

READY CASH SALE.

Just at this Season we are particularly in need of Ready Cash. Those possessing same can exchange it for rare bargains.

WHITE GOODS.
 Fine Dotted Swiss,
 Regular price 15c, ready cash sale 11c
 " " 18c, " " " 15c
 " " 20c, " " " 16c
 " " 30c, " " " 22c
 Extra quality 35c Dotted Swiss,
 ready cash price 27c.
 62-inch white Organdie, worth 30c,
 ready cash sale 22c
 72-inch white Organdies, worth
 35c, at 27c
 72 inch extra quality 60c Organdie,
 ready cash price 46c.
 Solid colored Organdies, all shades,
 worth 18c, ready cash price 13c.
 42-inch Madras Cloth for Shirts
 and shirt waists 15c goods, ready
 cash price 12c.

PARASOLS, PARASOLS.
 We have special inducements in this
 line.
 60c Parasols, Ready Cash Price 48c
 75c " " " " 63c
 \$1.25 " " " " 97c
 1.50 " " " " \$1.33
 2.50 " " " " 1.98
 3.00 " " " " 2.49
 4.00 " " " " 3.49
 \$1.25 white silk Parasol. 98c
 2.00 " " " " 1.37
 5.00 Tan Chiffon Parasol, 3.25
 5.00 Dresden Silk Parasol, 3.37
 4.00 Pongee Silk Parasol, 1.98
 All styles, black and natural wood
 handles

SHIRT WAISTS.
 A pure White Linen Waist—very
 swell and stylish, a \$2.50 article,
 ready cash price \$2.15
 We make a specialty of \$1 Shirt
 Waists and have positively the best
 and nicest assortment on the market.
 Our 50c Shirt Waists are all that
 they should be and more than you
 could reasonably expect for the price.
SUMMER NOVELTIES.
 Organdies a' Orleans, fancy and
 solid colors—10c goods, ready cash
 price 8c
 Organdie Lisse, a desirable sum-
 mer goods, selling everywhere at 15c,
 ready cash sale 12c
 French Organdies, 25c is the reg-
 ular price, ready cash sale 18c

DRESS GOODS.
 1 lot Novelty Suitings, worth 25c
 at 19c yd
 1 lot 30c Novelty Suitings, 22c yd
 1 lot Covert Clothes, regular price
 40c, ready cash sale 34c The most
 desirable goods for bicycle and out-
 ing suite is the Covert Cloth
 1 lot Novelty Weaves, 40c goods
 for 34c.
 Our entire line of 50c Dress Goods
 Novelties, for the ready cash sale 39c
 Wash Silks, ready cash price, 22c
 a yard.

CHILDREN'S SAILOR HATS
 A choice line at 25c.
 50c Child's Sailor, ready cash
 sale, 38c
 Extra quality Child's Sailor 48c
 Ladies' Sailors with black and
 white bands 25c
 A choice line of black and white
 sailors, that can't be beaten at 75c
 Ladies' mixed straw Sailors, worth
 65c, at 50c
 Ladies' Crash Bicycle Hats—A
 novelty, ask to see them, 47c
CLOTHING.
 Our line is too extensive to enu-
 merate prices, our line runs from \$5 to
 \$25, embracing the celebrated
 Strouse & Bros., square shoulder per-
 feet fitting goods.

We offer a special discount on all
 clothing for this Ready Cash Sale.
 Children's Wash Suits. See the
 line we are offering
MEN'S WEAR;
 Men's Negligee Shirts with sepa-
 rate cuffs, 50c
 Men's \$1 Shirts, colored bosom,
 separate cuffs 87c
 Men's 85c Shir s, colored bosom,
 separate cuffs 67c
 Men's \$1 Shirts, colored all over,
 separate cuffs, 92c
CRASH HATS.
 The leader for spring. The larg-
 est assortment in Sumter For this
 sale 45c
 Crash Alpine Hats 25c

J. RYTTEBERG & SONS.

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The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1898.

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 mani-
 festly the best advertising medium in
 Sumter.

The Watchman and Southron is giv-
 ing as full and as late news from the
 war as any weekly paper published in
 the State and much fuller and later than
 the large majority of weekly papers.
 Everything of importance is covered in
 our telegraphic press reports up to noon
 of Wednesday—the day of publica-
 tion. We held the forms open to the
 very last minute it is possible to do so
 and catch the mails leaving this city
 between noon and 2 o'clock p. m. We
 are sparing neither expense nor trouble
 to give our subscribers a first class ser-
 vice, and we are confident that they ap-
 preciate our efforts to serve them. There
 was never a better time to subscribe to
 the Watchman and Southron than at
 present.

