

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1910.

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.

Weather Forecast.

For South Carolina:
Partly cloudy with local showers tonight or Wednesday; moderate South and Southwest winds.

Every man in Sumter county, who is interested in good roads should attend the meeting to be held in Sumter Tuesday, July 26th.

This good roads meeting is one of a series to be held in every county of the State under the auspices of the Columbia Record, which is conducting a vigorous good roads campaign with the assistance of the good roads bureau of the Department of Agriculture, which has detailed Mr. Winslow, one of its experts to accompany the good roads party. The meeting will be held in the Court House and will be called to order at 11 o'clock a. m. an interesting programme will be arranged.

The building of new cotton mills in the Piedmont section does not bear out the reports that the cotton manufacturing industry in South Carolina is not as prosperous as it has been.

Some of the up-country newspapers are predicting that either McLeod or Blease will be in the second primary with Featherstone, and that the chances are that Featherstone will be defeated in the second race. If it looks that way in the up-country Featherstone is a goner, and McLeod will be the next Governor of South Carolina.

Mayor Jennings states that he has decided to forbid the exhibition of the Jeffries-Johnson prize fight moving pictures in this city. He does not anticipate that the exhibition of the pictures would be productive of disorder or a race riot, but, as the law forbids prize fights in the State, he is of the opinion that the reproduction of a notorious prize fight, such as the Jeffries-Johnson mill, would be no less obnoxious than a fight between individuals. He is of the opinion that the law forbidding prize fighting is ample warrant for his decision to prohibit the moving picture Jeffries-Johnson exhibition in Sumter.

Last fall this town and county were thoroughly canvassed by the agents of a North Carolina nursery who were about the smoothest and best talkers that have come this way. They sold only guaranteed fruit trees, rose and other ornamental plants, and the prices they charged and collected were from three to four times as much as ordinary. The extra high prices were taxed up to cover the guarantee, and the agents promised that they would make good each and every fruit tree or other plant that did not live and flourish. In due time the trees and plants arrived and were set out, but a great many of them have died and those that have survived are not flourishing. Some of the buyers of the trees and plants have written to the nursery to find out what the guarantee on the plants is worth, now that the plants are dead and the money paid, but as yet no reply has been received, although ample time has elapsed since writing for an answer to have been returned. It looks like the buyers of high priced plants are stung.

A business man who is very anxious to see Sumter have a good hotel for the accommodation of the traveling public makes a suggestion that is worthy of consideration, for it appears to offer a practicable solution of the problem at a minimum cost. His idea is to buy the Masonic Temple and remodel it from top to bottom and convert it into a first class commercial hotel. The location is central and on that account most desirable in so far as the traveling men are concerned for they, almost without exception, prefer a hotel near the business section of a town. The lot on which the building is situated is amply large for the purpose desired and besides it has light and ventilation on three sides. The man who makes the suggestion is not interested in the property in any way and the sale of the Masonic Temple and its conversion into a hotel would not benefit him a cent. It is merely a suggestion, but it looks so reasonable that it is laid before the business men of Sumter for consideration and discussion. If the plan can be worked out it will be a good thing for the town, for the necessity for a hotel grows greater all the while.

A new \$400,000 cotton mill to make fine goods will be built at Chesnee, Spartanburg county.

GOOD ROADS RALLY.

PARTY WILL BE IN SUMTER TUESDAY, JULY 26TH.

Hon. D. H. Winslow Principal Speaker—Several Practical Talks on Road Building and the Value of Better Highways.

Tuesday, July 26th, is the day set for the good roads rally in Sumter county. The good roads party will make a tour of the State in automobiles and study the condition of the roads, and at the same time hold good roads institutes. Hon. D. H. Winslow, superintendent of good roads construction, has been assigned by the Department of Agriculture to make the tour. Mr. Winslow is one of the best posted men in the country on roads. He has given the subject a great deal of thought and study and knows what he is talking about.

Mr. C. W. Moorman, formerly secretary of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce will also make an address.

The meeting will be held in the court house beginning at 12 m. provided court has adjourned by that time, otherwise the opera house will be used. The meeting will be presided over by Mr. Peter M. Pitts, county supervisor. Mr. R. B. Belsler, who has made an exhaustive study of the subject and who recently took a trip to the West to study the subject will tell of his observations while gone.

There is no subject that is of more general interest than that of the roads. Every man is interested and a large audience should turn out to hear the addresses.

CONVENES AT BETHEL CHURCH.

Sumter Summer Assembly Convenes July 25—Attractive Programme Arranged.

The Sumter Summer Assembly will convene at Bethel church, Sumter county, July 25, the object being to enlighten us concerning a few of the vital questions pertaining to the Kingdom of God, and will last until July 30.

Each church is entitled to as many delegates as will attend, and therefore a large number is expected.

Quite a number, fifty or more, are arranging to camp in tents on the churchyard. Tents can be borrowed or bought, and to any who are contemplating camping Mr. W. J. Wilder can give information concerning the cost.

