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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1306. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and induence of both of the old papers. and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Does the Commission Form of government act under which Sumter will hereafter be governed abolish the water works commission and devolve upon the City Council the duties heretofore performed by that body? In Columbia City Council has charge of the water works, and the act under which the Sumter Plan is to operate is merely an amendment to the general act, under which Columbia is governed by an elective commission. What do the lawyers say sbout it?

We hear of some citizens who etaim to be so nauseated and disgusted with existing political conditions that they will decline to compromise their immaculate political principles by voting for either Jones, Duncan or Blease. If there were no other sort of men in the State, Blease would not be needed to create a condition of anarchy. The citizen who has not epough sense to choose the best of three exils-if he regards all the candidates as undesirable citizens-is not entitled to a vote; if he has the intelligence to pick the best qualified man of the three candidates and does not do it, he fails in his duty to the State. The ballot is not his personal property, but belongs to the his intelligence and conscience tell State.

The couthern Railway is suspected of meddling in South Carolina polltics and through its chief Attorney, B. L. Abney, and other officials working to re-elect Cole L. Blease. This to poor business for the Southern and in the long run the railroad will lose more than it will gain by having a topl in the Governor's office.

GEN: BOOTH DECLINING.

Asks that "People Who Love Me. Pray for Me."

London, Aug. 14 .-- The condition of Qen. William Booth, commander-inchief of the Salvation Army, who was From the Greenville Piedmont, operated on last May for the removal of a cataract from his left eye and now is totally blind, is growing worse. His son, Bramwell Booth, chief of office by going over the State speakstaff on the Salvation Army, prints ing and charging admission for same. War Cry:

"I deeply regret to say that our belaved general is not so well. His doctor reports, 'I regret that the improvement in the general's health has not been maintained."

"The general's heart is not strained and if only his sleep were restored he would quickly regain much that is now in danger of being lost. The general, speaking of his own weakness and pain last Saturday, said: 'Ask the people who love me to pray for me."

DREADNOUGHTS COMING.

will Visit Charleston Some Fleet Time this Fall.

Washington, Aug. 14.-Secretary Meyer announced today that some time this fall or winter he would show the Southern people the magnificent campaign. Atlantic fleet at as many of the principal harbors of the South Atlantic and Gulf coasts as the dreadnoughts can enter or even approach within reasonable distance. On the list of places to be visited are: Charleston, Savannah, Pensacola, New Orleans, Mobile and Galveston.

DROWNED IN SURF.

Tried to Save Girl.

unable to swim, W. E. Hawes, aged | Carolina, the crowds being augment- | driving mules or steering the House 21, of Atlanta, tried to rescue a young ed by the many who were going on along the right read, he is too cute. weman from the surf on St. Simon's account of the low rates put on for Island today and was drowned. The the day. young woman was rescued by Lee Ar note, of St. Simon's.

to be careful in the surf.

WAGNER & CO. GET ONE AND CANDIDATES AND VISITORS EN-RODGERS-McCABE COMPANY THE OTHERS.

Carolina Staple Behind Schedule-Prospects for Banner Season for the Charleston Market, However.

Three brand new bales of South Carolina cotton arrived here this morning, in a neck to neck race for the honors of the season. T. W. Moody, of Marion. G. F. Bamberg, of Bamberg, and Col. Lawrence Youmans, of Fairfax, being the growers. F. W. Wagener & Co. got one of the bales, and the Rodgers-McCabe Company the others-the Moody and Bamberg bales-netting the growers 15 cents a pound, while Col. Youmans was given 10 cents a pound. The Wagener bale was exhibited today in East Bay street, in front of that establishment's door, and excited a deal of interest. The Rodgers-Mc-Cabe bales are at the press of this company, at the foot of Charlotte

As usual there was a merry race farmers for the honor of producing the first bale, and the prize will have to be evenly divided. Cotton is a little late this year, and the new bales come in a week behind the average record. The new cotton is classed as strict middling, with a good staple. The Bamberg bale weighs 520 pounds, figure in weight. The Youmans bale weighs 420 pounds and classes as middling, and the Moody bale 397 pounds.