We want to know: Do all who
 write or wire Governor Ellerbe offer-
 ing their services against Spain expect
 to receive officer's commissions? If
 not why do they not wait until they
 can volunteer regularly?

Spain has called out the reserves.
 The United States has issued the
 call for volunteers Spain has bor-
 rowed every cent possible and is
 calling upon her patriotic citizens to
 come to the rescue of the Govern-
 ment with gifts of money for the
 army and navy. The United States
 has not yet spent all the money in the
 treasury and is merely consider-
 ing the advisability of levying a
 slightly heavier tax for war purposes.
 Spain has trouble in keeping the
 riotous mobs, anarchists and malcon-
 tents in subjection. The United
 States has neither mobs nor anar-
 chists. Spain has a population of
 less than seventeen millions all told.
 The United States has a population
 of seventy millions, and wealth and
 resources beyond estimation. Can
 there be but one result of the war?

In the Revolutionary War the dis-
 trict that is now known as Sumter
 County furnished a large number of
 patriot soldiers who served with Sum-
 ter and Marion. At least two com-
 panies in Sumter's Brigade and one in
 Marion's were formed of Sumter
 County men. In the war of 1812
 Sumter County had, according to
 some authorities five companies on
 duty. In 1836 Sumter County sent
 one twelfth of the South Carolina
 contingent to the Florida War. In
 1847 Sumter County was represented
 in Mexico by the Sumter Volunteers,
 Company A of the Palmetto Regi-
 ment, and this company was one
 tenth of the troops furnished by
 South Carolina. How many men
 Sumter County sent to the front in
 the last war we know not, but we do
 know that five hundred were left dead
 on the field of battle. This is a re-
 cord to be proud of, a history that
 does not belie the name of "Game
 Cocks," but it belongs to the
 past, it was made by the
 men of departed and rapidly departing
 generations. What will the men of
 Sumter do to continue this proud his-
 tory. Will they volunteer or will they
 be content to perform "this duty" by
 serving in the militia, a service of ab-
 solute safety at present and the future
 does not promise any great danger.

John Jacob Astor is a millionaire,
 but he has lots of patriotism, along with
 his dollars and he is spending his money

freely in the service of the nation.
 The press dispatches stated this morn-
 ing:

John Jacob Astor, of New York,
 not content with offering the Govern-
 ment free his splendid yacht Normahod
 and free transportation for troops and
 supplies over the railroads in which he
 is interested, has come forward with
 notice that he has raised and equipped
 at his own expense a battery of artil-
 lery, which he desires to offer to the
 Government under his own plans for
 service in Cuba. This offer probably
 will be accepted, although the depart-
 ment has been deluged with offers to
 raise volunteers in this way to the ag-
 gregate number of at least 50,000.

This shows that millionaires are men
 after all and do not hesitate to make
 use of their vast wealth liberally and
 patriotically.

The expected has come to pass—
 corn, wheat, meat and provisions of all
 descriptions have advanced in price as
 a result of the war with Spain. The
 price of cotton has declined and the end
 is not yet; in all truth and earnestness
 we believe that we are as yet scarcely
 at the beginning. Provisions are
 sure to become dearer and dearer
 every week so long as the
 war continues, while cotton will grow
 cheaper each week. Should the war
 continue through the summer and into
 the fall and winter the effect on the cot-
 ton market will be vastly more serious
 than it can be at the present time. The
 acreage estimated to be planted in cot-
 ton this year will produce, provided
 ordinary conditions prevail, ten and
 one half to eleven million bales. This
 enormous crop alone, following on
 the heels of the eleven million bale crop
 of 1897, would be sufficient to depress
 the price twenty-five per cent below
 the cost of production, and for the life
 of us we cannot comprehend why the
 men who must bear this loss persist in
 increasing the cotton acreage.

