

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 1909.

The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1880 and the True Southron in 1884. 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 publication of the tax returns, as has been suggested, has the approval of Comptroller General Jones, but we fear it will not be carried out—it is too good a thing to meet with approval in the right quarters.

The Charleston Post has tumbled to the fact that the whitewash brush is much in evidence in the Asylum investigation and that there appears to be a disposition to make the inquiry an endorsement of the Asylum administration. This has been apparent from the outset and the investigation will probably be unproductive of results commensurate with the cost.

The attempt to revise the tariff has uncovered a number of assistant Republicans in the Democratic party. Senator Daniels, of Virginia, Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, and other well known Democrats representing the South in Congress are as good as the tariff yard stick, as Senators Aldrich, Hale or Lodge. The Democratic party is well nigh a hopeless proposition now that its leading representatives are bartering principles for local advantage. The only thing left to it that commands the allegiance of Southern white men is its historic stand for the political dominance of the white men. The party platform seems to be mere poppycock and not worth a moment's consideration when it comes to a matter of practical benefits to be obtained by voting with the representatives of the corporate interests who control Congress.

When the Commission completes the work of winding up the old State dispensary will steps be taken to prosecute the grafters, great and small, who fattened on the corruption of the system? Perhaps, but may be not.

From Inventor DeForest.

Dr. Lee DeForest, the inventor of the radio-telephone in an after-dinner speech in New York last week said:

"Never until this year have I had the proper backing. And up to this year I can also say that the developments in the wireless art have been almost rudimentary. What the future of it will be neither I nor anyone else can foretell. At present I am working on the telephone, the telegraph, and ship-warning devices. The possibilities of the telephone in the latter department are almost limitless, and I confidently predict that within the next five years every house of a certain size that goes to the sea will be equipped with the wireless telephone.

"I have succeeded in combining the wireless telegraph and telephone in one instrument. The radio-telephone now has a useful field on land, principally by toll-line work, in connecting small towns and distant cities, as they are connected today by trunk wires.

"I look forward to the day when by this means the opera may be brought into every home. Some day the news, and even advertising, will be sent out to the public over the wireless telephone.

"I want to tell you also of my new telegraph system. I became convinced that further progress along the present lines was a hopeless dream. The possibility of interference with messages were great. In my new system the tuning possibilities are limitless. Furthermore, it is noiseless and it can be operated at a much lower voltage than the present system. The speed by which a spark transmitter can be operated cannot exceed forty words a minute.

"I expect to attain a speed of forty thousand words an hour. There is no question but that the public can be easily induced to communicate by wire instead of by mail. It must be true, however, at greatly reduced cost, and this is not possible for the wire systems. Some day also you will see a wireless system installed on trains by which one locomotive will be warned of the approach of another. This will prevent all accidents which happen today when the block system fails to work."

Early callers at the Men's Cost Shoe Sale at the Sumter Dry Goods Company will certainly be repaid if they appreciate a reliable statement by a reliable house.

The demand for Sumter real estate is stronger than it has been at any time within the past year.

The Sumter Dry Goods Company is selling some good news about Men's Good Shoes in their large ad. Read it when it's interesting.

Farmers' Union News

—AND—

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President Farmers' Union of Sumter County.)

The Watchman and Southron having decided to double its service by semi-weekly publication, would improve that service by special features. The first to be inaugurated is this Department for the Farmers' Union and Practical Farmers which I have been requested to conduct. It will be my aim to give the Union news and official calls of the Union. To that end officers, and members of the Union are requested to use these columns. Also to publish such clippings from the agricultural papers and Government Bulletins as I think will be of practical benefit to our readers. Original articles by any of our readers telling of their successes or failures will be appreciated and published.

Trusting this Department will be of mutual benefit to all concerned,
THE EDITOR.
All communications for this Department should be sent to E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville, S. C.

Some Random Thoughts.

From various sections come the information that the more thoughtful farmers are wishing for the organization of a Farmers' Union in their locality. When the aims and purposes of the Union are more generally understood, all of the best farmers will join, and we do not wish any other kind.

A thoughtful union man remarked to the writer recently that one of the most hopeful signs for the success of the union is that men are joining slowly after mature deliberation, and the very best men are the ones who are coming in. This is borne out by my observation in widely separated communities where I have attended meetings of the union in three counties.

We are not asking everybody to join. We only want men who will stand up for principle. Who are willing to make sacrifices, if need be, for the good of the Order and the general welfare. To all such we extend a welcome, and can assure them that there is work for them to do—work that will benefit themselves and their brother farmers.

Should such farmers in any neighborhood in Sumter County desire to be organized and admitted into the union, if they will make an appointment and give me sufficient notice, I will gladly meet them and after more fully instructing them than can be done in a newspaper article give them opportunity to join.

