

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1905.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1860 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.

Comptroller General Jones' report on the investigation of incendiary fires by his office contains suggestions that meet with our hearty approval. The state should pay the expenses of every branch and department of the government, and, as Mr. Jones so forcibly puts it, it is altogether wrong in principle to force the insurance companies to pay for investigating the cause of fires, by levying upon them a special tax. Neither should the railroads be required to pay the salaries of the railroad commissioners.

Governor Heyward's announcement that he will retire from public life at the expiration of his present term, is no more than one might expect. He is not a professional politician and has never had the desire to obtain a living the balance of his life by holding office. He sought the office he now fills for the honor and not for the emoluments and had he become a professional office-seeker his real friends would have been grievously disappointed as well as surprised.

The members of the legislature seem to be afraid to tackle the marriage license law in earnest. The bills so far introduced may be a step in the right direction, but they do not go far enough.

That another coat of whitewash can do the dispensary no harm is probably what the upholders and beneficiaries of the system think.

Ex-Mayor McCue, of Charlottesville, Va., the wife murderer, who was under sentence to be hanged on Friday, has been relieved by Governor Montague. He may yet cheat the gallows. It's hard to hang a man with money and influence.

If the Electric Street Railway and Power Co., should do nothing more than provide this city with first-class, reliable and up-to-date electric lights it would be a blessing to the city. It can't get started too soon to suit the people who want good lights.

The cotton bears who have sold cotton by the thousand bales on the basis of present prices will begin to howl within a few days if they are called on to deliver the cotton.

Cotton at \$32.60 a bale is not as profitable as sweet potatoes, corn or peavine hay.

Before any further additions are made to the court house to provide the increased room the business of some of the county offices demands it would be well to do a little figuring on the cost of a new court house. The last time the building was "improved" the county paid a lot of good money for mighty little real improvement. The cost of a few such improvements would exceed the cost of a modern building.

It is claimed for the Morgan high license bill that it preserves all the good features of the dispensary law and eliminates practically all of those that have operated to make of the dispensary system a corrupt political machine. Everything connected with the liquor traffic is intrinsically mean and vicious, but something better than the dispensary, as now operated, should not be hard to devise.

The News and Courier's special issue, "Our Women of the War," published on Tuesday is a most valuable and interesting contribution to the history of the War Between the States.

Hon. Hub Evans, the big gun of the dispensary system, is receiving a lot of sympathy since it has become reported that his colleagues conspired to deprive him of the emoluments of his office.

It is the plain duty of the city council to take some decided action in reference to the unsatisfactory service the Sumter Water Company is now giving. The Southeastern Tariff Association imposes an extra rate upon property in Sumter on account of the deficient water pressure and unless there is an improvement in the service we may expect this rate to be made higher. What will the council do about it?

The street lights are not what they should be. The city is not getting the service contracted for, and for which payment is made with the utmost regularity. What is the city council going to do about it?

The czar of Russia has a job that no sane man would take off his hands. That accident yesterday by which a volley of grape shot was sent hurtling over his head from the guns of his own batteries of most loyal troops,

shows that he can trust no one. His life is in danger every hour of the day, and the wires may bring the news of his assassination any moment.

John Sharp Williams revealed an unsuspected weakness of character when he got mad and tendered his resignation as Democratic leader in the house because the other Democrats did not vote with him on an amendment to a bill.

Governor Heyward will be inaugurated tomorrow for his second term. In this instance it is fortunate for South Carolina that there is no law against second terms.

If President Roosevelt attempts to reply to the open letter of Jefferson Davis' daughter what can he say without confessing to an uncalled for slander of the Confederacy's president through ignorance or spleen or reiterating it with the proofs of its falsity before him.

Cotton is beginning to be in demand and buyers are offering to pay seven cents and more for good grades, but regardless of the exchange quotations. If the farmers hold to what they have and reduce the acreage so as to produce not more than nine million bales this year they will get their own price next fall.

