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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1886. 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.

The New York plan to finance the cotton crop to the extent of \$50,000,000 and to thereby gain practical control of two million bales calls for careful consideration and the most thorough investigation before it is accepted by the farmers or endorsed by the business men of the South. There are features of the plan that are open to serious objections, some of which objections are forcibly pointed out by Mr. H. C. Haynsworth in a communication printed today. If the New York bankers had offered to lend fifty million dollars on cotton, stored in warehouses at a reasonable rate of interest, so that owners of the cotton could retain control of it there would be little doubt of the immediate acceptance of the offer, but the proposition that has been made puts too much power in the hands of the syndicate and we are suspicious of it. It looks more like a shrewd scheme to counteract and circumvent the plans of the farmers and business men to hold as much of the cotton as possible and withdraw it from the channels of trade until there shall be a demand for it at a fair price.

The committee appointed to evolve a plan for a commission form of government adapted to the needs of Sumter has an important and arduous task to perform and a great responsibility has been laid upon them. We feel confident that they will measure up to the opportunity and with the pioneer work of other cities as a guide then they will be able to frame a law that will give this city a simple, efficient and business administration. The future of Sumter is in a large measure wrapped up in the movement that has been inaugurated to modernize our municipal government, divorce it from politics and make it over into a business organization. The committee has the opportunity to do Sumter a service of incalculable value.

**TO HONOR MEMORY OF DR. KNAPP.**

Southern Commercial Congress to Devote Time to Honor Memory of Friend of the South.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 24.—The first anniversary of the death of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp is in April, 1912. The investigations and endless series of demonstrations which this man carried on relative to means of resisting the boll weevil, his contributions to the subject of rice growing along the Gulf, the tremendous forces that he released in the South through demonstration farms, the inspiration which he gave to boys of the South through Boys' Corn Clubs and the work that he initiated for the girls in domestic science made this sincere man, if not the greatest, one of the greatest benefactors that the agricultural South has in its records.

The next annual convention of the Southern Commercial Congress will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, April 8, 9, 10, and will deal with the subject of "The South's Agricultural Recovery." It is proposed that a considerable portion of one day be devoted to honoring the memory of Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, who inspired by love of the South and working to extreme age in its service, has set in motion forces that will remake the South in the matter of corn raising and diversification. The most influential man in each State of the South who has received benefit from the work of Dr. Knapp will be invited to speak regarding his work and thus make part of the imperishable history of the United States the devotion and vision of this man.

At the time of the burial of Dr. Knapp no report was preserved of any of the testimonials delivered regarding his work, and the purpose of the Southern Commercial Congress is to issue a volume of its proceedings that shall define clearly the important place that Dr. Knapp occupied.

G. GROSVENOR DAWE,  
 Managing Director, Southern Commercial Congress.

**CIVIC IMPROVEMENT NOTES.**

**The Importance of Appearances and Hygienic Conditions Favorably Impressing Sumter's Many Visitors.**

"Health is the essential factor in productiveness, prosperity, and happiness, and hence in the advancement of civilization."

"A State, county, or city which will not prevent what can be foreseen, is open to indictment."

So sayeth, and truly, two of the world's greatest reformers and sanitarians—Sir Frederick Treves, and Munsterberg.

"Our wide-awake and progressive cities are beginning to learn the lessons that the insurance companies are learning, and just as the insurance men have realized that it is better to keep their policy holders alive to pay the premiums, than it is to let them die and have the companies pay the death claims, so our cities, governed upon modern sanitary principles, are learning that to grow in population and in importance, that it is not only necessary to attract new citizens, but that it is also necessary to take care of the health and lives of those they have."

Individual effort and co-operation must be had however in securing those ideal conditions of living whereby our city is to be made attractive.

We may be satisfied with some conditions which do not satisfy those visitors who contemplate locating in Sumter. With commendable politeness, visitors to Sumter, like the well bred visitors to our homes, are often considerate to point to us any defects which they may see, compared to what the visitors are accustomed to in their home cities or towns, but nevertheless it not infrequently occurs that appearances have worked against the progress of the individual and the community or State.

Clean streets, drains, alleys, open courts, and open lots, make favorable impressions, while rotten, tumble down, unwhitewashed or unpainted fences present appearancesavoring of decay and degeneration of civic pride and public spirit.

Vacant lots with piles of rubbish, and useless articles or grown up in weeds, indicate that real estate is over plentiful, unprofitable and not in demand, that realty prices are below par.

Unkept front gardens and lawns look bad. Our streets strewn with pieces of waste paper, circulars, banana peels and other refuse create an unfavorable impression on visitors.

Foul smelling stables, or other objectionable odors disgust visitors as well as home people.

Any city, which from an economic standpoint, realizes the value of sanitation and cleanliness to that extent which serves to attract attention to

the city as a city of the well, and the advantages of a city where health is high and deaths relatively or even comparatively infrequent, will surely in time to come, if not now, reap advertising results greater than all of the advertising of bill boards, newspapers, or commercial organizations combined.

In these days of "education of the masses" along hygienic and civic improvement lines, the department of health and civic league are most important in the city or town government for cities which seek to keep abreast of the times. The olden time methods of drainage, arresting, imprisoning, fining, nagging, and threatening people into higher ideals of morality, cleanliness and social intercourse have, like the days of the divine rights of Kings, passed, never to return, that is in all modern cities where common sense, conservative ideas, and brain predominate. You may educate or train, but you can not legislate morality, self-respect, and decency into any individual make-up.

