

Sumter and Southern

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1904.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1866. The Watchman and Southern now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Bennet, the Hampton county murderer who did not know enough to keep away from South Carolina after receiving a conditional pardon, but returned and killed his wife, has decided to abandon his appeal for a new trial and will go to the chain gang for five years. We have not been able to understand how the jury happened to find a verdict of manslaughter in this case. Bennett was either guilty of one of the meanest and most cold blooded murders for which he should be hanged or he is innocent man, in so far as the death of his wife is concerned. If he killed her by accident thinking that she was a burglar trying to enter his house, the act did not render him guilty of manslaughter; if he shot her intentionally, it was as mean and cowardly a murder as ever committed in South Carolina. How did the jury happen to compromise on manslaughter?

When we get through with the Fall Festival the business men of Sumter should try to get together and organize a live up-to-date and aggressive board of trade to continue the work that the Fall Festival will only inaugurate. The Festival will attract attention to this city and advertise it in a general way, and the thousands of visitors will go away and talk about Sumter; and, as we are content that the impressions they receive of the city will be favorable, we believe that Sumter will receive not a little advertising from that source; but spasmodic advertising does not bring results commensurate with the expenditure, and to achieve permanent results we must keep everlastingly at it. If Sumter had a live board of trade, with a live secretary who could devote all, or a large part, of his time to the work there would be, less chance of Sumter lagging behind in the march of progress than if we continue to go along in the same old rut. Right now we need some one to take up with the Atlantic Coast Line authorities the question of putting on a morning train from Florence to this city, but it is everybody's and nobody attends to it. A morning train from Florence would be worth a great deal to the business men of Sumter and would be still more beneficial to the people living along the line of the road between Florence and this city. We need this train to perfect our railroad facilities, which are now the equal of those of any other town in the state.

It is a weak point, however, and should be remedied. If the matter was taken up and pressed vigorously, we believe the train would be put on by the Atlantic Coast Line authorities. This is just one piece of work that a board of trade could do—there are dozens of other things that could be done that would be equally as beneficial. A board of trade might be able to hasten the beginning of work on the new railroad from Conway to this city, it might start a movement that would result in the building of a railroad to Bishopville and on to tap the Seaboard Air Line.

The Japs and Russians expect to spend the winter in Manchuria and it seems that Liao Yang is coveted by both for winter quarters, hence the desperate struggle to possess it.

The State Fair will open in just ten days, and it promises to be the greatest ever held in South Carolina. The new fair grounds and buildings have been planned on a larger scale than the old, which had been, for years, inadequate. But, apart from the exhibits and other of the customary fair week attractions, the gathering of South Carolinians, which is to many of those who attend the fair annually, the chief attraction of all, will be far and away greater than has heretofore assembled in Columbia during fair week. The home-seekers from the northwest, who are expected to be in Columbia in large numbers during the fair, will have the best possible opportunity for seeing and becoming acquainted with the people among whom they are thinking of coming to live. A fair week crowd is unquestionably the most representative assemblage of South Carolinians, of all classes and conditions, that is to be seen in the State. Every county, town and village in the State has representatives in the crowd, and the rich and the poor, the good and bad, are mingled in about equal proportions. The fair week crowd, taken at the average, represents the State's citizenship as it is today.

Senator Tillman is an able man, a stump speaker without a peer in a rough and tumble scrimmage, and a good democrat, according to his lights, but some of the present day party leaders are said to believe that he does more harm than good by his methods and manner of expounding democracy to western audiences. We have doubts of the party leaders saying or thinking this, however, for it sounds more

like a republican contribution to the democratic campaign. Republican managers and newspapers have a habit of giving to the public the innermost thoughts of the democratic leaders on all subjects connected with a national campaign.