REIGN OF TERROR.

The Russian laboring classes, for ages kept in abject submission, have at last begun to feel the stirrings of manhood and the longing for a measure of liberty so strongly that they have dared to ask of their hard taskmasters, the idle and corrupt aristocracy, redress of grievances.

They went unarmed and with a humble spirit to beseech the czar, the "Little Father," to hear their grievances and to pray him to grant them relief. They, strange to say, retained a degree of faith in their aristocratic lord and master, that pass comprehension, and to him, as a last resort, they tried to appeal, over the heads of the ministers who stand between the czar and his lowly subjects and rule the land with an iron hand.

Unarmed, but strong in their faith in the "Little Father," they proceeded to the palace square on the Sabbath morning to pray him to reach down a helping hand to them in their misery.

But the czar proved to be either a relentless autocrat or a weak coward, supine in the hands of his ministers, callous to the sufferings of their common people and deaf to the humble cries for succor. He withdrew himself into his palace, surrounded it with a guard of thousands of troops and issued orders to them to turn back the workingmen, their wives and children, even if the streets should be turned into shambles in the doing.

The workingmen came and the story of their cruel massacre is now known around the world. Men, women and children, without arms in their hands and with only a dog-like faith in the greatness and goodness of the czar in their hearts, were met in the streets by Cossacks and Uhlans and other brutal tools of the more brutal ministers of the czar and butchered like wild beasts.

The tragedy that was enacted in St. Petersburg's streets and magnificent palace surrounded squares was not a riot, but a massacre, and the blood of the workingmen and of their women and children that crimsoned the snow cries aloud to Heaven for vengeance.

The czar and his ministers may stifle for a time the spirit of revolution, brought full-fledged into being by the massacre, by the brute force of the army, but that the czar and his ministers are but piling up wrath against the day of wrath, no one doubts. The story of the events in St. Petersburg read like the opening chapter of the French revolution. No one who has read history can fail to observe the parallel. Russia seems doomed to the horrors of a Reign of Terror.

Mr. L. W. Watson, of Florida, is in the city to visit his daughter, who is here for treatment in Dr. Baker's infirmary. Mr. Watson is at present employed by Marion county to superintend the building of clay and sand roads in that county. Mr. Watson relates a rather peculiar coincidence in connection with clay and sand roads in Marion county. Sixteen years ago when he was a member of the board of county commissioners of that county he built the first section of clay and sand road ever constructed in that county. A wet spell came on before the road had settled and become packed and the wheels cut it up until the road was almost impassable. The people became so indignant that they dictated him for obstructing the public road and the grand jury returned a true bill. He had faith in his work, however, and succeeded in having the trial postponed. Time vindicated his judgment and before the next term of court convened the road had become so firm and hard and held its own so well, in both wet and dry weather, that the very people who indicted him presented a petition to the presiding judge asking that the case be dismissed. Since that time the

building of sand and clay roads has gone steadily forward in Marion county.

ROWELL GRANTED BAIL.

Judge Purdy Signs Order Permitting the Dispensary Constable Who Killed Detective Blount to Give Bond.

Judge Purdy heard at the chambers on Monday an application for bail, in habeas corpus proceedings, for W. B. Rowell, the dispensary constable who killed Joseph C. Blount, the well known detective of the Atlantic Coast Line, in Florence about a month ago. The defendant, Rowell, was represented by Messrs. J. W. Ragsdale, of the firm of Galletly & Ragsdale, and Walter H. Wells, of the Florence bar. Solicitor John S. Wilson appeared for the state and resisted the motion that bail be granted. No new evidence was introduced by affidavit, the defendant's attorneys basing their motion and making their arguments on the evidence taken by the coroner of Florence county at the inquest.

Judge Purdy, after hearing the arguments, signed an order admitting to bail in the sum of \$4,000.

