

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.

If the report of the committee that investigated the State Hospital for the Insane is not pigeon-holed, it will prove the sensation of the approaching session of the Legislature.

Taft vs. Pinchot is said to be, in fact, the land grabbers against Roosevelt conservation policies. If this be true, the fight will not begin in earnest until the Big Stick returns from Africa.

The Democrats and insurgents downed Boss Cannon once, but the old man didn't have time to frame up a deal with a few of the purchasable Tammany congressmen. They will hardly catch him napping again.

The Board of County Commissioners are not knocking the proposed automobile highway to Columbia, but they do not care to have the county saddled with the cost of construction and maintenance without careful and mature consideration. They have put the members of the Legislature on notice that they want to know what is proposed to be done in the way of legislation before it is done. If they wait until a law is enacted it will be too late to protest, if the burden proves too great for Sumter county to bear.

The Union Brokerage Company, the wholesale grocery and jobbing business organized by the members of the Sumter County Farmers' Union, with Mr. J. M. Brogdon as manager, opened for business in one of the warehouses at the old C. S. & N. depot on Monday of last week. This concern will carry a complete stock of groceries and farm supplies and the outlook is that it will do a large business.

In investigation by Secretary Reardon, of the Chamber of Commerce, of the report that the Northwestern Railroad was discriminating against Sumter by giving a special rate on Saturday of one fare for the round trip between Rembert and Camden, while the rate to Sumter from the same point was 1-1/3 fares, brought a positive denial of the report from President Thomas Wilson. He informed Secretary Reardon that there has never been any discrimination, that a special rate of one fare for the round trip has been in effect on Saturday from all stations to both Sumter and Camden and that the rate is still in effect. Camden and Sumter are given the identical treatment in the making of special rates and this rule will not be departed from.

The Torrens System.

The South Carolina legislature will be urged to pass a law providing the Torrens system of registering titles in that State. The system in vogue there is as loose and unsatisfactory as it is in North Carolina and as an instance of how it operates, the Spartanburg Journal says that a few days ago it was desired by an attorney of that city to trace the title of a lot on North Church street. There was one link gone in the chain and he had little hope of finding it. Suppose that John Smith had taken out a grant for one thousand acres of land in 1770. In the first place the grant may be recorded in Raleigh for this part of the country, and was once hitched on to Tryon county, N. C. That tract afterward may have been divided and sold to several purchasers, and there may have been a dozen transfers since the original grant. It may be easy to understand how difficult it would be to trace 50 acres of that original tract, or even a city lot 60 by 200 feet back to the grant. It is explained by the Journal, as it has been explained by all the papers that have advocated the Torrens system, that it proposes to do away with all such expense and red tape. The general provision of the law is that the owner of a tract of land makes application to the special officers for register. His land is advertised for a certain time. If there are no claims against it and there is no objection made by any one, then his title is recorded on a special book. After that examination of titles need not go beyond that. It will require no conveyancer to make the examination. The only expenses will be a small fee and the cost of advertising. The adoption of the Torrens system ought to be made one of the qualifications for legislative candidacy.—Charlotte Chronicle.

That White Goods Sale as announced by The Sumter Dry Goods Co. ought to be read with much interest by everyone who use White Goods. Think of the advantage in selecting from a stock bought before the advance in Cotton Fabrics.

Farmers' Union News

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.

FARMERS' UNION RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions of Sumter County Farmers' Union on Selling Cotton for Future Delivery.

Whereas: In recent issues of The Farmers' Union Sun and other papers there have been several letters advising and urging farmers to sell cotton for next September and October delivery at prices now prevailing or at the highest point those months are quoted at by the speculative interests, and

Whereas: In our fundamental law we have declared it to be the purpose of the Farmers' Union "To eliminate gambling in farm products by Boards of Trade, Cotton Exchanges and other Speculators," and

Whereas: The dictum of no man "That it is not gambling to bet on a sure thing" ever did or ever can make dealing in futures anything else than gambling. Therefore be it

Resolved: First, The Farmers' Union of Sumter County hereby places itself on record as being unalterably opposed to the use of the columns of our official organ to promulgate views so at variance with the principles of the order;

Second, Such advice is unsound and unwise for several other reasons, among them: that should there be large dealings of this kind and the market should go against the buyers they would simply "go broke" and the farmers would have no redress; but should the market go against the farmers they would be forced "to make good" for no sales would be accepted except from farmers of known ability to carry out their contracts. And further, unless the individual has plenty of money to margin his contracts he is taking risks that even a big profit, should he be able to collect it, will not warrant.

