continues along the coast.

Weather and Crops.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

Complaints of rust and shedding are general throughout the cotton belt, and as a result the condition of cotton has deteriorated during the past week. The staple is opening rapidly, in some sections prematurely, and picking is becoming general in all districts. Favorable reports are received from North Carolina, Oklahoma and portions of South Carolina and Mississippi, prospects being good for a top crop in the first named State. In Texas, while the boll worms have mostly disappeared, boll weevil continue destructive and are puncturing nearly all new forms in the southwestern, central and eastern sections, and the crop is also suffering from drought in the northern and western portions of that State, which retards fruiting and causes much shedding.

Tobacco is suffering from drought in Kentucky, needs rain in Tennessee, and was damaged some by hail in New York and New England, elsewhere the crop is satisfactory. Cutting is in progress in all districts and curing is nearly completed in the southern section.

Monthly Meeting of County Board.

The Board of County Commissioners held the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, present Chairman Seales, F. E. Thomas and J. T. McNeill.

The County Treasurer made report for August 15th and Sept. 1st for collections from fines, &c.

Mr. C. L. Cuttino filed contract for making index for office of Register of Mesne Conveyances, and also his bond for \$750 with G. S. J. Cuttino as surety for performance of contract. The board accept same and authorized the Chairman to sign contract.

The board selected Messrs. I. C. Strauss and T. B. Fraser as committee on the part of the county and Mr. Cuttino selected E. C. Haysworth for himself to examine the work when finished.

Cleck of Court Parrott filed a schedule of property turned over to him by Thos. V. Walsh, Judge of Probate as Clerk of Court ex-officio.

The bond of J. M. Witherspoon as public weigher at Mayesville, in the sum of \$300, with J. W. Cooper and I. W. Bradley sureties was presented and duly approved.

Upon petition filed, one Nellie Mixon and her infant child were admitted to the Alms House as paupers.

Dr. C. E. King of Mayesville claimed damages to amount of \$50.00 for injuries to his mare from falling through a broken bridge. The board took same under consideration.

After approving various accounts and issuing checks, the board adjourned.

THE NEWS AT WEDGEFIELD.

Cotton Opens Slowly and Gins Not Running--Personal Mention.

Wedgfield, Sept. 8.—Our public road is being worked by a squad from the chain gang, in charge of Mr. Wes. Baker. Good work is being done, which will be greatly appreciated by the traveling public.

Some few bales of cotton have been picked out, but picking hasn't become general and the gins haven't been started yet.

Miss Beatrice Mellet left for Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago, where she expected to accept a position as a stenographer.

Mr. Virgil Platte, of Orangeburg, made a short stop over with his sister Mrs. M. L. Parler, while on his way to Clemson College this week.

Mr. J. S. China has been employed by Messrs. J. H. Aycock & Sons for the fall.

Misses. Nan and Mabel Mellett are visiting friends in Privateer this week.

Miss Aretas Bradford has accepted a position with Schwartz Bros. for the fall.

Mr. F. M. Dwight, Jr., has returned to Clemson College.

Manchester Items.

Manchester's Dark Corner, Sept. 7.—News I have none of interest. Cotton is opening fast. Peas, cane, etc., are looking well. Corn and cotton are short, I think cotton will all be gathered by the 1st of November or before.

Mr. Pink Week's youngest son (Joseph Corbett) cut his foot very seriously on the 29th of August, but the little fellow is getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. J. E. Johnston, of Paxville, visited relatives here yesterday.

Mr. H. C. Scott and family of Privateer, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ardis.

I spent last Wednesday at Judge Nettles' court, Privateer, and heard two farmers contend for a cow. So to speak, one held the cow's horns, the other the tail. While Messrs. L. D. Jennings and J. H. Clifton were doing the milking. And the result will be Messrs. J. and C., will continue to milk, while Messrs. H. and K. will have only the horns and tail. Such is my opinion of a law suit.

I see Pinewood is in a boom, new stores, new goods and new men.

Mr. R. L. Felder has a fine new store, which he is stocking with new goods. His brother Mr. Asbury Felder and others are clerking for him.

Mr. R. M. Brailsford is holding forth at H. F. Stack's old stand. He has Mr. Silas B. Kolb and Miss Inez Lide, clerking for him.

Messrs. H. F. Stack and E. P. Geddings, have opened up a beef and fish market.

Mr. R. F. Epperson has enlarged his store and has Mr. Patrick, of Barnwell clerking for him.

Mr. S. G. Griffin has master, Graham, son of Mr. L. A. Graham, of Pinewood, clerking for him.

