

The Watchman and Southron.

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.

DIRECTOR FOR CORN CLUB.

When in Columbia attending the Corn Exposition Mr. H. L. Scarborough and the writer, who are members of the committee of arrangements of the Sumter County Boys' Corn Club, had an interview with Mr. Ira W. Williams, State director of the Farm Demonstration work of the Department of Agriculture, relative to the work of the Boys' Corn Club next year. Mr. Williams expressed himself as being very much pleased with the results accomplished in Sumter County this year, which had convinced him that this county afforded a field for exceptionally valuable work. In order to promote this educational work along agricultural lines he offered to detail an agent to take charge of the Boys' Corn Club of Sumter County next year, provided the citizens of the county would raise approximately \$300 toward paying the salary of the agent. The offer Mr. Williams seemed to be so advantageous to Sumter county that Mr. Williams was immediately informed that there would be no difficulty in obtaining the required funds, and he was asked to hold his offer open a short time.

The fact of the offer having been made was mentioned in this paper and as the first result we have received the following letter:

Sumter, S. C., Dec. 15, 1910.

Mr. H. G. Osteen, Editor, City.

Dear Sir:

We noticed in last night's Item that you called attention to the fact that the Agricultural Department will furnish a director for the Boys' Corn Club, if this county will raise the sum of \$300.00. We think this is a very important work and should have the proper man at the head of it, and to start the ball moving we hand you herewith our check for \$10.00 which you may use to start a subscription list to raise the desired amount.

Yours very truly,

McCallum Realty Company.

This is proof that we did not over-estimate the public spirit and intelligent progressiveness of the people of Sumter when we assured Mr. Williams that \$300, or more if needed, could be raised for the purpose of securing a director for the Boys' Corn Club of this county. The voluntary contribution by the McCallum Realty Company sets the pace and we trust other public spirited citizens will follow suit.

It strikes us that a great deal of valuable time and a lot of money are being expended on the Southern Railway merger suit to no purpose. That the Southern obtained control of the old South Carolina railway and several other bankrupt roads and has since operated them more successfully and efficiently than they were ever before is a fact that cannot be denied. Rates may be higher, but the service is better, and we do not understand that the rates are higher or more unreasonable than the rates charged by other railroads.

The merger of the several roads is an accomplished fact and it would seem the wisest policy for the State to meet conditions as they are and through the railroad commission force the Southern, and other railroads as well, to give reasonable rates and better and safer service. From a practical point of view it was a good thing for the State and the sections served by the merged railroads that the Southern took them in hand and rehabilitated them, even though the merger was a violation of a special law enacted to prevent injurious monopoly in the railway business of the State. We do not take the position, however, that the railroads should be given a free hand to do as they please. They need regulation and control so that they can be required to perform the functions they were created to perform and to discharge, in full, the details they owe the public.

If merit competency and strict attention to duty count for anything Mr. E. J. Rhame, Assistant State Bank Examiner, will be promoted to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of State Bank Examiner Giles L. Wilson. Mr. Rhame has served as assistant examiner since the creation of the office, and that he has discharged his duties in a thoroughly efficient manner is the testimony of all who have come in contact with him. He is worthy of promotion and the best interests of the State will be subserved by his appointment, and we suggest that those who have the appointive power consider this seriously before deciding to seek some other man for the position.

The Corn Exposition was a decided success in many respects, but before the next one is held the management and arrangements should be better systematized. There has been criticism and dissatisfaction, much of it justifiable, and if the matters complained of are not remedied at the next exposition, it will not become a permanent institution in Columbia—Atlanta or some other town will take it away from Columbia and make of it the great agricultural show of the South.

The opportunity to secure a director for the Boys' corn club of Sumter county should not be allowed to pass unimproved. If the people of Sumter county are not sufficiently interested in the cause of scientific farming along educational lines to raise the small amount of \$300, required to secure a special agent of the Farm Demonstration bureau for this work, it will be a black eye for the county. The Department will detail a competent man and pay the larger part of his salary if the county raise the money for the balance.

The cotton crop in the tributary territory to Sumter is practically the same this year as last, and the average price has been higher, therefore there has been fully as much or more money in circulation, which should have made business brisker and the volume of retail trade greater, especially if the argument of the prohibitionists is accepted as true that the abolition of the dispensary would turn into the channels of legitimate trade all the money squandered on whiskey. What are the facts? Ask a few of the merchants how trade this year and last year compare with the year before and previous years.

If the trustees of Carnegie's ten million dollar universal peace fund follow the example of the statesmen and rulers of the great nations, they will make haste to invest the money in a bigger dreadnaught than anybody else has and thereby frighten Wilhelm's mailed fist and Teddy Roosevelt's big stick plan for keeping the bellicose peoples of the world in line to keeping the peace. This is Kaiserling the peace.

