

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 1905.

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.

THE FIRST CROP REPORT.

The Weather Bureau Reviews the Situation—Conditions for Planting.

Columbia, April 4.—The weather bureau began today the reissuing of weekly crop reports, which are continued until crops are "made." These reports are reliable and are a good index of general conditions. The first report follows:

During both January and February the temperature was persistently low and unfavorable for the growth of winter grains or of truck, but with the advent of March the conditions improved rapidly. The latter part of March was warmer than usual and stimulated the rapid growth of all forms of vegetation. The temperature averaged about five degrees per day above normal. The month was unusually free from frost, only one heavy and two light ones having been generally noted, and none of these was damaging. During the last week day temperatures above 80 degrees were common.

The precipitation was below normal during January, and about normal during February, and was deficient during March, when less than half the usual amount fell. In the first two months of the year the conditions under which the precipitation occurred, and that portion in the form of snow, sleet and frozen rain melting as it did slowly, were conducive to the retention of practically all the precipitation that fell, and the soil became well supplied with moisture, but the almost entire absence of rain during the second half of March allowed clay lands to become baked and hard, but in most places on all kinds of upland soil the ground is in good condition for tillage.

Plowing and the preparation of lands, generally, made rapid progress during the second half of March and are at this date as well advanced as usual.

Upland corn planting is nearly finished in the southeastern counties where some is up to good stands; in the central and western ones corn planting is well under way, or has only begun in the latest regions. While a few fields of cotton have been planted in the southeastern counties, this work is not really under way, and the preparation of lands scarcely half finished. Other spring crops have nearly all been planted in the earlier portions of the state. Rice planting has been begun in the Colleton district. Gardens are either planted or ready to plant. Wheat and oats made rapid growth during the last week, and where fall sown oats were not winter killed, they look promising. The damage from winter killing was considerable in parts of the state and was very slight in other parts. There was a large acreage of spring oats sown, and some spring wheat. Both are coming up nicely.

Tobacco plants are of fair size in the beds. Truck did well during March; lettuce and radishes are being shipped, and peas are about ready to market; beans have good stands. Fruit trees of all kinds were in full bloom during March, and the indications at this time are favorable for a large fruit crop. Pastures are nearly ready for grazing.

CZAR PREVENTS PEACE.

His Mental Condition the Only Stumbling Block.

Washington, D. C., April 4.—According to a prominent official of the United States who is so prominent indeed that were his name to be mentioned it might almost commit the government to his views, the only stumbling block between peace and war between Russia and Japan is the mental condition of the Czar.

He says, "Both Japan and Russia are anxious for peace. Japan is ready but she wants it on her own terms. There is, however, no prospect of an early cessation of hostilities. The trouble is that there is doubt as to the possibility of binding the Russian government to any agreement."

"Asked regarding his reason for disbelief of the possibility of binding the Russian government to an agreement he said, 'I mean that the Czar is so changeable and uncertain that I doubt whether any government could make a binding agreement with him on any subject. He does not know his own mind from one day to another.'"

Since President Roosevelt's absence Minister Takahira has discussed and laid before Secretary Taft the whole case from Japanese standpoint, so that he may know the circumstances as fully as the President knows it. It is recalled that recently President Roosevelt had luncheon frequently with the French ambassador and Minister Takahira is the highest authority for the statement, despite the denials that have been made, that these luncheons were the prelude to peace negotiations.

SENATOR MANNING SPOKE IN LEXINGTON.

A Strong Speech From Sumter Man Had its Effect.

Special to the State. Lexington, April 3.—The meeting of the Cotton Growers' association of Lexington county was held here today. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Dr. E. J. Ethredge, and after a few introductory remarks he introduced Senator Richard I. Manning of Sumter, who spoke to the farmers for an hour.

The speaker made a fine impression on the people, and his speech was greatly enjoyed by all. He told the farmers that the matter of governing the price of cotton was in their hands and it was now up to them to organize, stand pat, and in six weeks, time they would win.

After Mr. Manning had concluded his speech, several of the citizens made short speeches and the body was then regularly organized and the chairman was instructed to appoint at least one canvasser in each township to secure pledges.

The farmers seem to be interested and it is safe to say that while Lexington county is not so much of a cotton county, still she is ready to do her part, and a reduction in acreage will be made in this county.

How the Japs Captured the Russian Navy.

This is the topic and all absorbing hobby of Europe, America and civilization. Even the barbarian from the remote parts of Asia and Africa, together with the unspeakable Turk and South American fanatic. All are, absorbed as it were, in astonishment at the yellow peril and what next.

No subject created more intense interest during the last few days of the World's Fair at St. Louis, than did the wonderful reproduction of an actual engagement of Port Arthur, seen from the desk of the British man of war *Invincible*. Ships, men and guns in actual war, even to the very smoke from the torpedoes, one can almost hear the men cheer as they wave their hats in the exultation of victory. This same wonderful picture, this reproduction of an actual event will be reproduced in the Opera House, Thursday night, April 6, under the auspices of the local Red Men by a chief of the order, Warner Wyndham who has secured the exclusive right to present it in the South. All are invited, but it will be wise for those interested to secure seats at once from the secretary or any brother of the order.

