

The Watchman and Southern.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1908.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1866 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.

Government by Commission.

The supreme court of Iowa has fully sustained the constitutionality of the commission system of government about to be established in Des Moines. This will be encouraging news to the advocates of the scheme, that has worked with such satisfaction in Galveston, Houston and elsewhere. Cities over the entire country are giving this plan of government serious thought. More and more strong is sentiment becoming in favor of the elimination of politics from municipal affairs and the substitution for it of practical business methods. The contention that service of the best can never be obtained unless it is paid for, is now more generally recognized than ever. Once in line with that point of view it is not so far away to the theory that to get the best we must pay the proper wages. There are good citizens of every community who are willing to sacrifice time and labor in the public cause. Many spend hard earned dollars in order to secure positions of public trust that carry no emolument at all, so patriotic and ardent have they become. Unfortunately, however, willingness to offer one's self up carries no guarantee of fitness for the service. It is sad, but true, that few cities are not now suffering from this very cause.

Government by commission means more than government by business methods. As has been pointed out, far greater and more complicated organizations than the average city are engaged in this way. Men trained for the office are hired for their business qualifications alone. If they are the right men in the right place the enterprise prospers. If they are not the right men others are engaged and they must step down and out. What an enormous quantity of money could be spared by a general adoption of such a system of government as this.—Greenville News.

Show at Oil Trust.

Reports from Germany are to the effect that the government of Emperor William is contemplating the establishment of a petroleum monopoly. There are few oil refineries in Germany now. If the German government should carry out the plan with which it is credited, the petroleum industry in the United States might lose a large and profitable trade. In January last the shipments of illuminating oil, crude petroleum and its products aggregated 30,000,000 gallons. It is assumed that the German government will spend an immense sum in establishing refineries, and when these plants are in working order will supply only crude oil from the United States. The Germans are scientific and tenacious. It is probable that their government could make the new industry a notable success as well as a very profitable monopoly to the State. The union the tariff on oil is prohibitive, it is conceivable that the Standard Oil Company might be able to undersell the German government in its own territory. There is no industrial machine or organization in the world more efficient, more perfectly adjusted in all its parts and provided with greater facilities for the handling and transportation of its products than the Standard Oil monopoly in the United States. If there is aught it will be a pretty one.—Baltimore Sun.

THE SPARKS' SHOWS.

The Big Show That Will be Here Next Saturday

Full of snap, dash and "ginger," high class in every detail is what the John H. Sparks' Shows promise of the two performances to be given in Sumter next Saturday, April 4th. In the one ring, a great company of real artists will appear, such as the famous Mayos and Mlle Bertine, riding the most beautiful horses ever seen in a show. The famous Valentinos, aerial wiremen and casting acts, the great Millette family of acrobats, the Mendonces, the Flying Novilles, the Gardella Sisters, Mayo's educated bulls, Costello's troupe of 25 trained ponies, Mary, the biggest trained elephant in the world, performing lions, tigers, leopards, etc., etc. A whole troupe of funny clowns headed by Billy Reed, also Panhandle Pets and his comedy sextet, and a dozen other acts and features, every one of which will be enjoyed by the audience. The great reputation of the Sparks' Shows is a sufficient guarantee that all its promises will be fulfilled. There will be a great parade at noon, and big free exhibitions at the show grounds immediately after the parade.

DEMOCRATIC MASS MEETING.

ALDERMEN HEREAFTER TO BE ELECTED AT LARGE.

A Well Attended, and Interesting Meeting Held at Noon—Manner of Electing Aldermen Fought to a Finish.

From the Daily Item, March 25. The city executive committee met in the council chamber at 12 o'clock and proceeded at once to tabulate the primary returns and declare the election.

W. B. Boyle was declared the nominee for mayor.

H. C. Haynsworth and W. Bultman the nominees for aldermen from Ward 1.

H. D. Barnett and R. F. Haynsworth the nominees for aldermen from Ward 2.

R. L. Wright and J. R. Light the nominees for aldermen from Ward 3. S. M. Larson, P. P. Finn and W. G. Stubbs having received the highest number of votes respectively of the Marion Moise was re-elected member at large by acclamation.

R. D. Lee offered the following resolution which was seconded:

Whereas, in order to insure the unity and harmony of the city Democracy, it is deemed important to establish fixed and permanent rules and regulations for the government of the same.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the city Democratic executive committee be, and they are hereby, directed to call a convention of the city Democracy to convene not less than sixty days prior to the municipal election in the year 1910 for the purpose of adopting a permanent constitution and rules and regulations for the government of the city Democracy.

