

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1907.

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.

Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for changes of contract advertisements in the Watchman and Southern must be sent in before 6 p. m. Monday to insure the change being made in time for the weekly issue on Wednesday. This rule will be strictly enforced as it is impossible to undertake to change contract advertisements on Wednesday.

Copy for changes of contract advertisements in the Daily Item must be sent in before 6 o'clock p. m. of the day prior to that on which the change is desired.

The county changing has done good work on the sewerage system. The work done has been in return for the services of the city convicts sent to the changing and not as contribution to the city as some people have supposed. The county owed the city for the work done by the changing and more too.

The dispensary issue in Sumter county will be fought out in the campaign next summer. This is the best and most logical disposition to make of the movement to vote out the dispensary. By that time congress may have passed a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory from liquor states, which will render it easy to enforce prohibition laws. When this comes to pass the people in South Carolina will have a prohibition law for the entire state.

Thanksgiving is over and things are generally in normal condition until the Christmas holidays. The day was generally observed as a holiday in Sumter, very few of the business houses being open, and most of those who opened in the morning closed by noon. Everybody seemed to enjoy the day in a quiet, orderly manner and no disorders of any kind have been reported. The attractions offered in this city brought many from the neighboring cities and towns and the city was well filled with visitors.

It is said that hotels and boarding houses were taxed to their utmost during the past week and that many people had trouble securing lodgings. It is generally the case in Sumter that all available lodging space is filled and it would seem a good investment for some one to build a large lodging house, or hotel, for most people like to eat their meals where they have their rooms.

The "old hen" sale of unclaimed baggage at the old court house Saturday attracted a big crowd and furnished much amusement. Some very good bargains were secured by some people but others received very poor remuneration for their investments. It is buying a pig in a bag to bid in anything at these sales and often a bidder gets a box of last year's almanacs for his dollar or two. Still there is a fascination about these sales and the goods are always disposed of. Auctioneer Jervey conducted the sale today with his usual humor and energy.

When the street railway is in good running order, the promoters should have their lines on to Mayesville and other nearby points and thus make the surrounding territory a still greater feeder for Sumter markets. There is no doubt but that those in the urban, or country lines, will ultimately follow the running of the trolley in this city.

The third grade boys of the city graded schools, Miss Grace Randle's class, very generously donated a good quantity of groceries and other good things to the poor and unfortunate of the city on Thanksgiving Day. It is needless to say that these gifts were fully appreciated by the recipients, and these school boys should feel happy over this deed of kindness to their fellowmen who are less fortunate than they are.

Some of the more enterprising merchants of the city are exhibiting holiday goods, and this reminds people that Christmas is not far off. Now is the time to advertise your holiday goods. Get a start. The man who gets the lead will nearly always win in the long run. Be a "sooner."

The Sumter Turf Association has received a telegram from Mr. M. Morgan of Washington, D. C., stating that he has shipped a string of horses to be wintered at the association. Mr. J. S. Littlewood, of Columbia, will remain here with his horses for the winter and so will Maj. J. P. Pyles. All of these gentlemen are

well pleased with this track as a training ground and our climate is ideal for winter training.

PROHIBITION MASS MEETING.

Resolutions Adopted to Begin Active Work Against the Liquor Traffic—Meeting Was Enthusiastic One.

The prohibition mass meeting at the court house Monday was attended by about twenty-five representative citizens. Mr. Joel E. Brunson was elected chairman and Mr. E. S. Miller, secretary. After a few words on the general subject of the meeting by the chairman, A. B. Stuckey, Esq., was asked to speak in regard to the movement and then introduced a resolution in regard to the circulation of petitions and that the chairman organize an executive committee, composed of one or more members from each election precinct in the county. This was carried.

E. C. Haynsworth, Esq., introduced a resolution calling on the legislative delegation to take some action as to the purging of the registration lists of this county at the next session of the general assembly. This was carried.

A. B. Stuckey, Esq., introduced a resolution as to the drafting of proper petitions to be circulated, which was adopted.

Reg. F. M. Satterwhite and C. L. Cuttino, Esq., spoke of the possibility of congress enacting a law prohibiting the shipping of whiskey into "dry" territory, and C. L. Cuttino, Esq., moved that all of those present sign the letter of Congressman Lever in regard to this matter, which was adopted.

Upon motion of H. C. Haynsworth, Esq., a collection of 25 cents from each person present was taken up to defray the expenses of starting the campaign.

Secretary E. S. Miller was made treasurer of the organization.