G. W. Kirkland, of Bamberg, marketed the Bamberg bale, and it was shipped to Charleston by H. J. Brabham. The Blackwell company, of tend a baseball game between the

There are prospects for a banner season in the Charleston cotton market during the coming season. Ex-

BLAME IT ON THE CAT

Health Officers Say Tabby is Responsible for Infantile Paralysis.

Springfield, Mass, Aug. 14 .-- Offibelieve they have traced the source of infantile paralysis to the house cat. well developed cases in cats and will meetings found the speeches interestsend the affected animals to Boston for observation.

A Suggestion to the Governor.

If Cole Blease is defeated for remoney as he gets from the Governor's making an impression. the following announcement in the His followers have been so anxious to hear him this summer that they have run about in droves all over the State to the campaign meetings.

Campaign Meeting at Privateer.

throughout the speaking. All of those who went from the city reported says there is very little of that tenor having a good time. Dinner was serv- now, but there will be plenty to raise ed by the ladies of the Bethel Church | the anthem for the Demiscratic Nafor the benefit of the school.

Quite a number of persons went from here to Privateer Tuesday morning to attend the campaign meeting at that place. There were not as many, however, outside of the candidates, who went as went to Shiloh at the opening meeting of the

"State board of health will please note." says the Columbia State, "that Lexington babies are in danger of being kissed to death. Forty-eight candidates are campaigning that county." What about the bables of Kershaw county?-Camden Chronicle.

Young Man who Couldn't Swim here Wednesday morning and passed ting up the steel framework. through to the mountains and the springs and health resorts in the Brunswick, Ga., Aug. 11 .- Although | northwest part of this State and North |

The Dalzell boys were greatly out-After Hawles' death a letter was re- classed by Manning last week, but missing money probably has come wondering why our craters lay so ceived from his mother warning him they were a nice gentlemanly bunch. here. It is cotton picking time,-Wil- much stress on cotton and cannot see -Manning Times.

## THE WEDGEFIELD MEETING.

TERTAINED WITH LAVISH HOSPITALITY.

The Speakers Were Heard With Attention by an Intelligent and Interested Audience of More Than One Hundred and Fifty Voters-The Crowd Aggregated Probably Two Hundred Including Ladies and Children, While Dinner Was Served for at Least Five Hundred-Baseball in the Afternoon.

The county campaign meeting at

Wedgefield Thursday was a most satisfactory occasion to the candidates. for they had an attentive and interested audience, a patient hearing amid pleasant surroundings and all the speakers were at their best. The meeting was held in a shady grove near the school house, a stand had been erected for the speakers and seats were provided for the ladies, of whom there were a large number presnt. The crowd represented, not only Wedgefield and the immediate this year among the South Carolina Stateburg, Sumter and other sections. Quite a crowd went over from this city and the people regretted that the attendance was not larger. At 1 o'clock the speaking was suspended and a most tempting and bountiful dinner was served. The long table near the speakers' stand was literally loaded with everything that a hungry human could wish for -there was barbecued lamb, barbecued pig, chicken in a half dozen styles, country ham, rice, bread, biscuits, cakes, pies, etc., and so forth. After dinner the speaking was concluded in time for the crowd to at-Marion, shipped the Wagener bale Wedgefield team and one from Eastover. The ball game was not up to the standard of the dinner, but the players are to be excused since it is probably not exactly fair to compare tensive improvements and expansion their amatuer performance with the have been made at the local presses, dinner prepared by the accomplished and a volume of over 700,000 bales housekeepers of a community long for the year is predicted. The State famous for hospitality. The most will produce a fair crop, with good noteworthy feature of the ball game weather conditions for maturing and was the score-15 to 5 in favor of picking the crop, and good prices look | Wedgefield-but the playing was not promising. To a considerable extent as bad as the score would inficate. the crop will be reduced by cutting of the size of the score piled up by State, and he is in duty bound to acreage and the bad weather condi- Wedgefield being the result of one use the ballot as the State's agent, as tions of the early part of the year, to- bad inning in which Eastover made gether with a financial shortage a number of errors and seemed to

