

The Watchman and Southeron.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1904.

The *Sumter Watchman* was founded in 1860 and the *True Southeron* in 1866. The *Watchman and Southeron* now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

There should be a law empowering the Governor to discipline a sheriff who neglects his duty. This thing of offering rewards for the arrest of malefactors who should be apprehended by the sheriff has gone entirely too far. What are the Sheriffs for anyhow, if not to arrest criminals?

Some of our Southern cities are developing an acute case of toadyism. The way they are falling over themselves to extend invitations to President Roosevelt evidences a bootlicking proclivity that is nauseating. These cities should go the whole hog and be done with it by including Booker T. in the invitation.

The attitude of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist church in reference to the marriage license law is difficult to understand. Bishop A. Coke Smith's position is equally obscure, for there can be no reasonable connection between a marriage license law and a divorce law. It seems to us that the marriage contract should be safe-guarded and regulated as vigorously as it is preserved. If there were fewer hasty and inconsidered marriages there would be less necessity for a divorce law. Hasty marriages result in conditions that call for divorce and a license law is designed to prevent hasty marriages, and the only objection that we see that can be urged against a license law is that it might operate to curtail the revenue of those who conduct a marriage bureau on the principle of quick ceremonies and no questions asked.

The Chamber of Commerce which will be organized will be a business organization with a great deal of work to do, and those who enter the organization should do so with a full understanding that they must provide the means for paying the necessary expenses. Unless an assured income of at least \$100 per month can be guaranteed it would be better not to organize the Chamber of Commerce. That income at least will be needed and the attempt to conduct it for less seems doomed to failure. Sumter should have a Chamber of Commerce properly conducted or none at all.

Congressman Livingston, of Georgia wants Secretary of Agriculture Wilson to take the public into his confidence and tell upon what facts he based his last estimate of the cotton crop. The point has been well made that the government has no business guessing at the size of a crop. It would perform its full duty by collecting the ginners' reports and announcing the total number of bales of cotton ginned each month. The speculators could be left to do all the guessing.

Two more Ohio banks have been put out of business as a result of the Chadwick exposure. These two banks had none of Mrs. Chadwick's paper, but the plain people of Ohio have naturally lost much of their implicit faith in the banks and began withdrawing their deposits so rapidly that there was nothing for the officers to do but suspend payment.

The seizure of a British ship by the Japanese for carrying contraband goods for the Russians is not likely to create friction between the English and Japanese governments. Reports indicate that while the blockade runner was caught with the goods, the Japanese did not pursue Russian tactics and sink the ship on the spot but have ordered a trial before a prize court.

The list of charters issued by the Secretary of State within the present year shows that South Carolina has had a fairly prosperous year and that the cotton mill industry, while continuing to expand, does not now overshadow all other business enterprises. The capital represented by the new corporations chartered and in the increased capital stock of existing corporations aggregates \$8,357,300. Of this amount \$645,000 went into new banks and \$200,000 toward increasing the capital of old banks. New oil mills with a capital of \$312,000 were chartered, and clay products and mineral companies with a capital of \$463,000 obtained charters. Of course some of these companies will never get beyond the incorporation stage, but even with an allowance for this, the showing for 1904 is a very good one indeed.

The movement which was started by the Sunday schools of Sumter 12 years ago to provide Christmas cheer for the worthy poor of the city has grown into a permanent custom. Each year has seen the interest increasing as evidenced by the larger crowds and growing contributions. It is a good indication of the benevolent impulses of the community and bids fair to live and grow with the coming years. No church in the city will hereafter be large enough to accommo-

date the crowd that attends these annual meetings, and it is probable that next year the opera house will be used. It is a good custom and deserves the support of all the people of every creed. The benefit is two-fold. To the donees it is an undisguised blessing that they are remembered so substantially by their fortunate neighbors. To the donors it brings the satisfaction of unselfish deeds performed. To the children particularly it is a lesson in practical charity which must result in making their lives more unselfish and more useful to humanity. The proposition to interest other cities in the work is a good one. We feel sure that once it is introduced in any community it will take such a hold upon the people that it will live and grow and broaden with each returning year. Verily the best there is in life after all, is "the good we all may do as the years are passing by."

Catch the Rascal.

Hagood, Dec 19.—"Which one?" I did not think the cotton growers were thinking of but one, and they may be mistaken about him, that fellow up yonder at Washington who has, as they think, misrepresented the cotton crop by saying that over twelve million bales have been made this year, and thereby caused a great slump in the prices. This is not all, for they charge that he is in collusion with Wall street, and will realize not less than a million on this decline. This may all be simply and purely guesswork, but it may be correct.

