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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 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.

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?

We hear of some citizens who claim 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.

The Southern Railway is suspected of meddling in South Carolina politics and through its chief Attorney, E. L. Abney, and other officials working to re-elect Cole L. Blease.

GEN. BOOTH DECLINING. Asks that "People Who Love Me, Pray for Me."

London, Aug. 14.—The condition of Gen. William Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, who was operated on last May for the removal of a cataract from his left eye and now is totally blind, is growing worse.

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

DREADNOUGHTS COMING. Fleet will Visit Charleston Some 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 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.

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THREE FIRST BALES COTTON.

WAGNER & CO. GET ONE AND 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.

As usual there was a merry race this year among the South Carolina farmers for the honor of producing the first bale, and the prize will have to be evenly divided.

G. W. Kirkland, of Bamberg, marketed the Bamberg bale, and it was shipped to Charleston by H. J. Brabham.

There are prospects for a banner season in the Charleston cotton market during the coming season. Extensive improvements and expansion have been made at the local presses.

BLAME IT ON THE CAT.

Health Officers Say Tabby is Responsible for Infantile Paralysis.

Springfield, Mass., Aug. 14.—Officials of the local health department believe they have traced the source of infantile paralysis to the house cat.

A Suggestion to the Governor.

From the Greenville Piedmont. If Cole Blease is defeated for reelection he might make as much money as he gets from the Governor's office by going over the State speaking and charging admission for same.

Campaign Meeting at Privateer.

The campaign meeting at Privateer Tuesday was a quiet one, a good attendance being present to hear the candidates and good order prevailing throughout the speaking.

Quite a number of persons went from here to Privateer Tuesday morning to attend the campaign meeting at that place.

"State board of health will please note," says the Columbia State, "that Lexington babies are in danger of being kissed to death."

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THE WEDGEFIELD MEETING.

CANDIDATES AND VISITORS ENTERTAINED 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.

From Florence to Hendersonville, N. C. is quite a jump which I made Tuesday night, reaching "the land of the sky" at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The apples seemed to be very abundant and there was splendid corn in several valleys that we caught glimpses of either from the train or the auto.

Friday evening and Saturday evening I was kept busy arranging to have the address and warehouse bill printed and given to the press.

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The United States Treasury is short of dollar bills. Search the South, the missing money probably has come here.

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.

Crops over there are like in Sumter and Lee counties, spotted. But there appears to be more good corn in Florence.

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THE NEWS FROM MAYESVILLE.

Candidates at Mayesville — Almost Ready for Cotton Picking — Personal.

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Reasons for Opposing Blease. Rev. L. M. Rice, a Baptist minister, who owns and edits the Union Times says he does not base his opposition to Governor Blease upon newspaper reports, but upon personal knowledge.

Just after The Times building was burned the Governor came to Union and made a speech. Under the spur of his denunciations a henchman of the Governor called out "Send for Rice," meaning the editor of the Times.

A young man, Joel Smith, caught with the money upon his person, money which he had gotten by breaking in and robbing the Rice Drug Company's store at night, confessed his guilt and was indicted and let out on a \$200 bond.

Mr. E. C. Blease left this morning for the North to purchase fuel goods. Mr. E. E. Mayes has gone to Glenn Springs to spend awhile after his recent illness.

Mr. H. C. Blease left this morning for a trip to the mountain resorts. Mrs. J. W. Cooper has gone to Walhalla to visit relatives.

Large Cow Sturgeon Was Caught. The first sturgeon of any size caught in the Savannah River at this point in a number of years was landed yesterday morning by G. R. Eowe, a local fish dealer.

May be Needed. Darlington News and Press. In some of the counties they are even asking the coroners who they favor for governor.

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If the thousands of people do not stop treading on Gov. Wilson's lawn, his grass will be positively ruined.—Charleston Post.

The Democratic party is on the offensive, the Republican party is on the defensive, and the Bull Moose party is on the pretensive.—Wilmington Star.

For miles the gooseberries grow in abundance amid the stunted pines and black jacks. Some years ago it was said the dried blackberry crop of North Carolina was worth a million dollars a year.

I heard a speaker say we could get 50 cents a pound for our cotton, if we would handle it like New England and cut the yield to six million bales per annum, and I could not help wondering why our critics lay so much stress on cotton and cannot see the abundant natural resources going to waste all around us.

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