There was a rumor current subsequent to the hearing that Rowell may find difficulty in securing bail in Florence, but there was no way of ascertaining whether the rumor had any foundation in fact.

RAILROAD MISHAPS.

Freight Train Derailed at Wilson's Mill—Engine Wrecked in Florence.

The through freight between Columbia and Lanes (No. 82) was derailed at Wilson's Mill early yesterday, blocking the track for several hours and making it necessary for the regular Charleston and Columbia passenger train to go around by way of Florence.

Before the Hartsville local got out of the yard this morning on the regular daily schedule it met with a mishap. Just as the train was passing the old C. S. and N. depot the cylinder head of the engine blew out and the train was hung up for some time.

Engine No. 9 was badly broken up this morning while standing on a siding in the Florence yard by the yard engine shoving a string of box cars against it.

THE RECORDER'S COURT.

There were two mourners before Recorder Hurst Monday, both were charged with public drunkenness. The defendants were J. P. McCassin and A. T. Baker; they plead guilty to the charge, and the court imposed a fine of \$3.00 upon each of them.

There were two cases before Recorder Hurst today. The first was the city of Sumter vs. James Williams, charged with violation of the license ordinance as to chiropodists. The defendant plead not guilty and was fined \$2.00.

Laurens Murray was charged with disorderly conduct. He confessed the crime, and a fine of \$2.00 was imposed.

FIRE ALARM BOXES LOCATED.

They Will be so Placed as to Cover the Entire City.

Messrs. R. S. Hood and W. S. Graham, chief and assistant chief of the fire department and Alderman H. W. Hood, of the committee on fire alarm system met in the office of the city clerk this morning for the purpose of deciding where the twelve alarm boxes of the Gamewell system shall be located.

With the map of the city before them they discussed the matter with thoroughness and care, it being their object to so distribute the boxes as to have them in easy reach of all sections of the city. In the closely built up sections of the city the boxes were placed closer together, but no part of the city that has fire hydrants within reach will be without at least one box from which an alarm can be sent in without loss of time.

In addition to the twelve regular boxes, each of the hose wagon houses will be an alarm station, so that there are really fourteen alarm boxes in the city.

The twelve boxes, which will be numbered 22 to 27 inclusive and 32 to 37 inclusive will be located at the following points:

- Corner E. Liberty and Levi.
- Corner Kendrick and Magnolia.
- Electric Light Station.
- Corner S. Main and Bartlette.
- Corner N. Main and Canal.
- Corner N. Main and Warren.
- Corner W. Liberty and Washington.
- Corner N. Washington and W. Calhoun.
- Corner W. Bartlette and Council.
- Corner W. Hampton and Harby.
- Corner W. Calhoun and Salem.
- Corner Church and Broad.

An extra communication of Claremont Lodge, No. 64, A. F. M., will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock. The E. A. degree will be conferred.

The emergency appropriation bill of congress contains an item of \$190,000 to be used in fighting the boll weevil.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Mr. W. R. McLeod and wife, from Paxville; H. J. Wilson, from Columbia, and John Lampley, from Greenwood were received Sunday into the First Baptist church.

Rumors are afloat concerning new churches to be built. The audiences now attending the First Baptist church are about filling the house. The pastor urges the prospective builders to cultivate largeness of view and this will tend towards abundance of seating capacity in the new churches soon to be built.

The long promised song service will take place next Sunday night. A succinct programme will appear in the Saturday Item. On that occasion only the old time standard and familiar hymns will be used and discussed, such as were given to the Christian world by Watts, Wesley and Bonner.

The choir had an oyster spread at the parsonage on Thursday night. The verdict of a looker-on was that all the singers and players are greatly gifted—at an oyster supper.

The ladies are preparing a picture of the church and pastor, out of which they hope to reap a handsome dividend. Woman's ingenuity is made proud by being heavily taxed.

A Baptist Reporter.

The Magistrate's Court.

