

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.

Railroad Commissioner Caughman is a candidate for re-election. It is against the rules of the game of politics as played in South Carolina to re-elect a railroad commissioner and Mr. Caughman would be on the safe side to take time by the forelock and sell a good job in the private walks of life.

Attorney General Loan, by the advice and with the consent of his able legal associates, Messrs. Stevenson, Abney, Anderson, Routree, Felder, et al. has taken another tack on Judge Pritchard in the dispensary matter. They have put it squarely up to Judge Pritchard to show whether he will respect or ignore the decision of the Supreme Court of this State.

The boy who accidentally killed Judge Pritchard by the careless discharge of a rifle may never be punished by the law, but he will have a lifetime of regret to carry through life and will be a constant punishment.

It is a pity that the city council, over which the city executive committee gets busy with the preparations for the primary to be held on Tuesday there will be a whole lot of confusion in the ward divisions.

The committee that is supposed to be investigating Congressman Lilly's charges of graft in connection with the submarine deal contracts is making the program in covering up the charges.

There seems to be little nearer prospect of an increase in the appropriation for the postoffice than before the committee visited Washington, but it is to be hoped that the interest exhibited by the people of this city in the matter will strengthen Congressman Lovett's hand and assist him in making a winning fight to secure sufficient money to provide a building adequate to Sumter's needs.

Weekly Ward for Building Purposes.

The last reports of the building operations in forty-nine of the leading cities of the United States for the year, collected by the Geological Survey, show that 52 per cent. were of wooden construction. While this percentage is representative of the building industry in the United States, builders point out that it does not include the large quantities of lumber used for the construction of dwellings, stores and other buildings in the thousands of small cities and towns scattered over the country. In wooden buildings, New York is at the bottom of the list, though it leads with \$13,975 as the average cost of buildings. Except at San Francisco, where the abnormal conditions have prevailed since the fire, Boston shows the greatest increase of any cities in the total cost of building operations. The average cost of buildings is constantly increasing, having risen over 300 during the last three years. The average value of a building is given in the report of \$2,511. The quantity of lumber used for building purposes in 1904 was 37,999,999,999 feet, with a mill value of \$451,151,124. Including the value of the lath and shingles used with this amount, the total value of the wood used for buildings is brought up to \$696,796,612.

CONGRESSMAN RESIGNS.

House Representative Tenders His Resignation to Take Effect Sept. 30—Session Closed.

Rockland, Me., March 22.—A sensation was caused in political circles here today by the receipt by Gov. William T. Cobb of a letter from Congressman Charles B. Littlefield, tendering his resignation as a member of congress, to take effect on Sept. 30 next.

In the same mail was a communication to the chairman of the Second District Republican congressional committee from Mr. Littlefield in which the latter gave as the reason for his resignation his desire to resume his law practice, which, in a large degree, has been compelled to abandon because of his congressional duties. The resignation came as a great surprise to Gov. Cobb and to the congressman's friends in this district, and was received with much regret.

You are cordially invited to attend my millinery opening, beginning Wednesday, 25th of March, and continuing through the week. No. 3, upstairs, next door to the Sumter Dry Goods Store, South Main street. Yours to please, Miss S. A. Murray. 3-18-08

THE MASS MEETING.

DECIDED TO NOMINATE ALDERMEN BY WARDS.

A Slimly Attended But Interesting Meeting of the Democratic Voters of the City.

From the Daily Item, March 18.

A mass meeting of the Democratic voters of the city was held in the council chamber last night in response to the following call:

'At the request of many citizens a mass meeting is called to consider whether it is best to elect aldermen from wards as now provided for or from the city at large as was formerly the practice. Meeting will be held 8 p. m., Tuesday, March 17th, at council chamber.

'E. C. Haynsworth, Chairman.' There were present about sixty people, all told, which shows that less than two per cent. of the voters of Sumter were sufficiently interested in the selection of those who are to govern the city for the next two years to attend a well advertised meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Secretary A. H. Moses, in the absence of Chairman E. C. Haynsworth, who was a few minutes late in arriving. On motion Mr. J. W. McKeiver was chosen to preside as chairman and Mr. Moses was elected secretary.

Chairman McKeiver stated the object of the meeting as outlined in the call. Mr. E. C. Haynsworth stated his views on the matter and advocated confirmation of the decision of the meeting held two years ago to nominate two aldermen from each of the four wards, the voting to be by the city at large.

For the purpose of bringing the matter before the meeting in an orderly way Mr. H. G. Osteen moved that the action of the meeting of two years ago be rescinded and that the nomination of aldermen be made from the city at large as had always been the rule from the time the city Democratic organization was formed.

