

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1905.

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.

Judge Prichard of the United States Court has decided that he has no jurisdiction in the Union county dispensary case. Most people will agree with him and we believe that ninety per cent of the citizens of South Carolina would prefer that the Federal Courts keep hands off in our dispensary fights. It is a State issue and we prefer to fight it out amongst ourselves.

The would be candidates for State officers have been handicapped by the dispensary issue. They can't just waste in and say that it is the "best solution yet offered" and let it go at that. A candidate must have an opinion on the subject this year. And the trouble is, the would be candidates have not been able to find out what will be the popular opinion.

The statements made at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday night to Railroad Commissioners Caughman and Earle were definite and particular, and should have convinced them that there is need of improvement in the freight service in and out of this city. The need of better and more satisfactory service on the Northwestern railroad was also made plain. It is to be hoped that the relief sought will be granted, either by the railroads on their own motion, or by order of the railroad commission.

The great trouble about holding cotton for higher prices in this section is the hardship that it works to merchants who have extended credit to the farmers. The merchants of this city, for instance, sell thousands of dollars' worth of goods in the spring and summer to farmers on open account and as a rule they are paid in September or October. But when the farmers decide to hold their cotton for higher prices they cannot pay their debts and do not do so, therefore, the merchants must perforce wait with that patience they possess. The merchants, however, have to pay their bills falling due in September and October, and when those who owe them do not pay, they are forced to go to the banks and borrow money. Here is where the hardship comes in. They are paying interest in order that the farmers may hold their cotton and while most of the merchants have made no objection to extending this credit to their customers, for they are confident that it is necessary to the future prosperity of the South that the fight of the Cotton Growers' Association be won, yet it is hardly fair to expect them to carry the entire burden. As a matter of business justice it would seem only right that the man who is holding the cotton should be the one to go to the bank and pay the interest.

The failure of the Independent Oil Company of Darlington and the financial disaster that resulted from the speculation of the president of the Union and Buffalo cotton mills do not prove that the oil mill business and cotton manufacturing are overdone in South Carolina. There may not be room for any more oil mills for there is not raw material enough to supply the oil mills now in operation in this State. But there is room for many more cotton mills in South Carolina and the state will not be really prosperous until there are mills to spin and weave all of the cotton crop grown in South Carolina. When all of the magnificent water powers of the State have been developed it may be that there will be room in the State for mills to spin all of our own cotton and a part of that grown in other states. If it is profitable to carry cotton all the way to England to be manufactured it should be profitable to manufacture here at home a part of the forty thousand bales that are marketed in Sumter each year.

The counties that have voted out the dispensaries are paying for the privilege and the blind tigers are the only ones that are reaping the profit.

The time to make plans for the reduction of cotton acreage as a means of regulating the price of cotton next year is right now. The best and most profitable way to reduce the cotton acreage is said to be to plant a heavy crop of small grain. If this county produced all the oats it consumed and a part of the wheat it needs the cotton acreage would take care of itself. When cotton is a surplus crop it is profitable and the farmers are independent.

The election in Philadelphia today will determine whether Philadelphia is corrupt and satisfied or will make a start on the road toward civic honesty and political decency. In many respects the result of the Philadelphia election is more important than

that in New York. The issue between graft and honest government is more clearly defined and the grafters and honest citizens are more clearly separated.

The Spartanburg grand jury pursued the correct course in presenting the dispensary grafters and Solicitor Sease has done no more than his duty in issuing warrants for their arrest. If all grand juries would follow this example and stick the law to the grafters the dispensary would be purified in short order. The corruption in the dispensary system has been fostered and encouraged by this indifference to a well known condition by the public generally and the officers of the law in particular. It would be more to the purpose to put the grafters on the chain gang than to vote out the dispensary. For our part we believe a corrupt administration of the dispensary is preferable to a blind tiger regime, but there is no good excuse for the corruption that has existed in the dispensary, any more than for the stealing that has been uncovered in the State treasurer's office and in a number of county treasurers' and county supervisor's offices. Public indifference to official grafting is responsible for the whole unsatisfactory condition of dispensary and county administrations where stealing has been going on.

THE RAILROAD MEETING. Committees Appointed to Confer With Atlantic Coast Line and Northwestern Officials.

