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The Sumter Watchman was first published in 1859 and the True Southron in 1864. 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.

The man who wants to come to Sumter to establish a shoe factory is now the manager, on a salary, of a successful factory that does a business of more than a half million dollars a year and is paying the owners handsome dividends. He has no financial interest in the factory and can obtain none, hence his desire to establish a factory from which he will derive a share of the profits. He is making good and making money for his employees where he is, and it stands to reason he can do as well in Sumter.

A great many farmers are planning to plant a large acreage in oats and reduce the acreage of next year's cotton crop. This is an encouraging sign, but, as was pointed out by a successful farmer a few days ago, the farmer who neglects the thorough preparation of the land to be sown in oats is inviting failure and loss. It is better to prepare ten acres properly than to plant twice that much land in a hap hazard manner. More oats

can be made on ten acres properly prepared than on twenty-five acres that is not thoroughly broken, disked and harrowed before the oats are sown.

If Detective Burns proves his charge that Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders were fully cognizant of the guilt of J. B. and J. J. McNamara months before they confessed in Los Angeles and yet went ahead raising an immense fund for the defense of the dynamiters, it would seem that an indictment would lie against Gompers as an accessory after the fact.

The farmer who has hogs to kill to supply his own meat, few beef cattle to sell, plenty of poultry, home-made molasses, potatoes and a barn full of corn and hay is better off than those who have a hundred bales of cotton unpicked in the fields. The man who took the position, when planting this year's crop, that cotton is a natural Southern monopoly and the farmers who failed to take advantage of this monopoly was a fool, has received a terrific jolt and is feeling the disastrous results of putting all his eggs in one basket. There is such a thing as overdoing a monopoly; since a monopoly is a good thing for the producer of the monopolized article only so long as the supply is less than the immediate demand; so long as the producer can control the marketing and fix the selling price. This year the supply is greater than the demand and the producer has absolutely no voice in fixing the selling price.

It has just leaked out that the bandit who robbed the mail car in the suburbs of Columbia was a misguided creature who was induced to go to Columbia by the "square meal" myth and after squandering his patrimony in the Congaree hash houses was driven to brigandage by famine.

Poor old Bill Taft has been made the goat of the Roosevelt policy,

but he does not seem to realize that he is reaping what Teddy sowed. Even Roosevelt and his cronies have turned their backs on Taft and crying out against the corruption of the Republican party. The Republican party was a model of political probity and the leaders angels of light, so long as the combination was winning, but now that it is losing out, and corrupt practices and machine methods fail to turn the trick, the Albert Shaws, Lyman Abbotts and all that ilk are deserting the disreputable and discredited old pirate craft.

The preachers of Charleston have not given up the fight against race track gambling and the South Carolina Methodist Conference, at its recent meeting in Bennettsville, placed itself on record in opposition to the establishment of the Charleston race track and endorsed the actions of the Charleston Ministerial Association. The Charleston preachers are making a lone fight; the newspapers having been partially, at least, converted to the business view of the race track enterprise. The preachers have our best wishes and it is to be hoped that a majority of their congregations have not become proselytes of the belief that the race meet will help business more than it will hurt morals. It is an encouraging sign that all Charlestonians, the preachers included, have not acquiesced to the assertion that Charleston is already so infested with blind tigers, policy shops and gambling dens that it has no morals to be hurt. The Men and Religion Forward Movement, of which Charleston is the headquarters for the Carolinas, has a great field for missionary endeavor right at hand.

### THE EQUITABLE PLAN.

The Seaboard survey is practically completed, two lines having been located between Bishopville and this city, one of which will be selected within the next week or two as the route of the road. The next step is the selection of the terminals in this city and the securing of the rights of

way from a point two miles south of Bishopville to a point two miles south of Sumter. The people of Sumter have pledged themselves to furnish the necessary terminals in this city and to secure the rights of way. The promoters of the railroad have gone forward with their part of the work and are now ready to begin construction. They can do no more until the committee representing Sumter makes good the pledge to secure the rights of way and furnish the terminal site. To do this, a considerable sum of money is required, but less than first estimated, and it must be raised in one of two ways: Either by direct contributions by individuals or by appropriations by the County and City of Sumter.