Overworked Kidneys.

Murray's Buchu, Gin and Juniper is prescribed and endorsed by eminent physicians. It cures when all else fails. Prevents Kidney Disease, Dropsy, Bright's Disease, etc. At all drug stores \$1.00 a bottle or direct from the Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT

OF THE CONDITION AND BUSINESS OF THE "Bank of Sumter," Sumter, S. C. At the close of the quarter ending March 31, 1905, published in conformity with the Act of the General Assembly.

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts,	\$304,757 53
Bonds,	12,000 00
Real Estate	17,550 00
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,500 00
Cash on hand, Cash Items and Cash due by other Banks and Bankers,	59,905 03
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$395,712 56</b>

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$ 75,000 00
Deposits,	222,321 25
Due to other Banks and Bankers,	247 48
Rediscouunts,	46,000 00
Bills payable,	20,000 00
Undivided surplus,	32,243 83
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$395,712 56</b>

I, W. F. RHAME, Cashier of "The Bank of Sumter," do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

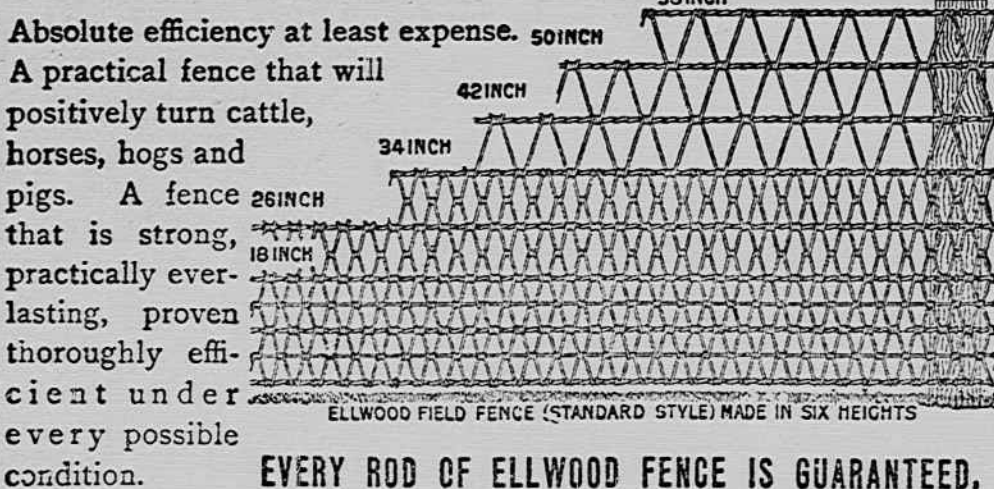
W. F. RHAME, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April 1905.

R. L. WRIGHT, [L. s.]  
Notary Public for S. C.

Correct Attest:  
RICH'D I. MANNING, President.  
MARION MOISE,  
C. G. ROWLAND,  
April 5, 1905.

THE DURANT HARDWARE CO. HEADQUARTERS FOR ELLWOOD ALL STEEL WOVEN FIELD FENCE, POULTRY, RABBIT AND LAWN FENCE.



Absolute efficiency at least expense. A practical fence that will positively turn cattle, horses, hogs and pigs. A fence that is strong, practically everlasting, proven thoroughly efficient under every possible condition. EVERY ROD OF ELLWOOD FENCE IS GUARANTEED. If you want your fencing problems satisfactorily solved, call and see the ELLWOOD FENCE and let us show you for how little money you can get absolute satisfaction. In addition to this we will gladly make estimates on any fencing. See our Refrigerators, Ice Cream Freezers, Baseball Goods and Fishing tackle.

THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Bicycle Thief Bound Over for Trial. New Trial in Railroad Case.

Magistrate John F. Ingram, of Privateer, was in the city today to hear the preliminary examination in the case of the State vs. John Multon, indicted for larceny of a bicycle. Harmon D. Moise, Esq., was present for the State, and John H. Clifton, Esq., represented the defendant.

After considering the testimony adduced at the hearing, the magistrate arrived at the conclusion that there was sufficient evidence to make out a case of probable guilt, and bound the defendant over to await trial at the next term of the court of general sessions. On application of counsel the defendant was admitted to bail in the sum of \$200.

Magistrate Harby at noon today heard a motion of Mark Reynolds, Esq., for a new trial in the case of Fleming vs. the A. C. L. railroad, which was heard on Monday last, and resulted in a small verdict for the plaintiff.

The motion was made on the ground that the magistrate refused a request to charge, and because he charged a request of the plaintiff's which was diametrically opposed to and inconsistent with the request of the defendant, which latter request should have been charged; and, in refusing so to do, the jury might possibly have been misled as to the true significance of the law governing such cases. The magistrate agreed with the defendant's counsel and ordered a new trial.

Rafting Creek township was probably the best represented section of the county in the Cotton Growers' meeting Monday. A large majority of the representative farmers of that township were present.

Murray's Iron Mixture.