Sumter is a good place to come to. Wednesday there were automobiles in the city from Richland, Lee, Clarendon and Florence, and possibly Kershaw, counties, showing that people from those places like to come to Sumter whenever they have the chance to do so.

Shoppers had a tough time of it on Main street Thursday—the dust was fierce. Where was the water wagon?

If you don't pay your State and county taxes before January 1st the penalty will be taxed up against you.

WOMEN

Women of the highest type, women of superior education and refinement, whose discernment and judgment give weight and force to their opinions, highly praise the wonderful corrective and curative properties of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Throughout the many stages of woman's life, from girlhood, through the ordeals of motherhood to the declining years, there is no safer or more reliable medicine. Chamberlain's Tablets are sold everywhere at 25c a box.

Farmers' Union News

—AND—

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers

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

Some Random Thoughts.

President Barrett's letter on the selection of officers is again commended to the careful reading of every Union man in Sumter County. We trust his good advice will be put in practice in the election of officers in all the local unions during the next two weeks, and in sending delegates to the county meeting in January. Remember, fellow-farmers, this is something you cannot do by proxy, and your presence in the meeting is needed to insure your views being put into effect in the officers who are to represent you and the union cause for another twelve months.

FOR SALE—A 600 acre farm in Wateree Township, Kershaw county, three miles from railroad station—Blaney, S. C., and one mile from Automobile Highway between Camden and Columbia, one of the finest sand-clay roads in the State, and on R. F. D. route. The land is sand gravel, with a clay subsoil, and also bottom lands, capable of producing a bale to two beles per acre, properly cultivated. Three hundred acres under cultivation, with one 9-room house and six tenant houses in fair condition. For particulars, Write, Jno D. Balloy, Blaney, S. C. 21 I, 9, 16.—W & S 9-17-24-28.

FOR SALE—One thousand bushels best white corn, good enough for seed, at one dollar per bushel; three first rate mules, two horses, work in double or single harness; fairly good saddle gaites; three good farm wagons, some farming implements. Apply B. W. Ratfield, Agent, Mayeville, S. C. 1126-1f.

FOR SALE—Sheep and goats, in pairs or two's. Great for cleaning out under brush. Prices as to size and quality. Sold out of sheep skins. E. W. Dabbs, Mayeville, S. C. 11-9-I-2-taw-tf-W-tf

FOR SALE—A very attractive farm of 292 acres. Three tenant houses and outbuildings. Land lies perfectly level and within 7 miles of Sumter over a clay road. Location all that could be desired. W. L. Saunders, Sumter, S. C., R. F. D. No 3. 12-2-bt.

FOR RENT—At Stateburg a first class two or four-horse farm. Four room cottage and necessary outbuildings. Lands in condition to make a bale of cotton per acre. For prices and particulars apply to W. L. Saunders, Sumter, S. C. R F D No 3. 12-2-4t.

FOR SALE—Several sows and gilts, some with pigs and some due to have pigs soon. Several pure bred Berkshire pigs, both sexes. Something choice in both lots. E. W. Dabbs, Mayeville, S. C. 11-19-I-2t aw-tf.—W-1taw-tf.

FOR SALE—Seed corn from prize acre. None but choice ears, 70 pounds in ear for \$3.00. Without extra selection, rated third by Judges in seed contest. Jas. McBride Dabbs, Mayeville, S. C. 11-19-I-2taw-tf.—W-1taw-tf.

MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Court of Common Pleas for Sumter County, in the State of South Carolina, in the case of J. M. Brogdon and Company, Incorporated, against Sarah J. McFaddin and J. J. Britton, Jr., I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder at the Court House, in the City of Sumter, in the County and State aforesaid, on Sales day in January, 1911, being the second day of said month, during the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate, to wit:

"That tract of land situate in Concord Township, in said County and State, containing ten acres, more or less, bounded on the North by land formerly of A. J. Moses, East by land of Richard Brogdon, lot No. 1 of the Estate of Cuff Brogdon, South by land of C. F. Brogdon, Jr., and West by land of Rachel Hammett, lot No. 3 of the estate of Cuff Brogdon, the said lot being Sarah J. McFaddin's portion of her Father's estate, Cuff Brogdon, whose heirs made a private partition, said lot being lot No. 2 as shown on a plat made by I. M. Nicholson, Surveyor, on November 10th, 1897.

Also all of that undivided right, title and interest of Sarah J. McFaddin of, in and to twenty-five acres of land, in said County and State, adjoining lands of Reuben Bowen, Cuff Brogdon, Jr., W. J. Jennings, Richard Brogdon and others, being the land belonging to Amella Brogdon, the mother of said Sarah J. McFaddin."

Terms of sale, cash, purchaser to pay for papers.

E. C. HAYNSWORTH, Master for Sumter County. Dec. 9-4t-W.

God's pleasure is at the end of our prayers.—Quarles.

