

**The Watchman and Southron.**  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 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.

Florence was the first county to vote to retain the dispensary when the opportunity was given them by a Brice law election. It is also worthy of note that in Florence the merits and demerits of the system, as compared with probable conditions following the closing of the dispensary, were more fully, freely and sanely discussed in the public prints than in other counties where elections have been held. The Florence Times published a series of communications from leading citizens that discussed the issue in all its bearings. Both sides made the strongest presentations of their views possible and the people decided to bear present ills.

The three sign painters who have been pardoned by Governor Heyward after serving nearly two years in the penitentiary after conviction, on circumstantial evidence, of robbing the Atlanta postoffice and bank, have been irreparably damaged and they have no redress. Their case gives point to the often quoted maxim of law that it is better that ninety-nine guilty men escape than that one innocent man be unjustly punished.

Twenty per cent. increase in the postal receipts in a year and thirty-three per cent. gain in a quarter makes a showing for a town to be proud of. That is Sumter's record.

The financial difficulties—amounting to practically their wreckage—of the Union and Buffalo cotton mills illustrates very forcibly the perils that attend the attempt to mix business and downright speculation. All business is, in a sense, speculation, but there is a well defined line that separates legitimate business ventures and speculative risks.

For the past few days cotton has been selling on the local market for less than 10 cents. This is wrong, for cotton is worth 10 cents or more. A man just as well exchange dollars for ninety cents as to sell cotton for less than it is worth. Now is the time for the Cotton Growers' Association and the individual farmers to do their trust busting. If the farmers rush their cotton to market now they will be forced to take seven or eight cents in a short time.

No place seems to be free from graft. The hundred million dollar Equitable and the two for a quarter Mutual Hill Insurance Company of Marlboro county appear to have been about on a par, save in the amounts grafted by their respective officers; the big guns in the Federal departments in Washington and the little sons of guns in the Richland Supervisor's office displayed the same inability to distinguish their own money from public funds. Graft is the national evil.

**FIRST CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL.**

The Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy Will Open at Acton Tomorrow.

The "Gen. Sumter Memorial Academy," the first consolidated rural high school to be established in Sumter county, was opened at "Acton" Stateburg township, yesterday morning, Tuesday, October 10th. This academy is the result of the consolidation of three of the public schools of Stateburg township. Col. J. J. Dargan, who has recently returned to Stateburg to live, has volunteered his services as principal for the year, and he will be assisted by the regular teachers of the public schools which have been incorporated in the academy.

**New Books for City Schools' Library.**

The city schools' library has received from a friend and well-wisher the following books: Three large volumes, Wonderful Developments of the Nineteenth Century, Portraits and Principles, Chase's Story of Stonewall Jackson, eleven volumes of Nations of the World, twenty volumes of Masterpieces of the World's Literature, twenty-eight volumes of The Encyclopedia Britannica. This makes in all sixty-two volumes—a handsome donation and one that is valued very highly.

Information has been received in the city by Hon. R. I. Manning through Messrs. Smith and Hyatt that Daniel J. Sully will speak here to the farmers and others interested in cotton in the Court House on Oct. 13th. There should be a large gathering to hear the discussion of the premier student of the cotton situation.

The good road movement has been pushed more by the users of bicycles and automobiles, fundamentally pleasure vehicles, than by farmers and others who use wagons for business. The indifference of those who would be most decidedly benefitted by good roads is one of the inexplicable mysteries of the times.

**APPEAL TO COTTON GROWERS.**

Keep Cotton Off the Market Till the Price Goes Up!

To the Farmers, Merchants and Bankers of South Carolina: In view of the present decline in the price of cotton I consider it my duty to make an appeal to the farmers to hold their cotton off the market. I ask that the merchants and banks assist them in doing this. The merchants, by not pressing them, and the bankers by lending them sufficient money on their cotton to enable them, to meet the obligations that cannot be deferred.