The Bethel brethren will provide homes, however, for those who do not occupy tents.

Quite a number of attractive features have been arranged for.

The afternoons will be surrendered to the younger folk for amusement and games, and Rev. V. I. Masters, of Atlanta, will occupy a part of two evenings with pictures from a stereopticon.

Visitors from neighboring associations will be welcomed and entertained.

The committee on arrangements includes Messrs. Haynsworth, Tolay, Wilder and Brown.

The programme follows:

25th. R. W. Lide—Introductory Sermon, 8 p. m.

26th. J. R. Sampey—Abraham, the father of believers.

C. C. Brown—Rome.

L. A. Cooper—Money and the Kingdom.

J. D. Huggins—The Epistle of Jude—Genuineness, authenticity, and peculiarities.

27th. J. R. Sampey—Job, the soul-tried saint.

C. C. Brown—Romanism in Rome.

J. D. Moore—The Executive Branch of the S. S.

Howard L. Jones—Literary Address.

V. I. Masters—Home Missions under the Stereopticon.

28th. J. R. Sampey—Moses, the Lawgiver.

J. D. Moore—The Teaching Forces of the S. S.

Howard L. Jones—Literary Address.

Jno. A. Brunson—Old Testament Prophecies.

V. I. Masters—Home Missions under the Stereopticon.

29th. Jno. A. Brunson—Old Testament Prophecies.

J. H. Mitchell—The Lordship of Jesus as shown in the first Gospel.

J. D. Moore—The Pupil and his Needs.

V. I. Masters—The Claims of Home Missions.

County Summer School.

The Sumter County summer school for teachers will open August 1st and continue for four weeks. The instructors are Mr. S. H. Edmunds, Miss E. W. McLain and Miss Agnes D. Richardson. The course of study this year will be the most complete, comprehensive and practical that has ever been offered the teachers of Sumter county in a summer school and it is hoped that all public school teachers in the county will attend.

Roads That Are Missing.

The Charleston Automobile Club has a right to feel very much gratified at the hearty response which has been accorded its suggestion that a good roads rally be held in Charleston. There is every promise that tomorrow's gathering will be one of the largest and one of the most interesting events of its kind ever held in South Carolina.

That intelligent and concerted work for improved highways in this State is greatly needed is so well known that a statement to that effect falls usually to arouse the attention it deserves. We need concrete illustration to bring home to us a realization of its truth. One such illustration is afforded in letters received by Col. Cosgrove from Messrs. E. I. Reardon, of Sumter, and H. H. Husbands, of Florence. These gentlemen write that between thirty and forty automobiles from Sumter and Florence have been compelled to abandon the trip to Charleston on this occasion because they cannot get across the Santee River. Mr. Reardon says:

"I find that Sumter automobilists were very anxious to make the trip, and we would have sent at least thirty-six well-filled cars to your city if there were any means of getting across the Santee River and swampy The only way in which we can get to Charleston in automobiles is to go around by way of Camden and Columbia, which would necessitate about two hundred miles in the round trip additional."

After telling of the failure of efforts to arrange with the railroad people to transport the cars across the Santee, and stating that a number of Sumter people will come to Charleston by train for the rally, Mr. Reardon continues:

"Charleston is unquestionably the loser on account of the lack of facilities whereby the Eastern Carolina people are kept from reaching your city by public highways. It seems queer to me that in those progressive times it is not feasible to reach Charleston by automobile from Sumter, Clarendon, Darlington and other Pee Dee counties when there are living in these counties today hundreds of men and women who tell you of the trips they used to make to Charleston 50 years ago to sell cotton and to do their trading."

It is easy enough to explain why these roads of which Mr. Reardon speaks fell into disuse. The extension of railroad service and the changed methods of marketing crops and purchasing supplies tell that story. But there is no reason why they should not now be reopened, put in better shape than they ever were in the past and used to the great advantage of this city and of the territory through which they will stretch. The matter is one which invites

the attention of tomorrow's convention. In our judgment a good roads and drainage league for lower South Carolina ought to be formed tomorrow and some definite plan looking to the betterment of the highway facilities in this part of the State should be decided upon. This plan, we think, should provide among other things for intelligent supervision of the work to be undertaken and should call for an immediate campaign for the building of at least two highways by State aid, one of these highways to bisect the State from north to south, and be other from east to west. South Carolina is one of the few progressive States where such work has not been entered upon by the commonwealth. It is time that we were getting in line. The next Legislature ought to make provision to this end.

Good roads in the low country furnish the key to drainage—and drainage spells rapid development and an almost incalculable enhancement of the wealth and productiveness of this part of the State.—News and Courier.

COTTON CROP DETERIORATES.

Reports Show That Condition of the Staple is Worse Than It Has Been.