Mr. A. G. Stack and Mrs. C. P. Barwick are carrying fine stocks of goods.

The gins are doing a good business, I saw they were crowded with cotton last Friday.

I was sorry while there to hear of the extreme illness of the little daughter of Mr. R. F. Epperson, glad to find her something better, though.

Mr. Ben P. Broadway, of Pinewood, has two very sick children with typhoid fever—Miss Alma and master Henry. There is no hope of the former, the latter is said to be thought better at last accounts.

Well, Mr. Editor, must go to picking cotton, more at another time, from Sidra when not in such a hurry, but this is Monday morning, so I must away.

Oh, say to our sheriff and his friends that I did not intend to insinuate that he is not a scripture reader or anything else, but I intended only a little humor when I referred him to Proverbs 21:13.

A Tobacco Fire in Orangeburg.

Orangeburg, S. C., Sept. 8.—About midnight last night fire broke out in a frame building on the west side of Boyle street, which was used by Mr. J. P. Turner for storing tobacco. Although the fire department responded promptly in the middle of the night, very little could be done to save the property. The dry tobacco inside burned very rapidly, and it was a quick destructive fire.

Mr. Turner had stored a large quantity of tobacco in the building, accumulating it at this location from the surrounding country, preparatory to shipping it to market. It is reported that Mr. Turner had \$10,000 insurance on his tobacco, and it is said that he had a very large quantity of the weed in the building. The exact quantity on hand cannot be learned at this time.

THE SENIOR SENATOR EXPLAINS.

Letter to a Carolinian in Norfolk in Matter of Lost Free-Pass Episode.

Special to The State.

Norfolk, Sept. 7.—In a letter to W. E. King, a Turkish bath manager in this city, who comes from South Carolina and who wrote Senator Tillman that he would not believe the latter accepted free passes and franks unless he had verification over the senator's signature, Mr. Tillman avers the matter was a Republican move to direct attention away from the manner he was pushing Senator Burton in the race question debate.

Senator Tillman writes under date of Sept. 1 from Trenton, S. C.:

"All the hullabaloo which has been kicked up recently had for a foundation the fact that I lost a card case containing passes over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy system which I had never used. I notified the railroad so they could protect themselves from any impostors. My record in Washington will show whether or not the use of such courtesies has influenced my actions or utterances. A man who can be bought with a pass can be bought with money. My opinion is that the great notoriety and publicity given to the simple incident grew out of the fact I was pushing Burton very hard on the race question and the Republican papers seized on this opportunity to create a diversion, and it is notorious that my enemies never let slip an opportunity to abuse and misrepresent me."

RAILROAD SHOPS FOR SUMTER.

Northwestern Railway Will Build Shops in Near Future.

The Northwestern Railroad officials are arranging to erect machine shops in this city for the repair of the rolling stock of that road. The shops will be small at the beginning, but will be fully equipped to do all kinds of work necessary to keep the engines and cars of the road in good condition. The location of the shops has not been selected, but the decision to build them here was reached some time ago. Mr. P. P. Finn, for a number of years an engineer on the Atlantic Coast Line, will be the Superintendent of the shops, it is said.

As far as can be ascertained, the number of machinists and other workmen to be employed in the shop has not been fully determined, but several skilled machinists and their families will be added to the population of the city by the location of the shop here.

Watch Thief Arrested.

Dave Johnson, colored, who recently served a term on the chain gang was arrested this morning and committed to the guard house by Chief of Police Bradford for stealing a gold watch from the residence of Mr. Douglass China. Johnson was working on Mr. China's premises yesterday and, seizing an opportunity when he was not watched, slipped into a room and stole the watch from the bureau. He pawned the watch last night to Harry Carr for fifty cents, and was reported to the police by him. Johnson was arrested while at work at Mr. China's this morning.

Cost of Columbia's Sewerage.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—The sewerage commission, consisting of Messrs. J. W. Babcock, W. A. Murray, Charles Narey, R. W. Sand and Edward Ehrlich, made its final report to city council tonight and were discharged by council, they having faithfully completed all of their work. The sewerage system of the city consists of twenty-eight miles of sewer, with 204 man holes and 127 flush tanks. In addition to this there were 2,719 house connections made, amounting to twenty-six miles of piping.

The expenses incurred by the commission are considered very small for so complete a system. A summary of the expenses is as follows: Cost of preliminary surveys, plans and specifications, 1,750; laying sewerage mains, \$82,961.80; sewer pipes, \$24,592; house connections, including sewer pipes, \$43,259.19; J. L. Ludlow, engineer services, \$9,048.75; incidentals, \$958.04. Total \$162,569.82.

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Presbyterian Lunch.