Third, We wish to publicly commend Hon. B. F. Keller, member of the State Union Executive Committee for the 7th district for his fearless and logical letter condemning this pernicious advice, which we feel sure was given by our distinguished brother from Barnwell without realizing the snares and pitfalls it would lead us into.

Fourth, We ask the Farmers' Unions to join us in warning our people against being led astray by such specious arguments.

Fifth, We ask the papers that have published such advice and all others that have at heart the best interests of the Union, and the prosperity of our people to join with us in urging our farmers to stick to legitimate business.

(Signed)
E. W. DABBS,
J. M. BROGDON,
S. D. CAIN,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted.
HUGH WITHERSPOON,
Secretary.

Oats and Vetch.

Watch your corn crib and hay loft these early January days. You are going to be scarce of horse feed before laying-by time. If you have two horses or mules, select two acres of good land. Break and harrow once or twice. Scatter 400 or 500 pounds of fertilizer and then sow before the first of February two bushels of oats and a half bushel of vetch to the acre. The two acres will make horse feed worth \$50.00. This makes a fine combination feed. Mow the lot when the oats are turning. If you have the cottonseed meal, mix 400 pounds acid, 200 pounds kainit and 200 pounds of cottonseed meal and sow on the two acres. You will find that the cheapest and best horse feed you ever raised. It will be ready to mow in time to plant a late corn crop or to sow peas.

Alva Solomons who was dangerously wounded by the accidental discharge of a parlor rifle Saturday, Jan. 1st, has improved steadily and was able to leave the Infirmary Saturday afternoon.

THE IMPRACTICAL.

Why Business Failure Is Inevitable to Some Individuals.

So many individuals with limited business aspirations fall so hopelessly short of a practical business point of view that failure is inevitable.

I listened long and patiently the other day to the hard luck story of a small farmer practicing the intensive system with fruits and vegetables. He lived on the edge of a considerable village, and 50 miles away was a growing city of 200,000 population. But the farmer was sore and discouraged.

"Nobody in the whole section begins to touch the stuff that I'm growing," he said hotly. "I'm a past master in the business. But what is the result? Every year I have stuff rotting here on the ground. I would not haul it into town for the prices they pay. It's ridiculous!"

To me, however, that farmer himself was the most ridiculous single thing in the whole story.

In an age of specializing he had specialized the growing of fine fruits and vegetables. They were his hobby. But he overlooked the fact that after his fruits were grown and ripened his work was only half done. Without connecting with a profitable market he might as well have put in his time making mud pies in his back yard. Fifty miles away was a city which would have grabbed for his produce. A main line of railroad ran right passenger trains into it every 24 hours. Why didn't he complete the work by establishing market connections?

But this was a sore spot with the farmer. A few years before he had kept three or four Jersey cows, and the farmer's wife was an expert butter-maker. In some way an official of the express company operating over the lines of the road through the village heard of this famous butter product and arranged to take the surplus without transportation cost and paying a sharp premium for it.

But the farmer had made only one shipment and had quit a disgust. Why? Simply because the farmer's wife had always used glazed crockery in which to handle milk and butter and in making the first six or eight pound shipment in a vessel that had cost her 50 cents the city purchaser had failed to return the empty crock! Why had she used the crock for shipment? Oh, well, she had never used anything else in the handling of butter!

Yet not a few of the big business concerns of the country that are seeking foreign outlet for trade are no wiser than this farmer's wife. They are producers of goods that are in foreign demand. Transportation rates are reasonable and direct. Prices are satisfactory. But, would you believe it, these bidders for foreign trade will not pack their goods for shipments as the market requires?

A few years ago a manufacturing concern in Chicago sold a consignment of neckties to a retail firm in British India. Instructions for packing were that tin boxes should be prepared with covers, the ties placed inside and the covers soldered on closely. The Chicago house balked at this. It packed the ties as it would have done were they to go to Baltimore or Denver and made the shipment. Several weeks later notice came that the whole shipment had arrived in a ruined condition. A small grub, recognized in those seas had penetrated the cardboard and wooden coverings and eaten the silk into rags!—Chicago Tribune.