E. W. D.

The Right Kind of Stock and the Right Kind of Stockmen.

As the editor says, the keeping of live stock for profit depends as much on the man as anything else. It also depends on the kind of stock raised. There is little profit in feeding scrub cattle for beef, and less in raising razor-back hogs that require two years to make pork. But the man who lets his cattle run out all winter under the lee of the barn or straw stacks needs nothing but scrubs, and will find little profit in keeping cattle.

Improved animals that have been carefully bred for the making of the best beef or the best dairy products, need the best care; and the pigs that make pork in six to eight months need also better care than the piney woods ranger. In this good care and good feeding with the best of forage lies the profit.

Don't Depend on Corn Alone for Hogs.

It does not pay to raise hogs on corn alone, but where they are supplied with a constant succession of green food that they can gather for themselves, it takes but little corn to finish off the pork; and there is no part of the country where hogs can be grown so easily and cheaply as in the South, since we can provide something for them to eat from the field every month in the year.

Then if the laws protecting buzzards are repealed, we will have little hog cholera; for the buzzards are the greatest of all carriers of this disease, and should be rigorously kept from the farm by seeing that all dead animals are buried out of their reach and all food of any sort that may attract them burned or destroyed in some other way.

Get Dairy Breeds for the Dairy, Beef Breeds for Beef-Making.

There has been a great deal said about the dual-purpose cow, but the fact remains that there is no animal that will give the best in dairy products and at the same time make the best beef. The two characters are so completely antagonistic that the union of both in one animal is impossible. If your interest is in dairy products, then get the animals that have been bred for the best dairy production. On the other hand, if you are interested in beef, get the best beef blood, the animals that top the market for beef. I know of no breed that suits the South better than the Polled Angus, which has topped the beef market more frequently than any other beef animal.

quently than any other beef animal.

If you want to make butter, get Jerseys or Guernseys; if milk is the object, get the Holstein-Friesians. The dual-purpose people talk a great deal about raising fine veal calves, but I could never see the profit in sacrificing \$25 worth of milk and butter to raise a \$10 calf. The dairyman can better afford to give away all his male calves.

Dairy Animals Do Not Put on Flesh Were It Brings Most.

When I was breeding up a dairy herd, using a full-blood bull on selected common cows, I sold all male calves to a neighbor for \$1 a head, and thought it profitable to do so, as I saved the milk the calf would have eaten, only had to raise my selected heifers.

The beef-bred animal makes the best beef because he is built that way, and the dairy-bred animal that gains live weight as fast as the beef-bred animal, is not built that way, but stores the fat inside in tallow. His slaughtered carcass not only does not make the same proportion in weight of meat, but does not make the broad loins, the high-priced beef, that the beef-bred animal does. Prof. Massey in Progressive Farmer.

Flies: How to Reduce Them.

Everyone will admit that flies are a great nuisance in summer, but few fully understand the dangers from flies as carriers of disease germs and filth. I have often urged the importance of getting the manure out on the fields as fast as made. This is a matter of even more importance than in winter, as the hot weather comes on, for the horse manure is the breeding place of the house flies, and it is not pleasant, to say the least, to have flies covering our food when they are right from the manure pile.

Flies on the farm can be made much scarcer by keeping the manure well cleaned up. Then the woven wire screens are now made very cheaply and easily adopted to all sizes of windows, and wire screen doors fitted with springs to close quickly will also aid in keeping out flies and mosquitos. The few that get in can be rapidly disposed of with one of the fine wire brushes now sold in the hardware stores. With one of these the housekeeper can go around the room and kill every fly on wall or window very rapidly.

Especially should there be the closest attention in keeping out flies when there is sickness in the neighborhood, and people are careless about the wastes of the sick room. I called attention last year to the fact that flies in the dining-room caused the outbreak of typhoid at the State Normal College at Greensboro, and doubtless, many other cases of disease that puzzled people to find the cause, were due to the flies. Hence it is not only important for comfort to keep the flies out, but especially important as a preventive of disease.

With a farm-house isolated from other buildings, it should be easy to prevent many of the flies that are usually found there, by keeping the stables and farm-yard absolutely clean of manure, and getting it out where it will do good and not harm.

Remember that they have horse manure and filth to breed in, and you do not want these carried into your milk or other food.—Prof. Massey in Progressive Farmer.

Have Flowers on the Table all the Year.

The spring-flowering shrubbery, such as Forsythias, spiraeas, etc., should be pruned into shape after the bloom is over, so that they can make new growth for the next spring. I have often seen people go over the shrubs in early spring and shear them into mopheaded monstrosities, and cut off most of the wood that would have made flowers. We do not want the shrubbery sheared into stiff forms, but it is well to shorten back the growth after blooming, and to cut out stunted shoots. But do not prune spring-flowering shrubs in winter or

early spring; wait till the bloom is over.