the place, and if he know but a but might have made it nineteen

The campaign meeting was called to order shortly after 11 o'clock by mar the force of the papers we bad been brought before the courts, for the North to purchase feel goods. Mr. W. J. Rees, who presided and introduced the speakers.

The several candidates made cials of the local health department speeches along the same lines as at previous meetings, but none adhered. slavishly to a set speech, so that even ing. In some respects the speeches were the best of the campaign, and it of platitudes. The candidates for the House of Representatives, especially, are discussing real issues in a

Wilson as a Vocadist.

Tavannah News.

well as an orator and scholar. This a clear, full tenor voice. Gov. Wilson, tional Glee Club on the fourth day of next March.

To Head Manning Schools.

school. Mr. Newton is a graduate of Wofford and is highly recommended. We sincerely hope he will not disappoint the trustees and the patrons of the school.-Manning Times,

Bank building, otherwise and more commonly known as the "skyscraper" was resumed Tuesday after a cessation of several weeks due to lack of material and the non-arrival of the Quite a large crowd went off from parties who will have charge of put-

> Speaker Clark may not be of Presidential timber, but when it comes to

> hungton Star,

## **FARMERS'** UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

Tuesday was spent with the Florence County Union at "Evergreen," four miles east of Effingham. These brethren mean business, and are doing business through the Farmers' Union. With the live special deputy organizers that I got in touch with at this meeting. Florence county shouldsoon be thoroughly organized.

\* \* \* Crops over there are like in Sumter and Lee counties, spotted. But there appears to be more good corn in Florence. A good judge and one whose duties take him all over Florvicinity, but Privateer, Manchester, ence county, said not more than half as much cotton will be made this year

> From Florence to Hendersonville, N. C., is quite a jun n which I made Tuesday night, reaching "the land of the sky" at 6 o'clock. Wednesday morning. Mr. McLaurin met me, and entertained me at his summer home. We worked on the warehouse bill. and the address for two days and a half with occasional breathing spells when he took me to several points of interest in his car. The delightful weather, making fires necessary in the evenings, was a stimules to brain work, and my only regret was that the time was too short. There were quite a number of Summer people up there... but I was too busy to meet them, except as we were passing on the

crops seemed to be good in Spartan- Governor, would find a pardon. burge country but, below Union they | "A young man, Joel Smith, caught for their summer rest. wers very paor.

labored ou so inchstriously.

tee for an unexpired term of one the case has not been tried. The inspectors have discovered several those who have attended the other year, I went to a picnic 8 miles wast three handred strong. Gave us a mot yet been tried. He cannot say is a matter of comment by observant bountiful dinner, but made us pay for the act of holding up the trial was than our before-dinter efforts.

\* \* \* young days as a glee club sing at as tiffed forms, and magnificent views, of justice in this case, and if he will able attention .- Augusta Chronicle, and wild ballows to give hearity to do that, he has done the same thing, is recalled by his former classmates the scenery. A beartier set of chil- in other cases. We cannot and will The campaign meeting at Privateer in Johns Hopkins university and the dien I have selden seen anywhere, not support him." Tuesday was a quiet one, a good at- University of Virginia. He often sang and the zumbers of them! from batendance being present to hear the in the concerts of the Johns Hop- bies in arms to youths and maidens, candidates and good order prevailing kins Glee Club in Baltimore and had whose thoughts were of lare, they were there. All bright and cheerful