There is no difficulty in fixing the blame for that shocking and needless accident last night. It is the custom of racing the hose wagons, helter-skelter through the streets at break-neck speed, every time the fire alarm is sounded that is responsible for the killing of a useful and very valuable horse in a shocking manner. More often than otherwise the drivers of the hose wagons have no definite idea of the locality of a fire when they leave their houses, yet they dash out at full speed and race in one direction or the other until the fire is located or they ascertain that they have been called out by a false alarm. The drivers are not to blame, they are merely following a custom that grew out of the keen rivalry of the two teams and that has been acquiesced in, if not sanctioned by the city authorities, who, alone, could have regulate, the speed of the hose wagons within reasonable and safe limits. For years this custom of racing to fires has prevailed and that there have been no serious accidents has been due to good fortune and nothing else. All who have given the matter any thought have realized the danger of accidents and have been fearful that the pitcher would go to the well once too often. Not only have the lives of the drivers of the hose wagons, of the firemen on the wagons and the horses and apparatus been placed in jeopardy hundreds of times, but the people on the streets were in almost as great danger of death or serious injury. If an infirm person or a child had happened to be in the path of one of the hose wagons when it dashed around a corner, the result would have been more shocking, more deplorable than the accident last night. Many have confidently anticipated that the hose wagons would collide at the corner of Main and Liberty streets as they made the turn from Liberty into Main, and the collision last night occurred but little different from the expected. It differed in detail and circumstances, but not in results, save that the accident was not as serious as it could easily have been. If the killing of a valuable horse, whose loss cannot be estimated in dollars and cents, for he cannot be replaced, serves to abolish a useless and dangerous custom, the city will be the gainer, and we should all be thankful that it was a horse and not a man who was sacrificed to crystallize public sentiment against a custom that has long been a deadly menace to public safety.

Stonewall Jackson was cut off and surrounded any number of times, but he always managed to turn up at the wrong place for the enemy; similarly and Gen. Kuroki seems to be somewhat gifted. It will be well to wait until all the reports are in before concluding that he has fallen into the hands of the Russians.

Field Marshall Oyama says that the operations against the Russians are progressing favorably, and if he has followed the usual Japanese policy in this war of acting before making reports, the successes achieved by the Russians do not amount to much in their influence upon the general plan of battle.

AWFUL CONSEQUENCES OF THE "UNLOADED" PISTOL.

Ralph Rogers, Son of Rev. W. A. Rogers of Wofford College, Accidentally Killed Himself.

Special to The State. Spartanburg, Oct. 16.—The awful consequences attending the fooling with an "unloaded" firearm are in evidence at the home of Rev. W. A. Rogers, D. D., financial agent of Wofford college. This afternoon Ralph Rogers, fourth son of Dr. Rogers, while in his room in the upstairs of the home began handling a pistol which he or some of his brothers had borrowed from a neighbor. He thought the weapon was unloaded and it was accidentally discharged, a bullet striking the young man between the eyes and ranging diagonally upward ploughed his brain and crashed through the skull in the rear top of the head.

Medical aid was at once summoned and all that physicians and loved ones could do was brought to bear to save the life of the boy, but to no avail. He died at 7 o'clock this evening.

His mother, who is in Bamberg, has been telegraphed the sad news and she will arrive tomorrow. Ralph Rogers was a member of the junior class of Wofford college and a youth of fine character and much promise. He is 18 years of age. His father is prostrated with grief.

Contributions of news items by mail or telephone are always gladly received.

FREE TO MOTHERS.—A box of Dr. Moffett's "TEETHINA" (Teething Powders) will be sent without charge to any mother writing Dr. C. J. Moffett, St. Louis, Mo., giving the name of her druggist not keeping it. "TEETHINA" Aids Digestion, Regulates the Bowels, Overcomes and Counteracts the Effects of Summer's Heat and makes Teething Easy. Oct. 192-t

Stateburg News.

Stateburg, Oct. 1.—There still is a good deal of cotton in the fields, and as the fine weather continues, the farmers are succeeding in getting it out in good condition. The hay crop in this section, is a good one. Our farmers are now wishing for rain so they can put in fall oats.

