

The Watchman and Southron.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1909.

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.

Cook and Peary are playing 'Button, Button, Who has the Button?' with the North Pole.

Senator Smith advises the farmers to hold cotton for higher prices, which appears to be fairly good advice in view of the short crop.

The prosecution of the dispensary grafters is scheduled for the approaching term of court in Richland county and, according to the news sent out from Columbia, a real effort will be made to secure convictions. We trust the trials will result in something more tangible than a little political advertising that will be useful to office-seekers in the primaries next summer. When we see some of the alleged grafters in stripes we will believe that the prosecution amounts to something more than a form.

The only way to settle the controversy over the finding of the North Pole is to send out another expedition for the purpose of ascertaining whether the Pole is really where Cook and Peary say it is. The wrangle promises to be as acrimonious and as profitless as the Sampson-Schley dispute over the battle of Santiago.

It is admitted by all that the cotton crop of Sumter county is short—very much shorter than it was last year—but if the price remains above twelve cents throughout the season the farmers will not be much worse off than they were last year.

The discussion of the plan to build a direct highway to Columbia via Garner's Ferry has revived interest in the good roads movement in other sections of the county and every section is advocating the improvement of a particular road. There is no question but that all the roads of Sumter county stand in need of improvement, and the problem that confronts Supervisor Pitts is how to keep the roads we have in moderately good condition with the means available, not the construction of new roads. The good roads proposition is a financial problem, and if some one can devise a way to raise the money to build and maintain all the roads that we need Supervisor Pitts and the members of the Board of County Commissioners will find no difficulty in giving the people the roads they desire.

Coroner Flowers was notified Saturday about noon that the body of an infant, apparently white, had been found on the roadside at the Dingle Mill causeway on the Manning road. Mr. Flowers went to Dingle's Mill to make an investigation. He had the body examined by a physician, who decided that the child was of negro parentage and that its death was due to natural causes.

The only case of interest before Recorder Hurst Friday was that of the State vs. Nathaniel Vaughn, a negro boy 14 years old, who was sent to the chain-gang for 30 days for taking \$1 from a little white boy.

Novelties in Capes.
A beautiful line of Capes are now on sale at The Sumter Dry Goods Co. It is not wise to wait for cool weather if one is wanted. They are shown in both pastel and staple colorings. 9-6-21.

"Georgetown," a negro well known in police circles as a chicken fancier, was sentenced to the chain-gang for 30 days for chicken stealing, after a trial in the Recorder's Court Saturday.

One Step Better.
The Sumter Dry Goods Co. say this of their Jersey Top and Trotteau Suits: "Our Suits make a poor figure look good, and a good figure still better." 9-6-21.

Buried in Sumter Coffins.

In the great dynamite explosion which occurred on August 27th, in the Camp Boca Chica, Fla., East Coast Extension, twelve people were killed. Witherspoon Bros. & Co. are just in receipt of advice to the effect that every one was buried in Sumter product. This represents the regular output of the factory for two hours.

Osborn Porter, colored, is said to have attempted to commit suicide Sunday night. Dr. Ernest Carson, who was called in to see him found him in a critical condition, but he responded to treatment and was soon out of danger.

Farmers' Union News

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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.

SAVE THE LARKS.

Ravages of Terrible Pest Reach Alarming Stage in Fertile Regions Of Colleton County, South Carolina—Area 20 Miles Long and 15 Miles Wide Almost Laid Waste.

Columbia, Sept. 5.—An area of crops 20 miles long and 15 miles wide, down in the fertile regions of Colleton county, almost within striking distance of the truck farms of Charleston—the finest in the world—is infested with the deadly wire-worm. For the past two years government experts have been studying the life history of this worm in this region and recently the work has been vigorously pushed. Preliminary reports have been made by the government men and those from Clemson College who have been in Colleton working on the problem.

In this strip of land the wire-worm has wrought havoc. Farms have been abandoned—the crops for the present year are all well nigh ruined. The farmers in Colleton are very much worried as the pest will doubtless spread. Close onto the infested district are the truck farms of Colleton and Charleston counties. The wire-worm knows no discrimination in his destruction of crops. Feeding first upon the grasses and then upon the corn—he finishes up his work of devastation by consuming everything else that is left in the fields. Cotton is destroyed acre by acre and the other crops fare no better. Once the ravage begins there is no way of putting an end—save, perhaps, one.