The motion was seconded, but Mr. E. C. Cuttino immediately moved to amend, that two aldermen be nominated from each of the four wards by the voters of the respective wards.

The discussion now began and for upwards of two hours there was a general and more or less animated debate, punctuated here and there with motions to lay on the table, votes by hand primaries, etc.

The first vote on a motion to table Mr. Cuttino's amendment revealed the fact that the advocates of the nomination by wards plan were in a small majority. On subsequent votes on various motions in which the same proposition was involved, the nomination by wards side increased its majority and on the direct vote for the adoption of the amendment the motion was carried by a vote of about two to one.

The only other action of importance was the adoption of a resolution that the books of enrollment be kept open from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 2 p. m. to 8:30 p. m., every day from Wednesday, March 18th, until Saturday, March 21st. A collection was thereupon taken to pay the salary of the man to be employed by the chairman of the executive committee to assist Secretary Moses in the enrollment of voters.

A motion was made by Mr. H. C. Cuttino that any Democrat who presents himself at the polls on the day of the primary and takes the oath prescribed by the rules of the Democratic party, governing primary elections, be permitted to vote. The motion was promptly voted down, and the meeting placed itself on record in favor of a rigid enforcement of the rule requiring enrollment with the secretary as a prerequisite for voting in the municipal primary.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

City Fathers Express Disapproval of Plan to Remove Band Stand From Graded School Square.

A special meeting of city council was held at 12 o'clock Tuesday. Present—Mayor W. B. Boyle, Aldermen J. H. Chandler, P. P. Finn, R. F. Haynsworth, H. C. Haynsworth, E. H. Rhame and R. L. Wright.

Absent—Aldermen H. D. Barnett, R. K. Wilder. The mayor stated that he had called council together in order that they might authorize 22 inch drains on Green street to be lowered as they came in contact with the sewer pipes now being laid; also to determine whether the work should be done by city laborers or sewer laborers. Upon due consideration it was authorized that the drains be lowered, the work to be done by the sewer force.

The clerk presented a suggestion from Hon. P. I. Manning that a member of council be appointed to accompany the committee going to Washington in the interest of an increased appropriation for a postoffice building. Council thought the committee sufficient in numbers and ability as now composed, and that any addition would be unnecessary. Request was made from County Su-

EASTER OFFERINGS.

EASTER Sunday is near at hand and every one will endeavor to appear to the best possible advantage in their New Spring Outfit on that occasion. We have made unusual preparations for this season's business and have not the slightest doubt but that it will be fully up to our expectations, if not we will have occasion to record our first disappointment. The line of Spring Goods this season is very attractive and not at all expensive, and this applies particularly to our stock, which can be easily demonstrated by a careful examination.

Black Dress Goods. Colored Dress Goods. Silks. White Goods. Wash Goods. LACES AND EMBROIDERIES. This is a very popular department with us, and our line is unusually strong. Under this head we are showing a beautiful line of shadow stripes, and checks, in all the new shades, including the Copenhagen Blue and Russet Browns at \$1.00 per yd. 50 in. Batiste, in Cream, Light Blue, Navy, Reseda Green, Pearl Gray, at 50c. a yd. Serges in all the new shades at 50c. and 75c. Checked Suitings at \$1.00. Fancy checked and striped Mohairs at 50 cents. Our 98c. Taffeta is probably the best known piece of silk in the county and doubtless it ought to be, as it enjoys the largest sale of any goods at that price. We believe the quality is better than usual this year, and we have a full line of colors, every yard warranted and full 36 inches wide. Jap Silks, 25, 50 and 75 cts. Pongee Silks, 50 and 75 cts.

The Merry Widow. Every one who visits New York goes to see "The Merry Widow" if they are fortunate enough to secure a ticket, those who stay at home can only see her as she may appear in some of her wearing apparel, which may be seen here, including belts, bows, shopping bags, etc. CLOTHING FOR MEN AND BOYS. While this department occupies a position in the rear of our stores, it does not mean that we are keeping it in the back ground, to the contrary we are pushing forward each season by enlarging our stock and improving our styles, until it now compares favorably with any clothing house in the city. Our offerings for this season, consist of a beautiful assortment of Men's Gray Plaid and Tan Striped Worsted in single and double breasted at \$12.50 to \$22.50. Men's Blue Serge, in plain and seat pin stripes, very light weight, at \$10.00 to \$16.50. Men's Tau Stripe and Plaid Flannels, a very swell garment. Coat and Trousers only \$16.50. Out Blue Serge Suits at \$12.50 can't be beat. In this department we can suit any body from the small boy who wants a pair of pants for 25 cents to the adult, no matter what his shape or size may be.