The price fixed by the executive committee at Asheville at 11 cents may seem to some rather high, but when the New Orleans Convention fixed cotton at 10 cents the difference between the current price at that time and 10 cents was very much greater than the current price now, and 11 cents. You will recall that cotton, when the New Orleans Convention assembled, was under seven, about six and a half. By standing together, by unity of action, by a little sacrifice, and patriotism, the Southern Cotton Association forced the consumer to pay to the producer more than 10 cents. Have you thought what that difference in price meant to the individual and the South? The grower has a right to fix the price of his product, and can fix it if he will stand by this Association, which is making a gallant fight to keep the speculators from getting cotton at their own price.

Let every farmer withdraw his cotton from the market. This will check the receipts and the market will be obliged to advance. If you have to sell try to find some man who will buy it and retire it from the market. There are plenty of men in each county of sufficient means and patriotism to do this.

In spite of the report circulated by the bears and their allied interests, who are trying to depress the price of your cotton, we are reliably informed that throughout the Southern States through the influence of the Southern Cotton Association the farmers are holding their cotton off the market. Let us stand by our Southern brothers in this great fight. It means the financial emancipation of our beloved Southland. Yours truly,

E. D. Smith,  
President S. C., Div., S. C. A.

**NEGRO BOY SHOT.**

The Old Story of the Deadly Unloaded Pistol—The Victim a Boy 13 Years Old.

From the Daily Item October 9. A negro boy about 13 years old, named Hargrove Frierson, was shot and instantly killed by another negro boy 14 years old, named Herbert Vaughan, about 9 o'clock Saturday night at the coca cola bottling works platform, near the Atlantic Coast Line freight depot in this city. The bullet entered the right temple and came out back of the left ear. The shooting was done with a pistol, and Vaughan claimed that it was accidental and that he did not know that the pistol was loaded. There was no eyewitness to the occurrence other than the participants. A younger brother of the victim was the only person near, and Vaughan started with him to inform the parents of the dead boy, but ran off and has not yet been arrested by the police who are looking for him. He has been located, however, and his father has informed Sheriff Epperson that he will surrender. It is thought to have been the result of carelessness to say the least.

The dead boy is a son of A. U. Frierson, D. D., president of the Kendall Institute.

Coroner Flowers held an inquest yesterday and all available evidence was brought out. While there were no eye-witnesses of the killing, several persons who were in the vicinity, stated that Vaughan exclaimed, "Why didn't you tell me the pistol was loaded," immediately after the shot was fired. The verdict of the jury was that Hargrove Frierson came to his death from a pistol shot wound inflicted by Herbert Vaughan.

**TAX NOTICE.**

The County Treasurer's office in Court House building will be open for the collection of taxes, without penalty, from the 15th day of October to the 31st day of December, inclusive, 1905.

The levy is as follows: For State, 5 1-2 mills; for county, 3 1-2 mills; Constitutional School, 3 mills; Polls, \$1.00. Also, School District No. 1, Special, 2 mills; No. 2, 2 mills; No. 3, 2 mills; No. 4, 2 mills; No. 16, 2 mills; No. 17, 1 mill; No. 18, 2 mills. 50 cents capitation dog tax.

A penalty of 1 per cent. added for month January, 1906. Additional penalty of 1 per cent. for month February, 1906. Additional penalty of 5 per cent. for 15 days in March, 1906.

T. W. LEE, County Treasurer.  
October 5th, 1905.



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**The Florence Election.**

The Florence Times congratulates the people of the county on the fact that the election was conducted with such good feeling and that no bitterness was left. It explains the dispensary victory because of the fact that an organized campaign was made, and the issue was discussed calmly and with reason, and adds:

"We are sure that the dispensary is the best solution that we will ever have of the liquor problem, and we are sure that sooner or later liquor will be provided for in those counties that have already gone against the dispensary. It is better to hold to what we have until we see something better. Let us all use what influence we can to keep men from abusing liquor, make it respectable. If the women would work as earnestly to put the ban on drinking by young men as they work for other things the greatest reform would be achieved. Florence will not be the only county to withstand the tide of prohibition sentiment, others will take courage from her to think more freely and to act in conviction of what is best. The state dispensary will stand, some law other than the Brice law will be before the people soon and there will be a change in the story as monotonously reported of late. We will see abuses in the system regulated, and grafters cut off. We look for reform and expect to get it."