It would be a high crime indeed, for the Secretary of Agriculture to use his knowledge for private gain, to abet either the bulls or bears of Wall street, and should be punished accordingly. But how may one find out all this, how may we "Catch the Rascal." Mr. Brown of New Orleans, of Brown-Hayne cotton fame, has set himself this very task it is said, and few men are in so good a position to do this work. He has written to all the gineries for statistics of cotton ginned, which when collected and compiled will be given to the public. At the same time he will try to ascertain the amount and kind of futures, if any, the Secretary has dealt in etc. Now suppose it is found that the Secretary's statement of the crop is incorrect, and that it is found he has been dealing in bear futures, what then?

We believe cotton will immediately advance, that Mr. Secretary will be fired out of his office and another put in his stead, but we realize also that aside from the loss the cotton producer has, or does sustain, an incalculable amount of harm will have been done the Bureau of Agriculture, and that which was organized and set up to help the farmer will come to be regarded by them one and all as a menace to their best interests. Be this as it may it is highly important that a thorough investigation of this matter be had, let the truth be found out and if tricky has been used let it be exposed and the guilty party punished. We await the result with interest.

Just a word to those who are holding cotton. Do not sacrifice it, but hold it. You have the market under control, be patient and you will keep it so.

Staburg News Notes.

Statesburg, Dec. 20.—Miss Janette McLaren has gone to her home in Chester to spend the Christmas holidays. Mr. Matt. Moore, of the Charleston Medical College, is at home for a two weeks stay. Miss Fannie C. Sumter, of Sumter, spent Saturday with relatives here. Mr. Frank P. Burgess spent Sunday at home. Mrs. H. G. Muldrow spent Saturday in Columbia. Miss Lottie T. Nelson leaves this week for Florence where she is to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. F. H. McLeod. Mrs. and Mrs. Early Mellette, Mr. H. G. Muldrow and Mr. Pinckney Norris spent Monday in Sumter. Mr. Richmond Pinckney of Charleston spent a few days with his sister Mrs. George Murray last week. Mrs. Deas of Camden and Mr. George Saunders of Hagood were up last Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. George Murray. Mr. Wolf of Ferguson, S. C., is the guest of Mr. W. L. Sanders.

Local Cotton Market.

The receipts today were the heaviest of the week, despite the fact that prices reached the seven cents level yesterday. The market was unchanged today.

An Unprincipled Joke on The Minor Store.

Some representative of Belzebub has circulated the report that the Minor Store is going out of business. The immense business done by this store would lead one to think that there is some truth in the report. Not so. The Minor Store is preparing for the biggest spring and summer business ever done by a Sumter store.

C. P. Osteen, M. D. OFFICE HOURS 9 to 11 A. M. Telephone No. 270. Residence telephone No. 254. Office at Mood-Osteen Infirmary, 22 S. Washington Street.

South Carolina College Centennial Celebration.

The great celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the opening of the South Carolina College is attracting widespread interest throughout the State. The alumni, wherever found, are responding to the call of their alma mater to make this occasion the crowning event in the history of the grand old college. Every inducement is being offered to assemble together as many as possible of those who have left Carolina's halls with diploma in hand. The people of Columbia will entertain all who attend, and it is sincerely hoped that the Game Cock county will send her full quota of representatives.

The following program of exercises, with an invitation, has been received by alumni:

South Carolina College Centennial Celebration, 1805-1905, Programme of Exercises, SUNDAY, JANUARY 8th.

11.15 a. m.—Sermon by the Chaplain, Rev. J. William Flinn, D. D., in the Theatre.

8.00 p.m.—Sermon by the Rev. John A. Rice, D. D., of Alabama, in the Theatre.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9th.

10.30 a. m.—Inauguration of the Centennial exercises, in the Theatre. Addresses of welcome by the President of the College, the Governor of South Carolina, the State Superintendent of Education and the Mayor of Columbia, with designated responses by representatives of schools, colleges, and universities.

4.00 p. m. Dramatic and musical entertainment by the students, in Craven Hall. Class reunions.

8.00 p. m.—Joint celebration of the Literary Societies, in the State House. Hon. William A. Barber, of New York, orator for the Clariosophic Society, and Judge Joshua H. Hudson, of South Carolina, orator for the Euphradian Society.

10.00 p. m.—Ball under auspices of the students, in Craven Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10th.

10.0 a. m.—Academic and civic procession from the Library to the Theatre "From Generation to Generation," the Centennial ode by Dr. George Armstrong Wauchope.

Commemorative address on "The Historic Significance of South Carolina College," by Gen. LeRoy F. Youmans, of Columbia.