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will serve coffee and sandwiches, cakes, pies, etc., at the Cash Grocery Store from 10 to 1 o'clock every Saturday until further notice. Prices reasonable and the public is invited to call and get a nice lunch.

Local Weather Report.

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m., Sept. 8, 1903:

Temperature: Maximum, 92; Minimum, 67; Mean, 79.1. Precipitation, 0.00. Character of day—Clear. Direction of wind—East.

Sun rises, 5.40; sun sets, 6.14.

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

For Sumter and vicinity—Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, with showers.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometer pressure is lowest in the upper Mississippi valley and over the Great Plains, and highest along the Atlantic Coast and on the North Pacific Coast. But little rain fell during the past 24 hours. A moderate heat wave occupies the Central Mississippi Valley and western lake regions. It is decidedly cooler over the northern half of the Pacific slope, while about normal temperatures prevail over all other sections. The highest temperature reported was 96 at Montgomery, the lowest 44 at Portland, Me., and Spokane.

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

Clemson College Crowded.

Clemson College, Sept. 8.—Clemson College has opened with 576 students. No more can be received.

P. H. Mell, President.

FROM now to October 1st, will sell Furniture, Stoves, Grates, etc., at greatly reduced prices to make room for new furniture in new hotel, Nixon House. A. J. Moses. Sept 9—1t

WANTED—Purchasers for several Berkshire Gilt. Can be mated to thoroughbred Boar, no kin. Not registered, but no finer stock in the county. Too good for breeders, to make pork of them. Prices reasonable. Apply to Egypt Farm, E. W. Dabbs, Manager, Goodwill, S. C. Sept. 9—1t

WANTED—A first class Ginner to take charge of Ginning Plant. Apply J. Ryttenberg & Sons, Rose Hill, S. C. Aug. 5—1t

FOR RENT—One storehouse, with three room dwelling attached, with necessary out buildings, for five months. Three and one half miles from Sumter in the fork of Providence and Stateburg roads. For terms apply to R. M. Edens, Sumter, S. C. July 29—1t

Strawberry Plants.

I HAVE a few thousand Heffin's Early and Profit Strawberry Plants for sale at \$2.50 per thousand. G. W. WESTBROOK, Wrightsville, N. C.

Sept 9—1m

SEED OATS.

THE W. D. FRIERSON CO. will deliver for cash, 1,000 bushels home-raised Seed Oats at 75 cents per bushel, sacked, f. o. b. Dalzel, S. C. Address, THE W. D. FRIERSON CO., Stateburg, S. C. Sept 2—1m

Estate of Mrs. Sarah E. Bradley, DECEASED.

I WILL apply to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on October 2d, 1903, for a Final Discharge as Administrator of aforesaid Estate.

SAMUEL BRADLEY, Administrator. Sept 2—4t

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, Willis Blanding made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Ellison Colclough, alias Blanding, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Ellison Colclough, alias Blanding, 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 Sept. 24th, 1903, 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 9th day of September A. D., 1903.

THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate. Sept 9—2t

SEASONABLE, SERVICEABLE, STAPLE.

Fall styles of HOWARD HATS now ready.

This is the hat you want for the fall in soft or stiff goods. The new shape is on good lines and very becoming. The quality and price is the same as ever,

\$3.00 and every Hat Guaranteed.

If it be possible to improve a good thing, W. L. DOUGLAS CO.

Have done it in their line of shoes. All the new shapes and styles now appear in this line, which, heretofore, were somewhat conservative. The quality and wearing ability have never been questioned or equaled.

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We cordially invite you to examine our line of fall footwear in which the

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Are the two leaders, unexcelled in quality, style and fit by any shoes on the market at the same price.

The only rewards we have to offer the wearers of these shoes are comfort and satisfaction, and every customer gets her prize at once.

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SHAW-McCOLLUM MERCANTILE CO.'S ANNOUNCEMENT

We beg to announce to the people of Sumter and the surrounding country that we have opened at the old stand of R. P. Monaghan, No. 13 South Main Street, a full and up-to-date line of

DRY GOODS AND SHOES.

Our stock embraces everything usually found in a first class establishment, and our lines of

Dress Goods, Silks, Skirtings and Suitings

Are of the latest weave and most fashionable shades. In our

Dress Goods Department

We are showing the newest novelties, consisting of Melroses, Shark Skin Poppins, Pebble Cheviots, French Storm and Cheviot Serges, Henriettas in Black and Colors, Broadcloth, Melton and Venetians.

Our stock of Silks has been selected with the greatest care to meet the requirements of the well-dressed lady, and is guaranteed to wear.

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