In compliance with a resolution passed at the meeting of the committee on transportation of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce, held last Friday evening with the board of railroad commissioners, President John M. Knight has appointed the following gentlemen to serve on the committee to take up the question with the Atlantic Coast Line Company authorities in Wilmington, of the poor freight service given at Sumter: Hon. R. I. Manning, chairman; Neil O'Donnell, J. K. Crosswell, W. A. Bowman, D. J. Chandler, J. L. Alnut, E. I. Reardon.

An effort will be made to have the railroad officials come to Sumter to confer with the committee and other business men of the city, and in order to let these officials see for themselves just what the conditions are at Sumter. They have been repeatedly complained to by the Chamber of Commerce and business men, but a visit to Sumter and a good heart-to-heart talk with our business men and cotton buyers might do more good than corresponding with them. But if the railroad officials will not come to Sumter, then an effort will be made to get them to arrange a date to meet a committee from Sumter in Wilmington.

As representatives of the towns and patrons along the line of the Northwestern railway to attend a joint meeting of the board of railroad commissioners, President Thomas Wilson, of the Northwestern railway and a committee from Sumter Chamber of Commerce, to be held at 1 o'clock p. m., November 15, at the court house in Sumter, S. C., for the purpose of trying to decide upon a schedule between Sumter, Summerton, Tindal, Paxville and St. Pauls and other places along the line of the Northwestern railway south of Sumter, Secretary Reardon has written the following gentlemen requesting them to attend the joint meeting on November 15th as representatives of their respective sections, with the request that if they cannot attend themselves they will appoint some other representative citizens to be at the meeting:

- Paxville, S. C.—F. S. Barwick. Tindal, S. C.—H. Drain Tindal. Summerton, S. C.—R. C. Richardson, Jr., R. B. Smythe, O. C. Scarborough. St. Pauls, S. C.—David Levi.

In the Recorder's Court. Officers McKagan and Pierson took charge of Jim McLean Monday for being drunk, disorderly, and disturbing the peace on Washington street. He was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5.00 or 10 days on the gang.

Joe McManus, white, was drunk and disorderly and when Officer Gallagher attempted to arrest him, he resisted most violently. It became necessary for Messrs. S. Cherry and H. R. Campbell to come to the assistance of the officer and together they carried the prisoner to the corner of Main and Liberty streets, where he fought like a tiger for liberty. Officer Pierson happened on the scene about this time and the prisoner was lodged in jail. He was very meek this morning, however, and pleaded guilty when arraigned by Recorder Hurst. A fine of \$10 or 20 days was imposed.

Messrs. J. J. Harby and W. G. Stubbs were arrested by Officer Weeks for fighting on Main street Monday. The former pleaded not guilty and demanded a trial by jury, which right will be accorded him this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There's no beauty in all the land That can with her face compare, Her lips are red, her eyes are bright She takes Rocky Mountain Tea at night China's Drug Store.

COTTON CROP ESTIMATE. A Local Cotton Man Makes Estimate for Comparison With Government Report.

The following figures have been compiled from the very best statistics obtainable throughout the cotton belt by one of our local cotton men, and as the government will give the ginners' report on tomorrow we will have the opportunity to compare these figures with those of the government, and in view of the fact that he only missed the last ginners' report by one and one-half per cent, it indicates that his information is very reliable. The following are his estimates: Total ginned 63 per cent, to November 1st. Total bales ginned 6,055,412 to November 1st. Number of acres in cotton June 1st, 27,000,000. Amount abandoned 11-2 per cent, making a total crop of 9,653,000 or according to the ginners' report he figures a crop of 9,612,412. He also stated a few days back when cotton was bringing 9-1-4 on the streets that it would bring 11 cents on November 1st. This he only missed by three days. He now says cotton will sell for 12 cents on the streets before Christmas.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION.

The Matters Discussed at Meeting Friday Night—Another Meeting, to Be Held.

From the Daily Item, Nov. 4. Railroad Commissioners Caughman and Earle met with a committee from the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and some of the merchants and cotton buyers last evening at City Clerk's Office to discuss the question of the inconvenient schedules on the Northwestern Railway between Sumter and Summerton, and also to hear complaints about congested freight condition of incoming and outgoing freight at Atlantic Coast Line freight depot at Sumter.

President John M. Knight presided and requested Secretary E. I. Reardon to state the object of the meeting.