Miss Lily M. Holcombe left on Saturday for Charleston where she is to spend the winter with her brother, Mr. E. P. Holcombe.

Miss Eliza Pinckney of Charleston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Geo. M. Murray.

Mr. W. D. Creight of Winnsboro, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. H. D. G. Muldrow.

Mr. H. L. Pinckney, of Charleston is at his country home, "Oakland."

Master Bruce Saunders is attending school in Rock Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Lee, of Charleston, spent several days in Stateburg last week.

Miss Inez Cunningham, of Bishopville, who is to teach one of the Stateburg schools, came on Saturday. She commenced her duties today. Miss Cunningham is at Mrs. E. N. Frier-sou's.

Mrs. Early Mellette left on Wednesday for Mandeville, Marlboro county, where she is to spend the winter.

Miss Lou Leavell has returned from a delightful visit to friends in Sumter.

Mr. Nesbitt, of Privateer who has been visiting his cousin, Mrs. S. H. Ramsey, returned home on Sunday.

HAYES IN COLUMBIA.

He is Carried to the Penitentiary to Begin His Life Sentence.

Columbia, Oct. 16.—Hoyt Hayes, whose case has attracted so much attention, is spending tonight in the State Penitentiary. Tomorrow he will begin his life sentence.

Sheriff Moss found that he had to come here on other matters and while coming here thought it just as well to bring Hoyt Hayes along. Sheriff Moss made it plain that there were no threats of lynching or interference with Hayes and that he simply brought the prisoner here as he had to be brought here anyway.

Hoyt Hayes is better looking than the pictures of him make him appear. He has an intelligent face, and is quick. Those who tried to talk with him about the case found that he knew perfectly how to evade any mention of the case and he firmly refused to talk about the trial, the commutation or what he thought of anything connected with his case.

He did not mind talking about most other matters, but when it came to the killing of his wife, he was a sphinx. He will begin his life sentence tomorrow, and today he was simply placed in the guard rooms. He seems to be in good health and fine spirits.

BISHOPS OPPOSED TO DIVORCE.

The Amendment Adopted to Canon on Divorce and Marriage.

Botson, Oct. 17.—The house of bishops, one of the legislative bodies of the Episcopal general convention, today adopted an amendment to the canon on marriage and divorce, forbidding the remarriage of any divorced person. The amendment was substantially the same as that which was rejected by the house of deputies on Friday last. The action of the bishops was not unexpected, as the sentiment of that body was well known. In fact, a similar amendment was passed at the San Francisco convention three years ago, but failed, as was the case this year, to secure the support of the other house. A conference of committees, representing the bishops and the deputies will be held to consider the disagreement, but leading clergymen do not anticipate that the deputies will recede from their vote of last week.

In the house of deputies today a proposed canon providing a court of review, to which appeals may be taken from the decisions of diocesan courts was reported and its essential feature adopted though several minor provisions went over until tomorrow.

Among these was one grouping the dioceses and missionary districts into seven provinces, each province to have a court of its own. A proposal to establish a court of appeals, a sort of supreme court, to be composed of the bishops of the church, was referred to the next convention. Among those who took part in the discussion was W. W. Olds, Norfolk, Va.

The special committee appointed to consider resolutions condemning lynching presented by J. H. Stotsen-burg of Indianapolis, reported that as the church stood for the law and order at all times action on the resolutions was not necessary. Mr. Stotsen-burg offered a sub-resolution which condemned "the brutal murder of colored persons and atrocious assassination by hanging, burning and fiendish mutilation."

The whole matter was placed on the calendar.

Found Dead in Bed.