Added to the evil of over production
 we now have this war with Spain, the
 effect of which will be to decrease the
 consumption of American cotton to an
 amount equal to the annual takings of
 Spanish cotton manufacturers, if not to
 an even greater extent. All circum-
 stances and conditions are operating
 against the cotton producers, and the
 prospect is that the crop of 1898 will
 cost more than the average crop and
 sell for less. Provisions are advancing
 in price and those farmers who find it
 necessary to make their crop on Western
 corn, Western meat and western flour
 will find that every pound of cotton will
 cost them more than they estimated.
 There is no escape from the seriousness
 of the situation for those who have to buy
 provisions in order that they may
 live until the present crop has
 been harvested, but by forethought and
 prudence they can make provision for
 the future. The man who goes ahead
 making a large cotton crop to the neg-
 lect of the food crops, expecting to pur-
 chase food with the proceeds of his cot-
 ton is recklessly courting financial dis-
 aster and in iting destruction and suf-
 fering. No one can foretell how long
 the war will be protracted nor what the
 consequences will be, but it is already
 apparent the cost of living will be ma-
 terially increased. Therefore the man
 who produces the necessities of life is
 the wise man, and he alone will be in-
 dependent of circumstances. The man
 with empty corn houses will be desti-
 tute, indeed, even tho' he has more cot-
 ton than ever before.

Key West, April 26.—The U. S.
 gunboat Mangrove has captured a
 large Spanish transport with troops
 aboard. The Mangrove and prize is
 coming into port now, but it cannot
 be discerned what boat she has cap-
 tured. It is thought to be either the
 Alfonso Thirteenth or the Montserat.
 In either event it is a big prize—the
 most important capture made since the
 war began

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, South Carolina Section.

For the Week Ending Monday, April 25, 1898.

COLUMBIA, S. C., April 26

The mean temperature for the
 week was normal but over the west-
 ern, northern, and northwestern
 counties the nights were too cool for
 the growth of crops, while the day
 temperatures were sufficiently high to
 warm the ground and bring up seed
 recently planted. The mean tempera-
 ture for the week was 65 which is
 also the normal for the same period.

There was a wide range of tem-
 perature between the western and
 eastern portions, viz: between 91 on
 the 20th at Gillisonville and 36 on the
 21st at Greenville. Light frosts were
 observed on the mornings of the
 20th and 21st in Pickens, Greenville,
 Saluda, Union, Newberry, Lexington,
 York, Chester and Lancaster coun-
 ties but nothing was injured.

The rainfall for the week was
 heavy and well distributed, and over
 the greater portion of the State was
 needed and will prove beneficial,
 while over limited areas in the west
 central counties the ground was pre-
 viously too wet and farmwork will be
 further delayed. Over the southeast-
 ern, eastern, and northeastern coun-
 ties the rain was timely for oats and
 for putting the soil in condition for
 transplanting tobacco. Twenty five
 places, representing all portions of
 the State, reported amounts of rain-
 fall of one inch or more, four of
 which had over two inches, with ex-
 cessive falls of 4.73 and 4.25 at St.
 Paul and Ella respectively. The
 average of all reports is 1.19 and the
 normal for the same period is approx-
 imately 0.82. Light hail fell on the
 23d and Govan and Cheraw but did
 no damage.

The sunshine varied greatly over
 the State but averaged 86 per cent
 of the possible. High winds accom-
 panied the thunderstorms over New-
 berry county destroying fruit trees
 and blowing down fences.

The weather on the whole was
 favorable for farmwork, which pro-
 gressed rapidly and is now well ad-
 vanced.

Corn planting made fair progress
 and upland corn in most counties is
 nearly all planted, some bottom lands
 have been planted.

Complaints of poor stands of corn
 are general and include all portions
 of the State. Some of the earliest
 planted has been plowed up and re-
 planted while replanting is neces-
 sary in many places owing to cut
 and bud worms and the poor germi-
 nation of seed. Early corn that was
 cut down by frost is coming out slowly.
 In general the nights have been
 too cool for corn to grow well. Early
 corn, in places, is large enough to
 plow.

The bulk of the cotton crop was
 planted during the week, and only in
 the extreme northwestern counties
 does any considerable area remain to
 be planted. Early planting is com-
 ing up to irregular stands while later
 planting is coming up nicely. None
 has been chopped out yet. In the
 northeastern counties rain was need-
 ed but has been copiously supplied.

Oats are small and backward in
 Barnwell, Hampton and Beaufort
 counties owing to the dry winter, but
 the recent rains will benefit them.
 In other portions of the State oats are
 very promising and are heading. The

rains of the week will assure a full
 crop.

The reports on wheat are uniform-
 ly favorable and indicate a full crop
 Wheat is heading.

