

The Watchman and Southron.

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The Watchman and Southron was founded in 1866 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.

The scheme devised by a majority of the Senate to dodge any action on the prohibition issue and transfer the whole burden of responsibility to the primary was politic, petty, cheap; not statesman-like. It is evident that the grave and honorable senators are mortally afraid of placing themselves on record on so ticklish a question as prohibition, and, having taken counsel of their fears, they eagerly and with great satisfaction seized upon the scheme to refer it to the primary. It is a democratic and a correct proceeding for the State convention to refer a question to the primary for determination, but for either house of the General Assembly to do so is a confession of political cowardice, a servile truckling to an unknown preponderance of public opinion, which the legislators being unable to correctly gauge, fear with a greater fear than they would yield to something known and tangible. The present day trucking to the maddest sentiment that has stamped a lot of ordinarily well balanced people, as well as the time-serving politicians, and set them off in wild career on the trail of an impractical and impossible theory, forcibly reminds us of the times when politicians of all stripes—liquor men, high license men, prohibitionists and what not, meetly kissed the rod that Tillman wielded and with one accord joined in the chorus, "the dispensary is the best solution of the liquor problem yet devised."

The chief objection to Senator Appelt's editorial on the subject of the dispensary—graft—attorney—senators seems to have been its truthful exposure of actual conditions. Mr. Appelt nearly put in black and white what hundreds have been freely saying for some time and what a majority of the people believe. The very sensitive senators whose angry passions were so furiously aroused by Appelt's impious criticism of their exercise of the privilege of representing and accepting pay from both parties to the case of the State vs the grafters; the indignant senators whose indignation was aroused by criticism of their acts, called Mr. Appelt all sorts of hard names, but succeeded only in making some spectacles of themselves and deprived no one. When all is said and done it remains a fact that the member of the legislature who is the highest representative of any corporation or individual in a cause of action against the State is not a proper person to vote on questions that affect the interests of the parties to the cause. Lawyers have done things and think they can continue to do things for which other men would be sent to the penitentiary, but public sentiment is gradually becoming unwilling to make such fine distinctions between retaining fees and bribery, between attorney's commissions and graft. Not even a lawyer can serve two masters honestly and the hullabaloo raised by the senators would have been smothered did it not involve so serious a matter—the integrity and purity of our law-makers.

There is renewed talk of Gov. Ansel being opposed for re-election by a straight-out prohibition candidate. Mr. Featherstone, of Laurens, is the man most frequently and prominently mentioned as the man most likely to make the race. Whoever runs against Gov. Ansel will receive a big vote in Charleston, for the governor's blind tiger injunctions rendered him unpopular there, but to defeat Gov. Ansel for re-election will be a difficult matter.

The members of the legislature who propose to increase the tax levy must feel rich.

Mr. Bryan is a great success as a presidential candidate, perhaps he might be a success as president.

If there is to be a prohibition candidate for governor this summer Greenville county will be doing less than its duty if it does not furnish that candidate also.

Mr. Geo. W. Reardon's proposal that the State farms be sold suggests but one criticism—he has never visited the farms and does not realize their value. Good roads are desirable, but Mr. Reardon's plan is not practicable, for it would be cheaper to build the roads he advocates by contract, paying for them by taxation, than to try to build them with convict labor.

Now that the city Democratic executive committee has met, it is in order for the candidates to get busy and announce themselves and get the municipal "political pot" to boiling.

JOHNSON IS GAINING.

Strong Sentiment in South for the Minnesota Man.

New York World. "Influential Southern Democrats and newspaper men with whom I have talked feel certain that Bryan cannot be elected. These are men who supported him loyally in his two previous campaigns and who are prepared to do so again if he is nominated. With Bryan eliminated they feel that a Western man who is not subservient to Wall street and its interests can defeat any man the Republicans might nominate."

This is the way Herman Ridder, editor of the New York Staats-Zeitung and one of the best known Democrats in the country, sums up the political situation south of the Mason and Dixon line. Mr. Ridder has just returned from a three-weeks trip through the South, where he embraced the opportunity to gauge sentiment in the Democratic stronghold. He was one of the principal speakers at the one hundred and forty-second anniversary dinner of the German Friendly Society in Charleston, S. C., this being his destination when he started South shortly after New Year's. He visited Richmond, Va.; Savannah, Ga.; St. Augustine and Palm Beach Fla.; Montgomery, Ala.; New Orleans, La.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Atlanta, Ga.

"I have talked with influential party leaders and newspaper men in all these places," said Mr. Ridder yesterday, "and the overwhelming sentiment seems to be against Bryan as the party's candidate. In all my travels I found only two men earnestly and sincerely in favor of him. No one was disposed to oppose him openly, but they feel that his case is hopeless."