How to Care for the Lawn.

Many people who have fairly good lawns run the grass out by the way they treat it. They allow it to grow up tall and then mow it off and take off the cut grass, thus constantly exhausting the soil. The best thing for the lawn in spring is a good dressing of raw bone meal. Then run the lawn mower as often as the grass gets tall enough for it to bite, and then let the cut grass lie. It will soon disappear and will be constantly thickening the sod with material to hold moisture, while if the grass is allowed to grow tall, there will be too much to leave. In growing weather the lawn mower should be run once a week.

Don't Have Too Many Trees.

In planning a new place do not follow the common practice of covering the whole grounds with trees, and thus preventing your ever getting good grass. Plant trees, of course, but let the trees and shrubbery frame in a broad scope of green lawn. Too many trees are not desirable, especially alongside the house, for the house should have the sunshine on its various sides as a matter of health, and too dense a growth of trees shuts out the healthful sunlight, the greatest of all destroyers of disease germs, and shuts out the breeze and harbor mosquitos. Plant trees so that each will take its natural development, and not be crowded out of shape, and from the front of the house let the eye rest on a broad expanse of green grass.

The Place for Flower Beds.

I love trees and shrubbery if well grown, but I do not want to live in a woods where I cannot have grass and flowers. I know Southern homes that would be vastly improved if half to two-thirds of the trees were removed. Then, having prepared a lawn, do not chop it up in gaudy flower beds in front. Keep the flower beds to the sides and rear and do not break up the restfulness of the green lawn.

Flowers on the Table for Every Meal.

Then, after you have gotten some grass and shrubbery about the house, do not imagine that it is the place for the horses and mules to graze. Have a permanent pasture, and do not use the home grounds for this purpose.

Then the men on the farm should not begrudge the wife and daughters the money for a few flowering plants and flower seed cost. I have flowers of some sort on my dining table the year round, and would hardly feel like the table was set for a meal if there were none of these in the centre.

Plenty of flowers have a refining influence on the whole family. Have plenty of them.—Prof. Massey in Progressive Farmer.

TESLA HAS A NEW ONE.

Wonder Mechanism, He Says, Will Change Many Things.

New York, May 20.—Following the incorporation of the Tesla Propulsion Company, with \$1,000,000 capital stock, at Albany, today, to exploit one of Nicola Tesla's inventions, Mr. Tesla announced the adoption of the device by the Alabama Consolidated Coal and Iron Company.

"I have discovered a mechanical principle entirely new and of the greatest economic value," Mr. Tesla said, "but I shall not be in a position to make known the details and exhibit the principle in operation for perhaps six weeks. It is a principle which minimizes the size of the power-producing plant and increases to a maximum the power reduced. The apparatus we will build for the Alabama concern will not be one-third of the size of the ordinary air blast machinery equipment for such work, and the air blast and other effective results will be far superior in volume and value to those at present generally used.

"In connection with this plant I will install a turbine of my own invention, and the air blast will be supplied under a turbine principle. This new mechanical principle I have discovered is applicable to air, steam, gas or water power, and may be used for locomotives, automobiles or any form of power production. With it a locomotive as powerful as any now used would need to be less than half the size."

The Tesla Propulsion Company's directors include Mr. Tesla, Joseph Headley and Walter H. Knight, of New York. Mr. Tesla stated that machines of several types had been built and that successful demonstrations had been given with them to his associates on the new company and to representatives of the Alabama company.

Work on the new postoffice is expected to begin within the next thirty days.

The Sumter Dry Goods Company have an Ad in this issue which is intended "for men only". It should prove of special interest to them, however.

FINANCIAL PROBLEMS IN CUBA.

Government May Be Hard Pressed to Meet Obligations—Congress Seems Unable to Work.

Habana, May 23.—Financial problems constitute the gravest feature of anxiety on the part of the Cuban government and with the protracted delay in the presentation of the budget for the coming year the general feeling of uncertainty and lack of confidence become accentuated. Can the government, in view of its enormously increased expenses, meet its obligations out of the ordinary sources of revenue? is the question asked on all sides.

While there is no doubt that President Gomez is fully alive to the seriousness of the situation and is doing everything in his power to effect reductions in the cost of all departments, it is feared that political exigencies will compel him to refrain from insisting upon retrenchment on the scale that is believed to be absolutely necessary.

Importations through the custom house have declined materially over those of last year and the year before.

Congress, after being in session for more than three months, has accomplished little useful legislation, its time being frittered away in flights of oratory and the discussion of trivial measures.

The lottery bill just passed by the house is probably one of the most important acts of the congress, and while it will doubtless become a law, the bill, so far, has only been passed "in totality."

FAITH WITHOUT WORK IS DEAD.

