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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.

And now comes Hu's Evans and on oath deposes and swears before the grand jury of Newberry county that he refused to accept, receive or use for his own benefit \$250,000, lawful money of the United States, offered and tendered him by one Thomas B. Felder. This is assuredly a year of surprises.

The Charleston race track promoters are to become public benefactors. They announce that they propose to give away a number of thoroughbred stallions for distribution throughout the State, the object being to improve the stock of horses in South Carolina. Horse racing is evidently a very profitable sport if the promoters can offer to be so liberal. It must be in the same class as the Carnegie library and the Rockefeller foundation funds. Will the legislature regard the distribution of a few race horses as adequate recompense for the evils of race track gambling in Charleston and Columbia?

Col. William Jennings Bryan, as a hoodoo, is still the only peerless one. Having wrecked the Democratic party two or three times he has now played the role of Jonah on Pleasure Island to the West Indies. He escaped the whale, however.

For an active candidate for the United States Senate Uncle Jasper Talbert is keeping mighty quiet.

There is some talk of establishing a canning factory to supply home demand for canned vegetables—and it would require a fairly large establishment to do this—but the chief and only serious obstacle to the success of the proposed enterprise is the uncertainty as to the supply of vegetables. Whenever the farmers are ready to enter into contracts to devote a part of their acreage to vegetables for a cannery there will be no difficulty in establishing a plant here under the management of an experienced man. A cannery cannot be established until it has an assured supply of vegetables in sight.

Salt on French Roads.

As a general rule the roads in and around French towns are tarred at the commencement of the summer in order to abate the dust nuisance. It has, however, been found that tar, although excellent in the case of macadamized roads, is of little or no value where car lines exist and paved street crossings intersect the roads in every direction, as tarring cannot be carried out on stones.

The authorities, basing their action on the well known hygro-metrical properties of common salt, have made a test of its value in laying the dust. Twenty yards of roadway have been sprinkled liberally with salt and then watered freely. If the results are satisfactory salt will be used throughout the town of Havre, it being impossible to tar the majority of the streets, as they are paved with rough stone blocks.

Traveling Near Lake Chad.

There are native towns not remote from the Lake Chad region of interior Africa where a white man's life isn't worth a nickel. Lieut. Boyd Alexander, the British explorer, was put to death in one of them recently.

Lieut. Alexander and his Portuguese collector, one Jose, had encamped under a tree in the outskirts of Tama. Suddenly they were surrounded by a band of yelling savages. One, a mere stripling, stepped forward and shot the lieutenant and the others fell upon him with clubs. The Portuguese tossed his rifle to the natives, and while they were interesting themselves in them Jose leaped to his saddle and escaped.

Peculiar Insect.

There is a peculiar insect, found in the Malay peninsula and called the "lantern fly," which is remarkable for its wings. It was only after several specimens had been captured by European naturalists and brought west for careful examination that it was discovered that a curious projection on the front of the insect's head, a kind of nose with a crooze in it, was the leaping organ. When bent back under the abdomen and suddenly released it sends the little creature flying.—Harper's Weekly.



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Sumter, S. C.

The split log drag has not yet been operated on the streets of the city, but it is probable that it will be about the time that the streets need to be built up again.

How to Be Immortal.
Only one-cell animals which have no differentiation are immortal and never grow old. Physical immortality, deathless youth is possible, but you must be an infusorian or a yeast plant to attain it, and one wouldn't even be a clam or a jellyfish for the price. The process has no limits any more than it has beginnings. Life is just that, one-third dying that two-thirds may live, whether it be the single cell or the body.—Dr. Woods Hutchinson in Hampton's.

Test That Failed.
Jean is a very matter-of-fact tot of three summers. Her mother one day, while holding in her arms the wee baby sister, who was very delicate, remarked: "Dear me, she looks so frail a breath would blow her away." Jean, taking a long breath, puffed it suddenly into the face of the little sister, and, stepping back, waited a moment in silence. Then in a disappointed tone she said: "Well, why don't you go?"

Naturally Filtered Water.
An English naturalist, who has explored the mountain ranges of the Malay peninsula, reports that in several species of bamboo the hollow internodes—the parts of the stems between the joints—are stored with large quantities of naturally filtered water. He also discovered two species of ferns, growing on trees whose thick, fleshy stems are filled with galleries tunneled by ants, the ferns thus forming living nests for the ants.

Narrow Escape.
A domestic servant at Market Drayton had a narrow escape during a recent thunderstorm. The girl had retired to bed leaving the window open and an alarm clock on a chair near the bedside. She was awakened by the smell of burning clothing, and found that the lightning had pierced a hole through the clock and ignited the curtains. The clothes of the bed in which she was sleeping were also smouldering.

