

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.

The movement to obtain an appropriation for a public building in this city is now well under way and there are good reasons to believe that the effort will be crowned with success. Sumter, by reason of its postal business, commercial importance and growing population, is entitled to receive a public building and Congressman Lever has entered the fight to secure the appropriation enthusiastically and with the determination to win if it is possible to do so, and having the assistance of the other members of the South Carolina delegation in the House and of Senators Tillman and Latimer he is in a position to make a telling fight. All that he asks of Sumter is a strong array of facts in support of the contention that we are entitled to the appropriation and the active co-operation of the business men of the town when he calls upon them for assistance. All that he asks has been pledged and the committees to be appointed by Chairman Dick will not only collect the desired statistics but will put the facts in a shape to be used most effectively.

Tammany is on the gain in full control of Greater New York, the defeat of the Fusionists or so-called honest government party being so full and complete as to leave no room to doubt that the people of New York believe that the fusion party is no better, if not worse than Tammany. If reports are to be credited it is merely a choice of rascals where the Tammany and the Republican-Fusionists are concerned, and New York being normally a Democratic stronghold the people have returned to Tammany after a disheartening experience in following the Republicans disguised as honest-government Fusionists.

Tom Johnson, of Ohio is no longer a Presidential possibility. He has been overwhelmed and knocked out by Hanna and his machine. The defeat that he has sustained is one of the most disastrous that has befallen any gubernatorial candidate in Ohio for many years, and, as his political fortunes were staked in the result, he is now a back number insofar as Presidential aspirations are concerned, but in Ohio he will continue to be a thorn in the flesh to the Republicans.

No great degree of interest has been manifested thus far by Sumter county property owners in the plan proposed by Mr. A. J. Matheson of Marlboro, to secure a desirable class of emigrants from Scotland. The meeting held on Monday was rather slimly attended and the opinion there voiced by representative citizens were, in general, to the effect that a desirable class of settlers who can buy land and become citizens of the State would be welcomed, it would not be wise to import ignorant and destitute peasants from Europe to compete with negro labor, for the reason that the experiment has been made heretofore only to result in disappointment and loss to those who made it. There is an opening in South Carolina for thousands of home seekers and all who come would undoubtedly succeed if they practice industry and frugality, but it is a question whether any white laborers can compete with the native negro farm hands, even if they could be imported in sufficient numbers.

The Orangeburg Patriot very pertinently asks why the Laurens jury that released Wham from custody for killing Ramage is not excoriated as was the Lexington jury. It seems to us to be just as bad a case and we have said so, and so have other papers, but when we talk about the Wham case the readers of the paper do not know what we are taking about. They were not interested enough to learn the particulars or to read the evidence, therefore the lesson loses its force. That is why so much fuss is not made about it. Unfortunately there are too many incidents that might be brought up to point out a moral, but there is but one that will be fully understood and so that one is used.—*Florence Times*.

In classing the Lexington jury with the Laurens jury, the Orangeburg Patriot and the *Florence Times* seem to ignore the facts. In the Laurens case Wham established a clear case of self defence. He was in his own house where he had been following, after his pursuers had been ordered out of his premises, and the man killed by Wham had a drawn pistol in his hand when shot, which was found under his body. Wham was on trial for the killing of his pursuer, and not for his misconduct which led up to the unfortunate affair. He deserves to be tried and seriously punished for that; but we do not understand that the indictment upon which he was tried included his immoral conduct which aroused his neighbors and brought about the unfortunate result.

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TAMMANY RETURNED TO POWER

McClellan Elected Mayor of New York Over Lowe by a Great Plurality.

Incomplete Returns Received From Other States, But Democrats Probably Win in Maryland and Tom Johnson Was Defeated in Ohio.

New York, Nov. 3.—After a remarkable campaign in which there was united against him nearly all of the newspapers and practically every minister of religion in the city, George B. McClellan, son of the Civil war general, was today elected third mayor of Greater New York over Seth Low, Fusionist, the present mayor, by the large plurality of 61,414.

Edward M. Grout was elected comptroller and Charles V. Fornes president of the board of aldermen. These two men were originally on the Fusion ticket and were endorsed by Tammany, whereupon the Fusionists took their name from the Low ballot and nominated other candidates. It was the nomination of Grout and Fornes by Tammany that caused Hugh McLaughlin, the veteran leader of the Kings county Democracy, to bolt and declare that he would not support men who were not Democrats. In spite of this defection, however, McClellan, Grout and Fornes carried Kings county. The management of their campaign there was taken over by State Senator Patrick H. McCarren, when McLaughlin refused his aid.

A surprise was the small vote for Wm. S. Devery, former chief of police, who ran on an independent ticket, which was given practically no support. This result shows a tremendous change in public sentiment since Mayor Low's election two years ago, when he won by 31,622. At that time he carried all the boroughs but Queens, his plurality in Manhattan and the Bronx being 5,663, in Brooklyn 25,767, and in Richmond 763. In Queens, Shephard, Democrat, had a plurality of 561.

