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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1868. The Watchman and Southern now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Gov. Blease intimates quite plainly that he is apprehensive that Attorney General J. Fraser Lyon will be a candidate for Governor in the primary next summer. If Mr. Lyon has decided to enter the race the threat of Gov. Blease to give him "political tuberculosis" will probably not deter him.

President Taft seems to think he knows better what the people of Arizona and New Mexico want in the way of Constitutions than they themselves do and stubbornly persists in his determination to veto the statehood bills that have passed both house and senate. Republican congresses and presidents have kept Arizona and New Mexico out of the Union for many years for political reasons and Mr. Taft appears to be no better than his party or his predecessors in office.

In our opinion the merchants and cotton buyers, who have requested City Council to suggest to Contractor Waring that he discontinue work on Main street paving until January 1st, when the paving shall have been completed to Liberty street, are needlessly worried over the damage that will result to business from the prosecution of the work during the cotton season. Cotton wagons will encounter no obstacle in reaching the cotton platform, for both Sumter and Harvin street, which run parallel to Main are really better streets than Main and afford easy and convenient access to the public weighers' platform. It is not necessary for the cotton wagons to be driven through Main street, and it would really be a better and more satisfactory arrangement, in many respects, if all the cotton buyers made their headquarters at the platform and did all the buying at that place. Some years ago when it was first proposed to establish a cotton platform and have all the cotton weighed by public weighers, thus doing away with weighing the cotton at the street and dumping it from the wagons on the edge of the sidewalks, a number of the merchants and cotton buyers protested vigorously and predicted that it would interfere with trade and disorganize business. No such evil results followed and there is no reason to believe that the discontinuance of the custom of having all cotton wagons driven through Main street for the cotton to be sampled at the store doors by cotton buying merchants would be followed by disastrous results. It would unquestionably be a great convenience and saving of time to the sellers of cotton if all the cotton buyers had offices at the cotton platform, for then it would be unnecessary for the cotton sellers to run all over town to obtain bids on their samples. The concentration of the cotton buying business at one place would result in the saving of time and be a convenience to both buyers and sellers.

THE BOND ELECTION.
 The result of the good roads bond election has not yet been finally determined, as it is reported that the opponents of the bond issue will carry the contest to the State Board of Canvassers, and it is possible that the election may be declared null and void on the ground of irregularities. It is not known positively that the managers of election at other precincts than Concord permitted persons not registered to vote, but the charge has been made that at several precincts there was laxness in the enforcement of the rule requiring all persons to produce their registration certificates and tax receipts. If these charges could have been substantiated the protest should have been filed with the commissioners of election on Tuesday when they met to declare the election. If this had been done the whole matter could have been threshed out at one time and a final determination of the issue arrived at then and there.
 The decision of the commissioners of election throwing out the Mayesville box has been severely criticised

Farmers' Union News
 —AND—
Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers
 (Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President Farmers' Union of Sumter County.)

Some Random Thoughts.
 "What the Progressive Farmer wants to do for our farm women," is such a fine showing of "what every county paper should try to do for its women readers" that I wish every county paper in the country would reproduce it and strive to live up to its teachings. My conception of a county newspaper has always been that it should seek to be helpful to its readers, not merely to give the news of the world in condensed form, and State and county news to the fullest possible extent, but that it should keep its columns well filled with matters affecting the home, the shop, and the farmer, and that its editor should call attention to these helpful articles. No need for a labored editorial on any of these subjects, however, learned and readable the editor may be able to write, but short paragraphs calling attention, frequently by a line of quotation, to some striking feature of the article he would have his readers study and make use of.

This editor does not agree that "white houses are not the most artistic." That is altogether a matter of taste, and our literary, (or is it the sporting editor,) can quote the latin about no disputing tastes. My observation is that no colors remain fresh and attractive as long or are as easy to keep clean as the traditional white and green.

The Farmers Institute.
 Clemson College, Aug. 10.—The Farmers' Institute "round-up" as Prof. D. N. Barrow calls it, is having a very successful meeting. Last night and today several new organizations were formed: South Carolina Horticultural Society, Berkshire Breeders' association and others. Solomon said "of making of books there is no end" and it seems true of forming societies. Some of the societies, like some of the books "die in the burning" and maybe it is just as well for our people would not have time to attend them all.
 This is a finely representative crowd and everything pertaining to the college and experimental station is being scrutinized by inquiring farmers. The professors and employes are kept busy answering questions and explaining processes. There has been marvelous growth in the past six years since the writer was last here.