Special to The State. Batesburg, Oct. 16.—Mr. J. B. Stokes, a prominent hardware merchant of this place, died suddenly this morning. Dr. E. K. Hardin was called in and pronounced heart failure as the cause of death. No one knows just when the fatal messenger came, for everything points to death without a struggle. The position of the body, the closed eyes and everything indicated that a painless death came while he was asleep. Mrs. Stokes, who occupied another bed in the same room, knew nothing of the sad situation until after she had arisen this morning.

Mr. Stokes was in seemingly good health all day yesterday and attended to his business as usual. He was one of the most active workers in putting out the fire at the Kernaghan house yesterday afternoon. He seems to have gotten overheated and much excited during this incident and complained of feeling unwell afterwards. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss.

INVESTIGATING THAT FIRE.

Mr. H. W. Holloway, Representing the Comptroller General, in the City.

Mr. H. W. Holloway, of Columbia, arrived in the city Wednesday night for the purpose of making a thorough investigation of the fire that occurred in Mrs. Fannie Baskins' room, at the residence of Mr. H. A. Lowry on S. Sumter street, Saturday evening about 7.45 o'clock. Mr. Holloway was acting as the special representative of Comptroller General Jones, whose duty it is, under the law, to investigate all fires reported to him by a chief of police or chief of a fire department as of incendiary origin. Mr. Holloway proceeded with the investigation carefully and systematically.

MRS. BASKINS ARRESTED.

Indicted for Arson—Has Given Bail for Her Appearance.

On a warrant sworn out by Mr. H. W. Holloway, as the representative of the comptroller general, Deputy Sheriff Gaillard arrested Mrs. Fannie Baskins last Saturday. She gave bond for her appearance at the preliminary hearing next Thursday in the sum of \$1,000. Messrs. W. B. Boyle and Isaac Strauss are her bondsmen. Mrs. Baskins will be represented by Messrs. Marion Moise and T. P. Fraser. The case has aroused much interest in the city, and it is certain that when the case is heard, the Court House will be filled to its utmost capacity. Both sides appear eager for a thorough investigation of the case. The Attorney General will appear for the State.

Reception For Dr. Edmunds.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will, this evening, from 8 to 10 o'clock, give a reception at the parsonage to commemorate the completion of the twenty-fourth year of Dr. Edmunds's pastorate. The entire congregation will attend the reception, gladly availing themselves of the opportunity to testify to the love and esteem in which they hold their pastor.

JUDGE WATTS ON KERSHAW LYCHING.

He Characterized the Lynching of Morrison as an Atrocious and Foul Murder.

Special to The State. Lancaster, Oct. 17.—Court convened this morning, Judge R. C. Watts presided. His honor in his charge to the grand jury dwelt at great length on the lynching of Morrison at Kershaw as an atrocious and foul murder on the part of every person who took part in it and that they each and all have blood on their hands. That lynching is wrong in any case. It usually commences by the lynching of negroes for killing white men and ends in the lynching of white men for killing white men; and then, comes anarchy and lawlessness. He urged upon the grand jury the importance of making diligent inquiry into the matter and to present all parties in any way connected with it. In concluding his remarks on the matter, he stated that he intended to clear his conscience and discharge his duty by presenting the matter clearly and fully to the grand jury. As the jury was about to retire Solicitor Henry arose and stated that he wished to confer with the foreman in reference to the matter before they made their final presentment.

Darlington, Oct. 15.—Tobacco continues to come in although a large percentage of the crop has been marketed. Prices for all grades are good. There will in all probability be a considerably larger acreage planted next season, as the farmers appear satisfied with the returns.

Sheldon Lucius, colored, was killed in Beaufort county Saturday by the accidental discharge of a gun which he was trying to take from his brother for the purpose of shooting his wife whom he had been beating.

The railroads will grant as lower rates for the Sumter Fall Festival as they have ever granted for any similar occasion in this State. The rates will be the same as for the State Fair and the members of fire companies and military companies will have a special rate besides and free transportation for their apparatus and equipment.

