

The Watchman and Southron

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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 views expressed by President Roosevelt on the question of the swift and severe punishment of brutes guilty of rape is so thoroughly in accord with the sentiment of all law-abiding people in the south that he deserves and should receive the hearty commendation of Southern people, irrespective of politics for refusing to commute the death sentence of John Burley the District of Columbia rapist. His letter giving his reasons for declining to save Burley from the gallows so clearly and strongly sets forth the doctrine to which the opponents of mob law in the south subscribe that it might have been written by the late N. G. Gonzales who was at once the uncompromising enemy of lynch law and the severest and strongest advocate of the swift and severe punishment of criminals by the firm and even handed enforcement of the law.

An Olla Podria of interesting facts, statistics and other statements, historical, commercial, industrial, educational and otherwise form the prolific pen of Health officer E. I. Reardon is given a large amount of space today. A careful study of the article will disclose a great deal of facts figures and information of permanent value that the writer has succeeded in collecting at the expense of much time and labor.

EXPERT TO INVESTIGATE COTTON BLIGHT.

Congressman Lever Requests Department of Agriculture to Dispatch Expert to The County.

The cotton wilt or blight, or whatever the disease is that has made its appearance in this county within the past few weeks and has already done serious damage to the cotton crop becomes a more serious matter each day as it is spreading with considerable rapidity and some farmers state that already ten to twenty-five per cent. of their cotton is dead.

Congressman Lever, who attended the campaign meeting at Smithville, Lee county, last Saturday drove through the northwestern portion of Sumter county where the blight is prevalent, was so much impressed by the gravity of the situation that he has taken up the matter with the agriculture department and has requested that an expert be sent to make an investigation for the purpose of determining the nature of the disease and to suggest a remedy if one is known.

The following letter which he has written to Dr. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of plant industry, shows how he views the situation and the steps he has taken to enlist the aid of the agriculture department.

Lexington, S. C., Aug. 8, 1904.
Dr. L. O. Howard, Agriculture Department, Washington, D. C.

Dear sir: A few days ago I wrote you about the disease affecting the cotton of the Hagood section of Sumter county. I did not then know the extent of the damage to the crop. On Saturday, however, I passed through the country affected and saw with my own eyes considerable diseased cotton.

I enclose you a clipping from the Sumter Daily Item about the same matter. I consider it very important that the department should investigate the conditions here without delay. If you should send an expert, please have him see Mr. A. K. Sanders, Hagood, S. C., whose letter I forwarded you a few days ago. Very truly,
A. F. Lever,
M. C., 7th S. C.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, Aug. 9.—The Week ending 8 a. m., August 8th, had a mean temperature of 77 degrees, which is about 3 below normal. The extremes were a minimum of 63 at Greenville on the 3rd, and a maximum of 91 at Florence on the 3rd. The weather was generally cloudy, with some diffused sunlight during the middle of each day. The deficiency in sunshine extended to all parts of the state, and is considered harmful to cotton only. There were no damaging high wind or hail storms.

There was rain in some part of the state every day in the week, and generally over the greater part of it. Excessive amounts fell in all parts except Abbeville and Saluda counties, where the amounts were sufficient for the present needs of all crops. The following heavy weekly amounts were reported, and show an even distribution: Greenwood 7.62; Conway 5.28; Spartanburg 5.62; Florence 4.12; Yemassee 4.08; Batesburg 66; Walhalla 3.62; White Hall 3.85; Columbia 3.95; Kingstree 3.80; Cheraw 3.40; Greenville 3.50; Little Mountain 8.41;

St. Matthews 3.30; Allendale 3.10; Charleston 3.50 inches. Many other points reported from 2 to 3 inches. Lands were washed in places and bottom lands of small streams were overflowed, but the injury to crops from these sources was comparatively slight. With the exception of cotton, the rains were generally beneficial on crops.

Early corn is made and fodder is ready to pull as soon as the weather permits; the ears are well filled; young corn continues promising, although it suffered slight damage from overflows and from firing and scalding in places, due to the excessive rainfall. As a rule it improved.

The excessive moisture and lack of sunshine caused cotton on sandy lands to turn yellow and shed both squares and half grown bolls, and to develop too much weed on red clay lands. Rust has appeared in all parts of the state and is spreading rapidly; wilt or blight is reported from small areas. Cotton, as a rule, is heavily fruited and continues to grow, and to bloom and fruit as the new growth develops. There are numerous full grown bolls, but the humid and cloudy weather is not conducive to their rapid opening, although occasional open bolls have been noted in the central and southern counties. Sea-island cotton has good color, large weed, and is well fruited, but some fields have become grassy.

Rice is doing well, and early rice has well filled heads and is ripening. The rivers have become "fresh" although still low in the Georgetown district. There is a marked improvement in late rice. Tobacco is curing nicely, and this work is nearly finished; the tobacco crop is of good quality and the yields are satisfactory. Peas, sugar cane, sorghum, sweet potatoes, peas, gardens and pastures made marked improvement. The rainy weather caused peaches, apples and grapes to rot extensively, and melons to become somewhat watery. The frequent rains interfered with haying in the coast meadows. Turkeys were planted extensively and are coming up to good stands.