A motion for a continuance in the case of J. B. Goldman by Henry Weinberg, guardian, ad litem, vs. Joseph Goldman and J. M. Harris, doing business under the firm name of Goldman & Harris, was made on behalf of the defendants by Mr. I. C. Strauss.

In this case a quick judgment was sought to be obtained by the plaintiffs submitting affidavits to the effect that the defendants were at that time selling off their stock of goods in Mayesville and that fear of the defendants moving out of the jurisdiction of the court was entertained. Mr. L. D. Jennings represented the plaintiffs.

The defendants showed by affidavits that they were responsible people, had a good commercial rating and had no intention of moving their place of residence. Another affidavit to the effect that it would be impossible for a material witness to be present on the trial today was also submitted.

After hearing the arguments, Magistrate Harby granted the motion.

Daily Market Report.

New York, Jan. 24.—There was no change in the cotton market this morning. Prices opened 10 points higher but this was soon lost and the market ran back below last night's closing. At times there seemed to be very little cotton for sale and again there was very little wanted. The market was dull, heavy and not at all encouraging to buyers. Factors seemed so bearish and generally unfavorable that few could be induced to buy and the bears was as free in selling on the advance as on any previous rise. On the rise of 10 joints it looked as though all the cotton covered yesterday was for sale. Nothing was heard from New Orleans regarding the convention and it will be a subject of general interest when the delegates get started on the holding and acreage reduction plans. Some have no confidence in the ability of the convention to bring about a more hopeful outlook. The ginners' report will not be out for some days so that the market was lacking on bear news. Liverpool steady and held well, but this seemed to have no effect here. Prices do not run down as rapidly as they did at nine and ten cents.

But as long as the market continues to look as it does, there will be very little aggressive buying. As soon as cotton is covered, it is put out again on the first rally. There is large buying for investment on the scale down, but so far this has little influence on prices. Sentiment is still very bearish in professional circles.

Ware & Leland.

Special by Ware & Leland's Private Wire.

NEW YORK COTTON.				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Jan.	6 52	6 55	6 50	6 53
Feb.				6 55
March	6 68	6 68	6 51	6 61
April				6 65
May	6 76	6 77	6 67	6 69
June				6 73
July	6 88	6 88	6 76	6 78
Aug.	6 85	6 86	6 84	6 82
Sept.				6 90
Oct.	7 03	7 04	6 96	6 97

Market closed steady. New York spots unchanged; middling 6.90. Sales 81.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Opening.	Closing.
WHEAT—		
May,	114 6-	114 6-
July,	98 3-	98 2-
CORN—		
May,	44 6-	44 6-
July,	45 1-	45 2-
OATS—		
May,	30 7-	30 6-
July,	30 7-	30 6-
PORK—		
May,	12.95	13.05
Jan.,		12.87
LARD—		
May,	7.05	7.10
Jan.,	6.85	6.90
July,	7.17	7.22
RIBS—		
May,	6.87	6.90
Jan.,		6.70
July,	7.00	7.05

STOLEN—New Columbia Chain Bicycle, black frame, stolen Saturday night. Reward for recovering. C. F. Schwerin.

Plantation Supplies.

What a pity we cannot eat cotton, for it seems to be the cheapest staple product in the world to-day, but we cannot dispose of it in that manner, and while it continues to decline, we must live and buy other staples at a high price to make more. As usual at this season of year, our warehouses are stocked with

Staple Groceries

from the leading packers and manufacturers of the country. We have actually in stock and in transit

- 500 barrels of Flour.
- 40,000 pounds of Bacon.
- 100,000 pounds of Tobacco.
- 100 barrels of Sugar.
- 50 bags of Coffee.
- 30 barrels of New Orleans Molasses.
- 25 barrels of Georgia Syrup.
- 300 sacks of Rice.
- 500 sacks of Grits.
- 300 sacks of Meal.
- 10,000 pounds of Lard.

NOT YET FOUND.

