

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.

Mr. Lever is doing himself more good by staying in Washington performing the work he was elected to do than he could possibly accomplish by coming home to follow the campaign party. His fences in this part of the district appear to be in good shape and he has, as yet, no cause for worry over the outlook. This bids fair to be another Lever year.

The Sixth Annual Convention of the South Carolina Firemen's Association was a successful and pleasant occasion. The Tournament, in which the public is more interested than in the convention, passed off without a single unpleasant incident and the firemen and all others unite in saying that it was one of the best managed and most successful Tournaments ever held in this State. It is gratifying to Sumter people to be assured by their guests that they enjoyed their stay in the city. And those who financed and managed the affair are to be congratulated that they scored a success and maintained our town's reputation of doing well whatever we undertake.

The consciousness of doing right should be full reward to a community, as well as an individual, but a well established reputation for obedience to law and the enforcement of law has a practical value. The fact that Sumter is making an honest effort to enforce the law against the liquor traffic is known from one end of South Carolina to the other, and that it is endorsed by all right thinking people was testified to by nearly all of the candidates for State offices who spoke here Wednesday.

The contest for the governorship will be decided, we believe, on the personality and popularity of the candidates. Their platforms are identical, save in the unimportant detail of the variation in verbiage to be expected when five men try to reduce to writing the same ideas. They all favor the same things and all oppose the liquor traffic. Three of them are State-wide and advocate the enactment of a general prohibition law by the legislature, while two are local optionists and believe in the democratic doctrine of leaving to the people of the respective counties the settlement of the liquor question. That is the only shade of difference to be detected in their platforms. But granting that there is a difference sufficient to be taken into account, the discussion of the point of difference is purely academic and when all is said we come straight back to the county in the end, for as the counties vote for members of the legislature, so will the liquor issue be determined. If we elect a State-wide Governor and a local option Legislature no prohibition law will be enacted and if a local option governor should be the choice of the people and a State-wide legislature, a prohibition law will be enacted and the local option governor will sign it. As we view the solution there is no use to fret and fume over the views on liquor entertained by the gubernatorial candidates. It is the legislature that should concern us. The governor, whoever he may be, will do that which he finds the people demand, and if he finds that his views do not accord with the wishes of the majority of the people, as reflected by the legislature, he will quickly fall into line. Does anyone imagine that Mr. Featherstone would veto a local option bill, that had been enacted by the legislature, or that McLeod would veto a State-wide prohibition bill under similar circumstances? We do not. Therefore, we repeat that the contest for the governorship is narrowed down to the personality of the candidates. The people, as individuals, will vote for the man whom they believe best fitted to fill the office or the man whom they know and like best. That is all there is to it, and there is no occasion to grow excited over the liquor issue which is being magnified and made much of for campaign purposes. Just vote for the man you believe to be the best for governor, elect the best men you can get to the legislature, and the old State will rock along on an even keel in perfect safety. The liquor question will be settled in time, but it will be settled by an enlightened public sentiment, not by some man sitting in the governor's chair.

THE Y. M. C. A.

The canvass for the Y. M. C. A. building fund began Saturday. It will close July 6th. It is to be a "whirlwind" campaign, and in the ten days \$35,000, or more, will be raised. That the minimum

amount needed to erect and equip the building will be raised is certain—of the success of the campaign we have not the least doubt. We have confidence in the public spirit and intelligence of the people of Sumter. They have never failed to respond to any call when money was needed for a worthy cause, and as a rule they have given even more than was asked for at the outset.

For nearly twenty years the writer has been in close touch with all movements for the upbuilding of the community, and observation and experience has been so convincing that there is no such word as failure in Sumter's lexicon, when the undertaking is for the good of the city and all its people, that we have no misgivings concerning the success of any purely public enterprise, if it be properly presented to the people of the town. It must not be understood, however, that we underestimate the difficulty or magnitude of the task upon which we enter today. To raise \$35,000 for the Y. M. C. A. will tax the resources and the public spirit of our people as never before, but we believe they will realize that the Y. M. C. A. is the most important undertaking for the good of the community toward which they have ever been called upon to contribute, and we feel assured that the response will be all that is desired. The guarantee of success lies in the willingness of every individual to do his full duty, to give and give freely all that he can, even though by so doing he must make a sacrifice. If each person who claims Sumter as his home, who sincerely desires the town to be a better town and a bigger town, and who has faith that the future has in store better things than the past, will take this thought to heart and will give all he can without regard for, or consideration of, what others have given, or may give, the campaign will be a march of triumph for the convassing committees, and not a laborious task.

Ten days may seem a short time in which to raise so great a sum as \$35,000, but, as we are going to give the money, why let the campaign last so long, why not give the money in five days, or less, and go about our other business?

There are few men in Sumter who can give as much as a thousand dollars, without making a great sacrifice, therefore we must not expect many large contributions, nor look to the rich men to erect the building. The Y. M. C. A. will be built largely with the money given by men of small means, and it is in these men who are poor in money, but rich in public spirit, that our faith is founded. Without them back of the movement it would be pre-doomed to failure; but they have never failed to answer the call to work or give for the good of the town, and they will not be less heedful to the call nor less generous on this occasion.

