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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.

It is too much to expect that the investigation of the lobby now in progress by a special committee of the United States Senate will expose to the public gaze the inner truth relative to the activities of the hired tools of the vested interests, but developments thus far give reason to hope that some of the truth will come out as the direct result of President Wilson's startling and plain spoken attack on the lobby. If all the senators would tell all they know, the greatest of the muck rakers would be put to shame. The trouble is, however, that the senators who work with and for the agents of the big interests will not, because they dare not, tell on their associates in infamy, while those who have not worked for the lobbyists cannot prove what they surmise. The combination that has framed up crooked legislation for the benefit of protected industries and other special interests has always been a close corporation and its secrets are well kept. It is only when someone, like Hearst, gets hold of the secret correspondence between corrupt senators and their employers, that public gets a glimpse behind the scenes. The publication in Hearst's Magazine of the correspondence between Archbold, of the Standard Oil Co., and Senators Foraker, Bailey, McLaurin and other members of congress, established the fact that there was undue intimacy between Senators and Congressmen and the trusts that have received special favors from congress.

Unless Charleston makes haste to annex Ten Mile Hill and all intervening territory she will have to yield second place to Columbia as the biggest city of the State. The election yesterday by which Shandon and other suburbs were annexed to Columbia put the capital city in the sixty thousand class. It is claimed.

**LENOIR-GRAHAM.**

**Beautiful Home Wedding Solemnized Wednesday Afternoon on Warren Street.**

Many Sumter people are interested in the marriage of Miss Mary Virginia Lenoir and Mr. William Calder Graham, Jr., which took place Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Warren Moise, brother and sister of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. N. Rodgers of the Broad Street Methodist Church in the presence of a few immediate friends of the bride and groom. After the wedding a reception was given to a number of intimate friends and relatives by Mr. and Mrs. Moise. The young couple left on their three weeks honeymoon trip, going first to Philadelphia for a visit to the brother of the groom, after which some time will be spent in New York and Atlantic City, with a short stop at Richmond before they return to Sumter, where they will make their home.

The home was simply but tastefully decorated for the occasion with ferns, potted plants and flowers, enhancing the simplicity and solemnity of the vows which were spoken. After congratulations of those few members of the family who were present and the others who came in for the reception, which was tendered after the wedding, the bride and groom left at 6.30 for their bridal trip.

The bride wore a stylish tan traveling suit with hat and shoes to match. Mrs. Graham is the daughter of Mrs. Mary Alice Lenoir and is one of the popular members of the younger social set in Sumter. The groom is a well known traveling man and comes from Richmond, Va. Both have numerous friends in Sumter and throughout the State and will be gladly welcomed back to Sumter upon their return from their honeymoon.

**POSTMASTER AT MANNING.**

Washington, June 2.—Congressman Whaley today announced that he had recommended to the postmaster general for appointment the names of S. L. Johnson, as postmaster at St. George and Herman H. Bradham at Manning.

**GUNTER THREATENED LONG.**

**WITNESSES TESTIFY IN BEHALF OF AIKEN LEGISLATOR.**

**Hugh Long will Take Stand this Morning and Tell of Killing of Pickens Gunter at Wagener Last September — At Least Fifty Witnesses Heard for Defence — Many Testify to Good Character of Defendant.**

Aiken, June 4.—In striking contrast to the case presented by the prosecution yesterday was the defence today in the case of Legislator Hugh Long, who went on trial here for his life yesterday, charged with the murder at Wagener, this county, last fall of Pickens N. Gunter.

Among the witnesses were Dr. W. P. Houston, of Monroe, N. C., who is a brother to the Secretary of Agriculture; R. W. Lemon, also of Monroe, N. C., a former Representative, now clerk of court for the district from which he hails. R. F. Beasley, another Monroe man, newspaper editor and owner, former Senator, more recently county superintendent of schools, and at present a member with the Governor of North Carolina and one other individual of the State committee on internal improvements; Col. C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia, N. C., and a cotton manufacturer, six years sheriff of his county, now, and for two terms past, mayor of Gastonia, member of Governor Kitchen's staff, and a State delegate to the St. Louis Democratic Convention, was another of the more distinguished character witnesses. Most of these were from the territory in which the defendant lived before he identified himself with the State of South Carolina, and they all united in giving Long a good reputation as to peace and good order and qualities as a desirable citizen.

Among other character witnesses were W. P. Etchison, connected with the advertising department of the Columbia State, and the Rev. J. D. Moore, State secretary for the Baptist Sunday school convention of South Carolina. These gentlemen also spoke of the accused as a man above reproach.