Mr. Reardon said that having learned yesterday morning that the Board of Railroad Commissioners would take up, for adjustment, the schedule on the Northwestern Railway upon representations made by and in behalf of the merchants of Summerton and other patrons of that road along the line, at their meeting in Columbia yesterday, and feeling that Sumter should be heard from before the commissioners settled the matter, he had telephoned Commissioner Earle asking a postponement of consideration of the schedule, pending a hearing from the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and requested commissioners to come to Sumter last night, which they consented to do. He also notified business men making complaint against Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company about freight congestion of the coming of the commissioners, and representative cotton buyers and merchants were present to present their views.

Commissioners Earle and Caughman stated, among other things, that President Thos. Wilson had said he was willing to fix a suitable schedule, under certain conditions, provided that all parties interested along the line could agree as to what kind of schedule they desired. But there was some conflict as to what schedule would suit the varied interests represented along his line. After a full discussion it was decided to request the Secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to ask the towns along the line of the Northwestern Railway between here and Summerton to send representatives to a joint meeting between the Railroad Commissioners, President Thos. Wilson, a committee from the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and the representatives of the towns above mentioned on November 21st at 1 o'clock at Sumter, to see if an equitable adjustment of the schedule can be made.

The question of delay in shipping out cotton and other freight from Sumter, and delay in delivery of incoming freight was also discussed at length by Messrs. R. I. Manning, Neil O'Donnell, John Crosswell, J. L. Alnut, W. A. Bowman, J. M. Knight, E. I. Reardon, H. C. Haysworth, Mayor G. W. Dick and C. G. Rowland and remarks were also made by the commissioners in which they expressed willingness to take action as soon as officially requested to do so.

On motion of R. I. Manning it was ordered that President Knight appoint a committee of seven from the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to take up the questions of better freight accommodations at Sumter depot, before asking commissioners to investigate the matter. It was the sentiment of the meeting with but one exception, that the railroad should be given another opportunity to remedy conditions before taking official action against the Atlantic Coast Line Company before the commissioners.

Fresh Norfolk Oysters received daily by Christopher Gazes, W. Liberty street next to postoffice. 10-13 4t

Whipping Post in Ocopee.

It is believed by many that if we had the Delaware whipping post for petty stealing there would be fewer cases of this kind to contend with in our Courts.

It is a fact that more arrests are made in cold weather than in summer time, and the chain gang and stripes have no terror for those who would pilfer rather than work. This class are willing to endure the imprisonment for a few months in the county jail or county chain gang during cold weather and have a comfortable place to sleep and plenty to eat rather than do honest work and board themselves. Petty thieving is confined mostly to young negroes, who live on backberries during the summer, and it doesn't cost them anything to live.

The fear of the law, so far as petty crime goes, does not exist for this class of criminals. Select Norfolk Oysters received daily by Christopher Gazes, West Liberty street. 10-18-4t

JULIAN HARBY DRAWS GUN. Chicago Food Concern's Salesman Arrested After a Battle in Beaver Street Building.

Following a business quarrel of several months' standing, Julian E. Harby, formerly a salesman for the N. K. Fairbank Company, drew a revolver yesterday while in a controversy with Edwin A. Booth, metropolitan manager for the concern, in the company's New York office at No. 27 Beaver street. Before Harby could shoot he was overpowered by Booth, Hubert Sackett, of No. 2-8 West 41st street, one of the office force, gripped Harby by the throat until he dropped his weapon, and the two held Harby until he was delivered to a policeman.

Harby for six years and up to two months ago was employed by the Fairbank company as a travelling salesman. From the time Booth became local manager, a year and a half ago, there was friction between them, which finally culminated in Harby tendering his resignation on August 1, to take effect a month later.

It is the custom of the concern to pay its salesmen salaries with bonuses at the end of its fiscal year—August 31—proportionate to the amount of business brought in by each salesman. It was over the non-payment of a bonus to Harby for his last year's work that the quarrel between the two men reached its climax. Harby a week ago demanded a settlement, but was told that he would receive no bonus. Booth acknowledging that he had recommended to the home office that the bonus be withheld.

Booth said yesterday that the reason he opposed a bonus to Harby was that Harby, while obtaining regular prices from retailers, personally paid back a small percentage to the customer, his object being to swell his sales to gain a large bonus.

Harby declined to discuss the case, on the advice of Abraham Levy, his attorney. He is thirty-six years old, of athletic build, and lives with his children at No. 230 West 122d street.

In the Tombs Police Court, where he was held for trial in \$1,000 bail, he gave a certified check for that amount.

"It's entirely a business quarrel," he asserted, "with no mystery back of it that would interest anybody."—New York Herald, Nov. 4.