Millions of dollars are being expended every year throughout the United States in educating the masses how to best preserve their individual and the public health. We can replace our burned buildings, purchase more cows, hogs, and mules, but we can not replace those loved ones whom grim death has prematurely, and not unavoidably taken away had precautionary methods been adhered to.

But as a matter of fact, much as it is to be regretted, the average man or woman worries more about the health of his or her horse, cow, or poodle dog, than they do about the health of their children or their own health, or the salvation of their souls.

An epidemic of cholera or other death-dealing disease among the livestock of any portion of State or country gives the legislator and his constituents more concern than thousands of deaths from epidemics among human beings. Politics produce a stagnation in sanitary affairs, whenever politics are permitted therein.

An abnormal death rate in any community worries few people. The interest of the citizens in sanitary conditions is deplorably deficient. Appearances too frequently count for nothing. Shabbiness, filth, and foul odors do not "jar" the finer sensibilities of many as they ought to.

The requirements of the health department are too often not lived up to as should be. The health officer is too often not listened to as he gives advice. This health officer, on whose skill and judgment you rely for action in times of stress or epidemic, is the man who is usually the poorest paid, and the most frequently damned citizen of your community. The worker in other lines has his compensation measured by the result he is able to accomplish, but it is not so with the health officer.

This health officer, aside from the special training in sanitary science and social service necessary to fit him for the performance of this arduous branch of scientific work, must be possessed of executive ability and judgment, education, and enthusiasm that shall enable him to conduct successfully an office so pregnant with possibilities for the good of the municipality. He should therefore be given your cheerful co-operation at all times.

To successfully do these things this health officer must do a large amount of research work himself directly, and through the labor of those in the laboratory. Unequipped departments of health must expect their health officers to attend conventions of sanitary and social workers, and municipalities should equip health departments and officers for the quickest and most efficient service.

Every taxpayer or other citizen of a community should insist upon the health officer being properly equipped and supported, respected, and obeyed at all times in his efforts for the solution and interpretations of questions relating to the public health. His labor is of inestimable value to the life and health of a community, but more than that, it is of enormous economic value by lessening the burden of caring for the sick, supporting the widowed, and best of all preserving the lives and usefulness of the well producer and decreasing the unfortunate consumers and non-producers, the invalids.

To make our city more attractive each and every citizen should study the best methods for preservation of individual and public health, the best ways to keep attractive premises, do away with flies and mosquitoes, foul odors, plant beautiful flowers and shrubs, whitewash your fences, paint your residences, whitewash your barns, and other outhouses.

You can do more to assist the Chamber of Commerce in building up a "Greater Sumter" by co-operating with the sanitary forces and Civic League of your city than in any other way. Try it for awhile. See how easy it is when you make up your mind to make Sumter progressive, attractive and more healthful.

The contractors grading the site for the new freight yard are hard at work this week after having been stopped on part of their work last week by the city which objected to a ditch being placed in Mary Street. However, the matter was adjusted with the city by Chief Engineer of Roadways E. P. Laird and the work is being continued. It will not be many weeks now before the laying of the tracks in the new yard will be commenced. The railroad people are trying to get the new yard in service before the fertilizer season opens up.

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## BAKING POWDER

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The only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar—made from grapes

The cotton receipts for last week were 2,120 bales, 513 bales being received Saturday. Considerable cotton is coming in all of the time and some cotton is being stored under the shed every day, there being no further room in the warehouse for more cotton.

**FOR RENT**—Six-horse farm as a whole or subdivided, one mile of Wedgefield. Good land. Apply to Dr. F. M. Dwight, Wedgefield, S. C. 11-28-11.

**THE FAMOUS**—Old Beech Grange plantation, 5,500 acres for sale, \$12.50 per acre. It's a bargain. Pierce Crockett, Elmwood, Ga.

**FOR SALE**—Or will exchange for country property, neat five-room cottage two blocks from passenger station. Modern conveniences; lot 75x158 feet. See me for a bargain. L. J. Leonhirth, Witherspoon's Coffin Factory. 11-21-11

**WANTED**—To buy at once several carloads 4-foot pine, oak and slabs. Apply Commander's Wood Yard, Sumter, S. C. 10-24-11.

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—The Hussey place, one and a half miles from town, on Bishopville road, containing 121 acres, about 75 in cultivation, new five room house, barns, stables, etc. Beautiful oak grove and nice lot of fruit trees. One of those desirable places, where you can live in the country and still be in town, and just the kind of place that is seldom on the market. Apply to Dr. C. P. Osteen, Sumter, S. C. 11-21-11

**Marriage License Record.**  
 The following marriage licenses have been issued during the past ten days by Clerk of Court L. I. Parrott.  
 Mr. Julius Benenhaley and Miss Julia Buckner, Dalzell.  
 Harry Wilson and Louisiana Willie, Sumter; Mason Nelson and Ada Fullard, Shiloh; Isalah Carroll and Josephine English, Catchall; Jack Jackson and Hattie Carolina, Mayesville; Lucius Spann and Leonora Scriven, Providence; Lee Conyers and Hannah Ballard, Sumter.

**Why Suffer From Eczema?**

**A Georgia Man Tells His Experience.**

I was afflicted with a very bad case of Eczema for twenty-five years which was in my feet, legs and hips. Through all this time I tried different remedies and Doctor's prescriptions, obtaining no relief until I used your HUNT'S CURE.

One box (50c) cured me entirely, and though two years have elapsed I have had no return of the trouble. Naturally I regard it as the greatest remedy in the world.

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**SALE CONTINUES BALANCE OF THIS WEEK**

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