Conferring of honorary degrees.

4.00 p. m.—Meeting of the Society of the Alumni, in the Chapel.

6.00 p. m.—Reception by the Faculty, in the Library.

8.00 p. m.—Oration, in the State House, on "The South Carolina College and the State," by the Hon. Joseph A. McCullough, of Greenville.

10.00 p. m.—Centennial banquet, in Craven Hall.

Manchester Items.

Manchester, Dec. 20.—Well, Mr. Editor, at last I will again try to write a line for the Watchman and Southeron, this cold morning. News is scarce.

Farm work for 1904 all done. Some are cutting and shipping wood, others repairing buildings, &c., and some are gathering litter for manure, while others I hear are preparing to jump the broom over into matrimonial bliss.

Miss Pritchard, (daughter of Mr. Ed Pritchard of Privateer,) I hear is to wed Mr. Eddy Trimnal tomorrow, the 21st, and Mr. P. B. Lawrence of Pinewood and Miss Olga Reynolds, daughter of Dr. W. H. Reynolds of Paxville, are to be married tomorrow night at the Methodist church in Pinewood.

Mr. Clifford B. Kolb who has been down with typhoid fever for the last two months, or so, is improving at last, so he can walk about his room at Dr. Murray's in Pinewood, and thinks he will be able to be move home this week.

What has got the matter with the young men of your city, that they are trying to kill themselves. I was real sorry to hear of Eugene Stansill's rash act, as we spent a pleasant time together the last week of November court.

The usual moving has commenced. Mr. Jas. A. Brewer is moving from Wedgefield down near Pinewood to Mr. Warren Weeks's.

Well, Mr. Editor, as I am such a poor writer, and also a slow one, and as I don't write any oftener, with this I will stop writing for the dear old Watchman and Southeron, but as you think, so do.

Well, wishing you and your many readers a merry, merry Christmas, and a happy New Year and many returns of the same, Mr. Editor, I will close.

Mr. Bluford Hussey appeared before Recorder Hurst Saturday to answer to charge of public drunkenness. Having entered a plea of "guilty," he was sentenced to pay a fine of \$3, or to serve on the public roads for 6 days. The fine has not yet been paid, and the defendant still remains in the guard house.

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A HORRIBLE CUTTING AFFAIR.

Butcher John Henderson Practices His Trade on His Wife.

While at tea Saturday night, Mr. C. M. Hurst was startled by the agonizing shrieks of a woman. He and Mr. J. M. Lawrence ran out to the street to discover the cause, and found a woman standing on the sidewalk crying, "John has cut me! John has cut me!" On the other side of the street, they saw a man complacently viewing the scene, and when they approached him to inquire if he knew anything concerning the woman he made a record breaking run, unimpeded, up Washington street, with Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Hurst running a close second and third. Mr. Hurst attempted to make a short cut, and when crossing a ditch, the ground verily unceremoniously flew up and hit him in the face. He was so bewildered that he gave up the chase. Mr. Lawrence got close enough to John to put his hand on his coat, and the magic touch of his hand seemed to inspire the pursued to greater things, and he bade his pursuer good-night.

Mr. Lawrence stopped, and gazed upon the fleeing negro, and some one approaching heard him say, "Well, I guess that's running 'em some."

When the two returned to the scene of the cutting, the woman was no where to be found. A little later Mr. Willie Moran nearly stumbled over her prostrate form in front of Mrs. Kilgo's boarding house. She was taken to Dr. Mood's Infirmary where she was discovered to be in an almost dying condition, being so weak from loss of blood that three hours elapsed before her pulse could be found. Heroic treatment was resorted to, a saline solution being injected into her veins, which resuscitated her in a remarkably short space of time.

Her body was terribly cut, one wound being from her shoulder to her elbow, and severing the biceps of the left arm. Another wound on her head was a very ugly one—the ear was cut entirely in two. There were numerous other wounds on other parts of her body of a less grave nature. If she had not received medical attention when she did, death would have resulted in thirty minutes. Next morning she was in a much improved condition.

It was afterwards discovered that the woman was attacked by her husband, John Henderson, who is employed by Mr. Eugene Egan as a butcher. He was evidently trying a new blade on his wife. Up to this time, no trace of him has been found.

Mary Henderson Succumbs to Wounds Inflicted by Her Husband.

Mary Henderson, the negro woman who was so brutally cut on Saturday night by her husband John Henderson, died Monday night at the house of Henderson's mother to which she was removed Monday morning.