The Rev. George Studson DeLano's lecture on Mexico at the Christian church Tuesday night was deserving of a much larger audience than it had, for it was interesting from start to finish, and much of the history of Mexico was learned by those who attended it. Mr. DeLano is a good speaker and his audience was well pleased.

"Stint" and "Stunt."
Stint is a good word as a noun. As a verb it means something not quite so pleasing. Do not confound it with stunt, however. A stunt is something quite useless. It is the horse-play of the mountebank, and has nothing in common with honest, productive labor. A stint is the warning to the wise that something demands to be accomplished; a goad to the laggard that time is on the wing.—Atlantic.

Myth Concerning the Salamander.
Newts and salamanders are pretty much like frogs and toads, only they have a tail and look like a lizard, and then in some breeds the pair of hind legs are small and in others lacking. Salamanders often get into old rotten logs and if put on the fire run out without being hurt in many cases, because they are more or less damp and may not actually pass through much fire. But folk think a salamander is right at home in the fire.

New Use for X-Rays.
It is claimed that the X-rays have been successfully applied in France to the detection of adulterations of food, where the adulterants consist of some kind of mineral matter. The food to be examined is reduced to powder and spread thinly upon glass. An X-ray photograph of the glass reveals the presence of the mineral particles by the failure of the rays to penetrate them as they penetrate the other constituents of the powdered food.

Bronco is Unbroken.
Bronco means simply an unbroken horse, be it thoroughbred or mongrel. Most think them a bad, sorry breed as compared to old English thoroughbreds and dray stocks. Let us think not, for the wild horses themselves were thoroughbred Spanish and Arabian once upon a time.

It seems that "Uncle Sam" has followed a method of getting the water from the roof of his building to the street that might well be followed by other persons owning buildings on Main and other streets. Let the water run from the gutters under an iron grating to the street and many people would be spared the inconvenience of getting their feet wet every time they pass the buildings during a rain.

The Changing Octopus.
The octopus recently changes its color like a chameleon. It would give us some recent studies of the creature that the colored pigment whereby his change in color is effected is contained in envelopes in its skin in the spaces of which are muscular fibers innervated by nerves. Should the octopus be relaxed a dark pigment is shown. The phenomenon is said to be analogous to blushing.—Hart.

Some Oil Spouter.
The mammoth gusher of the Pearson oil interests in the Potrero de Llano field, state of Vera Cruz, Mex., was recently allowed to perform for 20 minutes for officials of the Texas company and the Gulf Mining Refining company, according to the Mining and Scientific Press. The gate valve was opened for the first time since the well was brought under control, and a column of oil shot into the air to a height of 400 feet. The flow was estimated at 100,000 barrels daily. With the possible exception of the Dos Bocas gusher, which burned out, the Potrero is the greatest in the history of the oil industry.

Good Prison Fare.
If what is said of French prisons be correct the wonder is that there are any people left outside. An official return of the necessaries and luxuries supplied recently to the prison department shows that there is no stint. Among the edibles supplied are 84,000 tablets of chocolate, 17,000 kilograms of butter, 2,000 kilograms of coffee, 85,000 eggs, new laid of course; 50,000 kilograms of Bologna sausage, 2,000 cheeses, 200 kilograms of caramels, and ten times that weight of other sweets. A kilogramme is nearly 2½ pounds.

THE PEOPLES' BANK

The main asset of a bank is the confidence of the public. Like any other institution, it flourishes best in the sunlight of publicity.

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It seems that ladies and gentlemen alike are doomed to wade through rivulets of water every time they walk down street after a heavy rainfall. Dainty shoes, delicate feet, and wet silk stockings are matters of small importance, however, when mention of a matter touching the pocket books of the property owner is made.

The Building Supply Company's plant has installed a new electric motor to take the place of the former steam engine, a sign of the aggressiveness of the enterprise. The advertising campaign of the Sumter Lighting Company in behalf of the electric motors and the energy of that company's manager, seems to be bringing results, this being the third or fourth motor to be established lately.

Cotton receipts were extremely light Tuesday owing to the rain. The best price paid for cotton was 9.25.

Don't waste your money buying strengthening plasters. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best cough medicine I have ever used," writes Mrs. Hugh Campbell of Layton's, Ga. "I have used it with all my children and the results have been highly satisfactory." For sale by all dealers.

FRUIT TREE NOTICE.
Parties having ordered trees from the Concord Nursery through the undersigned, are notified that the trees are here ready for delivery. They will please come as soon as possible for their trees, at Shaw & Drake's stables, corner Sumter street and Hampton avenue.
H. A. BROWN, Agent.
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The boy's appetite is often the source of amazement. If you would have such an appetite take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only create a healthy appetite, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. For sale by all dealers.

The wet weather is playing havoc with the cotton which is still in the fields. One farmer stated that the cotton had already turned black from the rain and that now it was actually turning black and beginning to rot.

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