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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.

Two years ago Gov. Blease claimed that his political enemies captured the county conventions by gum-shoe methods, that if his friends had known what was being done they would not have been caught napping but would have rallied to his support and controlled the club elections, the county conventions and the State convention. To prevent a repetition of the triumph of his enemies this year the word was passed months ago among the Blease faction to attend the club meetings and elect more Blease delegates to the county conventions. They were not caught napping this year, but nevertheless they failed to control the county conventions, and the result was almost a total defeat of the Blease faction in the county conventions throughout the State, instead of regaining what they lost two years ago they lost almost everything they then had. Even Newberry and Anderson sent solid Anti-Blease delegations to the State convention. Gov. Blease and the leaders of his faction will be conspicuous by their absence from the State convention.

**CASASUS NAMED FOR OFFICE.**

May be Appointed Foreign Minister to Go From There to Presidency—Huerta's Abdication Reported.

Vera Cruz, May 5.—Advices from Mexico City today state that Joaquin Casasus will be chosen foreign minister.

Gossip again reports that Huerta has consented to abdicate under pressure by the diplomatic foreign representatives. Casasus said he had no affiliations with any political faction and could enter the presidency, without showing favor to Huertistas or constitutionalists. He has been in Germany but is now on his way home. The Mexican constitution provides that president must first serve as foreign minister.

**Solace to Go North.**

Washington, May 5.—The hospital ship Solace today was ordered to proceed north at once with the sailors and marines wounded at the occupation of Vera Cruz. She will land them either at New York or Boston. Secretary Daniels said the navy surgeons feared the effects of the climate on their patients.

The banks will be closed on Monday, which will be observed by them as Memorial Day, a legal holiday.

**STATEBURG CLUB RESOLUTION.**

Wilson, Smith and Manning Endorsed by Loyal Democrats.

Whereas, The present administration has conducted affairs at Washington with a high degree of ability and dignity; and whereas the Hon. E. D. Smith, Junior United States senator for South Carolina, has filled that position for the past six years with fearlessness, industry and ability, and being in touch with the agricultural and other interests of the State, and being in perfect harmony with the National administration is thus enabled to render signal service to South Carolina.

And Whereas the Hon. R. I. Manning has announced his candidacy for governor of our State, and believing that if he is elected he will conduct the affairs of the State in a manner to be an honor to South Carolina and beneficial to all interests,

Therefore, Be it Resolved, That the members of the Stateburg Democratic Club do hereby endorse the present administration at Washington, also the candidacy of Senator E. D. Smith for re-election to the United States senate, and that of Hon. Richard I. Manning for election as governor of South Carolina, and commend them to the voters of the State.

**RAGSDALE'S HURTS NOT SERIOUS.**

Congressman Falls From Horse in Washington Park.

Washington, May 4.—Representative J. W. Ragsdale narrowly escaped death or serious injury Sunday while riding with a party of members of the Riding and Hunt Club, of this city, in Rock Creek Park. Mr. Ragsdale was mounted on "Red Chief," his handsome jumper, which is among the exhibits in the Horse Show now in progress here, and was undertaking to make the animal take one of the high hurdles in the park. The horse failed to clear the hurdle, throwing Mr. Ragsdale with great force.

The congressman was hurried to his home in an automobile, but was found to have sustained no serious injury. Though his shoulder was dislocated and he received a cut above the eye, both troubles were easily handled by the doctors, and today Mr. Ragsdale was in his seat in the house, apparently little the worse for his exciting experience.

**COUNTY BOARD MEETING.**

The County Board held its regular monthly session Tuesday with a full attendance present. There were few matters of importance discussed, action being taken on the following matters:

Mr. Pitts reported that he had received four convicts from the State penitentiary and had put them to work on the county gang.

W. H. Browder was granted an ex-Confederate pension and a request from J. C. Compton for one was postponed until a further consideration could be had.

Mr. R. B. Belser requested the board to put a price on the lots on Law Range opposite the court house. After discussion the price on the last six lots, there are eight there belonging to the county, was fixed at \$4,800.

A number of bills were audited and ordered paid.

**DARK CORNER NEWS NOTES.**

Henry Bartlette Dead—Crops Doing Well—Correspondent Unwell.

Dark Corner, May 5.—We had a fine rain here last Wednesday evening which was very much needed. The vegetables in our gardens were withering up for the lack of moisture and the late planted cotton could not germinate.

From what I now see there is about to break out a war in this community which will not be fought by able-bodied men alone, but the women and children will be allowed to take part in this war. It wont be a war with Mexico, Japan or Spain, but just a fight against old "General Green" again. The early planted cotton is up to a good stand and I have heard of some who have begun to chop. Corn has a pretty fair stand although some complain of the crows and moles. Oats are small, but seem to be in a healthy state and are bidding fair to make a fine crop. Gardens are nothing to brag on. Mrs. W. J. Ardis has the finest Irish potatoes I have seen. They were planted about the 20th of February from home raised seed.

Rev. R. M. DuBose, pastor of the Methodist church at Pinewood, preached a fine sermon at the Reid school house to a large congregation last Sunday night.