An inquest was commenced by Coroner Flowers at 4 o'clock yesterday noon and the Jury after hearing the testimony of Mr. C. M. Hurst, in front of whose house the attack on the woman was made by John Henderson, and of Dr. J. A. Mood who dressed her wounds, rendered a verdict that the said Mary Henderson came to her death from knife wounds inflicted by John Henderson.

Henderson has not been arrested.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The Rev. Albion W. Knight will be consecrated Bishop of the Episcopal Church here today. Mr. Knight was elected at the recent general Convention of the Church, held at Boston, to be missionary Bishop of Cuba.

TAX RETURNS FOR 1905.

Office of County Auditor, Sumter County, Sumter County, Dec. 14, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated, respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1905.

Tindal's Store, Monday, January 9th. Privateer, (Jenkins's Store) Tues. Jan. 10.

Manchester, (Mr. Gardner, Levi's) Wednesday, Jan. 11th.

Wedgefield, Thursday, Jan. 12th. Statesburg, Friday, Jan. 13th.

Hagood, Monday, Jan. 16th. Rembert's Tuesday, January 17th.

Dalzell, Wednesday, Jan. 18th. Gordon's Mill, Friday, Jan. 20th.

Mayesville, Monday, Jan. 23rd. Shiloh, Tuesday, Jan. 24th.

Norwood's X Roads, Wednesday, Jan. 25th.

Oswego, Friday, Jan. 27th.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc. return the same under oath to the auditor, who requests all persons to be prompt in making their returns and save 50 per cent penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January 1905.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each township where the property is located and also in each and every case the number of the school district must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of 21 and 60 years on the first day of January, 1905, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1905.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 50 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER, Auditor Sumter County.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 20.—The Peachtree residence of J. K. Orr, one of Atlanta's wealthiest merchants, was entered in broad daylight today and robbed of between \$3,000 and 4,000 worth of jewelry. The robbery was perpetrated in the upstairs living rooms while the members of the family were down stairs, and was the clever work of a stylish dressed young white man. The affair is a mystery, the robber seemingly having completely baffled all efforts of the police to locate him.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

WALDING, KINNAN & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Dec. 21-1m.

PLANTATION FOR RENT.

WE DESIRE to rent our plantation of 400 acres now occupied by W. W. McCaskill, seven miles from Bishopville.

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Cabbage Plants \$1.50 Per 1000.

I AM NOW prepared to fill any and all orders with the best varieties of Cabbage Plants. Orders filled for any amount and varieties. Write for prices for lots of 3,000 and over. Address all orders to

W. F. CARR, Meggetts, S. C. Dec. 21-3m.



The Dixie Stalk Cutter—Wagon Attachment.

Parties desiring A Good Stalk Cutter will find "The DIXIE" to be made of the Best Pennsylvania Steel and guaranteed not to clog and to give entire satisfaction.

Our machines can be found at S. M. Pierson's livery stable, 6 and 8 S. Harvin street.

The Dixie Stalk Cutter Co., Sumter, S. C.

Christmas Shopping.

The near approach of the holidays sets the average person to thinking of their friends, and the most appropriate gift to give them. We may be pardoned for suggesting the advisability of considering more, the usefulness of an article, than its ornamentation, as a Christmas gift, and while we make no specialty of holiday goods our stock will be found to contain many things that make useful and appropriate presents.

PIANO COVERS. \$2.50 \$3. \$4.	KNIT SHAWLS. .50 \$1. \$1.50.	LADIES' GLOVES. .25 .50 .75 \$1.
TABLE COVERS. .50 \$1. \$1.50. \$2.50.	FASCINATORS. .25 .50. \$1.	GENTS' GLOVES. .25 .50. .75. \$1. \$1.50.
LAP ROBES. \$1.50. 2.00. 2.50. 3.50. 5.00. 7.50.	FURS. \$1. 1.50. 2.50. 5.00. 7.50. 10.00.	RUGS \$1. 1.50. 2.50. 3.50. 4.00. 6.50.
HANDKERCHIEFS. .5. .10. .15. .25. .50. \$1.00. \$1.50.	TOILET SOAP. .10. .15. .20. .25 & .50 Per Box.	COLOGNE. .25. .50. \$1.00 in single boxes.
LADIES' SHOPPING BAGS. .50. \$1.00. \$1.50.	LADIES' BED-ROOM SLIPPERS. \$1.00. \$1.50.	LADIES' NECKWEAR. .25. .50. .75. \$1.00. \$1.50. \$2.50.
UMBRELLAS. \$1.00. \$1.50. \$2.50.	GENTS' NECKWEAR. .25. .50. \$1.00.	TOWELS. .15. .25. .50.

If you wish to be real generous, add a pair of "TAR HEEL" BLANKETS.

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