

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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.

Mr. John Marshall, of the News and Courier, is sending his paper the most interesting and readable letters from Lexington relative to the Tillman trial that have been published in any paper.

Col. Croft, ussior counsel for James H. Tillman made an ignominious failure to browbeat, intimidate or entangle August Kohn when he was on the stand in the Tillman trial. August Kohn is usually well able to take care of himself, and in his encounter with Col. Croft he fully sustained his reputation for cool deliberation and strict adherence to facts—hard undisputable facts. When it comes to facts he is an expert and the man who undertakes to browbeat him into stating or writing something that he does not know to be a fact is predoomed to failure. The tactics adopted by Col. Croft, while not at all uncommon with members of the bar, many of whom proceed on the theory that a witness has no rights they are bound to respect, were inexcusable, and if his reputation suffers from the publicity given his misconduct in the examination of Mr. Kohn, he has only himself to blame.

Although the price of cotton has declined steadily during the past few weeks in the face of the most unfavorable crop reports from all sections of the South and that there seems to be no prospect for higher prices in the immediate future, it is the almost unanimous opinion of well informed cotton men that the crop is one of the shortest in years and that the price must go up when the rush of cotton to market ends. The crop last year was not large enough to supply the demand and if it be true as we believe it is, that this year's crop is far smaller than last year's the price of cotton in the late winter and spring months cannot fail to be higher than it has been for years. The present low price is not due to an over-supply of cotton, but to a combination of the cotton mills and cotton speculators formed for the purpose of putting down the price for their own advantage. If they can buy cotton at a low price now they will reap a big profit next spring. It was well to rush cotton to market and sell it as rapidly as possible as long as the price remained above ten cents, but under present conditions we believe that those who are in a position to hold their cotton until the late winter or spring should do so. By throwing their cotton on the market now the farmers are playing into the hands of the low price combination and are giving the combination the most effective aid possible. Continued heavy receipts will send the price lower and lower, while light receipts would cause a substantial advance. Not a bale of this year's crop should be sold for less than ten cents, and we trust the cotton growers will hold enough of their cotton to defeat the combination and secure the higher prices that must prevail later on.

REVIVE THE BUSINESS LEAGUE.

There is a very praiseworthy movement on foot to revive the Business League and either reorganize it entirely or infuse sufficient new life into it to make it a positive and influential force for the development and up-building of this city. It is to be hoped that the movement will succeed and that it will concentrate and energize the latent spirit of progress of the community and accomplish a great work for the city. Sumter is growing and developing steadily, it is true; but that is not enough, it can and should grow more rapidly and untutilized resources should be taken in hand and turned to account, thus accelerating the growth of the town and broadening the foundations of prosperity. It may be contended that Sumter is growing and increasing in wealth more rapidly than any other town in the eastern section of the State, which contention is evidently correct, but this is not enough; we should not be content to jog along slowly, when, by waking up and going to work along well established lines that have been proven by other progressive cities to be the correct methods for up-building a town, we could double the population and triple the business of the place within a few years. We have the town and the resources, and what is needed is to attract men with money and ideas to develop these neglected resources that are pregnant with wealth-yielding possibilities. We trust the movement to revive the Business League, or to bring into existence some organization of the progressive business men of the place that will work without tiring for Sumter and accomplish results, will succeed. Sumter is progressing, the improvement is perceptible to everyone, and all that is needed to make a big town is for the people to get together and

work together to make the development more rapid and more substantial.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, Oct. 6.—The week ending 8 a. m., Monday, October 5th, had a mean temperature of 69 degrees, which is practically normal. The sunshine was greatly above normal, with but little cloudiness. The winds were generally light easterly.

There were very light, scattered showers on Friday, in the central counties. Otherwise the week was without rain. Rain would be of great benefit to peas, gardens, pastures, truck, and for preparing lands for fall seeding. This work is practically suspended, owing to the dryness of the soil.

Early corn is about all gathered; late corn is fully ripe; the latter is a poor crop.

Cotton opened freely generally, with reports of premature opening in the western counties, particularly in fields affected by rust. The weather was so favorable, that picking kept up with the opening. In the eastern counties three-fourths, or more, of the crop has been gathered, while in the western ones less than one-fourth has been picked, making the average for the State about half the crop. Without exception, correspondents report the crop a short one, and that the prospective yields will be less than last year, but the lint is being saved in excellent condition. There will be no top crop on upland cotton, but a small top crop is indicated on seaisland. A few correspondents state that rain would benefit late cotton by checking premature opening of half grown bolls, but the majority state that subsequent weather conditions will not affect the quantity of the crop. An early killing frost would reduce the indicated yield in the central and western counties owing to the lateness of the crop in those sections.