Don't let the children suffer. If they are fretful, peevish and cross, give them Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea. The best baby tonic known. Strength and health follows its use. 35 cents. China's Drug Store.

**Boys' Clothing.**

Everybody interested in boys' clothing will do well to read the advertisement in this issue by the D. J. Chandler Clothing Co.

Clemson College will hold Farmers' Institute in a number of counties this fall and winter. Those citizens who desire an institute held in their community are requested to send their applications to J. N. Napier, director of Farmers' Institutes, Clemson College, S. C., not later than November 1, 1905.

Game Cock Lodge No. 17, Knights of Pythias will give an oyster supper and smoker at its Castle Hall on Monday, October 23. A committee consisting of Messrs. Geo. D. Levy, chairman; A. A. Manning, W. W. McKagan, James Barrett and W. H. Blake has been appointed to make all necessary arrangements; they expect to do all in their power to make the affair a success and are desirous of having a full attendance of the local Knights.

Why suffer with tiredness, mean, cross feeling, no strength, no appetite. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well and keep you well. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. China's Drug Store.

As an illustration of the interest taken in the Sumter Fair Ground Association and Live Stock Show, outside of Sumter, Mr. John H. Steffens, a prominent citizen of Charleston, and a great lover of fine horse flesh, has written to the secretary of the Association to put him down for five shares.

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To The Trade**

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Secure a Tailored Suit from our Ready-to-Wear Department, either in the Eton or Pad-dock design. These stylish, serviceable suits are shown in dark green, plum, garnet, grey and black.

Not elsewhere in Sumter is to be seen the large variety of Coats for Ladies, Misses and Children. And we say the same in reference to our Housefurnishing Department. Estimates cheerfully furnished on complete House and Hotel equipment.

Again we say, Heed Our Advice!

**THE SUMTER DRY GOODS CO.**

**CLOTHING FOR  
MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN.**

If there is any one department more than another, that has shown marked improvement in our establishment, it is our Clothing. While it is true that we make a specialty of popular priced goods, and no doubt sell more of these than any house in the city, each season we find the demand for higher classed goods increasing upon us until now our line is complete up to \$16.50.

**MEN'S \$5.00 SUITS.**

The garment we are offering at this price has no superior and few if any equals. They are well tailored and fit like they were made to sell for double the price.

**AT \$7.50**

This line includes navy blue flannels, fancy worsteds, and cassimers in an elegant assortment of patterns.

**OUR \$10.00 LINE.**

Here is where we excel. There is no place in the State in which a better suit of clothing can be bought at \$10.00 than from us. We try to get the best that money can buy to sell at that price, and we seldom fail.

**At \$12.50, \$15.00 & \$16.50.**

We are offering as nobby a line of suits as can be found in any first class clothing establishment. Already we have had to reorder on several of our higher priced numbers.

**YOUTHS' CLOTHING.**

It matters not what the young man's means are, we can suit his pocket book from a good substantial suit at \$4.00 to a very nobby swell suit at \$12.50.

**BOYS' SUITS.**

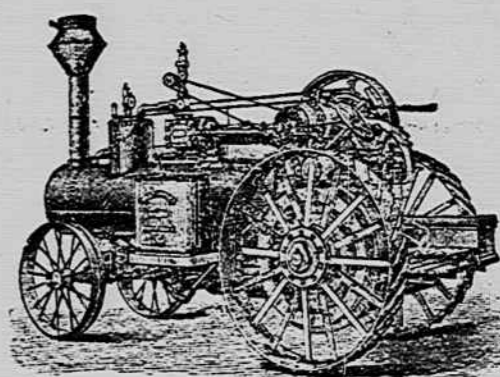
The boys are never overlooked by our clothing buyer, and this season finds us with the largest line for the little fellows to select from that we have ever offered, embracing everything from \$1 to \$5.

**MEN'S PANTS.**

Our buyer picked up one hundred pairs made from mill ends that we are selling at \$3.00, regular \$5.00 goods.

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