There is a bird that many farmers think is his enemy. Swooping down upon the fields in the early days of the seasons and in the winter especially, the lark dips his bill into the ground. The farmers—many of them—think the crops are destroyed. But if they only knew it, the lark is the only salvation in the fight against the wire-worm.

The wire-worm—one of the click click beetles—is hatched from the eggs laid in the early spring, appearing in May or June. The destruction comes in the second year of the existence. At the time the lark flies over the field the wire-worm is close to the surface. The lark, whose bill is very sensitive, knows in what lands the food it wishes is. In the rooting into the ground the lark finds the wire-worm and destroys it. This is the only method known today by which the wire-worm may be kept down.

The dictionary thus describes the wire-worm: "One of the larvae of various species of snapping beetles, or elaters—so-called from their slenderness and the uncommon hardness of the integument. Wire-worms are the grub."

Just at this time the wire-worm presents a grave situation to Colleton it is said. Secretary James Henry Rice, of the Audubon Society, who was here today, stated that the preservation of the lark is the important factor in holding down the pest in other parts of the state should it appear. The lark has been killed out in many ways, mainly by poisoning, as if he were the enemy of the farm instead of the salvation of the crop, in many instances.

KING COTTON CARNIVAL.

South Carolina to be Represented by The By-Products.

South Carolina will be represented by products from its cotton mills at the great "King Cotton Carnival" that will be held in one of the Southern cities. The exact date for the carnival has not been set but will be during 1910.

The movement is very broad in its scope. Aside from the value of cotton as a fibre into which cloth is made, the cotton plant has assumed the place of an actual necessity in the commerce of the world. The oil of the seed is rapidly taking the place of hog lard. As a cleaner and more wholesome shortening for bread and pastries it is recommended by the

best chefs as superior to olive oil for cooking and preserving; it serves as a vehicle for the finest liniments and in almost every way is supplanting olive oils in the compounding of drugs. Soaps and other toilet articles are also prepared from the cotton seed and the hulls are used for feeding cattle.

These uses and many others to which cottonseed may be put and the manufactured articles become commodities will be exhibited at the "King Cotton Carnival" which is now being arranged for. In this State the plant for which the world waits and upon which the sun that shines is tempered with the prayers of all the people, is a power in the commercial world and the educational value of the exhibit will be immense to its producers.

Hold Your Cotton Says Smith.

Laurens, Sept. 6.—United States Senator E. D. Smith and State Senator John H. Wharton delivered speeches here today, the occasion being the monthly meeting of the Laurens County Farmers' Union association. The meeting was held in the court house and was attended by a large number of farmers from every section of the county.

Senator Smith came down from Safford last night, accompanied by Mr. Galloway, his secretary. His speech aroused much interest, especially that portion devoted to the cotton situation. He stated that the crop was the shortest in 15 years and the indications were that the yield would be at least 3,500,000 short this year. With this situation confronting the cotton raiser he felt that he should advise the holding of every bale pos-

sible until a better price can be obtained, as is sure to be the case within a few months.

New Coat Suits.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co. is showing the advanced styles for the coming season in Tailored Suits, Coat Dresses and Capes. They are very attractive and they like to show them. 9-6-21.

The passenger train due at 7:30 on Saturday did not arrive until 11:30 o'clock, having been delayed at the Watere river by a fire which burned a portion of the trestle. The damage to the trestle was not great.

New Things in Neckwear.

Have you seen the New Things in Neckwear at The Sumter Dry Goods Co.'s. If not, go and see them. They will not all be there next week. 9-6-21.

The banks and dispensary were closed Monday, but that was the only visible sign of Labor Day. All the stores were open and business was brisk.

Tailored Trotteaus.

This is the style name which is applied to one of The Sumter Dry Goods Co.'s exclusive Tailored Suits. It is a one piece Coat Dress which is practical and with some class to it. 9-6-21.

CROP REPORT AFFECTS MARKET.

Prices Are Steadier and Operators Seek to Close Pending Deals.

New York, Sept. 5.—The net result of the publication of an unexpectedly low government crop condition report on the market for cotton goods and yarns was a steadying of prices and a noticeable increase in the desire of large operators to close all pending deals for goods to be delivered on contract.