Upon motion of A. B. Stuckey, Esq., the members of this movement are to be known as the "Sumter County Prohibition League."

The meeting was not largely attended, but was an enthusiastic one. Messrs. E. W. Dabbs and Geo. W. Reardon and others discussed the movement at length.

TRIES TO CORNER COTTON.

Young Livermore Has Already Boosted Price Five Dollars Per Bale.

James L. Livermore, aged 26, the former broker's clerk who won \$2,000,000 in Wall street and declared he had quit speculating forever and advised others to shun gambling. It is said there trying to make more. Livermore is trying to corner the cotton market. Daniel J. Sully, the king of cotton speculators, and scores of others have lost fortunes in this attempt, but young Livermore is unfeared. He has acquired 300,000 bales of cotton and has boosted the price \$5 a bale.

HOME GROWN CELERY.

Sumter Product Rivals Kalamazoo Best in Size and Quality.

Mr. D. W. Cutting has succeeded this fall in growing a lot of the largest and most perfect celery that the writer has ever seen produced in this section. It is perfectly developed and is in every respect as fine as any brought here from Kalamazoo or Florida. Such celery if grown on a commercial scale would be a very profitable crop.

FIRE IN JORDAN.

Mr. J. C. Dawkins, of the Jordan neighborhood, had the misfortune to lose his dwelling by fire Friday night. The building was entirely destroyed and Mr. Dawkins' loss was heavy.

The insurance on the residence, which was about \$700, will cover hardly half of the loss.

Thompson's Jewelry Line.

One of the finest and swellest lines of jewelry and cut glass ever seen in this city is on exhibition at W. A. Thompson's. The latest designs are to be found there and at the right prices. Read his ad. and then act.

R. C. Keenan, a member of the board of public works of Columbia, has refused to sign the contract for the expenditure of \$173,000 for street paving in Columbia.

Ex-Senator Robert Aldrich, son of the old judge of that name and cousin of the younger judge, and Senator Bates, both of Barnwell county, and E. C. Sawyer, of Alken, will be candidates for the vacancy on the bench caused by the resignation of Judge James Aldrich.

The skeleton of a human being, thought to be that of a negro, has been found in the woods near Lake City. By the body were found a single-barrel shotgun, a cap, hat and pieces of clothing and a few pieces of money.

A VERY GOOD SCHEME.

What Anderson County Is Doing to Secure Good Jurors.

The following from the Anderson Daily Mail will be of interest to all of the counties of the State and the example set forth in this article may be a good one for all interested to follow:

"Every year the jury commissioners of Anderson County and all the other counties of the state have considerable trouble in filling the jury box with names of good reputable people, from which the jurors are drawn for the several terms of court during the year. The commissioners of this county are Clerk of Court J. C. Watkins, County Auditor J. H. Craig and Treasurer J. M. Payne. In order that the names of good people can be obtained, Clerk of Court Watkins has sent the following letter to responsible people in the various townships:

"Dear Sir—The jury box from which the names of jurors are to be drawn for the next year must be filled by the jury commissioners on or before December 31st, next. If we expect correct verdicts, the names selected should be of men of good moral character, of sound judgment and free from all legal exceptions. Those who serve the present year, as well as physicians, millers, school teachers, school trustees, ministers of the gospel and some others are exempt from jury duty. There are many good men, both young and old, but are unknown to the jury commissioners, and are therefore never put in the jury box. As a good citizen of our county, one who desires proper verdicts, rendered—verdicts that will be endorsed by the people and will therefore be enforced—will you not without compensation procure a list of the best men of your township to be put in the jury box from which our jurors for the next year will be selected? By so doing, you will confer favor upon us and render a good service to your county, and materially assist in the administration of justice.

"Very truly yours."

SOUTHERNERS SAVE MILLION LIVES.

William T. Ellis Tells How Missionaries From Dixie Worked in Chinese Famine.

Atlanta, Dec. 2.—A million lives were saved by a handful of southerners doing work in China as missionaries!

That is the record made last year during the famine in the Kiang-su district in that vast country—an area comprising 45,000 square miles—by missionaries sent out by the Southern Presbyterians.

William T. Ellis, one of the best-known newspaper men in the country and an editorial writer on The Philadelphia Press, told of the heroic work done by these southerners while in Atlanta Saturday in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement. Mr. Ellis is the author of the weekly Sunday school lessons published in The Georgian.

Only recently Mr. Ellis returned from a trip around the world and on this trip he saw things with the eyes of a newspaper man and came back prepared to tell the people of this country of the necessity for furthering the missionary movement in the countries he visited. Especially was this true of China.