Best oysters served at Gazes' Restaurant, West Liberty street, next to postoffice. 10-18-4t

RAPE IN CLARENDON. Colored Ex-Postmaster of Paxville Charged With Criminal Assault.

Manning, November 3.—Henry Tindal, colored, former postmaster at Paxville, is in jail here under the serious charge of criminal assault upon a colored girl, 11 years old. The crime is said to have been committed yesterday morning. It is reported that the girl is seriously injured. Tindal has more than ordinary intelligence of his race, and held the office of postmaster at Paxville for two terms. During his second term of office the postoffice was burned, and it was strongly suspected that he was the author of the conflagration, but this could not be proved. In connection with the investigation it developed that he was guilty of criminal irregularities, and he was tried, convicted and sentenced to a term in Sing Sing, which he duly served. If the charge now resting on him can be established he will not be able to expiate it with a term in prison.

Meals served at all hours, Gazes' restaurant and lunch counter, West Liberty street, next to postoffice. 10-18-4t

Baby sleeps and grows while many rest if Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea is given. It is the greatest baby medicine ever offered loving mothers. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

A Murder in Raleigh. Raleigh, November 6.—Dr. Leon T. Watson, a prominent physician of Hope Mills, N. C., was fatally stabbed today by John Sims, a liveryman from that place. The murderer escaped and officers are now in pursuit.

Local Cotton Market. The future market was off about 20 points from Monday's closing this morning, but the spot market was not affected. Middling 11 cents.

STRAYED from Pierson's Stables one black setter dog. Reward if returned. 11-8-1t

Es ate of L. J. Myers, Deceased. ALL persons having claims against aforesaid Estate, will present the same duly attested; and all persons in any way indebted to said Estate will make immediate payment to C. C. MYERS, Nov 8 3: Qualified Administrator.

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Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The Children's Favorite. Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. This remedy is famous for its cures over a large part of the civilized world. It can always be depended upon. It contains no opium or other harmful drug and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Price 25 cents; Large Size, 50 cts.

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NADINOLA is guaranteed, and money will be refunded in every case where it fails to remove freckles, pimples, liver spots, collar discolorations, back-heads, disfiguring eruptions, etc. The worst cases in 20 days. Leaves the skin clear, soft, healthy, and restores the beauty of youth.

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HOLLISTER'S Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets. A Busy Medicine for Busy People. Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor. A Specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Live and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breath, Stomach Bowels, Headache and Backache. It's Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, 35 cents a box. Genuine made by HOLLISTER DRUG COMPANY, Madison, Wis. GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

Bankrupt Stock.

I have bought the Woods Mercantile Company stock, of Darlington, and opened it up today, November 6th.

This stock will be sold at a sacrifice until the entire stock is closed out.

W. B. BURNS.

CLOAKS AND SKIRTS.

The business we have done in this department has been one of the many surprises that were in store for us. Notwithstanding the mild Fall, our early purchases have already practically been disposed of, and we have to resort to express rush orders to keep the stock replenished.

SKIRTS AT 90 CENTS.

We bought quite a lot of these in Oxford only, the material would cost a great deal more than we are selling the garment for.

AT \$1.25 AND \$1.50.

The Skirt we are selling at this price is a surprise to every one who sees it. The colors are black, green, and oxford.

OUR 2.00-2.50 DOLLAR LINE

Are neatly trimmed, well made, the material being of chevrot and plain cloth, colors brown, black, navy and gray.

AT \$3.50 TO \$6.00

Our line cannot be excelled. They are well tailored, handsomely trimmed, and artistic in their fit.

PRES-DE SOIR DROP KUTS.

At \$2.00 to \$3.00

LADIES COATS AND JACKETS.

While the long coat is the more fashionable garment we are selling quite a number of Jackets.

OUR \$5.00 JACKET.

In tan, castor, brown, and black is the best value obtainable at this price. We received by express today a lot of 45 inch Auto and Empire coats in tan, castor, and black, values that are the surprise of those who have seen them.

AT \$7.50 TO \$8.50.

For the miss we have an excellent line of Jackets and coats, sizes 12 to 18 years, silk lined, garments worth \$7.50 to \$10.

AT \$5.00 EACH.

Our line of children's coats and reefer is complete from \$1.00 TO \$3.50.

Even the infant is not forgotten in this stock, see our line AT 50 CENTS TO \$2.00.

O'Donnell & Company