

Watchman and Southron.
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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1856 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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Subscribers are requested to examine the label on their papers, which show the date to which the subscription has been paid. Those who find that they are in arrears are requested to call and settle or remit at the earliest convenient date. The amount that each subscriber owes is small, but in the aggregate the amount due us for subscription is quite large—and we need the money.

PROFITABLE FARMING.

The importance and practical value to the farmers of Sumter county of the soil survey now being made under the direction of the United States Department of Agriculture cannot be overestimated. But while the survey in itself is important, and, when completed, will afford a mass of exact information that will be of practical value for everyday use to those farmers who qualify themselves to utilize the information made available in convenient form, the results to be obtained depend wholly upon the farmers themselves. The Department of Agriculture will furnish the data and will suggest how the farmers should proceed to obtain the results desired, but this is all that the government can do. The farmers must do the rest, they must help themselves.

Supplementary to the soil survey the department sends out fertilizer experts, who, by field experiments, extending over a term of years, demonstrate how to turn to practical account the scientific data of the soil survey. These field experiments will be made, however, only when the farmers show a live and healthy interest and when a sufficient number of them will co-operate with the department in making the experiments. Mr. Frank Gardner, one of these soil and fertilizer experts is now in the city looking over the field for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the farmers of Sumter county desire to co-operate with the department in this line of work supplemental to the soil survey. For the purpose of laying the matter before the farmers a meeting has been called for Saturday, and we trust that every farmer who wishes to obtain the most out of his land, to increase its fertility from year to year at the least expense and to make his occupation as profitable as possible will be present. No more important matter has ever been presented for their consideration, and they should not neglect the opportunity.

The men who compose the standing committees of the Chamber of Commerce should be able to do something for the good of Sumter.

The school children of Sumter need another school house. No other argument is required and on this simple statement of a fact the taxpayers will vote to issue bonds to provide the money to build the new school house.

The tangle over the employment of an engineer to supervise the construction of the sewerage system is unfortunate and it is to be hoped that a way can be found for arriving at a just and amicable settlement at an early day as possible. The complications that have arisen are due to a misapprehension of the facts and of the law under which the city must proceed, and there should not be any great difficulty in adjusting the existing differences if all parties will but take a reasonable view of the matter.

There is only one cloud on Sumter's future and that is the lack of a navigable river to afford water routes in competition with the railroad, but this can be overcome by the construction of an independent railroad or an electric road to some convenient point on the Wateree or Santee to connect with a boat line. This is a matter that the Chamber of Commerce might profitably investigate.

If the United States courts should declare that the agricultural labor contract law, that has been in operation in this State for a number of years, is unconstitutional, farm labor in this State will be worse disorganized and harder to control than ever before, for it has been only the fear of the changing that has kept many farm hands from jumping their contracts after obtaining an advance on their wages.

repe respecting the supply of cotton held in England and on the continent be true, the outlook for high prices for cotton this fall is not encouraging. If the European spinners have enough cotton on hand to carry

them until the new crop comes in and a 2,000,000 surplus besides, they will be in a position to dictate prices, particularly if the crop of 1907 should turn out to be as large as the crop of 1906. This is the year for the Cotton Growers' association to do its best work if it is to continue to be a factor in the cotton market.

Senator Foraker and Secretary Taft who both aspire to leadership in Ohio are getting ready for a lively scrap to settle which shall control the Ohio delegation to the Republican National convention. While the Democrats have no voice in the matter the people of the south will, as a rule, hope for a Taft victory, for they can neither forget nor forgive Bloody Shirt Foraker's persistent and malignant enmity to the south and all things southern.

The appropriation made by the last session of the legislature exceed the prospective income of the State for the year by nearly \$200,000, but the certainty of a deficit of this size did not worry the law makers in the least and some of them did their best to make the deficit even greater by increasing appropriations all along the line. Since the adjournment of the legislature the franchise tax law has been taken into the courts and a recent opinion of the supreme court indicates that the act will be declared void and of no effect. If this should be the result of the test case to be heard on the 22d instant the income of the State will be decreased by fully \$75,000, making the deficit at the end of the year greater by that amount than the already large sum that the legislature so nonchalantly disregarded when making appropriations.

The Williamson method of corn culture was tried last season by a considerable number of Sumter county farmers, and the results were, as a rule, satisfactory both as to yield and cost of the crop. The Williamson method will be more generally adopted this year than last and the yield of corn in Sumter county should be noticeably larger than heretofore. It would be a God send to the county if some method could be found to put a stop to the general use of western corn and hay.

Superintendent of Schools Edmunds, who is circulating the school bond election petition, finds the citizens unanimously in favor of the proposition and has met with no refusal of his request for signatures. It is hoped that the new building can be completed some time next fall.