Of the two methods we favor the latter. It is the fairest, most equitable and will not be a burdensome tax upon any individual, whereas if the money must be raised by the other method the burden will fall upon a comparatively few public spirited citizens who will be no more benefited by the building of the new railroad than hundreds of others. Furthermore, the construction of the new railroad will increase the taxable and income producing property of the County in an amount exceeding two hundred to two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or more. The taxes that will be paid into the county and city treasuries will, in a few years, more than repay all that may be appropriated to secure the rights of way and terminals, and the railroad will remain a permanent and constantly increasing taxable asset of the county and city.

If the money is not raised by some means to provide the terminal and rights of way, the road cannot be built and the county and city will lose an assured increase in taxable property and will, also, forfeit the opportunity to secure for this county a railroad that will be a developer and wealth producer for this entire section. Every acre of farming land within five to ten miles of the line of this railroad will be increased in value by the building of the road

and the City of Sumter will have in it another very valuable trade bulder that will open up and make tributary a large and productive territory with which we now have no trade relations. For the County and City of Sumter to appropriate the necessary money, a fair and equitable basis of division of the amount to be appropriated being agreed upon, would not be in anywise a gift or bonus, but an investment that would repay the original outlay many-fold in the immediate future. It would be good business, good policy and in the line of progress, and we cannot understand why there should be any hesitancy or reluctance so to do by the county and city officials. The appropriation can be validated by appropriate legislation, and we feel a reasonable assurance that a majority of the taxpayers will approve this action, if it shall be referred to them for their endorsement. If the county and city appropriate the money, no individual will have to pay more than a few dollars in additional taxes for a year or two at most, while the very large majority will pay only a few cents—so little, in fact, that they will never feel that they are paying anything. And, furthermore, when the road is in operation the taxes it will pay and the taxes paid by the other taxable property that will be created by the coming of the road will share the burden and reduce the taxes that we are not paying.

The time for decisive action on this matter is at hand and the county and city officials who represent the people should make known their views.

There was very little cotton on the streets Thursday. The price for the best brought in is still about 9:25. M. Moody, a white boy, 17 years old, shot a negro named White Sunday afternoon in Darlington county.

Mr. G. J. Williams, who resigned his position on the police force several days ago, will engage in farming during the coming year.

John W. Sims was run over and killed by a Southern train near Hill Wednesday night.

### Tragedy at Hot Supper.

There was a hot supper tragedy Silver last Saturday night at the house of Jim Conyers who lives on the Briggs place. The niggers had a dance, and no doubt had a lot of fire water which is one of the essentials for a coon frolic, during the dance Conyers joined in and had for his partner Corilla Lawson, who appears to be quite a popular damsel in the neighborhood. Harrison Wells, one of her many admirers took umbrage at the host dancing with Corilla and made objection, this caused the huckleberry blonde to assert her independence, and she quarreled with Harrison, whereupon Conyers not having a razor handy pulled a gun and fired, but instead of hitting Harrison as intended, the ball struck Corilla and killed her instantly. Both Conyers and Wells lit a rag and let for parts unknown for the present, but the sheriff will, we have no doubt, get a line on both of them and bring them to answer in the court. Conyers married the widow of Ned Mack, who was hung seven years ago for the murder of Dave Conyers, the killing was near the same place, and the Wednesday before the hanging, Ned Mack's wife married Jim Conyers, and brought to the jail, where her condemned husband was, a piece of her wedding cake and received his congratulations, now that her second husband, if caught, be tried for murder, she is again eligible for another matrimonial alliance, and like before will not wait to don widow's weeds.—Manning Times.

### Ladies!

Be sure and look at my up-to-date millinery before buying, both for yourselves and children. Come one and all. Yours to please, Mrs. W. G. Browne, No. 7 E. Liberty street, up stairs.

Ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls and all other shoppers, do your Christmas shopping early.

There were two murders at negro hot supper in Southron last Thursday night.