> One of the Centures was the fine of lungiey .- Wilmington Star. string band, two violins and a guitar and with them two young men and a maiden made music that charmed us into our best efforts. It was not the dinger, but the music and the glow-The board of trustees have elected ing faces of youth and beauty, among Mr. R. L. Newton, of Clio, as super- the benevolent faces of serious manintendent of the Manning graded hood and womanhood that brought torth our best efforts to please and the defensive, and the Bull Moose par-

For miles the gooseberries grow in abundance amid the stunted pines and black jacks. Some years ago it was The work on the City National said the dried blackberry crop of North Carolina was worth a million dellars a year. It seemed to me from what I saw that tens of thousands of dollars worth of gooseberries are going to waste in Lexington county. They are gathered by the bushels and canned or dried, but I could not help asking why this indigenous crop could not be made to rival the cranberry of New England?

I heard a speaker say we could get 50 cents a pound for our colton, if we would handle it like New England The United States Treasury is short and cut the yield to six million bales of dollar bills. Search the South, The per annum, and I could not help the abundant natural resources go-

ing to waste all around us. No great- THE NEWS FROM MAYESVILLE. er calamity could befall us as a paople than 50 cent cotton, if it were Candidates at Mayesville - Almost brought about by curtailment of the erop to six million bales when the world needs fifteen million baies.

ractor in this progress.

Reasons for Opposing Blease,

newspaper reports, but upon person- W. Spencer, al knowledge. His swn words and Work has not been started on the as he is concerned, says Mr. Rice, He arrived, although the contractor, Mr. says he falls out with no man for Smith, has been in town several times holding opinions differing from his looking over the site. The citizens own, but he does not believe that Gov. hope that something will be done Blease is a fit man to be Governor soon. Work is being delayed on the and for that reason he spposes him. Sarge stare of R. A. Chandler on ac-Mr. Rice then says:

ion and made a speech. Under the pletion and this will be one of the Send for Rice," meaning the editor pleted, of the Times. Another ayal sup- The condition of the crops in this paster of the Governor answered; section is good when everything is "By G-- Rice got his dese." All taken into consideration. Cotton is this took place right before the Gov- opening in many fields and before ernor's fare and while he was appeal- long the picking will be the order of ing to the passions and prejudice of the day. Some of the ginners are the people. He did not open his getting their equipment into shape The applies seemed to be very mouth to rebuke his over zealous for the fall season. Most of the farabundant and these was splendid corn hencamen; indeed, it was virtually mers are engaged in folder pulling in several valleys that we raught an invitation to the lawless to give at present. glimpses of either from the train or a "dese" to anybody and the giver Many persons are returning from the auto. Coming down Friday the of the "dose," being a friend of the vacations to the mountains and sea-

with the money upon his person, Mesdanes J. R. Mayes and W. S. money which he had gotten by break- Chandler and Misses Elma Mayes and Friday evening and Saturday even- ing im and robbing the Rice Drug Minnie Chandler have returned from among the planters that diminished go all to pieces—in this inning have the address and warehouse bill his guilt and was indicted and let Miss liftle Gardner of Bethume is the amount of rertilizer used. -Char- Wedgeheld pushed nine men agrees printed and given to the press, read- out or a \$200 hond. Several terms visiting at Dr. W. W. Gardner's.

ing proof and sending out adverse of court have passed since the occur. Moss of L. Eshe and Issue Goldbut fixed themselves cut running they shows, and other work. My time was removed by the matter, unlikingh can have returned from business so limited that I was a constant presented to the grand jury of Un- trips to the North dread some error, vould creep in and lon caper, in a true ball, has not yet. Mr. 2 Denmark left this morning

Saturday with Bro. E. Harris, face said be had a letter from Governor cent illiness. mer President of the Union and re- Blease asking that the case be postcently put on the Executive Commit- poned. Twice this has happened and for a trip to the mountain resorts. "The Governor knew nothing of Walhada to visit relatives. of Lexit gion court house. The good the case save what was given to him people out there were, out two or by interested parties. The case has Large Cow Stargeon Was Caught.