There is a large Sunday school carried on at the Reid school house every Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. W. G. Elwell of Pinewood is the superintendent and Miss Eunice E. Osteen of this corner is secretary.

Mr. Henry Bartlette, whom I mentioned in my last letter as being sick, died April the 7th, aged 40 years and 7 days. He left a wife, two daughters and one son to mourn his death.

It was thought that Mr. Blanding Ardis had the smallpox sometime ago, but it was a false report that got out.

While in Sumter on the 11th of April, I was told by one of the policemen of your city that his wife said I was dead. No, Mrs. B., I am not dead yet, but I have been sick now for over a month, just able to drag around. Mrs. W. J. Ardis keeps very feeble all the time.

Miss Osteen will close her school, (Reids) next Wednesday night, the 6th. "Hard Times."

**ANOTHER TREATY SIGNED.**

In Event of Trouble, Disputed Points Between United States and Italy Are to Be Submitted to Investigation.

Washington, May 5.—Secretary Bryan, and Marquis Cusani Confalonieri, Italian ambassador, today signed a treaty providing that any question between the United States and Italy which can not be settled by diplomacy shall be submitted for investigation to an international commission of five members.

The period of investigation is fixed at one year, although it may be shortened. The treaty is the 15th of the new Bryan peace treaties.

No provision is made for the preservation of the status quo of the army and navy as in the previous conventions.

**REFUSES NEW TRIAL.**

Judge Hill Overrules Motion in Leo M. Frank Case.

Atlanta, May 6.—Judge Hill this afternoon overruled a motion for a new trial in the Leo M. Frank case.

**TICKET SALE GOOD.**

Chautauqua Tent to Be Pitched at Corner of Main and Bartlette Streets.

The Redpath Chautauqua will be here all of next week, arriving Sunday and leaving on the following Saturday night, after the last performance, and its big tent will be situated on the Crosswell lot at the corner of Main and Bartlette Streets, a convenient distance from the railway stations where all persons coming in on trains can reach it easily and make connections with trains after the performances.

The tent is capable of seating 2,500 persons and it is expected that at many of the performances it will be taxed to its utmost to hold the crowds. There are numerous big attractions in the list of those coming here during the week and the people of Sumter have shown much interest and interest has been aroused among those living in the country surrounding within a radius of thirty or more miles.

The sale of seats is being conducted by ladies of the city, who are doing this work for the Y. M. C. A. in order to make the Chautauqua a success in Sumter. The sale up to the present time has been good, but the people of Sumter should remember that these ladies are doing this work gratis and should not be requested to come back later, if the tickets are wanted, as this imposes double labor on them. The Y. M. C. A., under whose auspices the Chautauqua is coming, has guaranteed to the Redpath Association the sale of 750 tickets at two dollars each and this number of tickets has to be sold before the Y. M. C. A. receives any benefit from the Chautauqua. The tickets are now on sale by the local committee at two dollars each. On next Sunday night this sale will be taken up by the Redpath people and the Y. M. C. A. will not receive any receipts after that time, nor will the prices be the same. The costs of season tickets will be three dollars and of individual tickets to performances more than three times this amount in all. It is therefore best to get season tickets and to get them now.

The local committee, consisting of Messrs. E. L. Witherspoon, H. L. Birchard, R. J. Bland and Mr. Howell of the Redpath Chautauqua have been visiting points in the vicinity of Sumter recently and are making other points this week, where they are endeavoring to arouse interest and to sell tickets. They have met with much success in their efforts and many people from all of the surrounding country are coming to attend performances of the Chautauqua.

**HORSE SHOW TO OPEN.**

Greenville to Be in Gala Attire Today.

Greenville, May 5.—Greenville will be in gala attire Wednesday for the opening day of the horse show. A number of the city's enterprising merchants will have special window displays and others will make liberal use of bunting, etc., in decorations for the city's annual classic.

Wednesday will open the eighth annual exhibition of the local association, and the list of entries this year is said to be the largest ever known here. Visitors and exhibitors have been arriving since Sunday, and large representations from Atlanta, points in Kentucky, North Carolina and many other States are here.

Clifton of Sumter a Coming Man. Manning Times.

It is with pleasure that we note Sumter has re-elected Hon. J. H. Clifton, County Chairman of the Democratic party, and a delegate to the State Convention. Mr. Clifton is without doubt one of the coming men of South Carolina, recognized one of the most formidable debaters in the State and by long odds the most forceful debater in the State senate. He is ever on the alert for the interests of Sumter, especially, and when it comes to matters of general interest he exhibits a wonderfully keen appreciation of discrimination and statesmanship. We think we speak the general view of the members of the Senate when we say that Sumter has in John H. Clifton a representative whose place would be hard to fill, and the State and Gamecock County has every reason to be proud of.

We have not been informed by Senator Clifton whether or not he will stand for re-election, should he not do so it would not only be a misfortune for Sumter, but a source of deep regret throughout the State.

Those who have had an opportunity to see him in action appreciate his broadness of mind, his devotion to duty to his constituents, and his great ability to discuss with clearness the most intricate problems that are presented in a legislative body. We shall be greatly gratified to see his candidacy announced soon.

Selma, Ala., May 7.—A heavy hail, rain and wind storm resulted in great property and crop loss early today.

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