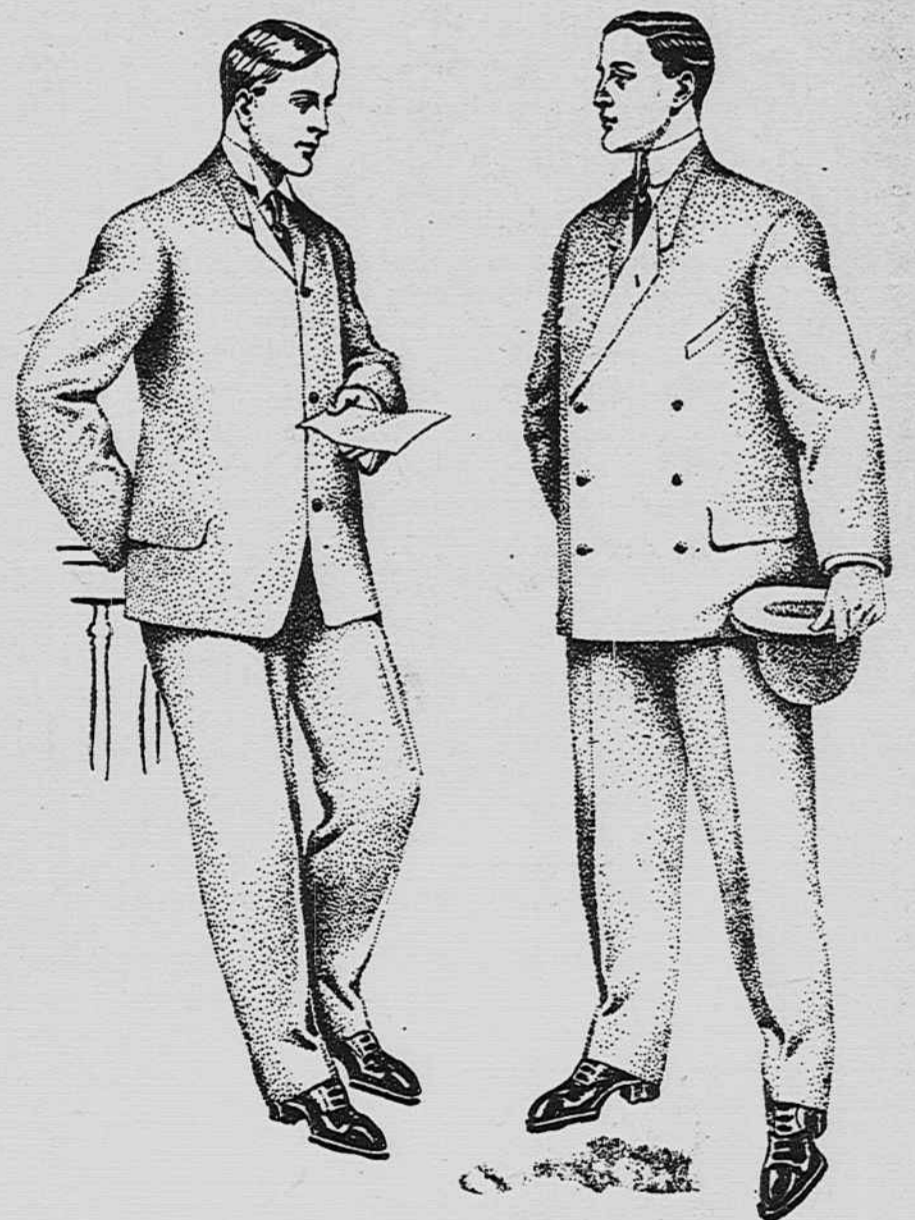
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We have just received another shipment of the famous Walk Over shoes in all styles and leathers. Our windows are full of holiday gifts, such as gloves, ties, handkerchiefs and mufflers. Remember you are always welcome whether you call to buy or not.

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