Located Right

A 300 Acre Farm

A nicely located tract of 300 acres, 180 acres in cultivation, 3 miles from Sumter, on road to Camden, can be bought at a price that gives somebody an opportunity to secure a bargain. Buildings consist of a six room dwelling, with barns, stables and necessary outbuildings and 6 tenant houses. Railroad siding and school on place. In

fork of Sumter-Camden and Sumter-Stateburg road. Some timber and thousands of cords of wood on the un-cleared portion of the place. Wood a valuable item so near Sumter. Possession can be given January 1st, next. A special price will be given to purchaser in the next few days.

N. B.—Sales through my office of Sumter and Clarendon farm lands have exceeded \$140,000 in the past 90 days. Demand for these lands are increasing; prices increase with the demand.

R. B. BELSER,

REAL ESTATE ATTORNEY.

CITY, FARM AND TIMBER PROPERTY HANDLED. REAL ESTATE LOANS NEGOTIATED.

26 1-2 N. Main St.

MONEY INVESTED IN REAL ESTATE MORTGAGES LET ME INVEST YOUR IDLE MONEY AT 7 AND 8 PER CENT

Sumter, S. C.

Sells Farms Where Farming Pays.

Christmas Suggestions

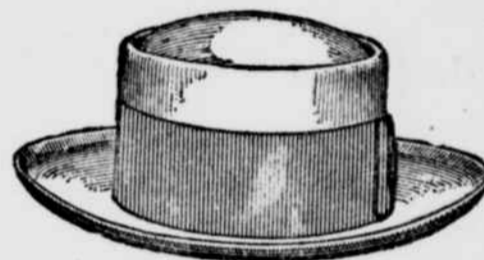
BY

THE HABERDASHERY

WE have a Fine assortment of BATH ROBES that we offer for COST. Shirts in all the latest styles and patterns. All shapes in Steison Hats. Our Glove Department is very strong, especially in Auto Gloves.



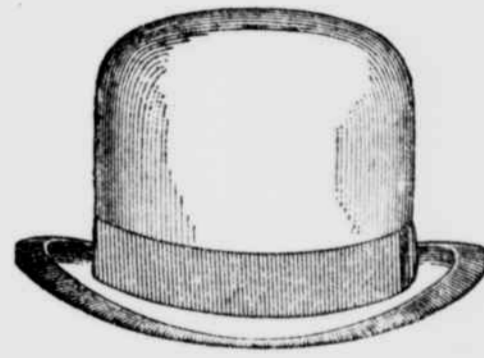
A Full line of all Linen and Silk Initial Handkerchiefs. Ties Galore, anything that is brought out. Suit Cases and Hand Bags in all prices.



Large Line of Sweaters at Reduced Prices

Great line of Mufflers, Full Dress and Auto. Have you got your Hosiery insured, if not we will insure them for you. Six Pair for Six Months for \$1.50.

Remember that we are still in the Tailoring Business, and making suits for \$15. Fit Guaranteed



YOURS TO PLEASE,

The W. G. Stubbs Haberdashery.

WINNERS OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

E. D. ELLIS, of Mount Pleasant, Gets West Point, and W. H. Bowman, of Sumter, Annapolis.

Columbia, Dec. 14.—Mr. W. H. Bowman, '14, of Sumter, and Mr. E. D. Ellis, '10, of Mount Pleasant, were announced today the winners of the scholarships to Annapolis and West Point, respectively.

Mr. Bowman graduated from the Sumter High School last year and entered Carolina this fall. His gaining this scholarship is a compliment to the thorough preparation given in the schools of the Game Cock City.

Mr. Ellis graduated from the University last summer with a B. S. degree, and at present is taking the course leading to the degree of C. E. in the same college.

As the result of an explosion in the mine of the Bond Coal company at Grenno, Va., twelve men were killed and one barely escaped with his life.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the head of the Christian Science movement, left \$100,000, the majority of her fortune, for the extension of the Christian Science religion as taught by herself.

Col. Roosevelt has at last found voice after a month's silence, but he seems to know that he can't come back to his old form.

Benjamin Duke, the head of the tobacco trust, has donated \$100,000 to Trinity College, N. C., for the erection of a dormitory of 62 rooms with all up-to-date fixtures.

In Atlanta a woman is suing for a divorce because she and her husband could not agree upon how much he was getting a day, when he got \$8 a week. He said he was getting \$1.42 and she said he was getting \$1.32. They were both wrong.

Thomas Hunter, colored, was fined \$20 for cruelty to animals when he was taken before the police court in Spartanburg charged with boiling a cat alive so that he could get a good luck bone out of it. It proved to be a bone of ill luck to him.

Hattie LeBlanc, the 17-year-old French girl from Cape Breton, has been acquitted of the charge of murdering Clarence F. Glover, on November 20, at Waltham, Cambridge, Massachusetts.