

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 1905.

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.

We hear very little of tobacco being planted in this county this season, but we understand that the acreage will be considerably larger this year than last.

If Comptroller General Jones enforces the law penalizing corporations failing or refusing to make returns and pay the license tax, there is lots of trouble ahead for the small corporations in South Carolina.

Ten years ago the report of one case of smallpox in the State caused more uneasiness than the thousands of cases that are now scattered all over South Carolina. If people will not be vaccinated the sooner all that prefer smallpox to vaccination have the disease the better off the community will be. Smallpox will continue prevalent until everybody have had it or have been successfully vaccinated.

Peavine hay at \$15 a ton—the lowest price for which it can now be purchased—is equally as profitable as cotton at 8 cents. The local demand for peavine hay is greater than the supply and carload after carload of Western hay is being sold on this market. The farmers of Sumter county would not lose money if they were to cut down the cotton acreage one-half instead of one-fourth, if they planted the land in forage crops, peavine hay especially.

The lasting success of the movement set on foot by the Cotton Growers Association to control the price of cotton depends very largely upon the erection of cotton warehouses at all of the important cotton markets. Unless the farmers are able to store their cotton and obtain the money that they need to harvest the crop they will be forced each fall to sell a large part of their cotton just as they have been doing for years, thereby flooding the market and depressing prices. It will pay the farmers to store their cotton and market it slowly throughout the year, for when they hold the cotton on the farm they run the risk of losing it by fire or having it damaged by exposure to the weather. Of course it will cost money to store cotton in standard warehouses, but the benefits will more than counter-balance the expense.

The Northern newspapers are beginning to worry over the efforts the Southern States are making to attract desirable emigrants to this section. They realize that the coming into the South of a thrifty, industrious and reliable white laboring class in large numbers will eventually displace the negro and that hordes of the displaced negroes will migrate northward to seek work. This is just the thing the negro-loving philanthropists least desire and they are growing fearful that the South will suffer an irreparable injury if foreigners are introduced and the negroes forced to seek new homes in the North. Long range philanthropy is the strong point of the abolitionist species. If the South can be populated by Scotch, Irish, Swedes, Germans, and French and Italians of the better class and thereby made prosperous, we shall view with equanimity and satisfaction the immigration of the negroes who are displaced. The South can stand the loss of negro laborers, if their places are taken by white emigrants who will themselves and their children help to build up and make stronger this country of ours.

The conviction of two white men in Darlington for the murder of a negro is an event in the criminal records of this state which may mark the turning of public sentiment towards a sterner and more certain administration of justice to white criminals. Their crime was peculiarly atrocious, unprovoked and without a shadow of cause; a deed of bloody wantonness and cruel savagery which might have been expected from Comanche Indians on the bloody trails of the far west, fifty years ago, but would seem impossible in a civilized community at this day. With evidence to convict, an acquittal would have been an act of barbarism almost on a parallel with the damnable murder of which the prisoners are guilty. The jury did their duty, which is commendable, though how they could have found a different verdict is inconceivable, except by a self-stultification and perjury that should result in universal condemnation. It is undeniable, more's the pity, that in some cases juries have failed of duty where guilt has been just as clearly proven as in the Darlington trial. But circumstances have been different. The defendants were men of some standing, with friends and relations, who brought every possible influence to bear in favor of the accused. The results have not been beneficial at home nor abroad. The fact that these men have been convicted while others have

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escaped does them no injustice whatever. They get their just punishment and have no ground of complaint, but then the frequent acquittals which have occurred in the past have done grave injury to the criminally inclined citizen. He has thereby been led to the conclusion that he might indulge his murderous passion without apprehension of serious consequences to himself. Doubtless therefore these men will feel that they have been singled out for punishment unjustly, that they are not more guilty than many others who have escaped all penalty for equally as heinous crimes. There is a semblance of right in this reasoning. Probably their crime would not have been committed if they had known that justice exact and stern would be meted out to them—an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth. Thus it is that a lax administration of criminal law results in a multiplication of crime and is exceedingly injurious to all classes of society. Let us hope that the tide has turned and that human life in South Carolina will be held at its true sacred worth. That fixed as a great unalterable fact will do more good towards helping the movement to secure desirable immigration than anything else of which we know.