2. That representation in said convention shall be put upon the basis of one delegate to every ten members of the city Democracy upon the basis of the enrollment for the city primary of the present year 1908; and also a delegate for a majority fraction thereof.

3. That the executive committee shall provide for the election of said delegates to said convention from each ward, upon the basis above mentioned, at an election to be held in five candidates in Ward 4 were declared to be the regular candidates to be voted for in the second primary which was ordered to be held on Tuesday, March 31st.

This concluded the regular business before the executive committee and the committee thereupon adjourned.

The mass meeting was organized by the election of E. C. Haynsworth as chairman and H. A. Moses as secretary.

The first business taken up was the election of the executive committee to serve for the next two years.

R. J. Bland and Edgar Skinner were nominated from Ward 1 and were elected by a unanimous vote.

L. D. Jennings, J. H. Chandler and R. O. Purdy were nominated from Ward 2. Mr. Jennings withdrew his name of Messrs. Chandler and Purdy were elected.

W. M. Graham, J. A. Mood, H. C. Cuttino and M. C. Kavarough were nominated from Ward 3. A ballot was taken with the following result: Graham, 90; Mood, 82; Cuttino, 26; Kavarough, 19. Graham and Mood were declared elected.

T. V. Walsh, S. Y. Deigar, J. W. McKeiver and Mitch. Levi were nominated from Ward 4. The ballot resulted as follows: Walsh, 69; McKeiver, 54; Deigar, 34; Levi, 29. Walsh and McKeiver were declared elected. each ward at such time and under such rules and regulation as the executive committee may prescribe, due and timely notice of which shall be given by them.

4. That it shall be the duty of the executive committee to formulate a constitution, rules and regulations for the government of the city Democracy to be submitted to said convention for its ratification, modification or rejection, and that the same, after being formulated, shall be published in the newspapers of said city for at least ten days before the meeting of said convention in order that the city Democracy may be fully advertised as to the terms and provisions of such proposed constitution, rules and regulations.

5. That the said executive committee are hereby empowered to do all things necessary to carry the foregoing resolutions into full effect.

L. D. Jennings offered the following resolution as a substitute:

Resolved, That whereas, this city for many years elected aldermen at large with satisfactory results;

And whereas, two years ago a very small number of citizens in mass meeting assembled changed this plan, thereby giving rise to dissatisfaction and criticism;

And whereas, a few citizens, less than 10 per cent. of the whole, a week ago adopted yet another plan, giving rise again to dissatisfaction and criticism, therefore,

Resolved, That this meeting of citizens order the re-establishment of the old plan of election of all alder-

men at large (and this rule shall be irrevocable until after the election of 1910).

H. D. Moise offered as a substitute for the Jennings resolution that one alderman be elected from each ward and four at large.

A motion to table the Moise amendment was carried.

W. H. Ingram moved to table all resolutions. Lost.

H. C. Haynsworth moved that election of aldermen be by the vote of the city at large, but that two aldermen be nominated from each ward. The amendment was tabled.

Mr. Lee moved to amend the Jennings resolution that the said resolution be irrevocable until after the primary of 1910. Mr. Jennings accepted the amendment and the resolution as amended was adopted.

H. G. Osteen offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the executive committee be required to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the government of the city Democracy (to be effective subsequent to the primary to be held in 1910), which shall be submitted for adoption to a mass meeting to be called to meet not less than four months prior to the primary of 1910; and that two weeks' notice of said mass meeting shall be given.

The resolution was adopted, and the meeting adjourned.

The above is a bare outline of the proceedings and does not pretend to give a full account of the meeting which was one of the most interesting ever held by the city Democracy. The issue—whether or not the aldermen shall be elected by wards—was fought out to a finish inch by inch. There were motions, substitutes, amendments, points of order, and motions to table galore. The meeting was, how-

ever, held squarely down to the single issue and by a majority vote the matter was finally and decidedly settled that aldermen shall hereafter be elected by the city at large. Ward politics have been given a quietus for the time being.

MORE FINE CATTLE.

Messrs. Harby and Moses Ship Two Carloads of Stoll Fed Steers.