In the course of a recent editorial on Augusta The Herald said: "In the bosom of all successful town-builders you will find two acute emotions, affection and faith." This sentence, says the Brunswick News, expresses a great industrial truth. "The man who builds his city, who works in season and out for it, who draws upon his energy and his vitality for its growth and development, must needs have in his heart faith for its future and love for its very being. We see practical demonstrations of this every day in every year we live!"

Without love for one's city and without faith in its future such work and such efforts as are required to build up a city are impossible. But it is also true that affection and faith without works will accomplish nothing. Our affection for Augusta may be ever so great, our faith in the city's future ever so strong, but unless that affection and that faith find expression in action it is as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. The dissertation of James, the apostle, on faith and works is as applicable to city building as it is to soul saving. "What doth it profit though a man say he hath faith and have not works? Can faith save him?" A passive faith is barren. It is active faith which finds expression in works, that is productive of results.

It is natural to love Augusta. Our city is so beautiful, it has so many attributes that charm, that affection for its comes unbidden. Faith in Augusta results from a process of simple reasoning. The topographical centre of one of the most highly favored agricultural sections, and the gate city to the natural highway connecting what must become one of the greatest industrial centers with the sea, Augusta is destined to become a great metropolis. When the population of the Savannah valley shall be numbered by millions—as will certainly come to pass—Augusta as certainly will number its population by hundred thousands. As the original Centre street is now near one edge of the city, so the future city will extend south and west until the present centre shall again be nearer the coming outer edge. All this is seen by faith inspired by reason, but it requires work to bring its realization. Faith alone cannot bring salvation, and faith alone does not build a city.

Let us show our faith in Augusta by our works, every Augustan who loves his city and has faith in her future, each according to his or her opportunity. The value of Augusta dirt is certain to enhance in value greatly, let us put as much improvement upon it as we can. The various enterprises of the city have the brightest prospects for expansion, let us give all possible substantial aid to all of them. Every new movement that is started for the city's advancement, let us boost it with all our might, and in a practical way. And thus proving our faith by our works the city will grow as it has never grown before, and there will be fast accumulating fruit of this combination of faith backed by works.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Laurens Furniture Manufacturing company Friday it was decided that the firm go into liquidation and sell out. The liabilities of the company are not quite \$30,000 while the assets are about \$25,000 including the plant which is worth at least \$28,000.

AN AKRON MAN.



MR. WILLIAM F. STEESE.
Mr. William F. Steese, 701 Coburn St., Akron, Ohio, writes:

"I have been troubled for several years with catarrh of the stomach. Have used different patent medicines to no effect whatever, and have doctored considerable with family doctor. 'Sometimes his treatment would relieve me for a few weeks, but would eventually have to go back to him, and that had kept up for several years.

"I was advised to use Peruna, and have taken three bottles. Never felt so good in my life. Am going to continue using it. Wouldn't be without it in the house. I will gladly recommend it to any one afflicted with catarrh of stomach, or stomach trouble of any kind."

The above is an oft-repeated story. Troubled for years with chronic catarrh. Tried different remedies and doctors to no avail. Peruna was advised by friends. Instant relief experienced. Great gratitude to Peruna expressed. This, in brief, is a story that is repeated to us a great many times every year.

No one could be in touch with our vast correspondence for one month without being impressed with the sincerity and truthfulness of these kind of testimonials.

Peruna promptly produces an appetite, corrects digestion and relieves stomach difficulties that have resisted other treatment.

Man-a-lin an Ideal Laxative.

Old Grandfather's Clock

To the Editor of The Daily Item:

In his rambles through the Salem section of grand and historic old Clarendon he was hospitably entertained by a gentleman and his family, and during the afternoon was shown a venerable grandfather's clock which was purchased by his host's father seventy (70) years ago and which all these years has been running regularly and keeping good time and never been repaired since it was purchased. It is beautifully carved with two Cornucopias and in the inside of the case bears this inscription: "Patent Brass 8-Day Clock, Made and sold by C. & L. C. Ives, Bristol Conn., warranted if well used." It cost at time of purchase sixty dollars in gold.

STYLUS.
Manning, S. C., May 24, 1909.

Just received lot harness horses for business and pleasure. This is probably last load of the season. Boyle Live Stock Co.
5-21-3t.

FOR SALE—One Top Buggy. Will sell cheap for cash or on time. L. L. Johnson, 334 S. Main St.
5-22-2t.

\$14.45

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June 8th-10th.

Tickets on sale June 5th, 6th and 7th, final limit June 14th.

By deposit of ticket with Special Agent, Memphis, not earlier than June 9th, not later than June 14th, and payment of fee of 50 cents at time of deposit, extension limit may be secured to leave Memphis not later than July 1st.

For further information, call on Ticket Agent or write,

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