Capt. E. Scott Carson received a letter a day or two ago from Lieut. J. S. Carson, U. S. A., informing him of his appointment as Squadron Adjutant of the First Squadron, 8th Cavalry. Lieut. Carson writes that the appointment was a surprise as there are a number of First Lieutenants in the 8th who rank him. The appointment is not only a promotion and an honor, as it is made on merit and fitness for the position, but it carries with it the pay of a Captain.

Prizes For

THE HORSE TOURNAMENT OF SUMMER FALL FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 22, 1904.

The committee have arranged for the following prizes:

First prize—Most successful Knight, \$40.

Second prize—Most graceful rider, and handsomest horse combined, \$25.

Third prize—The second most successful Knight, \$15.

Fourth prize—The most ridiculous Barlesque rider and animal combined, \$10.

Fifth prize—The second most ridiculous Barlesque rider and animal combined, \$5.

While we are not assured, we expect a good suit of clothes, and a good overcoat for the third and fourth most successful Knights, respectively.

The tournament will be governed by the Standard rules. Entrance fee \$1.00 each. Let all who wish to participate send their names with \$1.00 to

A. B. STUCKEY, Chairman of Committee. Oct 19

OUR SECOND

Car horses and mules due to arrive Friday Oct. 14th.

Bought in St. Louis, at the World's Fair, conceded to be the largest horse and mule market in the U. S. If you want a good selection see this bunch before they are picked over.

SPECIAL.

Several choice drivers and family broke harness horses. Ten (10) smooth young mules.

South Carolina Rust Proof seed oats, the heaviest on the market, 65c per bushel.

Booth Live Stock Co.

Clothing and Furnishing Goods

Our business in this department has already been of such a volume that it hardly appears necessary for us to say anything about it.

The Goods Speaking for Themselves

But while we know that a large percentage of the population of the county are aware of the excellence of the values we have here, there are a few who are not, and these are the ones whom we wish to reach. Each season we endeavor to make every branch of our business more attractive, and our clothing stock probably enjoys a more liberal share of our attention than any other.

Men's Suits at \$5.

Our assortment of these would supply an ordinary clothing store. We have them single and double breasted, in gray melton, navy blue and fancy mixed cassimers.

Men's Suits at \$6 to \$8.50.

This line would look well in a \$10 window. They comprise all the new weaves, in fancy cassimers and worsteds.

Men's Suits at \$10 to \$16.50.

At this price we show you as well a line of goods as you will find in the city.

The Horse Shoe Brand.

The horse shoe means good luck, and while we hope they will give you good luck, we know they will give you good wear.

Boys Clothing.

We control the Jane Hopkins brand and the many mothers who have been buying these goods from us will testify to their wearing qualities. Aunt Jane is willing to stake her reputation, that a boy can climb more trees, and jump more fences, in a suit of her manufacture than any other at the same price. She is hightoned in her ideas, her prices run from \$2.50 to \$5.

If you want something cheaper we have them as low as 75 cents, with a guarantee that they rip at every jump. Did you ever try our Never Rip Pants for your boy? The only risk in buying these is, should he get caught in the limb of a tree he will hang there until he is cut down, and the price is only 50 cents.

This is not good rain coat weather, but we will have some later on, and then you will want one badly. We have two numbers in these, that are great values, having closed out the lots, principally large sizes. They were made to sell at five and fifteen dollars. Our price is just half, \$2.50 and \$7.50, and strictly water proof.

O'DONNELL & COMPANY.

24 Half-Acre Lots For Sale.

Lots face on Hampton Ave., Calhoun Street and Winn Ave., sold exclusively to whites. Prices from \$150 to \$250.

3 lots on Broad street 82.5x250. 2 lots on Broad street 75x420.

Many lots and houses in all parts of the city. Country property in Sumter and Clarendon counties a specialty.

Have prospective purchasers for two tracts of 200 to 300 acres within 5 miles of city. If you can supply the demand let me hear from you.

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