Today McClellan carried Manhattan and the Bronx by about 58,000, a gain of 64,000; Brooklyn by about 6,000, a gain of 31,000, and Queens by about 5,000, a gain of more than 4,000. This makes a total net gain for McClellan of about 103,000, as compared with Shephard's vote of two years ago.

Low carried only one borough—Richmond—by about 200 votes.

Tom Johnson Beaten.

Columbus, O., Nov. 3.—The Republicans broke their record in Ohio today in pluralities for Governor by electing Myron T. Herrick (Rep.) over Mayor Tom L. Johnson (Dem.) by considerably over 100,000. The plurality on joint ballot of over 100 in the legislature for the reelection of Senator Hanna more than triples any previous record.

On account of the vote on five constitutional amendments, the counting was delayed all over Ohio tonight and when returns were received they could not be compared with those of any preceding State election as the voting precincts in 71 municipalities with 5,000 population or over had been changed.

Maryland Probably Democratic.

Baltimore, Nov. 4.—At 1 o'clock this morning the returns from Baltimore city and the Maryland counties are meagre, owing to the length of the ballot, and therefore it is impossible to accurately estimate the result. The indications, however, point to the election of Edwin Warfield (Dem.) as governor over Stephenson A. Williams (Rep.) and that the legislature will elect a United States senator who will be a Democrat.

Beckham Wins in Kentucky.

Louisville, Nov. 3.—The reelection of Gov. John C. W. Beckham, the Democratic candidate, over Col. Morris B. Belknap, the Republican, by a majority of fully 15,000 seems assured. The Republicans concede the election of Gov. Beckham.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 3.—At midnight the returns indicate the reelection of Gov. Garvin (Dem.) by a greatly reduced plurality. The vote is very close, however, and the result will probably be in doubt until the last district is heard from. The Republican State central committee claimed that later returns would overcome Garvin's lead at midnight over Col. Colt, Republican.

Boston, Nov. 3.—John L. Bates was reelected governor of Massachusetts today by a plurality of 35,849 over Col. Wm. A. Gaston, the Democratic candidate. With returns complete from every town and city in the State, the total vote for governor was: Bates

(Rep.) 199,393; Gaston (Dem.) 163,544.

THE "INTELLIGENT" JUROR.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 3.—The Republicans in New Jersey today elected four of the six State senators and enough of the assembly to control both houses. The next senate will stand 14 Republicans to 7 Democrats. The next house will contain 36 Republicans and 24 Democrats, a Democratic gain of 2.

CAPT. EWEN FIRED UPON.

The Chief Witness in the Breathitt County Cases Narrowly Escapes Assassin's Bullet.

Lexington, Ky., Nov. 3.—Twelve shots were fired at Capt. Ewen, the star witness in the feud cases recently tried in Breathitt county, as he passed along Walnut street tonight. The shots were fired from a blind alley. One went through his hat and another through the lapel of his coat but none of them touched him. He was walking along with Judge Haymann, at whose home he was staying, and the judge had crossed the alley in front of Ewen when the firing began.

FLORIDA RACE RIOT.

Inhabitants of Lake Village Participate in a Shooting Melee—One Killed Several Wounded.

Lake Village, Fla., Nov. 3.—Henry Johnson, a negro, was taken from jail here at noon today by a mob and hanged in the centre of the town. The act followed a fight between the whites and blacks early in the day in which Frank Anderson was killed and B. Vinson, a lawyer from Little Rock, and several others were wounded. During the row, it is claimed, E. Coleman, a negro, began shooting which began a fusillade. When it was over the dead and wounded were counted. Coleman fled with a posse in pursuit. Johnson was locked up. Excitement ran high and a mass meeting of citizens was held, at which observance of law was urged by a large number. The more excitable rushed to the jail, battered down the doors, secured Johnson and hanged him.

Earthquake in Persia.

London, Nov. 3.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Simla says that terrible earthquakes have occurred at Turshiz, near Turbathi-Haidari, in Persia, in which 350 persons were killed and numbers injured.

One hundred and eighty-four carpet factories were destroyed and only 32 stalls were left standing in the great bazaar.

The entire town was practically demolished.

Laurens, Nov. 3.—Martin Riddle, a well to do farmer and highly respected citizen of the Warrior Creek section of this county, met a tragic death this morning about 10 o'clock. He operated in connection with farming interests a big ginnyery. This morning in passing among the shafting he was suddenly jerked into the machinery and terribly mangled and bruised. Death ensued in 15 minutes. He was 60 years old, being a veteran of the War between the States, and his friends recall his record as a soldier worthy of the name.

Fewer Gallons; Wears Longer.

LOST—Either on W. Hampton avenue, Liberty or Main street; a gold brooch with baby picture in it. Finder will please return to Item Office. Nov 4—1*

\$5.00 REWARD.

ON OCTOBER 28th a pointer puppy strayed or was stolen from my yard; answers to the name of Dixie; about 5 months old; color, liver and white; has long head and long ears that hang straight down, white stripe about 1/2 inch wide, runs in middle of forehead, has long dew claws on hind feet; sex, female. The above reward will be paid for her return to my residence, 107 West Liberty street. Nov. 4—2t. R. T. CARR.