Now is the time to take a spring tonic. By far the best thing to take is Murray's Iron Mixture. It makes pure blood and gets rid of that tired feeling. At all druggists 50 cents a bottle or direct from the Murray Drug Co., Columbia, S. C.



Your Eyes

Are surely worth more to you than the price of a pair of glasses. If you value your eyes have them properly fitted at once by

Dr. F. H. Newton, Eyesight Specialist. 21 So. Main Street, - Sumter, S. C. April 5-4t

THE SUMTER SAVINGS BANK At Close of Business, March 31, 1905.

RESOURCES.	
Loans,	\$132,168 12
Furniture and Fixtures,	1,375 00
Cash on hand and in Banks,	16,825 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$150,368 12</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock,	\$25,000 00
Deposits,	96,372 52
Undivided Profits,	8,992 60
Dividend unpaid,	3 00
Rediscouunts,	20,000 00
<b>Total,</b>	<b>\$150,368 12</b>

I, Geo. L. Ricker, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. L. RICKER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of April, 1905.

R. L. EDMUNDS, Notary Public, S. C. Correct Attest: I. C. STRAUSS, V. Preet., MARION MOISE, D. J. CHANDLER, April 5. Directors.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms in Asheville, N. C., \$5.00 per room monthly; arrangements can be had for light housekeeping if desired. Owner will occupy 3 rooms in July and August. House contains nine rooms. For information address Mrs. Robert Brohun, Wedgefield, S. C. Mar 22-1m\*

Estate of Miss Mary E. Holliday, DECEASED.

ALL persons having claims against said Estate will present the same, duly attested; and all persons indebted in any way to said Estate will make immediate payment to ISAAC M. NICHOLS, Administrator. March 22 3t

THE FIRST DOLLAR SAVED IS .....THE BEST.....

The Sumter Banking and Mercantile Company, of Sumter, S. C., will open a saving department and receive deposits of one dollar and over on which 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed, payable quarterly.

The way to have a bank account is to start, and you will find it easy enough to keep it growing. Save your pennies and nickles and you will soon have dollars.

Call and get particulars as to interest, deposits, etc. Deposits, subject to check solicited.

SUMTER BANKING AND MERCANTILE COMPANY, Sumter, S. C. Mar 21-tf

COPY SUMMONS. FOR RELIEF.

(COMPLAINT SERVED. The State of South Carolina, County of Sumter, Court of Common Pleas. Ulrica Dinkins, plaintiff, against Kershaw Nixon, defendant.

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action of which a copy is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscriber at his office in the city and county of Sumter, South Carolina within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

To the Defendant Above Named: You are hereby notified that the complaint in this action was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County on the 10th day of March, 1905, and said complaint is now on file in said office. L. D. Jennings, Plaintiff's Attorney. March 15-6t

THE HEGE LOG BEAM SAW MILL WITH HEACOCK-KING FEED WORKS. ENGINES AND BOILERS, WOODWORKING MACHINERY, COTTON GINNING, BRICK-MAKING AND SHINGLE AND LATH MACHINERY, CORN MILLS, ETC., ETC. GIBBS MACHINERY CO., Columbia, S. C. THE GIBBS SHINGLE MACHINE

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SPRING OPENING.

As previously published our Spring Opening will be held on

THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH.

And to which you are cordially invited—Especially the Ladies. We intend to make this an occasion of combined pleasure and profit to our patrons, as on this date we will offer

50 DOZEN PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

At 5 Cents--Worth 10 Cents.

1000 yards Persian Lawn at 10 cents. Matched elsewhere at 15 cents.

35 pieces Sheer India Linen Lawn at 10 cents. Special value.

Another lot of those wide all silk Ribbons will be offered at 10 cents a yard.

500 yards Wash Habutai Silk at 20 cents per yd. Think of it.

A wide range of evening shades in a 24 inch all silk Crepe De Chenes at 50 cents—their usual value is 75 cents.

Another big lot of Embroideries at irresistible prices.

The above and many other great values will be on sale.

THE SUMTER DRY GOODS CO.

SPRING ANNOUNCEMENT

The Spring of 1905 is upon us, and we are prepared to meet it, with the largest, best assorted, and most attractive stock of merchandise that we have ever offered to the pleasure of offering to the public. Our buyers have but recently returned from the manufacturing centres, exercised care and judgment in their selections. Our experience of more than twenty years gives us an opportunity of knowing the wants of our people, and the duty we owe to them is to see that their requirements are as nearly supplied as possible and we feel assured that a critical examination of our stock will convince them that in our selection for this season, we have excelled all of our previous records. We carried over no Spring Goods, that having been reduced to a minimum before our buyers went to market, and you may safely count on getting from us being new, fresh, and up-to-date.

GOODS ARE CHEAP

There will be no occasion to find fault with the price of goods, for they are below even the present value of cotton. Those who find it inconvenient to go to town, we will be pleased to send them samples in your requests for these, we would thank you to indicate as nearly as possible what is wanted, it is almost impossible to send out a complete line. It is needless to say that we appreciate the liberal patronage bestowed upon us in the past, and all our efforts will be directed towards meriting a continuance of it in the future by fair and honest treatment.

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