The committee of workers who have enlisted for the campaign have a great task before them and they have assumed a great responsibility. They are working for the Sumter of the future and for the men of years to come. They are giving their time, their energy and their money, for every worker is a contributor also, for they are doing what they are asking others to do. Help them on their way, give them all or more than they ask, and wish them God speed and the triumphant success of the enterprise for which they are laboring.

Third Week's Jury.

Jury Commissioners met Saturday and drew the following jurors for the third term of court:

- J. H. Tobias,
- Henry Roy,
- H. C. Parrott,
- Screven Moore,
- J. M. Tisdale, Jr.,
- R. M. Hildebrand,
- Willie McClam,
- R. A. Chandler, Jr.,
- J. F. Glenn,
- R. S. Keels,
- J. S. Moore,
- P. P. Finn,
- S. M. Pringle,
- A. J. Stubbs,
- R. K. Brown,
- G. A. Nettles,
- P. G. Bowman,
- E. W. Hurst,
- E. S. Miller,
- W. B. Oliver,
- W. L. Lee,
- A. W. Newman,
- T. E. Hodge,
- J. A. Lewis,
- C. W. Young,
- S. P. Jenkins,
- Robert Bradford,
- Tyso S. Stuckey,
- A. F. Smith,
- R. M. Muldrow,
- F. J. Bass,
- J. M. N. Wilder,
- J. M. Ardis,
- J. R. Nettles,
- W. J. Troublefield,
- W. S. Thompson.

The shacks on the railroad right of way at the station are being rolled back from the contested strip in accordance with the decision of the Supreme Court.

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.

Some Random Thoughts.

I am in receipt of a letter from Prof. Barrow, of Clemson College, appointing July 16th and 18th for Farmers' Institutes in Sumter county. The meeting on the 16th will be at Stateburg, and by request of citizens of Shiloh, the meeting on the 18th will be held there to accommodate the people in the eastern section of the county. Prof. Barrow will send me a list of the speakers in a few days and I will publish it in these columns.

The Sumter County Union held a most interesting meeting with Salem Union last Friday. Those Unions that failed to send delegates and the officers that missed this meeting are the poorer. Brethren, we need your counsel and the inspiration of your presence, but I candidly believe that you need us and the influence of the County Union with the consideration given to subjects of live and momentous interests to the farmers, more than the Union needs you.

President Perritt, of the State Union was with us and made a well prepared public address that was worth all the trouble of attending, and we trust will bear fruit in accessions to our ranks.

On Saturday I had the pleasure of meeting with the Richland County Union in Columbia and find that they are doing some practical work along different lines from ours. But work that will count for the upbuilding of the agricultural interests of Richland county as much as anything that we have done. I refer to the drainage of a large area of their finest lands. Through the Union, and a local Union at that, they have worked out a scheme of drainage and have secured the co-operation of the United States engineering department for the necessary surveys.

While in Columbia on business connected with the State Union, I took a bird's eye view of the field, and it was gratifying to see the hold the Union has upon our people. We of Sumter county have no cause for discouragement, but every reason to be more alert and aggressive. Wherever in the records of the State secretary we saw indications of progress, we found upon investigation that there was some business enterprise either in successful operation or in process of organization. I find that wherever I go information is wanted about Sumter's Union Brokerage Co. and Produce Exchange. The eyes of the whole State are upon us, because it seems to be the best form of co-operation yet devised, and points to greater results than any other. We must develop the produce feature as rapidly as possible for this is the one that promises the most. To this end I would urge upon our stockholders that we supply Brother Brogdon with farm produce, such as he is constantly having calls for. You can not run an exchange without produce. You must have the goods before you can secure the customers. When I am next invited to another county to tell them of Sumter's plan let me be able to show the success of the produce feature as well as of the brokerage part of the business. It is common slogan to say "Watch Sumter," "the Sumter Spirit," etc. The Union is watching Sumter; let us give the rest of the State something worth more, infinitely more, than stock parades, that is a successfully managed Produce Exchange that reaches into every corner of three or four counties and converts the farmers' waste products into cash to the financial betterment of interest among our people. E. W. D.

FARMERS' UNION MEETS.

Matters of far-reaching importance are discussed. Salem, Black River, June 21.—The Sumter County Farmers' Union held its July meeting with Salem local union at Salem school house today. President Perritt of the State Union was present and gave an interesting account of the work of the union all over the State. Matters of far-reaching importance to the order were dis-

cussed and adopted; a very interesting meeting was held, notwithstanding the small attendance of delegates on account of the pressure of farm work.

After a bountiful dinner had been served by the good ladies, who were out in force, President Perritt delivered a well prepared address from the school house piazza to a fine audience.

President James Reeves of the Clarendon county union was a welcome guest of the Sumter County union today.