The following gentlemen will represent the Presbyterian Church at the Laymen's Missionary Convention in Columbia, Jan. 17-19: H. L. Scarborough, D. James Winn, J. L. McCallum, W. F. Shaw, C. G. Rowland. Alternates: J. H. Chandler, D. C. Shaw, Yates Yeadon, W. H. Scott and Dr. Mills.

If Dr. Elliot actually wants to benefit humankind, let him publish a five-foot shopping list.—New York Mail.

A SERIES OF FIRES.

Firemen Had Lots to Do Sunday and Monday.

The fire department was called out twice Sunday, the first time at 2 a. m. to extinguish a blaze on the roof of Mrs. Manning Brown's residence on Church street. The fire was quickly gotten under control and the damage was small.

At noon the firemen had a hard fight to prevent the total destruction of the residence of Mr. Henry G. McKagen on East Calhoun street. The roof and second floor were considerably damaged, but the remainder of the house was not injured except by water and smoke. The furniture and other household effects were badly damaged. The house, which is the property of Mr. H. C. Haynsworth was insured for a sufficient amount to cover the damage. Mr. McKagen had his furniture insured but the exact amount of his loss has not been determined.

The fire originated from a fire which was left burning in an upstairs room while the family was downstairs. A log rolled out of the fire place and set fire to the floor, spreading thence to the wall and up into the roof.

Monday about 7:15 o'clock the department was called out again. The fire this time was on Church Street, where Mr. Irving A. Ryttenburg's automobile shed and stable were burned. The buildings were too far gone when the firemen arrived for them to save the building and they gave their attention to preventing the spread of the fire to other buildings. The loss was not great as Mr. Ryttenburg's automobile was saved.

Between 12 and 1 o'clock the hose wagons had another long run to 216 Oakland Avenue, where a small house occupied by a negro family was on fire. The roof was damaged to the extent of a few dollars before the blaze was extinguished.

Be early at the Big White Sale at The Sumter Dry Goods Co. if you would get the best values. The assortment is both large and varied but not altogether limitless.

The Dion-Bouton automobile factory, Puteaux, France, has built what it terms "the theatrical car of the future." This is an automobile sufficiently commodious to carry a company of about twelve persons, with room for the baggage on top.

ABOUT HYOMEL.

A Bottle Costs Only 50 Cents—A Complete Outfit Including Inhaler \$1.00.

When J. F. W. DeLorme will guarantee Hyomel to cure catarrh or give you your money back, what is your answer?

Are you satisfied with your condition, or do you want to rid yourself forever of vile catarrh, with its humiliating symptoms, such as hawking, spitting, blowing and bad breath?

Hyomel is a simple, antiseptic medicine, that you breathe through a small pocket inhaler over the parts affected.

It is made of Australian eucalyptus mixed with other germ killing and membrane soothing antiseptics.

Get a complete outfit today. It only costs \$1.00, and contains everything necessary to cure an ordinary case of catarrh. Extra bottles, if needed, 50c.

Hyomel is the best remedy in the world for sore throat, coughs and colds, croup and bronchitis. It gives wonderful relief in two minutes. For sale by druggists everywhere and by J. F. W. DeLorme.

1-10-19—W. 1-12.

FOR SALE—It being necessary to retire on account of my health, I offer for sale the best paying business in town. Ducker & Bultman, W. & S. 1-11-1f.

FOR RENT—Farm of 102 acres at Wedgefield on account of death of William Murray. Ducker & Bultman. 1-11-1f.

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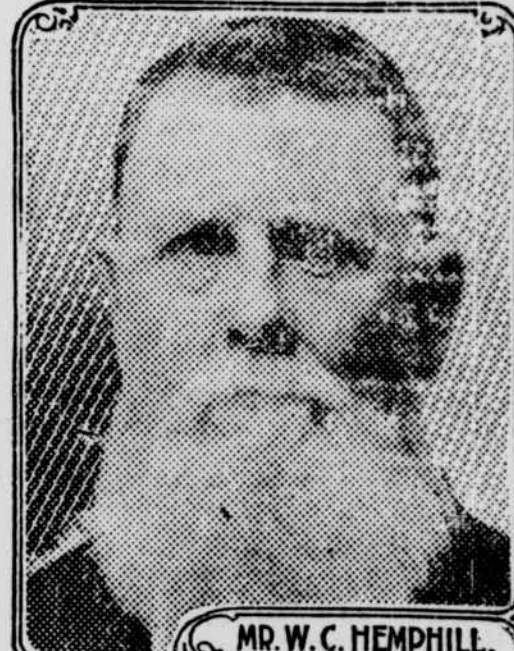
SAMUEL RAGIN, Dec'd.
Executor's Sale of Personal Property.