While not connected with the missionary movement which is stirring Atlanta and other cities of the country, Mr. Ellis consented to visit a few cities with J. Campbell White, general secretary of the movement, and tell of the awful conditions he found existing in China and some other countries.

He was in the Kiang-su district, where the famine occurred, while the people were dying by the thousands and he had an opportunity of seeing what these southern missionaries were doing.

"I can't leave the South," said Mr. Ellis, "without telling of the noble work done by the southern missionaries sent out by the Southern Presbyterians. When the famine conditions first became apparent these workers saw what was going to happen and they sent a world-wide appeal for help. This appeal was responded to and these missionaries administered relief to the extent of three-quarters of a million dollars. It has been estimated, and the estimate is a conservative one, that by taking this prompt action, and administering to the wants of these starving and dying people a million lives were saved.

"It required white people to do this. The Chinese stood about and did nothing. A Chinaman can stand by and see a man die without any thought of taking steps to prevent such things. After the famine comes the famine fever, and during both scyges this band of southern missionaries was there giving relief and saving lives. Too much credit can not be given them."

Mr. Ellis also called attention to another southerner who, after forty years of missionary and relief work,

has seen to go into effect that for which he has been fighting ever since he has been in China.

He is Dr. H. C. DuBose, of Soochow, and Mr. Ellis declares that the ban put on the opium trade and habit is due more to the efforts of Dr. DuBose than any other one man.

"For forty years," said Mr. Ellis, "Dr. DuBose has been fighting this iniquitous traffic and he has lived to see the end accomplished. He deserves more credit than any other one man."

STORIES OF SENATOR PETTUS.

Romance of His Love for a Neighbor's Daughter—Other Incidents.

Many interesting anecdotes are told of Senator Pettus. He told this one of himself:

"When I was a boy down in Alabama the hunting and fishing were still prime and I was very fond of my red, my dog and my gun—much fonder of them than of my books. I didn't like going to school and played hooky frequently to go fishing or hunting. When I was about 17 I fell deeply in love with the daughter of a neighbor. One day I went to her house and found her on the gallery watering violets. Her sunbonnet was hanging by its strings down her back, the sunlight fell on her pretty face and shining hair and she looked very lovely. I stood and looked up at her and I just couldn't help plumping right out the question, 'Mary,' I said, 'will you marry me?'"

"You go 'long," she answered, 'Who'd marry anyone as ignorant as you are? You won't go to school, but spend all your time hunting and fishing.' "I was ashamed and heartbroken," the senator continued, "and I answered not a word. I knew Mary was right. I didn't miss another day from school that term and the next fall I went away to Clinton college, up in Tennessee, where I spent four years. All this time I kept away from my sweetheart. But when I returned from college I knew a little Greek and Latin and other things and this encouraged me to go to see Mary again. I found her again on the gallery and I stood as I stood before, looking up at her from the ground. 'Mary,' I said, 'I've been to school and I'm not as ignorant as I used to be.' Well, Mary didn't just say she would marry me, but I knew it was all right. We were married the next year."

They lived together in the greatest affection and happiness until the death of Mrs. Pettus less than a year ago.

After the war he and another young lawyer settled down to practice law at Selma. They were miserably poor and a fee of \$100 seemed like a fortune. But somehow Pettus' partner got hold of a very important claim for a northern concern and won it. They received the tremendous fees of \$15,000. When Pettus got his share of it he looked at the immense sum of money dubiously, and remarked to his partner, "Well, this will certainly keep us out of the poor house, but what about the penitentiary?" He couldn't make himself feel it was honest to make so much money in so short a time.

He was very fond of a quiet game of poker. A few years ago he spent the summer at Tate Springs, Tenn. One day a friend met him walking away from the hotel and asked him where he was going.

"I'm going to that little white building among the trees over there," the senator answered, pointing to the only gambling place in town.

"But, general," said his friend, "you know that place is run by two of the worst card sharps in Memphis."

"Yes, I know," grumbled the senator, "but there is no place else to play." He would rather take the chance of being cheated than forego his little game.

As indicating the friendship between Morgan and Pettus, habitues of the Capitol recall some remarks Mr. Pettus made in the senate on January 23, this year, when the subject of the proposed increase in congressional salaries was under discussion. Mr. Morgan was absent, and referring to him Mr. Pettus said:

"He began his education at the old field school. He has always been a student from boyhood. I knew him when he first became a lawyer, and I have known him ever since. I have lived in the same village with him for about 60 years. He commenced life without anything. You all see how hard he works here. He has worked that way all his life. When he came to the senate his income was something in the neighborhood of \$15,000 a year. He has been here now for 30 years. Had he worked at the profession I have no doubt that during the time that he has been in the senate his income would have been at least \$20,000 a year. He might have been a millionaire today if he had stuck to his profession."