"They are Democrats through and through, but they feel that he hasn't got a chance of winning. There is nothing of a personal character in the feeling against Bryan. As a man he has as many admirers as ever down that way. From my observations I consider a New York man out of the question, as far as support of the Southern delegation is concerned. The South will insist that the Democratic nominee be a Western man. They have no particular choice that I could learn of for either first or second place."

"There is a growing sentiment in favor of Governor Johnson, of Minnesota. All concede that he is a man to be reckoned with in the future deliberations of the party. Former Governor Douglass, of Massachusetts, is also looked upon as a Presidential possibility down that way. The South will follow any man the North nominates, but will insist that the candidate be free from Wall street influences. President Roosevelt has lost considerable prestige in the South during the past few months. They believe him partially responsible for the financial and business depression."

RUTLEDGE COUNTY SURVEY.

Outline of Area for Proposed New County.

Lake City, Feb. 6.—The survey of the proposed new Rutledge county has been completed and petitions will be circulated at once. The area is 410 square miles, 335 square miles from Willmarburg, a straight line from Cadis to the Clarendon line, from Cadis to and down Mingo creek, being the southern boundary. The area includes Sandy Grove township in Clarendon county (23 square miles) and Hannah township in Florence county (32 square miles).

DENVER ALREADY PREPARING.

Those Who Attend Democratic Convention to Be Well Cared For.

Denver, Feb. 11.—The local committee of the national Democratic committee, having in charge details for quartering and entertaining the delegates and visitors during the national Democratic convention, announces that there will be no excessive charges permitted for hotel and other accommodations.

The committee also wishes to assure the public that Denver is able to furnish comfortable quarters for an enormous crowd and at reasonable prices.

The entertainment of the visitors will be carried out on an elaborate scale, and a fund is to be collected for this purpose.

SEIZED SHIPMENT OF WINE.

New Orleans, Feb. 7.—Following a petition filed by the United States district attorney here, charging adulteration in violation of the United States pure food laws, 220 barrels of wine shipped into Louisiana from Sandusky, O., were today seized by a deputy marshal. In the petition it is charged that the wine was shipped to New Orleans by four Sandusky firms. This is the fourth consignment of wine from these firms which has been seized within the last few weeks, making about 1,000 barrels of wine seized altogether.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Events of Greater or Less Interest Throughout the State

Alken, Feb. 10.—A shooting scrape occurred Saturday night on Richland avenue between two negroes, Will Krox and Drayton Gibson. Eight or ten shots were exchanged, but no harm was done. The negroes were tried in the mayor's court this morning and fined \$100 or 30 days each.

Court in Clarendon.

Manning, Feb. 10.—The court of general sessions convened here this morning, Judge Dantzier presiding. Several cases have already been disposed of. Two negroes charged with larceny and burglary and larceny, respectively were given on a plea of guilty one and eight year terms on the chain gang. The grand jury found "no bill" in the case of Tom McIntosh, white, charged with murder, and true bills as to David DeLane and Ed. McDonald, both colored, charged with murder.

Charleston Poet Dead.

Charleston, Feb. 10.—George Herbert Sass, master in equity of Charleston county, died about noon today after an illness of less than a week. He was stricken with the grip last Wednesday and complications set in which caused his death. He is survived by his widow, a son and daughter.

Murder in Horry.

Conway, Feb. 10.—Mr. John M. Cooper, a well-to-do farmer who lives seven miles from Conway, met a very tragic death on Saturday night. Near midnight his lifeless form, torn and bleeding with shoulders dislocated and ribs broken, was found entangled under the wheels of his wagon which he had been driving and which had stopped on the road about five miles from here.

Shooting in Rock Hill.

Rock Hill, Feb. 10.—A shooting scrape occurred last night about 10 o'clock in a stable in West White street, in which Tally Forth was seriously and perhaps fatally wounded by a boy named Torrence Melton. The affair was the outcome of a dispute over the hiring of a conveyance.

Snow in Gaffney.

Gaffney, Feb. 10.—More than four inches of snow fell here last night and at this hour (12:50 p. m.) is still falling with no immediate prospect of cessation.

Carnegie Gift for Newberry.

Newberry, Feb. 10.—Dr. James A. Scherer, president of Newberry College, has received from Mr. Andrew Carnegie an offer of \$25,000 for additional endowment of Newberry College on conditions the fulfillment of which is already assured.

A Bad Town.

Anderson, Feb. 10.—The spring term of common pleas court convened here today for a session of two weeks. After a few minutes of discussion among the lawyers and Judge Klugh court was adjourned until next Monday. Jurors and witnesses were excused and Judge Klugh left for his home this afternoon. The weather was too bad to hold court, so the court people said. Witnesses and jurors failed to report in proper numbers, and cases were not ready for trial. Several other excuses were put on record and an adjournment was taken.