Messrs. J. J. Harby and E. H. Moses made another shipment of beef cattle Tuesday, consisting of 50 magnificent steers. One carload of twenty-five went to Richmond and the other carload to Augusta. The steers in the Richmond shipment averaged more than 1,000 pounds at the Augusta lot fell only a few pounds under the thousand mark. The cattle were fattened on the Harby and Moses farm a few miles south of the city and were in the fattening pens just a hundred days. In that time the average gain in weight per steer was 235 pounds. The cattle were fed on cotton seed meal and hulls and forage produced on the farm and they were in perfect health the entire time. When the cattle, which were shipped from Wilson, N. C., arrived at the farm they were turned into the fields for several weeks and began to fatten at once on the peavine and corn stubble—their feed during this period cost practically nothing. When they were put into the fattening pens they were in fine shape to take on flesh quickly and profitably.

Ladies, be sure and look at my pretty spring hats before buying. Next door to the Sumter Dry Goods Store, No. 3, upstairs: Yours to please, Miss S. A. Murray. 4-1-11

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading

Dr. S. Phillips Varner, the African explorer, delivered an interesting lecture at Clemson Sunday evening concerning African affairs. He went to Clemson at the invitation of the Young Men's Christian Association. There was a large attendance of students and others.

A shooting scrape occurred Sunday at Nebo, a colored church near the North Carolina line in Lancaster county. Hugh Cousar was shot by Ed Hood the ball lodging in the thigh. Hood is said to have been shooting at Andy Belk, another negro, when he hit Cousar.

Sunday afternoon Pickens Penn was shot four times and instantly killed by Will Knox at Bever Dam Church, Aiken. The row seems to have occurred about Knox's wife.

Richard Watts, a well known colored citizen of Lancaster, committed suicide Monday morning about 2 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. At least it is presumed that he took his own life. His dead body was found lying on the porch of his house, which is outside the corporate limits of Lancaster. In his hand was a revolver with one chamber empty. A suspicious circumstance, however, is the fact that a policeman who heard the shot in running to investigate the cause, saw two negroes running from the direction of Watt's house.

The suit of Mrs. L. G. Godfrey against the Greenville Power company for \$20,000 damages for the death of her husband has been compromised, both sides agreeing upon \$9,000. Mr.

Godfrey was killed over a year ago by coming in contact with a live wire while fixing an insulator on a pole.

Entertainment for the U. D. C. Shortly after Easter, the Daughters of the Confederacy will have a paper carnival and a rose show. Later there will be a full announcement of the separate features of the entertainment, but suffice it to say that it will be a beautiful and novel affair, and it is to be hoped that you will hold yourselves in readiness to attend, and make the occasion a success, socially and financially.

WARD FOUR PRIMARY.

Finn and Stubbs Nominated—A Full Vote Polled.

The second primary in Ward 4 held yesterday to nominate two candidates for alderman, passed off quietly. The friends of the three candidates worked energetically to bring out a full vote and few of the qualified electors escaped. The vote resulted as follows: P. P. Finn 72, W. G. Stubbs 60, S. M. Pierson 50. Finn and Stubbs were nominated.

Harold McFaddin Dead.

From the Daily Item, March 26. Young Harold McFaddin, aged 10 years, who was accidentally shot at Sardinia Monday by a rifle in the hands of young Garland, his playmate, and who was brought to the Sumter hospital Monday, died yesterday afternoon. The bullet which was a .22 calibre entered the abdomen, penetrating to the kidneys.

Success often depends upon utilizing the mistakes of others.

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.

Advertisement for clothing goods with sections for Black Dress Goods, Colored Dress Goods, Silks, White Goods, Wash Goods, and LACES AND EMBROIDERIES. Each section lists various items and prices.

The Merry Widow 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.

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. Does a general banking business; safe and conservative. Special care and attention given to trust funds in our savings department, where we allow 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly. No accounts too large or too small to be accepted in this department. Parties having funds seeking absolutely safe 8 per cent investments and those wanting money on first class real estate collateral will find it to their interest to call on us.

The new senator from South Carolina is to be congratulated. His name is Gary, and so far not more than one-half of the papers have called him Gary.—Washington Star.

LOST—Large white setter, brown ears, with brown spot over one eye. Reward if returned to E. L. Wicker at Sumter Ice, Light & Power Co. 3-26-11

LEE & McLELLAN, Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors. Office:—Harby Building, old Court Square, Sumter, S. C. 1-1-6m