Senator Pettus was universally beloved and respected by his colleagues on both sides of the chamber. A Republican of great prominence and influence said to a friend one day last winter, discussing the disincipline

of the senate to handle a certain matter so as to gratify a strong Republican senator from a middle western State who is not liked by other senators, that if it had been Senator Pettus who wanted a favor done, the whole senate would have been more than glad to make any sacrifice in order to accommodate him. Pettus was not a great statesman, as Morgan was, but was a fine, genuine, honorable old southern gentleman, whom to know was to love.

"A THANKSGIVING PARTY."

Delightful Pumpkin Party Held at Home of Miss M. A. Michaux.

On Wednesday afternoon, the "Sunbeams," a juvenile missionary society of the Methodist church, enjoyed a Pumpkin party given by Miss M. A. Michaux at her home.

There were forty little boys and girls to cast into a tiny pumpkin, their thank offerings amounting to \$5. After playing games till they were tired the little folks were taken into the darkened parlor where a great "Jack-O'-Lantern" made from a pumpkin sat staring in one corner. A prize was offered to the one who could go blindfolded and put his finger in its mouth, Master Wilton Wallace being the winner. Then all passed into the dining room where fruit was served and each helped himself to peanuts out of a huge pumpkin skeleton.

Their offering will be sent to heathen children.

The race meet is over, but Sumter still remains a wintering resort for track horses.

Local Cotton Market.

Receipts today about 100 bales. Good middling, 11 cents.

When December's icy fingers Have shorn each forest tree, It's time to tune up your system By taking Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea.—Sibert's Drug Store.

Mrs. J. J. Hodge, of Paxville, is dead after a week's illness.

Columbia will probably build a new fire station soon.

Dr. Thomas Grimke, a well known physician of Charleston, is dead at his home at the age of 73 years.

Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea purifies the blood, regulates the bowels, aids the kidneys, cures stomach troubles, builds up the nervous force; makes you well and happy. 35 cents, tea or tablets. Sibert's Drug Store.

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Second carload just in. Assorted sizes, all young, sound and well broken. Suitable for all purposes. Every Horse and every Mule sold is guaranteed to give satisfaction. Prices right and terms to suit. See me before you buy.

Wagons, Buggies and Harness all guaranteed, always in stock.

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Booth Live Stock Co. Sumter, S. C.

NEW CURE FOR STOMACH.

J. F. W. DeLorme Gives Readers of This Paper a Chance to Try It.

Since nobody knows when, people have suffered from indigestion, sick headaches, bloating, dizzy spells, distress after eating, sleeplessness and the many other symptoms of stomach troubles and have found the usual remedies powerless.

Here is a chance for our readers who may suffer with weak stomach to test without risk of loss the new prescription, called Mi-o-na, for indigestion that has met with great success wherever it has been tried.

This treatment, which strengthens the whole digestive system so that the stomach does its work without any distress, is sold by J. F. W. DeLorme under a guarantee to refund the money if the remedy does not do all that is claimed for it.

Mi-o-na costs but 50c. a box, and one box will do more real good than a dozen boxes of ordinary digestive tablets.

A. F. McKissick has resigned as a member of the board of trustees of the industrial school at Florence.

To Knockers, Kickers and Muck-Rakers.

Do not keep the alabaster boxes of your love and tenderness sealed up until your friends are dead. Fill their lives with sweetness. Speak approving, cheering words while their ears can hear them and while their hearts can be thrilled and made happier by them. The kind things you mean to say when they are gone say before they go. The flowers you mean to send for their coffins send to brighten and sweeten their homes before they leave them. If my friends have alabaster boxes laid away, full of fragrant perfumes of sympathy and affection, which they intend to break over my dead body, I would rather they would bring them out in my weary and troubled hours and open them that I may be refreshed and cheered by them while I need them. I would rather have a plain coffin without a flower, a funeral without an eulogy, than a life without the sweetness of love and sympathy. Let us learn to anoint our friends beforehand for their burial. Post-mortem kindness does not cheer the troubled spirit. Flowers on the coffin cast no fragrance backward over life's weary way.—Selected.

Some merchants forge far ahead of their fellows and make a success. These are the men who put money and brains in advertising. Ask them if it pays.