Letter to H. D. Barnett, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: The easiest way we know of to make a little money is—if you're going to paint—to paint with the paint that takes least gallons. Take a small job; say it takes 10 gallons Devoe, two coats; that's an average house. When the job is done and the bill comes-in, it is \$50; the paint etc \$17.50; the rest is for labor and cartage; the labor is fixing the surface, shifting ladders scaffolds pulleys and ropes, and brushing-on paint. Take another job exactly like that; try another paint; it takes 12 gallons. The bill is \$10 more. Take another exactly the same; another paint; it takes 20 gallons. The bill is \$100. There is only one Devoe; there's a dozen 12-gallon paints, and 100 that take 20 gallons to cover a 10-gallon job. The only difficulty is in finding-out Devoe. After that you save work; there's less work in 10 than in 12 or 20 gallons; less paint to buy and less to brush-on and less wages to pay. If Devoe were only a little better than others; there'd be some difficulty in finding-out the difference. It goes twice as far as half the paints; that ought to be easy. It wears longer too. You'll wait a good while, if you wait to find-out how long it wears; there are thousands of people who know that the least-gallons paint wears longest.

Yours truly,
R. W. HUNT,
Division Passenger Agent,
Charleston, S. C.

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BREAD WINNER
OF THE HOUSEHOLD
KNOWS HOW NICE
MOTHER'S BREAD
(5 CENTS PER LOAF.)
IS AT EVERY MEAL.
IT NOURISHES,
STRENGTHENS, REFRESHES.
AGENTS WANTED.
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The Marjenhoff Company,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

Jan. 23, 1907—3m

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Grates and Tile.

I have in stock all kinds of Fancy Mantels in regular sizes, at prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Grates from \$2.50 to \$7.50. The "Down Draft" Grate at \$40.00. Send me your orders and I will set them up for you, and thus save you all the worry.

Pianos and Organs

Pianos ranging from \$250 to \$450. Organs from \$25 to \$100. Remember you pay no money until you are satisfied that these instruments are what you want. Give me a trial and I will save you money.

Sewing Machines:

The "NEW DOMESTIC" and the "STANDARD ROTARY" are my leaders, but I can sell you any machine you want at prices ranging from \$15.00 to \$60.00. I sell the best \$25.00 machine on the market. This machine is sure to please those who do not care to invest much money. I can recommend it to be alright. If it falls in five years come back and get a better one in exchange. I have fifty second hand Machines of all makes on hand—many as good as new—which can be bought cheap. Come and see me and you will be glad you came. A Full line of Shuttles, needles, bobbins, and all kinds of attachments always on hand. I have the Largest Stock of Sewing Machines in Sumter; am experienced in the business and repair all kinds. While it is being repaired, I will furnish you with a new one to use. If you are in need of anything in my line, come and see me. I propose to accommodate my trade, and terms will be made to suit. REMEMBER all goods are sold under guarantee. Satisfaction given or money refunded.

Wall Paper and Mouldings

5,000 Rolls of Wall Paper, some as low as 5c. per roll. Am prepared to meet all competition, in fact save you the freight; have a first class paper hanger; will make estimates and do your work at a reasonable price

Paints, Oil and Varnish

I sell the well known STAG PAINT. This is the best paint on the market. It is sold under a guarantee; if not satisfactory your money will be refunded. The price is only \$1.17 1/2 per gallon.

E. W. VOGEL,

116 South Main Street.

Sumter, South Carolina

Married in Bishopville.

Bishopville, April 2.—Mr. W. R. Law, Jr., and Miss Pansy DuRant surprised their many friends yesterday when it was learned that they, on their way to church, called by the home of Rev. W. A. Gregg and were married. Mr. Law is a son of one of the oldest families of Bishopville and at present is connected with the department stores of the Bishopville Dry Goods company. Mrs. Law is one of the popular young ladies of the town.

The county dispensary board took stock in the local dispensary early Monday morning and then went to Mayesville to take stock in the dispensary there. A monthly stock taking is required by law. The law also requires the publication each month of a statement showing receipts, expenditures and profits.

The clock ticks and ticks the time away,

Shortening up our lives each day, Eat, drink and be merry. For some day you will be where You can't get Rocky Mountain Tea Free samples at China's Drug Store.

WANTED TO SELL—Cook's Improved Cotton Seed. Very prolific and yields 36 per cent. lint. Price 70c. per bushel. P. Mellett, Wedgefield, S. C. 4-3-2t*

FOR SALE—A limited supply of Toole and Hawkin's Improved Cotton Seed. The best seed on the market. Apply to A. K. Sanders, Hagood, S. C. 4-3-1t

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STOP-OVERS will be allowed on Season, Sixty day and fifteen day tickets, same as on Summer tourist tickets.

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Division Passenger Agent,
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It Will be a Pleasure to us to show you through.

The Sumter Clothing Co.,

No. 5 South Main Street.

A SALE OF SILK!

The Kind we can Furnish our Customers

COME LOOK! Take a Sample! Compare! We have just Five Pieces Left.

36-Inch - GUARANTEED BLACK TAFFETA - 36-Inch

That many may share in the GREAT BARGAIN

We Must Limit TEN YARDS to EACH CUSTOMER. The Price will be

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SALE TWO DAYS ONLY MONDAY AND FRIDAY SALE TWO DAYS ONLY

Also 100 Dozen Ladies Vests Cheap at 15c. Sale 10c.

5 pieces 36-inch Near Linen; regular 20c. goods at 15c.

3 pieces Light Blue Linen worth 35c., at 25c.

5 pieces 36-inch White Lawn, 35c. quality at 29c.

10 dozen Ladies White Linene Shirt Waists, Cheap at 50c. During this Sale all sizes at - - 39c.

THE ABOVE ON SALE THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

2-Day Sale SCHWARTZ BROS. 2-Day Sale