An interesting situation was presented when E. B. Gunter, Jr., manager of the Wagener branch of the banks of Western Carolina, who is a nephew of the prosecuting attorney and closely related to the deceased, Pickens Gunter, took the stand and testified in behalf of the defendant.

With its first witnesses the defence began to establish the fact that, during the political campaign preceding the primary of last summer, a certain faction of the opposition from Wagener worked to effect the defeat of the defendant's candidacy for the House of Representatives, to which office, however, he was elected and has served one session since the killing of Gunter. Numerous witnesses testified that at the campaign meeting at Warrentonville, in this county, which is more than thirty miles from Wagener, Pickens Gunter, Dr. L. B. Etheridge and some other man, from Wagener, were present with the avowed intent, it was alleged, of breaking up the meeting and "howling down" Long when he got up to speak.

The testimony in this connection continued that, while Long was speaking, he took occasion to charge that because, as mayor of Wagener, he refused to do the bidding of "a certain crowd," they were hounding him all over the county. At this juncture some one in the audience, it is alleged, interrupted with the declaration that:

"That's a d— lie!"

"Give me your name," Long cried; in answer, to which there was this response, witnesses claim:

"Mr. Pickens N. Gunter, of Wagener, South Carolina, and if you'll come outside here on the grounds, off comes your head! And you won't come back to Wagener and say that, either."

Numbers of witnesses were placed on the stand to testify of veiled and somewhat remote threats against the defendant by the deceased, while several told of direct threats on the part of Gunter of dire violence to the person of Long if he (Gunter) "ever got hands on him." Two of these were ministers of Wagener, and professed friends of both Long and Gunter, and stated that they had advised the latter to discontinue his hostile attitude toward Long, and that the deceased finally pledged his word to do so; this some time prior to the fatal encounter.

In the matter of direct threats, the two most material witnesses were John P. Pennter and M. T. Holly, both of Aiken. Pennter testified that on one occasion during the campaign he was in Wagener and conversed with the deceased, who asked him to convey a message to Long, which the witness professes to have refused to do. When quizzed as to the nature of the message, he stated that they were "good, strong threats against Mr. Long," that Gunter said:

"Tell Long if he ever comes back to Wagener, I'll kill him or he'll kill me. I could take a rifle and shoot a hole through him without ever feeling that I had done anything."

M. T. Holley affirmed that on the night of the first primary, while several hundred people were crowded around a bulletin board receiving the election returns, he met the deceased, who appeared to have been rather the worse for drinking. Mr. Holley continued that Gunter drew him aside into a little park nearby, when Gunter said:

"Mr. Holley, what in the h—l did you all give Hugh Long such an enormous vote in Aiken for?" and then began to curse everybody in Aiken for voting for Long, witness claimed, and continued that Gunter later said:

"Mr. Holley, if you'll go in that crowd and bring Long out, I'll show you how long I'll take me to kill him, and I'll not only kill him, but bring him into the dust!" Mr. Holley concluded with the observation that he expected he and Gunter would have "fallen out" if he had been as drunk as the deceased.

Drs. J. F. and H. Hastings Wyman testified that they examined Long after he was lodged in the Aiken jail and found a contusion on the left side of the skull; evidences of blood having settled under the eyes, while the neck was blue, scratched and contused as if Long has been struck a severe blow and then choked. Dr. Frampton Wyman found the knees of Long scratched and the skin broken, the trousers split at the knees and the man's drawers in the same condition. Dr. Jennings, of the State Penitentiary, also testified to having examined Long while he was being held in the State Penitentiary for safe-keeping from mob violence, and found essentially that which the local physicians discovered.

One of the defence's witnesses was Butler Smith, who affirmed that, appearing on the scene just as Long arose from his all-fours he caught him by the arm and hastened him away from the crowd. Long was reluctant to retreat, but finally agreed to go with Smith, who denied that they encountered C. A. Lybrand who, it will be recalled, testified yesterday for the prosecution that he did pass the two and that he heard Long mutter, "I intended to kill the—anyway." The witness not only denied meeting Lybrand, but swore that he heard no such utterance from Long.

The witness continued that as they got some distance away from the scene of the shooting, he looked back and saw a crowd forming and coming their way. There must have been more than fifty men in the company, he said, and they were all armed, some had pistols, others rifles, while single and doubled barrel shot-guns were very much in evidence. Smith further swore that some days later he received threats to the effect that since he had saved Long's life, he (Smith) would be killed if he went back to Wagener.

Dr. Nathan Gunter, accompanied by E. B. Jackson, the cashier of the deceased's bank, drove out to Smith's home, the latter stated, some days after, denounced the threats and professed not to have heard them.

After conversing for a time along various topics, Smith was finally asked for a statement, but replied that he had none to make then—that he would tell what he knew "when the right time came."

