

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1906.

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.

President Roosevelt's reply to the Tillman-Chandler charges is about as lame and unsatisfactory document as has ever appeared in the public prints over his signature. It does not explain and leaves him in as bad a position as before he wrote to Senator Allison.

The State Democratic convention, which will be held in Columbia today, has all the politicians guessing. Last year this time the Brice law had the State in a furor, and the office-seekers and peanut politicians mistaking it for an anti-dispensary landslide immediately began a scramble to get on what they thought to be the band wagon. Since then there has been a decided reaction and the Brice law is now generally recognized at its true value—a cloak for blind tigers. Hence the politicians who were so quick to desert the dispensary don't know where they are at. If the convention should go on record in favor of the maintenance of the dispensary system under honest and competent management, a lot of these small fry will be found championing the dispensary as loudly as they did the Brice law last summer. Watch them take the back-track in quick time.

AN EARTHQUAKE SURVIVOR.

A Reader of the Watchman and Southern Who Lived Through the San Francisco Disaster.

San Francisco, May 5, 1906.

Editor Watchman and Southern:

It is a long time since I wrote an article for your paper, and on this occasion it is with sadness I pen a slight account of the greatest catastrophe of modern times.

The calamity that befell the city of San Francisco on the morning of April 18, at 12 minutes past 5 o'clock, was something appalling, the loss of life and property is beyond approximation and the real truth will never be known. The coroner estimates the loss of life at about 1,000, but he knows but little about it, and can only say about the number that came under his supervision.

The insurance loss is estimated at about \$225,000,000, almost double the insurance loss of the great Chicago fire of thirty odd years ago; but the

entire loss of property by fire and by earthquake will not fall below \$900,000,000. The fire started from the collapsing buildings, and continued to burn for three days, although checked forty-eight hours after the earthquake. There was no water with which to fight the great conflagration, owing to the earth sinking, in many places and disconnecting the water mains. The fire was checked when it reached one of our widest streets, where there were very few buildings.

All of the commercial part of the city was destroyed and by rough estimate three-fourths of the city is in waste and at least 200,000 of our population have left, some for the small towns across the bay, while a great many have left for eastern points.

The insurance companies are assuring their patrons that they will pay every dollar of losses and the bankers and business men are coming to the front and things look bright for the rebuilding of a great city. Some of us have remained with our fallen metropolis and will try and have some hand in building for the better.

The city has been under martial law and I must say that Gen. Funston, with the aid of our mayor, have, and are doing noble work relieving distress and maintaining peace and order. It was my misfortune at one time to live under martial law and that was a sad experience just after the end of the Civil War in 1865, but now I have changed my mind and it is better than I could believe it possible for it to be. I have nothing but compliments for our soldiery under command of Gen. Funston, as our police department is rotten to core, as in most large cities.

May I never pen even such a meagre account of such a terrible incident as this great calamity of modern times.

W. E. D.

Dr. Vickers, Osteopath, 21 E. Main, Phone 483. 4-25-1m

It is all right to talk about beauty habits, but most women are too busy hustling and have no time to cultivate beauty habits. Therefore they take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

Six houses were burned Sunday in a fire that broke out in a negro settlement on Gervais street, Columbia.

No fascination equals that of a clear brained, tender-hearted, lovable woman. Just as there is no picture like a beautiful girl. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes lovable women, beautiful girls. 35 cents. China's Drug Store.

Letter to Sheriff Epperson, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: You are interested in the prosperity of your town. You can contribute to it materially, and give it a far more prosperous look at the same time.

Perhaps the public property needs a good coat of paint.

Devoe will supply that coat with two-thirds of the number of gallons required of any other. Devoe will last twice as long as any other. Devoe is all paint and full-measure. Devoe will take care of the property, in the long run, for half the money required by any other.

The reason is stated above: Devoe is all paint and full-measure: the strongest paint known.

E. D. Jewell, Corry, Pa, painted his house 5 years ago with a mixed paint; took 14 gallons. Last spring he repainted with Devoe; bought 14 gallons and had 4 gallons left. Saved \$15 to \$20, for painting costs two or three times as much as the paint.

Yours truly, F. W. DeVoe & Co.

40 P. S. Durant Hardware Co., sell our paint. New York

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Sumter Located at Sumter, S. C. At the Close of Business, May 4, 1906.

| RESOURCES.  |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts,  | \$396,053 97        |
| Overdrafts, secured,  | 27,448 01           |
| Bonds and Stocks owned by the Bank,                                     | 12,000 00           |
| Furniture and Fixtures,   | 1,000 00            |
| Other Real Estate,  | 17,550 00           |
| Due from Banks and Bankers,   | 48,690 38           |
| Currency,   | 4,395 00            |
| Gold,   | 595 00              |
| Silver, Nickels and Pennies,  | 2,561 11            |
| Checks and Cash Items,  | 22,047 29           |
| <b>Total,</b>   | <b>\$532,340 76</b> |
| LIABILITIES.  |                     |
| Capital stock paid in,  | \$ 75,000 00        |
| Surplus Fund,   | 39 034 20           |
| Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid,                | 2,873 31            |
| Due to Banks and Bankers,   | 5,578 78            |
| Individual Deposits Subject to Check,                                   | 250,564 47          |
| Notes and Bills Rediscounted,   | 9,290 00            |
| Bills Payable, Including Time Certificates representing Borrowed Money, | 150,000 00          |
| <b>Total,</b>   | <b>\$532,340 76</b> |

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter.