The Weekly Crop Report.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions says:

Generally well distributed rains have benefited cotton in Texas, but in the central and eastern portions of the cotton belt the crop has suffered from excessive moisture, many fields being grassy, and too rapid growth, rust and shedding are reported from nearly all states east of the Mississippi River. West of the Mississippi, with the exception of Louisiana the crop is in a good state of cultivation and complaints of rust and shedding are less numerous than in other districts.

In the Atlantic coast districts and in Tennessee tobacco continues promising, but in Ohio Valley it is suffering from drought.

Mr. N. G. Osteen of this paper spent a day in Mayesville last week and besides enjoying the hospitable entertainment of Capt. J. E. Atkins, took a ride with him through the farms for several miles around the town on the upper side of the railroad. The crops seen, mostly cotton, were very fine, having the appearance of good culture and generous fertilizing. The King Cotton on the farms of Messrs. J. F. Bland, Jr., Barnett, O. C. Sarborough, and one or two others seen was especially fine, being heavily fruited with the promise of more.

Capt Atkins, is a good farmer himself, and has on his place in Mayesville corn that will yield 30 bushels per acre, and also a fine orchard, and other crops. He also has some of the finest Berkshire hogs in the county. The captain is a busy man, and also runs a steam mill and cotton ginery.

Mr. A. A. Strauss who deos about the largest mercantile business in Mayesville and is informed of the crop conditions said that at that time the prospect was unusually fine, although he was getting uneasy on account of the continued rains. No blight was heard of in that vicinity up to that time.

WEDGEFIELD NEWS LETTER.

Matters of Interest, Personal and Otherwise.

Wedgfield, Aug. 8.—The excessive rainfall of the past two weeks has been too much for cotton, and on light lands it has begun to fall rapidly.

The corn crop as a general thing is a great deal ahead of last years.

Services on Sunday morning marked the close of a successful protracted meeting which was carried on in the Baptist church last week. The pastor, Rev. T. O. Lide, was assisted by Rev. E. M. Lightfoot of Orangeburg. Mr. Lightfoot's able, clear presentation of the gospel truth was crowned with success for there were nine additions to the membership of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weinberg, Messrs. Marion Mellett and Rufus Burrows are in St. Louis, taking in the sights of the big fair.

Mr. Eugene Aycock, has returned from Glenn Springs. Dr. Rosa Hirschman, of Spartanburg, is at her sister, Mrs. Sam Weinberg.

Mr. A. E. Aycock, of the firm of J. H. Aycock & Son is in New York buying the fall stock.

Misses Evelyn Parler and Martha Platte, of Parlers, Orangeburg county, are visiting relatives in town.

Misses Bettie and Bessie Aycock are visiting Mrs. F. F. Covington, at Marion, S. C.

The DuPont House is unoccupied now, which is regretted very much, for the commercial travelers have nowhere to stop at now when they visit us. We hope, though, this trouble will be remedied before long.

Mr. E. W. Nettles left for Glenn Spring today for a stay of two weeks.

Mr. J. B. Crouch leaves tomorrow for the same destination.

Stateburg Items.

Statesburg, Aug. 9.—The rains still come with provoking regularity! In spite of the daily showers the crops look quite fine.

The fruit crop, in our section, is particularly good.

Follier stripping is not progressing, as it ought to be.

Among the visitors in Statesburg this week, are:

Mrs. Foster, of New York, the guest of Miss Lucie Lee.

Mr. Pegues, of Cheraw, is visiting Mr. Henry Moore, at "The Oaks."

Miss Nina DeVaux left on Monday for her home in Charleston after a pleasant visit to Miss Fannie Lee.

Miss McClellan, of McClellanville, is the guest of Miss H. Lee Moore.

Mr. Paul Seabrook, of Charleston, is at Mr. J. T. Frierson's.

Misses Hattie and Dessie Norris have returned after a most enjoyable visit to friends in Summerton. They brought with them a cousin, who will remain several days.

Mrs. Joe M. Cantey and daughter of Summerton, are at Cherry Vale.

Miss Annie M. Barnwell spent Sunday at home.

Mr. John H. Burgess returned to Wedgfield on Sunday, after a weeks vacation spent at his home, "Waverly."

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Nelson and son are the guest of Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Miss Quince Small of Charleston, is at "Oakland" Mr. H. L. Pinckney's home.

Mr. Tyre Stuckey spent Monday in Sumter. A. E.

PISGAH NEWS AND COMMENT.

The Lee County Campaign--Mr. Lever's Speech--Boquets for Sumter County

Candidates--The Weather.

Pisgab, Aug. 8.—Rain, rain, a heavy one here last evening, accompanied by much wind. The cloud went towards Sumter, and I guess you got it too. Watermelons and peaches have succumbed to the floods and are no good. Several have lost all their peaches by rotting.