Fifteen more witnesses were placed on the stand this afternoon, and by one after the other the defence endeavored to establish that there was an interval of but a very few seconds between the first and the second shot that fatally wounded Gunter—that interval, it was described, was that which an individual would naturally take to pull a trigger with any degree of deliberation.

W. V. Jones, who was acting mayor pro tem during Long's political canvass of Aiken County, testified this afternoon that in view of the many threats that Long could not live in the event that he went back to Wagener, two extra men were sworn in and used as secret service men. The prosecution objected to the introduction of this evidence on the ground that these threats did not come from the deceased, whereupon the witness testified that Pickens Gunter did say, "just let me get my hands on him. No man can write me up in his old newspaper. He can't come back here and live, I tell you."

Long will take the stand about 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Supervisor P. M. Pitts and Mr. R. L. McLeod are busy preparing an index card system of the names on the dispensary petition which they can use conveniently in checking off the names when a comparison is made with the registration books. This is probably the best system which could be devised in doing the work which the supervisor has before him.

**Peas For Sale.**

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**COUNTY BOARD MEETING.**

**CITY COUNCIL CONFERS WITH BOARD CONCERNING PURCHASE OF SITE ON WHICH CITY HALL STANDS.**

**J. H. Seale Again Elected Rural Policeman—W. B. Cooper Presents His Commission and is Seated by Board—Other Matters Attended to at Monthly Meeting.**

The County Board held its regular monthly meeting in the supervisor's office Tuesday with all of the old and new members of the board present. A number of matters came up for the consideration of the board, the most important of which were the re-election of Julian H. Seale as rural policeman to take the place of A. M. Bateman and the appearance before the board of City Council of Sumter to confer on the purchase of the site on which the city hall is built.

At the meeting Mr. W. B. Cooper presented his commission duly signed and, as his bond had been filed previously, he was allowed to take his seat. The board is now composed of the following members: P. M. Pitts, chairman, J. I. Brogdon, W. I. Young, E. T. Mims, W. S. Burkett and W. B. Cooper.

With the seating of Mr. Cooper on the board, the election of a rural policeman for Sumter County to take the place of A. M. Bateman was entered into. Mr. Julian H. Seale, who had been elected at a former meeting, but whose election had not been confirmed by the governor because of the fact that there was not a full board at the time that the election took place, was again elected rural policeman. It was decided that he should have his headquarters at or near Dalzell, while acting as rural policeman, as this would be about the center of his district. There were six applicants for the position and the election was not unanimous.

It was decided to draw a check for the full month of May in favor of Mrs. A. M. Bateman. Petitions from J. S. Geddings, E. H. Sauls, T. M. K. McElveen, and W. H. Cook for ex-confederate pensions were taken up and the names were added to the pension list, checks to be issued at once.

A bill from the sheriff for the expense of carrying T. B. Coughman to Columbia for a hearing before the Chief Justice was refused, it being held by the board that the expense should be borne by the prisoner, if he were financially able.

City Council appeared before the board to ascertain on what terms the county would sell to them the land on which the city hall is situated. The board, after hearing from council, declined to name a price at this meeting, the matter being left over to be decided at a future meeting.

A law was passed at the last session of the General Assembly authorizing the board to sell this property to the City of Sumter and it is the intention of the city to sell and build city offices on some other site. The land is owned by the county and is being held by the city under a ninety-nine year lease, fifty-five years of which have elapsed.

**LIGHTNING KILLS NEGRO.**

**Farm Hand and Four Mules Fatally Shocked at Florence.**

Florence, June 2.—During a thunder storm which crossed over this section late this afternoon Louis Henry, a negro farm hand, and four fine mules of Mr. Joe M. Commanders were instantly killed by lightning. Mr. Commander was stunned from the shock. Henry was in the field cutting oats and driving four mules to a mowing machine, and Mr. Commander was standing nearby when the fatal bolt came. Besides the loss of one of his most reliable hands, Mr. Commanders' loss on live stock will be about \$1,000.

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**NOT ENOUGH NAMES.**  
Seems no Dispensary Election Will be Ordered in Lee.

Bishopville, June 4.—On Sunday June 1, various petitions were filed with Supervisor Evins of Lee county asking that an election be ordered on the question of re-establishing the dispensary. On yesterday a committee of citizens asked for and obtained a copy of the petitions and sent the hot weather is now being complained of by those who were complaining of the cold weather a short six months ago.

Just a few more than 400 names of registered voters are on the petition while the list shows something over 2,000 registered voters, so it seems that the required number of one-third is not on the petitions praying for an election, therefore an election can not be ordered.

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