

The Watchman and Southron

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1908.

The Watchman and Southron was founded in 1857 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.

If the dispensary commission keeps on with its "projecting" some big fish will be caught and then there will be a most awful wall from the region of the Congaree.

The per cent. of \$406,000 was a tidy little sum to be divided amongst a small and select syndicate of influencers. What a pity Mr. Roy's pretty little scheme failed to work!

About when is the ceremony of putting stripes on the dispensary grafters to be solemnized? Is it to be postponed until some indefinite date subsequent to the primary election?

It is to be hoped that the legislature will be able to spare a little time from the manufacture of campaign materials to enact a law prohibiting the sale of any save safety matches in South Carolina. The fireless would be materially reduced by the enactment and enforcement of a law of this sort.

Mr. Nunn, the legislative booster of Columbia Springs water, appears to be an unscrupulous humorist. He is recorded as having declared on the floor of the house that Columbia city water is good enough for all ordinary purposes, but not for the use of the members of the general assembly. That is to say that the use of water by our lawmakers is something extraordinary; or should his remark be construed to mean that the members of the legislature are such extraordinary folks that they require a specific brand of water?

Every business man with whom we have discussed the matter is heartily in favor of an effort being made to bring the Betsy railroad into the city, but favoring and approving a business proposition of this sort accomplishes nothing. Organized and concerted action with money back of the plan is what is needed at this juncture.

The city council has acted not only with liberality, but with positive generosity toward the Second Regiment Band. A majority of our citizens will doubtless approve of the appropriation of \$700 annually for the support of the band, but the point that was taken by two members of council that there is question of the use of the public funds in this manner being warranted by law. But since no one is likely to make an issue of the matter the band will get the money. Most people are satisfied that it will be money well spent.

Will Maj. John Black salubrious his secretary on Attorney General Lyon and his folder?

And will Hub get out "Old Betsy," the fourteen inch siege gun he was wont to tote for grafters?

The development in the dispensary investigation before the commission Thursday indicates that the making good of the promise of Attorney General Lyon to "put stripes on the grafters" is not so remote a possibility as we have been led to believe. And even though the grafters escape the stripes the revelations made by Mr. Lyon, with the assistance of Col. Pender of Atlanta, will furnish excellent campaign material this summer.

The anxiety to explain of all those whose names were connected with the six per cent. settlement of the suspended dispensary claims shows how much better are second thoughts than first. The men whom Mr. Roy mentioned as his friends in the matter of the proposed settlement were probably guiltless of thought of wrong doing or desire to participate in the division of the \$36,000 commission, but they should have thought twice before having anything to do with the unsavory mess. No man's reputation is too high to escape unscathed if he has connection, however remote, with the old dispensary grafters.

Has the investigation of the Richmond Distillery and Carolina Glass Company, the Columbia foster children of the State dispensary, been abandoned? At one time it seemed that there would be interesting and sensational developments in connection with the dealings of these local institutions with the dispensary board, but the matter was not pursued at the time. Are further developments to be looked for in this connection?

John Bell Towill's career epitomized: Poor but honest young man, teacher, Y. M. C. A. secretary, editor country newspaper, member of legislature, director State dispensary, wears good clothes and appears to be prosperous, accused of grafting, arrested on warrant charging conspiracy to defraud the State. Facilis decessus Averno. Will the chapter end with the young man wearing stripes in penal servitude?

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Greenville is modest this year—she has only two candidates in the senatorial race, Martin and McCullough. Are there not three or four more favorite sons of the Mountain City still without office?

As predicted every possible pretext will be utilized to save the lien law. The latest move of the lien law advocates is to refer the question of repeal to the primary and a bill to that end has been introduced. We are confident the people would vote to repeal the law by an overwhelming majority, and we see no reason to postpone the inevitable. The plan to make the lien law an issue in the primary is merely a subterfuge to gain time.

Senator Tillman advises the anti-saloon people of Washington to establish the dispensary system in their city but they do not appear to be enthusiastic over the suggestion.

The fact that Sumter county has a court house that cost more than \$125,000 seems to worry the taxpayers of other counties that contemplate the erection of new court houses. It might also worry Sumter county taxpayers were it not that a bond issue of \$30,000 was all that was needed to supplement the sum realized from the sale of the old court house square. Sumter has the finest court house in the State and it cost the taxpayers less directly than any other court house erected in South Carolina in many years.

ICE QUESTION AGAIN.

An Important Meeting of the Mutual Ice Company Stockholders to Be Held Friday.

Stockholders of the Mutual Ice company have been notified that the annual meeting of that company will be held on Friday afternoon and each and every stockholder is urged to be present in person, as matters of importance are to be considered. As the Mutual Ice company is more of a public enterprise than any other in the city, having been brought into existence by a popular movement to obtain cheap ice, a large number of people are directly interested in its affairs and a still larger number will be indirectly affected by any change in the policy of the company. Therefore, knowing the extent of the public interest in the company, inquiry was made by a representative of the Daily Item for the purpose of ascertaining what necessity had arisen for urging stockholders to attend the annual meeting in person. It was learned that a radical change in the policy of the company is contemplated and that for this reason it is desired that every stockholder should attend the meeting and participate in the vote on the matters that are to be brought before them.

The statement was also made that under the by-laws the company is bound to sell ice at at the stated price of 35 cents a hundred to stockholders, but there is no obligation to supply ice at this price to the public generally. This being the case it is thought that an effort will be made to restrict the local sale of ice to stockholders by whom and for whose benefit the Mutual ice factory was established. If this should be done a larger proportion of the output could be shipped out of town and sold at a much higher price than is now realized for the ice sold in the city. This proposition will, of course, create comment and it behooves all the stockholders to attend the annual meeting.

The annual reports of the officers will also be laid before the stockholders and these will be found both interesting and instructive.

Miss Allen and Miss Worthington, representing the department of labor at Washington are making investigations in the cotton mills in Anderson.

Henry Gloster, an Orangeburg county negro, was convicted of manslaughter, killing Nath Garrick, a white man, and was sentenced to serve 15 years.

Post-office Inspector Bull recognized four of the yeggmen being held at Lancaster, who he says are wanted for robbing the postoffice at Dunn, N. C.

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# JANUARY 25, 1908



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Nothing but the bull-headed opposition of Joe Cannon prevents the passage of the Appalachian bill, says a North Carolina contemporary. So long as that is all, the bill has almost as good a chance for life as the proverbial tomat in Tartarus without teeth or toe nails.—Louisville Courier Journal.

The dry goods store of M. F. Sanders & Co., of Greenwood, was partially destroyed by fire.

Miss Bertha Walker, of Barnwell, died on Tuesday from injuries received in a runaway accident.

A father and his son have been arrested in Greenwood charged with aiding prisoners to escape from the county jail.

The German cruiser Charlotte will arrive in Charleston today for a stay of one week.

Rev. Alex. Sprunt, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church of Charleston, has been called to the First Presbyterian church of Raleigh, N. C.

The supreme court sitting en banc in Columbia declared the labor contract law invalid.

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**NOTICE.**

The County Board of Education will conduct an examination for teachers at the Court House on Friday, Jan. 17, beginning at 9 o'clock a. m.

S. D. CAIN,  
Co. Supt. Education.

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