Before me came W. F. RHAME, Cashier, who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books of file of said Bank.

W. F. RHAME, Cashier.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 11th day of May, 1906.

R. L. WRIGHT, [L. s.] Notary Public for S. C.

Correct Attest: RICH'D I. MANNING, President. MARION MOISE, R. L. COOPER, Directors.

May 12, 1906.

MONEY TO LOAN.

On farming lands, long time, no commission charged. Borrower pays actual cost of perfecting loan.

For further information address

John B. Palmer & Son, 136m Box 282, Columbia, S. C.

USE THE

Sparks Distributor TO SIDE DRESS YOUR CROPS.

Try one and be convinced. Guaranteed to do what is claimed. Buy from dealer or order from

SPARKS MANUFACTURING CO., Sumter, S. C. 4-18-3m

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF Farmers' Bank and Trust Co., LOCATED AT SUMTER, S. C. At the Close of Business May 4, 1906.

| RESOURCES.  |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Loans and Discounts,  | \$246,902 33        |
| Demand Loans,   | 14,302 87           |
| Overdrafts,   | 6,435 27            |
| Banking House,  | 375 00              |
| Furniture and Fixtures,   | 1,711 37            |
| Due from Banks and Bankers,   | 34,012 66           |
| Currency,   | 1,783 00            |
| Gold,   | 992 50              |
| Silver, Nickels and Pennies,  | 5,080 96            |
| Checks and Cash Items,  | 1,430 45            |
| <b>Total,</b>   | <b>\$318,026 41</b> |
| LIABILITIES.  |                     |
| Capital Stock paid in   | \$60,000 00         |
| Surplus Fund,   | 11,500 00           |
| Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid,                | 618 29              |
| Due to Banks and Bankers  | 3,989 78            |
| Individual Deposits, subject to Check                                   | 184,175 34          |
| Notes and Bills Rediscounted,   | 5,000 00            |
| Bills Payable, Including Time Certificates representing Borrowed Money, | 47,500 00           |
| Reserved for Taxes,   | 243 00              |
| <b>Total,</b>   | <b>\$303,726 41</b> |

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter.

Before me came R. L. Edmunds, Cashier of the Farmers' Bank and Trust Co., who being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said Bank, as shown by the books of file in said bank.

R. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1906.

GEO. L. RICKEY, Notary Public, S. C.

Correct Attest: C. G. ROWLAND, Prest. ISAAC SCHWARTZ, R. J. BLAND, GEO. D. SHORE, Directors.

May 10

SUMTER, FRIDAY MAY 18.

**GENTRY BROS. FAMOUS SHOWS**

OLDEST, LARGEST AND RICHEST EXHIBITION IN THE WORLD.—2 TRAINS OF CARS.—2 BANDS OF MUSIC.—250 HORSES AND PONIES.—2 HERDS OF ELEPHANTS.—2 DROVES OF SIBERIAN CAMELS.—ONLY BABY CAMEL EVER SEEN IN THIS COUNTRY.

TWO SCORE OF CLOWNS AND COMICAL CHARACTERS.

**200 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**

ONLY WATER-PROOF TENTS EVER CONSTRUCTED.

TWO TICKET WAGONS

5,000 Comfortable Seats for 5,000 People.

NEVER DIVIDES, COMING IN ITS VAST ENTIRETY.

Two Complete Performances Daily, at 2 and 8 P. M. Doors Open One Hour Earlier for Inspection of the Big Double Animal Tent.

**ONE TICKET ADMITS TO ALL**



**\$100,000.00 GRAND FREE STREET PARADE!**

A Comprehensive and Uncomparable Moving Pageant of Gold and Silver Embossed Dens and Cages, Habited by the Fiercest of Jungle Bred Wild and Untamable Animals, Ponderous Elephants and Stately Camels, Francing Steeds and Proud Riders and Melodious Music Masters, Playing the Most Tuneful of Airs, 100 Other Features, Beyond Description and

**ALL FREE EACH MORNING AT 10 A. M., GENTRY BROS. BEST OF ALL SHOWS**

FRIDAY, MAY 18, SUMTER.

GRAND AUCTION SALE

OF CHOICE RESIDENTIAL LOTS!

Edwards' Park, Sumter, S. C.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday,

MAY 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19, 3 P. M. EACH DAY.

\$5,000 represented in the Edwards' Mansion, facing east on Edwards Street, that beautiful avenue of shade trees, will be given away at the close of the sale of these lots. \$500 in beautiful presents given away free at the grounds during the sale.

TERMS---ONE-THIRD CASH, BALANCE ONE, TWO YEARS, OR LONGER IF DESIRED.

LADIES ESPECIALLY INVITED.

REMEMBER

- 1st. No lots sold to colored people.
- 2d. To be given away at close of sale \$5,000 in real estate.
- 3d. This property must enhance in value.
- 4th. You will go farther out, and pay more for lots after THIS SALE.
- 5th. This property is WITHIN FIVE MINUTES WALK FROM THE CENTER OF THE CITY.

HOWARD CALDWELL & CO.,

ASSISTED BY JOHN FRANK, ANDERSON, S. C.

COLUMBIA, S. C.