Rains have been sufficient here and by some of the opponents of the bond issue, but we feel sure that anyone who considers the facts of the case in a dispassionate and non-partisan manner will reach the conclusion that the decision of the commissioners was not only correct but the only action that could have been taken by them in the circumstances. The managers of election at Mayesville disregarded the letter and spirit of the election law in allowing a number of men to vote who were not qualified electors, in that they had never registered, and when this fact was brought to the attention of the Election Commissioners, they had no option in the matter—it was their imperative duty under the law to throw out the vote cast at this precinct. The commissioners of election were not responsible for the result, the responsibility rests upon the managers of election at the Mayesville precinct. They had no right to disregard the law and when they did so they assumed responsibility for whatever followed.

We do not know what will be the ultimate consequences of the irregularities in the manner of conducting the election at Mayesville. On the face of the returns, counting the illegal ballots cast at Mayesville by men who were not qualified electors, the election was a tie. The throwing out of the Mayesville box on account of those irregularities made the result of the election a victory for the bond issue, but it is a question open to debate, whether or not these irregularities have not vitiated the whole election and in effect rendered the efforts to build a system of good roads abortive. In any way we consider the matter, the failure of the election managers at Mayesville, and at other precincts, if the same procedure was followed elsewhere, to abide strictly by the letter of the law is to be regretted. No good was accomplished by disregarding the law and much harm was done. The success or failure of the bond issue was, and is, of small importance compared with the observance of the law by both the election officials and those who voted.

crops are fine on the college farm and station. From all sides comes complaints of dry sections and scarcity of moisture, even where it has been seasonable. The drought is not broken over many areas of more or less size. There was an informal business meeting of the union this morning at 9 o'clock. Fourteen counties were represented by earnest men, who will spend and be spent for the cause. The union gave out to the press that the crop is being over-estimated, and that we are being done irreparable injury by some of the glowing accounts that are being sent out by enthusiastic correspondents, and that only in very rare instances are the facts in keeping with the rosy pictures of the newspapers.

The address of the Sumter union was heartily commended and a committee was appointed to enlarge upon the matter there treated, and to send a report of its findings to all the State unions in the cotton belt. Our farmers are urged to retire the first sixth of the crop permanently to overcome the fictitious estimates of the bears, and not to sell any below the price set by the National union at the meeting in September. Several from Sumter and Lee are here. Many new faces are in the crowds. Yesterday some 450 were at dinner. The fare is abundant and good at the low price of 35 cents a meal. The farmers revel in the luxury of shower baths, hot and cold water, and many a country home will have these necessities installed as a result of the visits here.

What Every Good County Paper Should Want to Do for Its Women Readers.

Progressive Farmer.
 "What class of farm women is it you wish to help?" a woman critic asked the editor last week—a woman who evidently had not caught the spirit of The Progressive Farmer. "If it is women chained down by poverty and ignorance, The Progressive Farmer doesn't reach them; and if it is the intelligent wives of thrifty Southern farmers, they don't need help."

Whereupon, by way of reply, the editor in question went on to say: "The sort of women I want The Progressive Farmer to help are the sort of splendid Southern country women I was reared among and of whose blood I am—not women 'chained down by poverty and ignorance' in the sense in which you have just used the term, but intelligent, every-day farmers' wives who would have been helped by just such articles as Mrs. Stevens is writing, who would have been helped by the Women's Institute, and who would have been helped by bulletins such as the National Department of Agriculture has issued to a limited extent and should issue to a much greater extent. Unfortunately most of these fine old kinswomen of mine are dead, but it is one of the greatest satisfactions of my editorial work to believe that The Progressive Farmer is helping thousands of just such farmers' wives as they were, and that these women appreciate the help The Progressive Farmer is trying to give them.
 "It is not through any feeling that they need to be 'elevated' or 'uplifted' that The Progressive Farmer is doing this work. In fact, a great deal of the slush in the magazines about the tragedy of the farmers' wives strikes me as sickening and ab-

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surd. I have only pity or contempt—or both—for anybody who approaches the farm woman in a patronizing or 'superior' spirit, or in a mood of morbid sentimentality. I know the women of our Southern farmers too well, I honor them too much, my own maternal ancestors have been Southern farmers' wives for too many generations, for me to tolerate any attitude of that kind. The farmers' wives are just as intelligent and just as progressive as the farmers or the editors, taking them as a class.