HORSES AND MULES. HORSES AND MULES.

A. D. HARBY

Wishes to call your attention to the fact that he has just returned from the West, where he purchased

A CHOICE LOAD.

They are nice and a well selected bunch. No trouble to show or drive them. A call from you will be appreciated.

You are sure to be pleased. A full line of Buggies, Wagons and Harness always on Hand.

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Commenting on the letter of Mr. Risinger to the Spartanburg Journal, the *Chester Lantern* makes the following timely comments:

It will be seen that this fellow concludes that "the state and counsel for same was satisfied with the verdict, otherwise the state could have gone to the appeal courts." It is probable that not a juror on the case knew that the state has no appeal.

The readers will notice that Mr. Risinger does not think worth while to mention self-defense or any legal justification for the defendant's deed. Only one plea is referred to, and we believe that was not mentioned during the trial of the case, except as darkly hinted at by one of the lawyers in his speech, when he referred to the killing of editor DeYoung and Brann. It seems from this communication that the jury based its verdict entirely on "the annals of History."

The writer is kind enough to warn editors of their defenseless condition. If they expose the true character of unscrupulous men who seek responsible positions, these candidates, when defeated, may shoot them down with impunity, since the law born of precedent (see "annals of History") attaches no penalty to such a deed.

It is evident that the writer of this letter tried to quote expressions he had heard used by others.

By the way, we are sure that we merely echo the voice of the press when we assure Mr. Risinger that we duly appreciate his "kindest feeling toward all editors."

Cotton sold on the local market today for 10 1/2 for middling; while the better grades brought higher prices.

Cotton Receipts.

The crop of cotton in the territory tributary to this city is unquestionably much smaller than it was last year and the receipts on this market from the opening of the season to date prove conclusively that the crop is not only quite short but late.

The following figures taken from the books of the public cotton weighers show how the receipts are falling behind last year:

Receipts for August, September and October 1902, 20,815.

Receipts for August, September and October 1903, 15,712.

Decrease in receipts from last year, 5,103.

The receipts during August 1902 were 1,552; receipts during August 1903, 328.

The receipts have fallen behind each month and there is no prospect of the loss being made good in the future months of this cotton season.

Stock Headquarters.

W. E. Boyle's stable is headquarters for stock for farm, saw mill or road use, substantial young mules, sound horses and fancy roadsters, either single or matched teams. Also buggies, carriages, wagons, harness and all kinds of farming implements. His prices are always right. Give him a call.

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LOST—One black and tan Colley Dog (female), about one year old; answers to name "Cora." Finder will be rewarded for trouble. E. A. Bultman. Nov. 4—1t.

WANTED—To sell my place 4 miles west of Sumter; 452 acres, 20 buildings in fine repair. Up-to-date ginning system; church and school on premises. P. M. Pitts, P. O. Sumter. Nov. 2.—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.

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

FOR SALE—Sewing Machine in good condition. Apply at Watchman and Southron Office. Setp. 30—2t.

EGGS—Barred Plymouth Rock Eggs. Sitting of 13 \$1.00. For sale by N. G. Osteen. Sept. 30—2t

DOGWOOD, Persimmon and Hickory timber for sale by R. C. McFaddin, Sumter, S. C. Oct. 21—4t*

WANTED, Persimmon, Dogwood, Hickory and Holly Logs. Freight paid on carloads. JAMES COCKSHOTT, Charleston, S. C. Oct 21—4m.

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.

No Lack of

BLANKETS!

We have just learned that a competitor accidentally succeeded in getting

25 Pairs of "Tar Heel" Blankets,

And adding this to our purchase of

One Hundred Pairs

And the numerous standard brands carried by other leading merchants, there is no reason why the people of Sumter and vicinity should not be

Well Blanketed For the Winter!

Our price for the "Tar Heel" is

THE LOWEST

We have ever sold them at, and if there is any inducement being offered in the 25 pairs above referred to, we would advise our friends to buy them, as they are a good purchase at anything under our price.

We have just received

50 Pairs of Dixie Blankets

In white and gray, and they are the handsomest goods we ever handled under this brand; and the price at which we have marked them is

Cheaper than they have ever been legitimately sold at in Sumter.

This is fine Blanket weather, and the best place to buy them is at

O'DONNELL & COMPANY.

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS

And especially so if you delay in getting to our store when you desire anything we offer in a special way.

October was our banner month in Dress Goods and Tailor-Made Suit selling. We intend to make November another record-breaking month for moving

Blankets, Cloaks and Winter Underwear.

Of these three Seasonable Specials we have a wide range in quality, style and prices, and if your preference is for the newest and best, then come with your mind made up to deal with us and enjoy that satisfied feeling you are sure to experience.

Blankets from 75c. to \$10 per pair.

Cloaks from 65c. to \$20 each.

Underwear for everybody, from 10c. to \$1.50 per garment.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.