While jobbers have not been able to bring cotton goods prices up to a parity of the values prevailing in the primary market, they are generally convinced that a high level will have to be paid for new stocks. The local jobbers had a good week, a special sale of dress broadcloths resulting in a distribution of a quarter of a million dollars' worth of fall fabrics.

Art Linens.

Lovers of Pretty, Fancy Linens are invited to look over the largest and prettiest assortment Sumter ever saw at The Sumter Dry Goods Co. 9-6-21.

FOR SALE—Seed rye and oats, will have, seed wheat, barley etc., late: Booth-Harby Livestock Co., 8-28.

FRENCH SURGEON'S SKILL.

Grafts Sheep's Jugular Vein in a Man's Leg.

Paris, Sept. 3.—Prof. Doyen, well known for his investigations into the origin of cancer, has created a sensation in the scientific world by successfully grafting the jugular vein of a sheep into a man's leg. This is said to be the first time that the operation in vein grafting has been carried out between an animal and a human being.

Dr. Doyen's patient was suffering from an extensive arterial aneurism of the leg, which was cured by an operation, but there remained an edematous condition of the limb, indicating the insufficiency of the deep venous circulation could not compensate for. Accordingly, Dr. Doyen decided to substitute a sheep's vein, 25 centimeters long, for the vein which had been operated on.

After the patient had been chloroformed the sheep's vein was successfully put in position, and immediately the deep venous circulation was re-established and the edematous condition of the leg rapidly disappeared. The segment of the sheep's vein, before being grafted, was placed in an isotonic salt solution.

Dr. Doyen, who has just left Paris to take part in the International Medical Congress at Budapest, where he will give a detailed description of this operation, says that it is one that must be completed within 45 minutes; otherwise, the transplanted vein dies, and is useless.

NEGRO ACCUSED OF MOONSHINING.

Cherokee Officers Find "Still" Close to Colored Man's House.

Gaffney, Sept. 3.—Van Whitsonant, colored, was before the United States commissioner here today, charged with working in a distillery near King's Creek station in this county. The testimony was to the effect that two officers who had located the plant, concealed themselves in the neighborhood, and in the early morning saw the negro come to the still, look around, and then with the cunning and sagacity of a hound track them to where they were concealed, although nothing but the disturbed leaves indicated the place. The officers fired at the fleeing negro, but failed to stop him. The plant was located within a few hundred yards of the house of the negro, and there is a well defined path from his house to the still. The commissioner decried the evidence sufficiently strong to warrant his binding the negro over to the October term of Court, and required him to give bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance there-of.

Very Bad Cough. Pe-ru-na Stopped It.



DAUGHTER OF MRS. J. M. BROWN. Mrs. J. M. Brown, Dunnegan, Mo., writes: "My little daughter, three years old, was troubled with a very bad cough which remained after an attack of catarrhal fever, which was a great deal worse at night."

"She would wake up out of her sleep and cough until I feared she could not stand it."

"Nothing that we gave her seemed to do her any good. I then concluded to send for Dr. Hartman's book entitled 'The Ills of Life,' which I promptly received."

"At the same time commenced giving her Peruna. She has taken one bottle in all, through which she has obtained a complete cure."

"She also since her birth was troubled with indigestion, but since she has taken Peruna she can eat almost any kind of food without any bad results."

"She is now as well and happy as any little girl can be. When our friends say how well she looks, I tell them Peruna did it."

"I shall always be a friend of Peruna, as I consider it the best medicine for coughs and indigestion we have ever tried, and will recommend it to any one similarly afflicted."

MRS. LYDIA J. SPOONER, Santa Monica, Cal., writes that they are never without Peruna in the home, that they find it the finest family remedy they have ever used.

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—OF—

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.50 Muslin Skirts .39	1.00 Gowns .87
.75 " " .57	1.25 " " .93
1.00 " " .87	1.50 " " 1.27
1.75 " " 1.39	1.75 " " 1.39

.25 L'd's Drawers .19	.20 Corset C'v'rs .15
.50 " " .39	.25 " " .19
.75 " " .59	.35 " " .24
1.00 " " .83	.50 " " .39

Yours,

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