About all early rice has been harvested in fine condition, and late rice is ripe. The rivers and tides are more favorable in Colleton county, and no longer interfere with rice harvest. Much hay was cured in the best condition possible. Sweet potatoes are promising. Truck, gardens and minor crops are suffering from drought. Peas are not fruiting well.

SPECIAL JUDGES APPOINTED.

Two Circuit Judges Ill at the Same Time.

Columbia, Oct. 6.—Judge Gage has written the governor asking for leave of absence from the state in order that he might go to Montgomery, Ala., for medical treatment. He states that he hopes to be able to resume his duties in a few weeks. Meantime Chief Justice Pope has recommended the appointment of Hon. Joseph A. McCullough, of Greenville, to preside over court in this county.

It is seldom that two circuit judges are ill at one time, but such is the case at present, Judge Klugh being too sick to preside at Laurens. Judge Benet will accordingly hold court there and also act as special judge at the extra term of court at Spartanburg in November.

Hon. W. S. Bissell Dead.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 6.—Wilson S. Bissell, former Postmaster General, died at 10.15 o'clock tonight. At about noon he sank into a deep sleep, and it was with difficulty that he was aroused at intervals during the afternoon for nourishment and medicine. The end came easily and peacefully. Dr. DeWitt H. Sherman, the physician who has been attending him during his recent illness, and members of the family were at his bedside.

COTTON MARKET.

The receipts during the past week have not been heavy for this season of the year and the light receipts are due so it is believed, more to the short crop than the decline in price. The outlook for large receipts this season is unfavorable. This market holds up the price remarkably well, in comparison with other markets, local buyers paying 20 to 30 points more for cotton every day than buyers in other places. Today middling is selling at 8.85a8.87½.

The cotton market is in a most discouraging condition and the outlook is even worse than the present condition. There has been a steady decline for ten days and the temporary advances in price that has marked some days has been followed by big declines that wiped out every advance. The local market today is the worst yet, middling selling at 8¾a8¾.

The regular quarterly statement of the Bank of Sumter is published to day and those interested in this institution will find it in another column. The statement shows that the Bank has a large deposit account, a large amount of cash on hand and that it is in a fine condition in every respect.

Attention is invited to the new advertisement of DeLorme's Pharmacy. Dr. DeLorme has consolidated his two drug stores and is better prepared than ever before to give prompt and efficient service. He has one of the best equipped and most fully stocked drug stores in this section of the State and all prescriptions are carefully and accurately compounded by licensed druggists.

THE TILLMAN TRIAL.

The State's Case Closed and the Defense Begun.

Editorials in '98 and in '01 introduced Also Articles Referring to Publications in the New York Sun.

Tilt Between Attorneys Bellinger and Nelson—Bellinger says Defence is Endeavoring to Make it a Political Trial.

Special to The Daily Item.

Lexington, October 7, 1.45 p. m.—When court opened this morning the sick juror, Milton Sharpe was in his place and the Tillman trial proceeded. The State's counsel announced that the State's case had closed.

The defense began by introducing into evidence several editorials in the State, one in 1898, and one in 1901. Another was introduced which called attention to two articles in the New York Sun about Tillman. The State objected on the ground that it was not relevant. Mr. Nelson, for the defense, stated that they wished to show the Gonzales' feeling towards the Tillmans, shown by reprinting these. Mr. Bellinger, for the State, said he knew the object, which was to make a political trial of this. Mr. Nelson resented this assertion and pronounced it false. Mr. Bellinger reiterated the statement, but denied that he meant that defenses' council was doing other than they felt their duty to do.

TILLMAN'S WITNESSES CONFUSED.

Special to The Daily Item:

Lexington, S. C., Oct. 7, 2.20 p. m.—The defense introduced several witnesses to prove that Gonzales had made threats against Tillman.

T. D. Mitchell of Brookland, said Gonzales told him that, "If he, Tillman, ever bats his eye at me, I will fill him so full of lead that he will never be able to tote it off."

Closely cross questioned by Mr. Bellinger as to his acquaintance with Mr. Gonzales, he said he had never been introduced to him and never had any other conversation with Mr. Gonzales.