A London girl obtained judgment In some of the counties they are in a promise suit against a man who even asking the coroners who they wrote her 1,000 latters. A man who favor for governor. This is perfectwould inflict that many letters on a ly natural, perhaps, in view of the girl ought also to be held on a charge armet propensity of some of the

If the thousands of people do not stop treading on Gov. Wilson's lawn, | Talking of Sumter, the natives say his grass will, be positively ruined .- "You can't stop here,"-Charleston Charleston Post.

The Democratic party is on the of- 65 ACRE FARM-One-quarter mile fensive, the Republican party is on from Coats, N. C. Graded school; ty is on the pretensive,-Wilmington

Ready for Cotton Picking - Per-

Mayesville, Aug. 14.-The county In the last few days I saw a part of campaign meeting passed off very an unpublished speech by the late quietly here, as usual. There were Gov. Aycock of North Carolina, in about two hundred voters in attendwhich he said there could be no over- ance and all of the candidates were production as long as there are half given close attention. The speeches clad, half fed human beings in the of the candidates for the legislature world. And that there is something were above the usual in interest and wrong with our system of distributintelligence. There are six aspirtien that such should be the case. It ants for the three positions in the is pleasant to fee! that we are not House, and four of these are for alone in our efforts to bring about Jones, Belser, Dick, Dwight and better market conditions; but that Epps, while the other two, McElveen all over the world the best minds are and Smith, are in favor of Blease. studying these great questions of None of the candidates were asked to markets and finance, tariffs and tax- the meeting here as to how they stood ation. Every year sees progress, upon this question, however. Poli-And the Farmers' Union is a mighty tics, in general, is becoming a live subject here as the primary draws E. W. D. near, Of course, most of the interest centres in the gubernatorial race, but there is, also, much interest in Rev. L. M. Rice, a Baptist minis- the contests for county offices. The ter, who owns and edits the Union following have been appointed as Times says he does not base his op- managers of the primaries here: H. position to Governor Blease upon L. Thomas, R. J. Mayes, Sr., and J.

acts place him beyond the pale, so far new depot yet, no materials having count of the lack of material, also, "Just after The Times building The new annex to the store of R. J. was burned the Governor same to Un- Mayes, Jr., is rapidly nearing comspur of his denunciations a hench- most commodious and convenient man of the Governor called out, store buildings in town when com-

shore, while others are just going off

When laquiry was made by the pros- Mr. E. E. Mayes has gone to Glenn emutors in the case, Solicitor Otts Spring:s to spend awhile after his re-

Mr. H. C. Bland left this morning Mrs. J. W. Caoper has gone to

The dirst sturgeon of any size caught citizens that this is not a campaign, it with two shoesepes each, one befare done because of a numerously signed in the Savanrah River at this point eating, and or a after. They seemed petition. Solicitor Otts told the writ- in a number of years was landed yesto thirk that we needed to be fed to er that he had been informed that terday morning by G. R. Powe, a loget the best cat of us for our after- the Governor had, written the officers cal fish dealer. The fish was seven election he might make as much forcible and convicing manner that is dinner remarks pleased them more here to wire him if the case came up and a half feet long, and weighed and upon conviction he would wire a nearly 200 pounds. It was a cow pardon. We feel sure no one with a sturgeon, and contained a roe that It is about as much of a revelation sense of justice will condemn the weighed thirty-two pounds. For the to a flat country man to tarvel among writer for opposing the re-election of past several years sturgeon has not the sandhills of Lexington as to go to the present governor of South Caro- visited the local waters, and the Gov. Wilson won distinction in his the mountains. There are some beau-line. He has needled with the court eatch yesterday attracted consider-

May be Nacded.

Darlington News and Press.

campaign followers. The coroner's job may be right in line, you know.

also 200 acre farm near This land for sale, cheap. Write W. H. Parrish, Coats, N. C.

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