O'Donnell & Company, Sumter, South Carolina.

BEE'S LAXATIVE COUGH SYRUP. CONTAINS HONEY AND TAR. CONFORMS TO NATIONAL PURE FOOD AND DRUGS LAW. An improvement over many Cough, Lung and Bronchial Remedies, because it rids the system of a cold by acting as a cathartic on the bowels. No opiates. Guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded. Prepared by PINEULE MEDICINE CO., CHICAGO, U. S. A.

THE FARMERS' BANK & TRUST COMPANY. CAPITAL PAID IN.....\$120,000 SURPLUS..... 25,000 STOCKHOLDERS LIABILITY.....120,000 PROTECTION TO DEPOSITORS, \$265,000. C. G. ROWLAND, President. R. F. HAYNSWORTH, Vice-Pres. R. O. PURDY, R. J. BLAND, Attorneys. E. L. EDMUNDS, Cashier.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS. W. S. Reamer was on Tuesday nominated for mayor of Columbia by the Democratic primary. A white man near Anderson looked at a negro baby who had been drowned in a tub and dropped dead himself. Th Hon. C. W. Garris of Denmark is considering whether or not he shall be a candidate for congress from his district. Little Jennings White Russell, son of F. J. Russell of Newberry, died on Tuesday in Atlanta from the effect of a bite of a mad dog. The annual meeting of the South Carolina Medical association will be held in Anderson on April 14, 15, 16 and 17, and more than 300 delegates from every section of the State are expected. John Fowler, a white farmer living near Greenville, was shot and instantly killed by Ben McAbee, a distant relative of his, who lived in the same house with him. It seems that the killing resulted from a quarrel between McAbee and his wife, for which he blamed Fowler. McAbee is lodged in the county jail. At a conference of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' association in Greenville on Wednesday it was unanimously decided to continue the curtailment of 25 per cent. in the production of cotton goods as far as practicable during the three months beginning the first of April. Hon. John G. Richards of Kershaw has decided that he will not be a candidate for governor this summer. Architect Harjes, of Raleigh, who drew the plans for the Presbyterian church, spent the day in the city. Durham A. Broom, probate judge of Fairfield county, died suddenly of acute indigestion. The deceased was fifty years of age. A young lady named Dean was killed by the Augusta-Alken express car between Langley and Warrentville. A white man named Howell was arrested in York county for a murder committed in Tennessee four years ago. Abraham McCullough was killed in Laurens county by Albert Boyd. The State Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest will be held in Greenwood on April 24. William Jackson shot Isaac Mack to death in Charleston Sunday afternoon. Joe Lafayette and John Richardson, colored, were drowned in Charleston harbor Sunday afternoon by a boat capsizing. John Green was shot and instantly killed at Bethune Saturday night by Lewis Seegars. Both were drunk. G. T. Worsham, a prominent farmer of Clarendon fell dead Saturday while walking across his field. Mrs. Hattie Wheeler, an employe of Beaumont mills, Spartanburg, was scalped Monday morning as the result of her hair becoming entangled in the machinery, and her condition is said to be serious. Mrs. Wheeler dropped some article upon the door and reaching down to recover it placed her head beneath the machine, and her hair was caught. William Brown, a farmer residing near Enoree, shot and fatally wounded a negro named West Rhodes, near that place, Sunday afternoon. The wounded man is not dead, but it is said he has no chance to recover. Brown claims that the shooting was in self-defense. While asleep in bed with his pa-

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL PASSED.

SIXTEEN KNOT VESSELS TO RECEIVE \$4 PER MILE. Amendment Adopted Providing that if there are two or more lines to South American Ports from Atlantic Seaboard One of them Shall Touch at Two Ports South of Cape Charles. Washington, March 20.—The ship subsidy bill was passed by the Senate to-day. It pays to 16-knot vessels plying between this country and South America, the Philippines, Japan, China and Australasia \$4 per mile, the amount awarded by the Act of 1891 to vessels of 20-knots only. The bill was amended in the Senate so that 12-knot vessels will receive \$2 per mile which is the allowance under existing law to 16-knot vessels. Amendments were also adopted providing that if two or more lines of steamships ply from Atlantic ports to South America under the provisions of the bill one line shall stop at two ports south of Cape Charles, and providing further that no more shall be paid for subsidies than is received from ship service by the Government. rents, the 3-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Anderson, of Anderson, was smothered to death. The parents found the child cold in death when they awoke in the morning. The infant had been sick for several days. The religion that does not improve human nature has no business with humanity. The man who says his is too poor to give will never be rich enough to be other than poor in heart.