By order of the Judge of Probate for Sumter County, S. C., I will offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder, for cash, on Monday the 24th day of January, A. D., 1910, at the late residence of the deceased, in Manchester Township, in said County at 11 o'clock a. m. The personal property of said estate consisting of one 1-horse wagon, one 2-horse wagon, two mules, two cows, 2 calves, 14 hogs, one lot of corn, cotton seed, fodder, peas, potatoes, sugar cane, hay and a large variety of agricultural implements, harness, gear, etc.

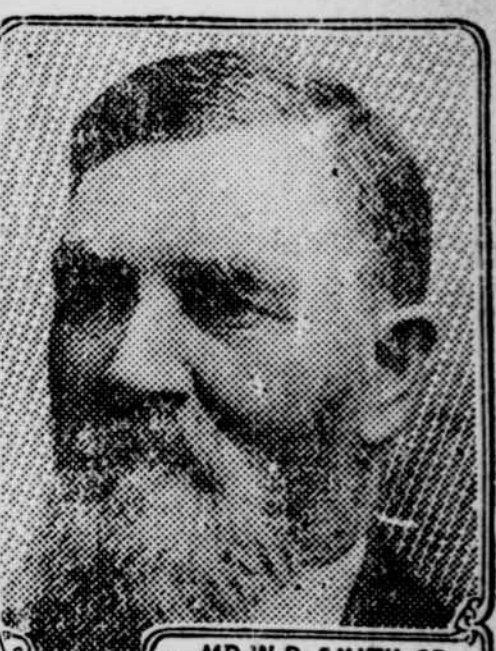
ISHAM MITCHELL,
Executor.

Sumter, S. C., Jan. 8, 1910.
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STAUNCH FRIENDS OF PE-RU-NA.



MR. W. C. HEMPHILL.



MR. W. D. SMITH, SR.



MRS. F. E. LITTLE.



MRS. H. G. GREEN.

Grandmothers and Grandfathers Who Believe in Pe-Ru-NA.

"I CAN recommend Peruna as a good medicine for chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels. I have been troubled with it severely for over a year, and also a cough.

"Now my cough is all gone, and all the distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and bowels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy."—Mrs. F. E. Little, Tolono, Ill.

"I HAD catarrh of the stomach, bowels and lower internal organs. Had a great deal of pain in my right hip, which felt like rheumatism. Also, pain in my internal organs. The water was highly colored, my back was weak, was constipated, and very restless.

"I commenced to take Peruna according to directions, and began to improve. I have taken ten bottles of Peruna and think I am cured."—Mr. W. C. Hemphill, Louisville, Miss.

MRS. H. G. GREEN and family, of Lewis Creek, Ind., write: "We cannot express to you our thanks for what Peruna has done for mother.

"When she began your medicine she was not able to be up all day, but now she is helping with the work and at present has gone on a visit. Her health is improved in general. No discharges. Good appetite. Sleeps well and looks well."

"BY following your instructions and taking your Peruna and Manalin I am cured of catarrh.

"I had catarrh for twelve years and quite a bad cough so I could not sleep nights. I do not have any cough now. If I feel anything in the throat I take a swallow of Peruna and I am all right."—Mr. W. D. Smith, Sr., 2410 Forest St., Fort Huron, Mich.

Ask Your Druggist for a Free Peruna Almanac for 1910.

Dr. H. A. Mood, who has been quite sick for several months returned Saturday from Fort Motte, where he has been recuperating for several weeks. His health has greatly improved and he is now able to be out and attend to business.

of New York. Another big mortgage filed with him for record is that of the Sumter Gas and Light Company for \$75,000, in favor of the Columbia Trust Company, of New York.

Mr. Claude E. Hurst, who went to a Richmond hospital for treatment several days ago was operated on Monday. A telegram was received about noon stating that he stood the operation well and his condition was very satisfactory.

Clerk of Court Parrott has in his office recording a mortgage for \$200,000,000 executed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad company in favor of the United States Trust Co.

Wednesday, Thursday,
Friday, Jan. 19, 20, 21

O'Donnell & Co's Big White Sale takes place on the above dates. Then will be the time to lay in your supply of White Goods, Laces and Embroideries of every description.

See Our "Ad" Later.

O'Donnell & Co.