Memphis, July 10.—The Commercial Appeal will print this summary of cotton crop conditions tomorrow: A comparison of reports received this week under date of July 7, with those of June 23 show that in the period between those dates the cotton crop about maintained itself in North Carolina and Tennessee; made small gains as compared with a normal in Oklahoma and Texas and also deteriorated sharply in other States, the cause of the deterioration being excessive and long continued rains.

"Reports show that during the past week rains were general east of Texas and Oklahoma, making practically the third week of continuous rainfall. There are local exception and Tennessee and North Carolina have not had as much precipitation as other States. There are a few good reports in this, the rain territory, but they are the exceptions and not the rule.

"Generally speaking, the fields are becoming grassy, the plant is showing ill effects from lack of cultivation and on the lowlands much of the fields have been submerged and there has been or will be some abandonment of acreage.

Some of the damage can not be recovered, although it goes without saying that two weeks of bright weather would work a great improvement.

Rice Flour.

Car fresh rice flour direct from mills, best and cheapest all round feed for horses, cows, hogs and chickens we have ever used. Booth-Harby Live Stock Co. 7-9-6t

GOT HIS BOOZE BACK.

Wisdom Gass Had Two Gallons For His Sick Niece.

Saturday morning Sergt. Barwick and Officer Williams raided the house of Sallie McDonald, colored, and got about two gallons of booze out of a closet.

Sallie claimed that the booze was the property of Wisdom Gass, a boarder of her's, who used the same closet she uses, and that she did not know it was there until the officers brought it to light, as Gass had stored it while she was away working. Sallie also stated that Gass was accustomed to drinking ginger ale and corn "licker" whenever he could procure it.

Gass admitted, through his attorney, C. Capers Smith, Esq., that he had stored the liquor, but only until he could carry it in the country to his sick niece.

As the city could not prove that he had the liquor stored "for illegal purposes," and as the city ordinance reads thus, the case was dismissed, and the ducky allowed to remove his booze.

The other cases disposed of in the Recorder's court Monday morning were:

Burrell Myers, assault and battery, plead guilty, fined \$5.

James McLain, Peggy McLain, and Anna Johnson, fighting and cursing. Guilty as to McLain, who was fined \$5. Guilty as to Anna Johnson, also, who was fined \$2.

McLain through his attorney, C. Capers Smith, Esq., gave notice of appeal. Anna Johnson paid her fine.

Marion Moses, fighting and disturbance of the peace. He was fined \$15.

Rosa Johnson, larceny, case dismissed.

STOLE BICYCLE.

Negro Thief Caught With Goods at Cameron.

A negro, William Brown, stole Mr. W. M. Barfield's bicycle from his boarding house Saturday night, and succeeded in getting as far as Cameron with it.

Here he tried to sell it, but being suspicious of the negro, the dealer communicated with the authorities here, and found that the wheel was stolen property.

Mr. Barfield went to Cameron immediately, and brought wheel and negro back to this city.

The negro admitted to Magistrate Harby that he had stolen the wheel from Mr. Barfield's boarding house.

He claims to be from Columbia. Brown was committed to jail in default of \$300 bond.

Senator Culberson says it cost him \$27 to get re-elected. It was Senatorial "bargain day" for Uncle Sam, of course.—Washington Herald.

Rice Flour.
Car fresh rice flour direct from mills, best and cheapest all round feed for horses, cows, hogs and chickens we have ever used. Booth-Harby Live Stock Co. 7-9-6t

WANTED—By young lady, college graduate L. I. Degree, position as teacher. Good references. Address S. L. Care Osteen Pub. Co. 7-12-2t

AN OPPORTUNITY—In January after the last horse show in Sumter I purchased the handsome horse which was awarded the blue ribbon (first prize) by the judges, they having decided that he was the best single harness horse on exhibition. He is without blemish, kind and sensible and the kind of horse that is not often on the market. Having determined not to keep a horse, I am offering him for sale. C. P. Osteen, M. D., Sumter, S. C.

The way to get out of self-love is to love God.—Phillips Brooks.

Candidates' Cards.

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

FOR CONGRESS.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Seventh Congressional District of South Carolina and pledge myself to abide by the rules and regulations of the Democratic primary.

A. F. LEVER.

THE SENATE.

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.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
I am a Candidate for the House of Representatives, subject to the rules of the Democratic Primary.

R. B. BELSER.

FOR MAGISTRATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Magistrate for the Third District, Sumter County, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary.

HORACE HARBY.

Our Semi-Annual Clearance Sale

Of Men's and Boy's Clothing

Commences Tuesday, July 5th, And Will Continue For Ten Days :: :: :: ::



The time is opportune—three months more of Summer Weather in which you will need Seasonable Clothes, and five months longer in which you can wear Summer Clothes.

Our stock is large, we can please you and we will interest you in a Clothing Proposition.

All Mohair Suits

—The Ideal Mid-Summer Suit—are Included in Our Sale—

We have genuine bargains to offer, and if you desire to get in the push come early Tuesday morning.

25 to 30 per cent. Discount During Sale, For Cash Only.

The Sumter Clothing Company.