The work of transplanting tobacco
 made rapid progress, although the
 ground was too dry in places during
 the first of the week, but the weather
 conditions were generally favorable.

In the lower rice districts planting is
 nearing completion and good stands are
 the rule throughout the entire rice rais-
 ing sections.

Irish potatoes are being dug in
 Charleston and Beaufort counties, but
 the yields are poor; later planting looks
 more promising. Potato bugs have ap-
 peared in Charleston county.

Sweet potato slips are coming up
 nicely in most places, although a few
 complaints are received of their not
 growing well.

Musk melons are coming up poorly
 and are later than usual. Watermel-
 ons have poor stands in Edgefield,
 Barwell, Orangeburg, Florence and
 Williamsburg counties. Gardens are
 generally late but recently have been
 doing well.

Large shipments of strawberries,
 beans, peas, potatoes, and cucumbers
 being made from the Southern truck
 district, and of strawberries from the
 Williamsburg and Florence districts.

More corn and other food crops, than
 usual being planted in Spartaeburg
 county.

Farmers are well up with their work
 except in portions of Laurens and Sa-
 luda counties where it has been de-
 layed by too much rain.

From the Daily Item.

The most despicable creature in
 existence is the man who expounds
 the cause of the enemy of his coun-
 try; and not a whit less contempti-
 ble is he who claims to think that
 every act of his country is wrong and
 the acts of her enemies just and ad-
 mirable and praiseworthy. The
 News and Courier has words of
 praise for the Spanish for their deter-
 mination to resist the purpose of the
 United States to end the Cuban
 butchery to the last bitter ex-
 tremity, but nothing but fault find-
 ings with the policy of the Uni-
 ted States Government, which is
 merely the crystallized sentiment
 of the majority of the people of this
 country, who, thank God, are not
 dead to the claims of humanity nor
 destitute of patriotism. The editor-
 ial opinions of the News and Courier
 may meet with the approval and
 commendation of the "conservative"
 "business men" of the country who
 counts all things in dollars and cents,
 but there are many others who have
 been surprised and grieved that a
 native American should entertain the
 sentiments recorded day after day in
 the leading paper of the largest city
 of South Carolina.

The Powers to Spain—Tell your
 troubles to the marines; we have
 troubles of our own—Augusta Chroni-
 cle.

ARE YOU BANKRUPT in health,
 constitution undermined by ex-
 travagance in eating, by disre-
 garding the laws of nature, or
 physical capital all gone, if so,
NEVER DESPAIR
 Tutt's Liver Pills will cure you.
 For sick headache, dyspepsia,
 sour stomach, malaria, torpid
 liver, constipation, biliousness
 and all kindred diseases.
Tutt's Liver Pills
 an absolute cure.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 24—Fu-
 gitives from Guantanamo, province
 of Santiago de Cuba, say Spanish
 troops are concentrating in principal
 sea coast cities and laying waste by
 fire interior towns and plantations.
 It is feared devastation will be com-
 plete before the Americans can occu-
 py that territory.

On Board Flagship New York, off
 Havana, April 24—Noon.—During
 the early morning the Morro Castle
 batteries again opened fire on the fleet,
 but without the slightest effect. There
 have been no casualties among our
 forces up to the hour of writing, and
 not a single shot has been fired against
 the batteries.

London, April 25—The Times this
 morning protests editorially against the
 intention attributed to the United
 States to cut a cable belonging to an
 English company, and expresses the
 hope that America will not establish so
 evil a precedent, which might be held
 by Spain to justify the cutting of any
 cable landing on American soil.

I was reading an advertisement of Cham-
 berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Rem-
 edy in the Worcester Enterprise recently,
 which leads me to write this. I can truth-
 fully say I never used any remedy equal to
 it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never
 had to use more than one or two doses to
 cure the worst case with myself or child—
 W. A. Stroud, Pocomoke City, Md. For
 sale by A. J. China.

Queenstown, April 25—The 30-
 knot Spanish torpedo boat destroyer,
 Audaz, passed Roches' Point at 4.45
 a. m. to day (Monday) going sea-
 ward, after three weeks in the
 Queenstown dry dock.

New York, April 24.—The steam-
 er City of Washington, from Ha-
 bana, arrived to day, bringing 95
 Cuban passengers, two thirds of
 them women and children. She was
 the last vessel to leave Havana be-
 fore the United States fleet establish-
 ed the blockade, having departed last
 Wednesday. She brought 1,050,000
 francs of French gold and a general
 cargo.