Rev. W. H. Workman made a most interesting talk before the county union on "Alfalfa and Its Uses in a Better System of Farming and Stock Raising." His remarks were so well received that by request the matter will be discussed again at the next meeting of the county union, which will convene with Concord union on the first Friday in August. This talk is a new feature that has been adopted by Salem union and Mr. Workman's remarks on alfalfa were prepared for delivery to the local union.

Secretary-Treasurer Hugh Witherpoon, J. K. McElveen and L. I. Parrott were elected delegates to the State meeting of the union in Columbia July 27-29. President E. W. Dabbs of Sumter county union will be a member of the State union by reason of his being State vice president.

It is a very busy season. Too much rain, crops grassy, corn needing to be laid by, but soil too wet; oats and wheat not yet in the barns; but in spite of it all the farmers of this section had a most delightful picnic and the county meeting that started out with no prospects of interest developed into one of its best meetings. And a matter was started that will

be worth thousands of dollars annually to the cotton growers.

J. H. Warren has been critically ill from heat prostration on Tuesday last. He is secretary-treasurer of Salem union and but for the encouraging news of his condition today the meeting and picnic would have been overshadowed by his illness.

G. W. McBride had two of his ploughhands prostrated by the heat yesterday. One of them was all right in a short while, but the other had something like congestion and is under the doctor's care.

President Perritt was a very welcome guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dabbs while on his visit to the Sumter county meeting.

John K. McElveen has several acres of fine wheat, planted January 25. It is not yet ripe, but he has proved that wheat can be sown late and yet make a good yield.

Henry Johnson threshed 59 bushels of wheat from two acres. Yields of 15 to 30 bushels are reported on all sides. The grains are finer than the seed sown, and it is safe to say this section is independent of the flour market for the next six months. Some farmers have a full year's supply. The Trinity flour mill is prepared to make the finest flour by the most improved roller process.

Members of the Salem union are determined to have a phone line to Sumter by September.

Pack-McCollum.

A beautiful home wedding which took place on Wednesday evening, at half past eight o'clock, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Pack, on Pendleton street, was that of their daughter, Miss Annette and Mr. H. Warren McCollum, of Sumter. This home was lavishly decorated for the occasion, the ceremony room was a creation of loveliness in quantities of ferns, palms and white flowers. Promptly at 8:30 the bridal party entered. Mendelssohn's wedding march being skillfully rendered by Miss Vera Watkins.

The bridesmaids were Miss Evelyn Pack and Miss Grace Brogdon, of Sumter, were attired in filmy cream colored creations, and carried pink roses, and were attended by Messrs. Holliday and Hill, of Sumter. The maid of honor, Miss Edna Pack, sister of the bride, was becomingly gowned in pink satin, her flowers being a bouquet of exquisite pink roses. The bride entered with her brother, Mr. Marion Pack, in white messaline, with long filmy veil, and carrying an armful of bride's roses and feathery ferns. The groom was attended by his brother, Mr. Roland McCollum.

After the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. T. W. Sloan, a brilliant reception was held, which a large number of Greenville's society were present to enjoy, and to extend good wishes and congratulations

to the bride and groom.

At the front door Mrs. Louise Mayes welcomed the guests, and in the parlor, the receiving party included Dr. and Mrs. Pack, Mr. Alva Pack, Dr. and Mrs. Sloan, Miss Brogdon, Mr. Holliday, the bride and groom, Miss Edna Pack, Mr. Roland McCollum, Miss Evelyn Pack and Mr. Hill.

Inviting the guests into the dining room were Mrs. Geo. Carter and Miss McGowan of Spartanburg. This room was a veritable garden of pink roses, banked on mantel, buffet, and every conceivable place, the table being arranged with an exquisite center piece of cluny lace, on which was a bowl of roses of the same delicate hue as those used throughout this room and lighted pink candles added most effectively to this bower beauty. A color scheme of pink being further carried out here in the dainty refreshments of cream, cake and dainty mints, which were served by a bevy of young girls including Miss Louelle Beno, Miss Grace West, Miss Lillian Pack, Miss Mary Mayes.

From here the guests were taken into the library, where a brilliant display of handsome cut glass, silver and other gifts were numerous. In the front parlor, which was lovely with white and green, the punch bowl was placed amid a bank of daisies and ferns and was presided over by Miss Madge Burgard and Miss Emmie Hicks.

The bride and groom left for a several weeks trip, from which they will return to Sumter, S. C., where the groom is popular both in business and social circles. The bride has a host of friends in Greenville by whom she will be greatly missed.—Greenville News, June 26.

Dance at Providence Springs.

There will be an all day dance and basket picnic at Providence Springs Pavilion, July 4th. Admission 75c. 6-27-6t.

A severe thunder cloud passed over the city Friday afternoon and that night another one passed over. A number of trees were hit by the lightning.

Candidates' Cards.

Announcements of candidates will be printed in this column until the close of the campaign for \$5. No cards accepted on credit.

I beg to announce to the voters of Sumter County that I am a candidate for the State Senate, subject to the rules governing the Primary election. A. K. SANDERS.

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