Several other witnesses gave such testimony and were closely cross questioned by Mr. Bellinger. They all appear more or less confused on cross examination. It is expected that the State will bring testimony against the veracity of these witnesses.

Kohn.

In their advertisement this week O'Donnell & Co., give prominence to their immense line of underwear. They are making a lead of this line this week and those who want an outfit for the winter should call on them.

HAGOOD NEWS NOTES.

Mr Editor: If reports be true there is one stingy man in the world, perhaps on the Dinkins Peninsula. A man who beats his horse because he drinks two buckets of water; who, when he has drunk himself, pours the balance back into the well to prevent waste; who stops his clock at night or when he goes away to prevent it wearing out; who on rainy days, when nothing else can be done splits matches; who, when another came to learn how to save, blew out his lamp, saying, "We can talk about that in the dark." Say, he's a paragon, isn't he.

There is not more than two thirds of a cotton crop made from all we can gather. I think this is nearly correct.

A prominent business man of your city expressed to me the opinion that the farmers of our county would barely be able to pay expenses with ten cent cotton. At the time I thought him mistaken, but now that the crop is more than half gathered, I find he was more nearly correct than I.

Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Belle Lenoir to Mr. Crawford E. Sanders, at the Church of the Ascension, near Hagood.

The patrons of the Stateburg High School are much pleased with Miss Metz, the new assistant.

Hagood.

Standard of Colleges.

At the next meeting of the state board of education the matter of the standard of the colleges of this State will come up for discussion. The law allows the granting of teacher's certificates to graduates of colleges without the necessity of an examination whenever, in the judgment of the board the standard of the college is high enough. There are a number of so called colleges in the State that are really nothing but high schools, and at the last meeting of the board a committee was appointed to go over the list and strike off those with low standards, requiring the graduates to stand an examination.

The Savannah News says: "Mr. Wm P. Kavanaugh returned yesterday from a trip through the cotton country in Georgia with a gloomy crop report. He says the crop is in poor condition, and that the prospects are very unfavorable. The current estimates in the interior are that Georgia will make at least 250,000 bales less than last year."

MRS. B. R. TILLMAN INJURED.

Was Thrown From a Buggy by a Runaway Horse.

Special to The State.

Edgefield, Oct. 6.—It is reported here this evening that Mrs. B. R. Tillman and her son Mr. B. R. Tillman, Jr., of Trenton have been seriously hurt by being thrown out of a buggy by a runaway horse. The rumor runs that Mrs. Tillman's head has been seriously wounded. Drs. Tompkins and Marsh of this place have been summoned to the injured.

Crosses of Honor.

In the near future Dick Anderson Chapter, D. of C., will present the Veterans with Crosses of Honor. Those who have not made application should do so at once. Blanks can be had by applying to

Mrs. Altamont Moses, President Dick Anderson Chapter. County papers please copy.

Winburn's New Studio.

Photographer J. H. Winburn has moved into his new Studio, No. 10½, South Main street, up stairs over Stubbs Bros. Clothing Store, which was built especially for him and which is one of the best arranged photographic studios in the State. Mr. Winburn is fitting up his new studio in handsome style, and while the furnishing and decorating has not been completed, he is prepared to do regular work and will be pleased to have his patrons call. Oct. 6-14

The Minor Store is nothing if not strictly up-to-date and progressive. See their ad. today for something new.

Ask your physician if Glenn Springs Mineral Water is not what you need.

NOTICE.

I HAVE moved my office to the commodious building formerly occupied by Mr. A. White, on Main street, 115, where I will be glad to see my friends and customers in regard to Fertilizers, and am prepared to take orders for all they need in that line. Respectfully, Oct 7 THOS. S. SUMTER.

FOR SALE—Two second-hand Pianos, first class for beginners to practice on; \$25 each, your choice. Call or address, H. L. E. Wells, Sumter C. H., S. C. Oct 7-6t

DeLORME'S PHARMACY,

23 South Main St.

Open from 7 a. m. to 10 p. m.; Sunday, 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Having consolidated my two stores, I will be pleased to see all my customers at the above stand, where I am better prepared than ever to serve them.

Your prescriptions will be called for and delivered.

Phone 45. Full line of Drugs, Garden Seed and Cigars. Your patronage solicited. Call bell for night work.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION AND BUSINESS OF

The "Bank of Sumter," Sumter, S. C.

At the close of the quarter ending September 30, 1903, published in conformity with the Acts of the General Assembly.