Pitts' Carminative
 Aids Digestion,
 Regulates the Bowels,
 Cures Cholera Infantum,
 Cholera Morbus,
 Diarrhoea, Dysentery,
 Teething Children,
 And all Diseases of the Stomach
 and Bowels. It is pleasant
 to the taste and
NEVER FAILS
 to give satisfaction.
 A Few Doses will Demonstrate
 its Superlative Virtues.

LAMARS Is Highly Recom-
 mended for COUGHS,
 COLDS, HOARSENESS,
 SORE THROAT, BRON-
 CHITIS, ASTHMA,
 WHOOPING COUGH,
 AND ALL DISEASES OF
 the Throat, Lungs and Bronchial Tubes.
 A POSITIVE SPECIFIC FOR CROUP.



FOR EASTER SUNDAY BREAK-FAST
 The customary Easter eggs could
 have no better accompaniment than
 a slice from our sugar cured ham or
 or dainty bacon. In the meantime
 we have any delicacy to tempt the
 Spring appetite—Spring lamb, Spring
 broilers, Beef and Pork.
 Manufacturer and shipper of Sau-
 sage, orders by mail or wire promptly
 attended to.
E. HOGAN,
 Telephone No. 26.
TUOMEY BLOCK.
 Oct 25

Master's Sale.

State of South Carolina,
 COUNTY OF SUMTER.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

The Bank of Darlington, plaintiff against
 Morry J. Kelly, John O. Kelly, David B.
 Kelly, Emma C. Welch, heirs at law, and
 distributees of G. Ben Kelly, deceased, Oliver
 F. Kelly, H. Baum and M. Baum, co-part-
 ners, doing business under the firm name of
 Baum Bros.; and Dana V. Hearon, doing
 business under the name of J. M. Hearon,
 Agent, Defendants.

PURSUANT to the judgment and order
 of the Court aforesaid, made in the
 above entitled case, I will offer for sale at
 Public Auction, before the Court House in
 the City of Sumter, County and State aforesaid,
 on the First Monday in May, next,
 1898, (being the 2d day of said month) be-
 tween the hours of eleven o'clock in the fore-
 noon and five o'clock in the afternoon of said
 day, the following described property to wit:

All that piece, parcel or tract of land, lying,
 being and situate in the County of Sumter,
 and State of South Carolina, containing one
 hundred and ninety-eight acres, more or less,
 as bounded as follows to wit: North by
 the lands of W. H. Kelly, and M. C. Welch;
 South by Lynch's River; East by lands of
 Mattie Harris and West by lands of W. W.
 Kelly; (being the same land described in the
 mortgage of G. Ben Kelly to J. A. Kelly the
 boundaries varying slightly.)

Terms—One half cash, balance in one year
 from the day of sale secured by the bond
 and mortgage of the purchaser, on the prem-
 ises with interest from the day of sale.

Purchaser to pay for necessary papers and
 recording
 W. H. INGRAM,
 Master for Sumter County.

April 6

WAR! WAR! WAR!

But the "White" is vitciorious. We are now selling sewing machines from ten dollars up. We have a few machines that are slightly used that we will sell cheap. We also have a nice line of Organs that we will sell on easy terms. We are head quarters for Sewing Machines and supplies. Old machines taken in exchange for new ones.

M. B. RANDLE,
 Manager,
 Sumter Music House.
 SUMTER, S. C.

THINK OF IT!

There isn't a weak point anywhere about the

STIEFF PIANOS

They are a perfect example of Piano-build-
 ing, and the price is right.
 STANDARD ORGANS

TUNING AND REPAIRING
 Pianos For Rent—Terms to Suit
CHAS. M. STIEFF,
 BALTIMORE 9 North Liberty St.
 WASHINGTON 621 11TH ST. N. W.
 NORFOLK VA. 118 MAIN ST.
 Charlotte, N. C., 213 N. Tryon St.

THAT LOCAL GUARANTEE.

We put a local guarantee on every guar-
 anteed bicycle we sell. If you buy a guar-
 anteed wheel from us we keep it in repair one
 year free of charge. People who deal with
 us will never know what it is to pay out ex-
 press charges. Our plant is complete, if it
 did come by incise. We build, sell, trade
 and repair. Just a peep at the interior of
 our shop is all you want.
 Respectfully,

JENKINS BROS.,
 "THE OVERALL KIDS."
 Next Door to Express Office.
 April 6