The conviction of the two white men who killed a negro in Darlington county has been generally commented upon as a remarkable and unusual occurrence. The verdict was remarkable in some respects, but the crime was more remarkable and unusual than the result of the trial. Rarely, if ever, during the writer's newspaper experience of nearly fifteen years, has a parallel case come under his observation. White men seldom ever kill a negro without cause or excuse. Occasionally the excuse has been a poor one, but as a rule, when a negro has been killed by a white man there has been not only a reasonable excuse, but great provocation. Considering conditions in this state, the marvel is not that so few white men have been convicted of murder for the killing of negroes, but that so few negroes have been killed. If the white people were not a long-suffering, forbearing and patient people, and trained by experience with and knowledge of the negro character, ten times as many negroes would have been killed in the past ten years as have been killed, and, in each case, an excuse, amply sufficient for the jury, could have been offered.

If the license tax on corporations should be declared unconstitutional the law-makers will be just that much nearer the enactment of a law to require honest returns of all property for taxation and the result will be beneficial to the state. Why should a corporation engaged in selling dry goods, for instance, be required to pay the regular tax and a license tax also, while its competitor escapes with the payment of a tax on stock alone? What South Carolina needs is not a whole list of special taxes but a general law that will require all property owners to bear their just and equal share of the cost of maintaining the state and county governments.

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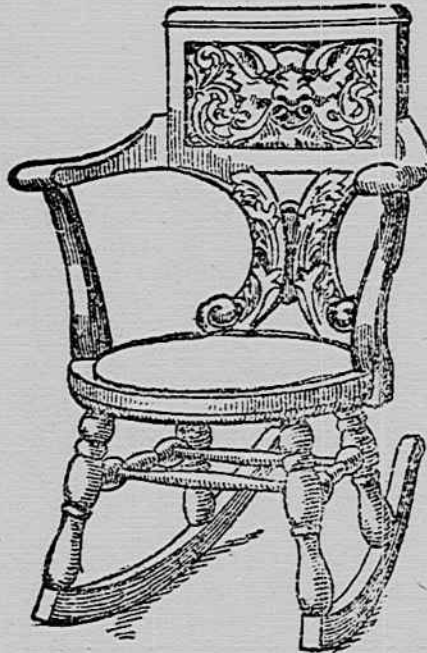
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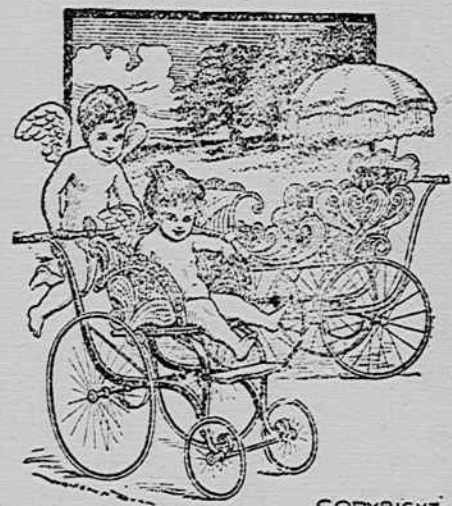
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(COMPLAINT SERVED.)

The State of South Carolina, County of Sumter, Court of Common Pleas. Ulrica Dinkins, plaintiff, against Kershaw Nixon, defendant.

To the Defendant Above Named:

You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the city and county of Sumter, South Carolina within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

To the Defendant Above Named:

You are hereby notified that the complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County on the 10th day of March, 1905, and said complaint is now on file in said office.

L. D. Jennings,
Plaintiff's Attorney.

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