"I do know, however, that even intelligent, thrifty housewives on Southern farms do a great deal of work in unnecessarily hard ways; that they often miss a great deal of satisfaction and comfort because of antiquated equipment and methods, and that there is a chance for modern scientific knowledge to help the farm woman in her work, just as it is helping the farmer in his work. And that is what The Progressive Farmer is trying to bring to pass—and is bringing to pass in greater degree, I am glad to believe, than any other farm paper in America.

"If every woman could and would spend several years of her life studying diseases and how to combat them, the chemistry of cooking, food values, sanitation, hygiene, and the scientific side of household problems generally;—in that case there would be little need perhaps for bulletins for farmers' wives, for institutes for farm women, and for a Woman's Department in a farm paper such as The Progressive Farmer carries. Until this is true, however, we shall certainly believe that even the thriftiest of Southern farm wives need such help, and we know that they think so, too. They know that the women in the towns have clubs and societies for studying domestic science subjects, have lectures and talks on practical problems such as we have just mentioned, and read books, bulletins and magazines bearing on them.

"Our farm women are determined that the women of the towns shall not be more progressive than they are in these respects. It is not a reflection on our farmers' wives to say they need help in such matters. But to say that they do not realize that they need such help, to say that they are progressive, and do not want any new ideas or the help of science and modern methods—this, as I see it, would be a very grave reflection on them, and one that I know they do not deserve.
 "In a word, then, The Progressive Farmer is not to be put into the attitude of wishing to 'reach down' and help the farm woman; but what we do wish is simply to have all of them join hands and let The Progressive Farmer join hands with them in a great movement whose purposes I may describe in a paragraph.

"It is a movement to lighten woman's burdens by learning easier ways of doing things; to make work more effective by teaching better ways of doing things; to promote health, by extending knowledge of sanitation and hygiene and dietetics, to promote beauty by presenting plans for painting houses, adorning homes, and beautifying grounds; and to promote happiness by bringing to each woman a keener sense of her opportunities for service both in her own home and in her own neighborhood, by relieving work of the element of drudgery, by giving the inspiration that comes from the knowledge that one is going forward and making progress toward better things, and by bringing to each woman reader a realization of the fact that she is one of a great army of workers who are going to bring the farm homes of the South the beauty and joyousness to which they are entitled.

"That is the work that The Progressive Farmer wants to do. If we are not doing it as we should, we shall be glad to have suggestions from our readers as to how it may be done.
 "But in any case we know that it is a work that is needed and we believe that no one realizes more fully than the intelligent wives of thrifty Southern farmers who are helping us make it a success in whatever degree we may claim it a success."

The first bale of cotton for the season of 1911 is reported to us by

Mr. D. H. Smith at Jordan this morning. Mr. Smith is farming on the lands of Mrs. James Sportt and is said to have one of the most forward cotton crops in the county.—Manning Times.

Coker College Scholarship Free.
 Coker College has offered through the Rural School Improvement Association of Sumter County, a free tuition scholarship, worth \$50.00. Any rural school girl of this county is eligible. For further information, write the college or phone or write, Mrs. H. W. Beall, Sumter, S. C. 8-7-21.

NOTICE.
 I have sold my interest in the firm of The S. M. Pierson Co., to Mr. S. M. Pierson and will after August 15th be with Mr. J. J. Whilden, who bought out the firm of Von Oshen and Shirer last January, is doing business in the same lines at the same old stand on East Hampton avenue. I shall be pleased to have my friends send there for work in his lines. Mr. Whilden is prepared to give satisfaction in horse shoeing, carriage, buggy and wagon repairing, in fact, any kind of blacksmith work. I shall use my best efforts to give prompt service and satisfactory work.
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 8-1-31.

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