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts,	\$269,908 98
Bonds,	12,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,500 00
Cash on hand, Cash Items and Cash due by other Banks and Bankers,	93,874 30
Total,	\$377,283 28

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$ 75,000 00
Deposits,	248,416 14
Due to other Banks and Bankers,	2,910 66
Rediscounts,	35,400 00
Undivided surplus,	15,556 48
Total,	\$377,283 28

The State of South Carolina, } S. S.

Sumter County, }  
I, W. F. RHAME, Cashier of "The Bank of Sumter," do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

W. F. RHAME, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of October, A. D. 1903.

R. L. WRIGHT, [L. s.]  
a Notary Public for S. C.

Correct Attest:  
W. F. B. HAYNSWORTH, }  
President, }  
RICH. I. MANNING, } Directors.  
R. L. COOPER, }  
Oct 7, 1903.

Estate Dr. Henry Stuckey, Dec'd.

ALL persons having claims against said Estate will present same duly attested; and all persons indebted in any way to said Estate will make payment without delay to

GEO. M. STUCKEY, Qualified Executor.  
Oct 7-3t

Estate of Dr. John H. Furman, DECEASED.

I WILL apply to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County on November 8th, 1903, for a Final Discharge as Administrator of aforesaid Estate.

RICHARD B. FURMAN, M.D., Administrator.  
Oct 7-4t

NO DULL TIMES HERE.

No waiting for business, but always making it. Our Annual Fall Opening, our most successful one, has been held, and hundreds were both charmed and edified by the opportunity we furnished in this very elaborate display of Fine Dress Goods, for both street and evening wear, exquisite Millinery and handsome Cloaks.

It is the Policy of This Store TO LEAD.

To be first in line with the new things on the threshold of the season, and until you see the new styles shown in this store, you are not sure of the really new should you see them elsewhere. Ever on the lookout for the best qualities of merchandise which ready cash and trained experience can procure, we have secured many specials for each of our several departments, and the pleasure is all ours to show them. For instance:

From our Black Goods stock, either a 44-inch Melrose, or a 42-inch Cheviot (all-wool), ½ dollar a yard.

From our Colored Dress Goods stock, a 44-inch, all-wool Zibeline at ½ a dollar, the real value is 65c; also the Scotch Tweed and Manish Suitings from 75c to \$1.35 per yard.

From our Domestic stock, a 10-4 Sheeting at 18c, hardly to be found elsewhere. 4-4 Fruit of the Loom at 7½c.

From our Kid Glove stock, the famous Centemeri French Kids at \$1, all sizes, black only; always \$1.50 heretofore.

From our Tailor-made Suit department, an all-wool Cheviot Suit, either long or short style, for \$5, or a silk-lined, long Coat effect, the real thing for newness, at \$13.50—unmatchable in Sumter.

We have a double-knee School Boy Hose at 10c. Will give a whole box of 12 pairs for \$1.

Our already well known Millinery Department will make its own speech.

If any floor Oil Cloth is desired you can secure at present, a special 35c article for 25c per square yard.

We still control the Queen Quality and Drew Selby makes of fine shoes for ladies, and "Little Giant" brand for children. Come and see us.

The Sumter Dry Good Co.

IMMENSE STOCK OF UNDERWEAR.

Values heretofore unheard of. Just think of it. Over 400 dozen! Nearly 5,000 Garments.

40 dozen ladies' ribbed Vests, 25c values, Our Price 15 Cents.

80 dozen ladies' fleece-lined Vests, such as you have frequently paid 40 cents for, We are Selling at 25 Cents.

25 dozen ladies' heavy fleece Vests, worth 60 to 75 cents, Can be Had at 50 Cents.

10 dozen ladies' Union Suits, The Dollar Quality at 85 Cents.

25 dozen misses' Union Suits. No better values can be had At 25 Cents.

12 dozen misses' Union Suits, 50 to 75c, according to size. 40 dozen misses ribbed Vests, 5 to 25 cents.

In Our Male Department

We offer 100 dozen heavy fleece Shirts and Drawers At 40 Cents a Garment, or 75 Cents the Suit.

These are the goods you are in the habit of paying \$1.00 Per Suit For.

50 dozen men's extra heavy fleece Shirts, beautifully finished—would do credit to the average business house at 75 cents.

Our Price, 50 Cents.

15 dozen men's scarlet wool Shirts. You can't match them for less than a dollar, but they pay us a small profit At 75 Cents.

We have only noted here popular price goods, but our stock embraces all the finer qualities.

O'DONNELL & CO.