Lee county candidates had their meeting at Smithville last Saturday. A large number of voters was present and a big crop of candidates. The speaking took several hours, starting with the cotton weighers 17, in number. The whole cry of the "ins" was to stay "in"; the cry of the "outs" was "put me in. I will do better than the other fellow. Nothing of special importance from any of them.

Congressman Lever unexpectedly turned up and was greeted warmly by his many friends. At the close of the speaking, he was called out and made an earnest speech during the people to turn out at the general election and showing the danger by staying home.

He said he regarded Roosevelt as the most dangerous man in America today. That any man who had dominated his party as he had, might attempt to do it in other things, if re-elected. He did not take a strong view of Parkers election but said he had a fighting chance. M. Lever returned to Sumter on his way home the same day.

So many people look upon Parker's election as sure because many of the republican journals are against the president. The same thing was done when Blaine was nominated for the presidency. He had many influential republican papers against him in New York city, but he polled his full party vote and Cleveland barely pulled through.

If Cleveland will stop his hunting and fishing and take the stump for Parker in New Jersey and Connecticut, he can carry those states. I can't see how a man that has been so highly honored as Cleveland has been, can be satisfied to be idling his time in fishing and hunting when his party needs every mans help to pull it through. The best thing for the south to do after furnishing our best speakers to the doubtful states is to raise an immense campaign fund and send it to the national committee. It will all be needed. When we take into consideration the immense patronage that the republican party controls, the big corporation fund to buy votes from men who care no more about selling their franchise than a rogue does about stealing peaches, we are confronted by a task that will call for the best efforts to win.

I am glad to see the candidates in Sumter come out over their signatures. It is so much more manly than the old way. "The many friends of

Mr. A. W. B." which is the man writing it himself.

We have been looking for our supervisor up here, but he has got to be as coy as a Miss of 14.

Sumter has some good material from which to select her office holders and in some cases it is a choice of men. Mr. Parrot has made a good clerk of court and Sumter has ever been blest in that line. You will have to look a long time before you will find a better man than Tim. Lee for treasurer. Honest, pleasant and business-like, he conducts his office to the satisfaction of us all.

The old soldiers in office will all be honored when possible to do so. The memory of the starry cross will ever be bright and green to the children of the south, who will honor it as long as the memory of man lasts.

The Second Regiment Band left for Columbia last Thursday having been engaged to furnish the music during the encampment of the First Regiment of Cavalry.

CANDIDATES' CARDS

The announcement cards of candidates will be published in these columns until the Democratic primary for five dollars, payable invariably in advance.

FOR CONGRESS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the 59th Congress, from the Seventh Congressional District of South Carolina, and pledge myself to abide the result of the primary, and to support the nominees of the party.

A. F. LEVER.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I am a candidate for the Legislature, subject to the rules of the primary.

JOHN M. KNIGHT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection as a member of the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

ALTA MONT MOSES.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection as a member of the House of Representatives from Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

JOHN H. CLIFTON.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.

Mr. Editor: Please announce that I am a candidate for reelection to the office of County Auditor, subject of course, to the rules and regulation, of the Democratic primary.

J. DIGGS WILDER.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of Clerk of Court for Sumter County subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

L. I. PARROTT.

FOR CORONER.

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for reelection as Coroner of Sumter County, subject to the result of the primary and support the nominees of the party.

S. F. FLOWERS.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

I announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of County Treasurer and ask an endorsement by the Democratic voters of Sumter County in the coming primary.

Respectfully,
T. W. LEE.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Sumter county, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

WM. M. SANDERS.

Herby tendering my thanks to the Citizens of Sumter County for their generous support in the past, I most respectfully announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary election. My very best efforts are promised and pledged to the performance of my every duty.

WM. H. SEALE.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the primary election.

J. EDWARD GAILLARD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for sheriff of Sumter County, subject to the decision of the Democratic primary election.

W. S. DINKINS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Sumter county, and pledge myself to abide the result of the primary and support the nominees of the party.

C. W. STANBIL.

COUNTY SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of County Superintendent of Education for Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

S. D. CAIN.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

To the Voters of Judicial District No. 3: I am before you again for the office of Magistrate in the coming primary. If you see fit to elect me as in the past, I will appreciate your support. Should you decide otherwise, I will cheerfully support your choice. You all know me, and I am in your hands. Thanking you all for the liberal support you have always given me. I remain, Yours truly,

H. L. B. WELLS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Magistrate of the Third District of Sumter County—subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

H. HARBY, JR.

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THEY MUST GO!

WE NEED THE ROOM.

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- Scriven's elastic seam drawers 50 cents.
- Double elastic seam drawers 35 cents.
- Men's fine gauze undershirts, worth 75 cents, now 37½ cents.
- Men's gauze undershirts, worth 50 cents, now 35 cents.
- Men's gauze undershirts, worth 25 cents, now 18 cents.
- Men's \$2 straw hats, now \$1.
- Men's \$1.50 straw hats, now 75 cents.
- Men's 50 cent straw hats, now 25 cents.
- Men's 25 cent straw hats, now 15 cents.
- Men's negligee shirts, Colonial brand, worth \$1 everywhere, now 65 cents.
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