"BUGS" RAYMOND ACQUITTED.

Charge Against Him Dismissed by Cook County Grand Jury for Lack of Evidence.

Chicago, Feb. 7.—The charge of robbery recently made against "Bugs" Raymond, a pitcher for the St. Louis National league baseball team, was dismissed by a Cook county grand jury today for lack of evidence.

WHAT IS WRONG?

Many People in Sumter are Asking That Question of Late.

Within the last few weeks more people in Sumter than usual have been complaining of sneezing fits, tickling in the throat, stoppage of the nose, coughing spasms, raisings of mucus, droppings in the throat and offensive breath, and have asked themselves: "What is the matter?"

The trouble comes from catarrh, and unless they take immediate steps to remedy their condition, the disease will increase and spread through the delicate mucous membrane that lines the air passages, resulting in chronic disease.

At the first symptom of catarrh, Hyomel should be used. J. F. W. DeLorme sells it under a guarantee to refund the purchase price of \$1 for the complete outfit to anyone who is not satisfied with the results. You certainly can afford to use Hyomel under an offer like this. Get it now and be cured of catarrh.

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THE SUICIDE WAS FREELAND.

Greenville Man Has Received a Letter From Captain A. N. Freeland's Daughter Asking Him to Send Her Father's Watch and Umbrella.

There is no longer any doubt but that the aged man who attempted suicide in a hotel in this city several months ago and who later ended his life in Little Mountain, was Captain A. N. Freeland, a one time prominent resident of Sumter. A letter which Mr. Louis H. Cary, a cotton buyer of this city, who boarded at the hotel in which the suicide was attempted, has received from a daughter of Captain Freeland, has removed all doubt as to the man's identity.

The letter in question was from Mrs. Lillie F. Bradley and she asks Mr. Cary to get her father's watch and umbrella from the pawn shop and send it with the old gentleman's other belongings to her. She says "I want to thank you many times for the attention which you gave my father while he was in your town. Papa was always a very proud man. If he had only told us that he was in need of funds we would have been glad to have aided him. He was in Sumter during the latter part of November to see us but did not intimate that he was in need. He told us that he was on his way to Florida to spend the winter." Mrs. Bradley told Mr. Cary that she would pay the pawn on the watch and the umbrella.—Greenville News.

Chief of Police Decker and Officer Pittman, of Mayesville, brought Ed. Trimmal to jail Thursday night. He is charged with stealing brass from the fire engine of the town of Mayesville. Trimmal is well known to the officers here and elsewhere.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Gov. Ansel Addressed the Association Which Met in Columbia.

Columbia, Feb. 6.—The Good Roads Association of South Carolina held its regular winter Convention in the city chamber today. President F. H. Hyatt presided. Governor Ansel made an address expressing his interest in the work for good roads and their benefits, and a strong address was delivered by President B. F. Taylor, of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Resolutions were adopted memorializing the General Assembly to establish a highways commission.

There were in attendance on today's meeting about fifty county supervisors and commissioners and as many more other citizens.

DREDGE BOAT ON WATEREE.

Work of Improving River Will be Pushed—Appropriation for This Purpose is \$75,000.

Camden, Feb. 5.—The dredge boat Wateree, furnished by the United States government for work in the Wateree river, arrived at the Camden bridge this morning. She is a new boat, built specially for this service, and the work of dredging and tearing out snags will begin at once. Another boat, larger and more powerful than this one, the Camden, is now being constructed, and will soon be in commission on this river. The \$75,000 appropriation for the Wateree will make an excellent beginning on the work contemplated and the business men of Camden feel that the arrival of the Wateree this morning is the forerunner of a substantial and efficient line of boats from Camden to the sea.

Incidendarium is suspected in the burning of Ebenezer Baptist church in Florence county.

The residence of Hampton Hunter in Laurens county was destroyed by fire.

Dr. E. J. Kinlock, a prominent physician of Charleston, died at Summerville, S. C.

The prohibitionists of Barnwell have organized a prohibition league and will fight the sale of liquor.

STOLEN Feb. 8, one Dark Grey Overcoat. Long tail, straps across waist. Had two large black buttons on back. Very heavy coat and unusually wide collar. Light grey, white stripe lining. Reward, \$15 for thief and \$10 for return of coat. W. H. Epperson. 2-12-6*

WANTED—To sell Culpeppers Big Boll Cotton Seed. 160 bales on 160 acres of land last year on comparatively poor land. My word for it, no better seed ever offered for sale. 25 to 50 bushels at 75 cents; 50 bushels or more at 65 cents F. O. B., Bonneau, S. C. J. S. George, Laurens, S. C. 2-12-2*

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