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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1856 and the True Southern in 1866. 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.

Judge Jones talked at Hampton as if he intends making an aggressive campaign. The time and conditions call for an aggressive fight and it is to be hoped that Judge Jones will be able to hold his gait to the end of the race. Having set the pace he must have the speed and stamina to endure until the race has been run, else he will be an also ran. As things now stand Judge Jones has our best wishes for success in his fight for good government.

What sort of primary would Col. Roosevelt conduct in the Southern States? Would it be confined to Republicans who are qualified electors or would any man who claims to be a Republican be permitted to cast his ballot?

Mr. Perkins seems to have undertaken to play the Harriman role in this Roosevelt campaign. He has the reputation of being a very practical man in both finances and politics and ought to be able to work in harmony with the star actor before the election and, also, afterwards, in the event of Roosevelt's election.

The first incident of the old dispensary commission investigation was the presentation of another Ananias certificate of proficiency to Gov. Blense, Ex-Governor John Gary Evans making the presentation. If this thing keeps up Gov. Blense will be challenging 'Teddy' Roosevelt for the world's championship.

SOUTH POLE FOUND.

Capt. Amundsen the Norwegian Explorer Succeeds.

Christiania, Norway, March 8.—Two local newspapers today received dispatches from Capt. Roald Amundsen announcing that he reached the South Pole on December 14, 1911. The dispatches were sent from Hobart, Tasmania, where Amundsen arrived yesterday.

The dispatches read: "Pole reached 14th-17th December." This evidently means that he remained three days in the vicinity of the Pole, probably for the purpose of taking accurate observations as to his position.

Rejoicings over Capt. Amundsen's success in reaching the South Pole are widespread. The feeling of the people was voiced in the Storting by President Frederik Konow, who said:

"We can't begin our day's work without expressing our thankful joy and the admiration and pride with which we are all filled by the news that Capt. Amundsen and his comrades have reached the South Pole and planted the Norwegian flag there. We are proud in the thought that these men are our fellow countrymen, and that they have once more succeeded in covering the name of Norway with glory."

The Storting then telegraphed to Capt. Amundsen at Hobart, Tasmania, its warmest greetings and thanks.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, March 11.	Open	Close.
March	19.46	19.43-44
May	19.51	19.53-54
July	19.65	19.64-65
Aug.		19.61-63
October	19.71	19.70-71

Closed steady.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

Liverpool, March 11.	Open	Close.
Feb.		588
March	577	
March-April	576 1/2-78	588
Apr-May	577-77 1/2	588 1/2
May-June	577-78	588
June-July	577-78	588

Closed firm.

Local Market.

10.25; basis middling.

Sheriff Scurry of Georgetown died Sunday after a long illness.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President S. C. Farmers Union.)

Some Random Thoughts.

Last week I made a very interesting visit to Clemson College at the invitation of President Riggs, who gave me every opportunity in the limited time that I had at my disposal to see the practical every-day workings of the college. My only regret was that I did not have several days more to stay, for I would have liked to attend the agricultural classes.

There is no question that the agricultural side of the college has not been developed as highly as the mechanical. Dr. Riggs says the mechanical equipment is as near perfect as it can be made, and that it is his aim to now make the agricultural department as near perfect as possible.

The recent meeting of the State Farmers' Union commended the college for its arrangement with the United States Farm Extension work, and also advised the college to pay more attention to trucking for a two-fold purpose: to supply the table fare of the students with a more wholesome diet, and to enlist the students in a more diversified agriculture.

On these subjects of a diversified agriculture, and varied and more wholesome diet, we had a long and earnest conference, and I feel sure the suggestions of the State Union will bear fruit. I have since conferred with Mr. Manning, one of the trustees, and find he is heartily in sympathy with the idea of the State Union: that the Clemson farm should be so conducted as to give a concrete example of the value of its teachings, so that we can say to the farmers of the State: this system of agriculture, which we advise and teach is proved on the Clemson farm and in the Clemson dining room, both practical and profitable.

In the matter of the establishment of a chair of scientific marketing, I fear we will have no easy task. It is looked upon as an unknown quantity, in fact its teacher will have to "blaze the trail." Prof. Morrison, the teacher of political economy, came up to me immediately after my remarks to the boys and the faculty, and said he would take pleasure in teaching it, if I would just show him what to teach. Whether new text books will be needed or not I can not say without time to read those now in use in teaching political and domestic economy. But I am inclined to think there is enough in print to make a good beginning when it is culled, classified and arranged in proper sequence. In the hands of the right man, whose heart as well as head, is thoroughly awake to the needs and the possibilities of such a chair, it would soon command the respect of all educators, and fill a want that has long been felt in a vague sort of way, and is now being thoroughly realized.

Senator Smith writes me, "Am delighted to know you are going to agitate the question of marketing. This has been neglected too long." I will take the matter up with the authorities of other colleges as I have time to confer with them.

In Anderson I found they are beginning to establish a produce exchange under the leadership of the Farmers' Union and with the co-operation of the Board of Trade. I was asked to give them the benefit of our experience in Sumter for publication, but do not know when I will have time. In my talks at several places in the county I gave them some of the points to be stressed. One will bear repeating to my readers here in Sumter county: It is the statement of Bro. Brogdon, "You cannot run a produce exchange without produce." Our people must grow the stuff before it can be sold. Mr. Morgan of the Florence Board of Trade, when I was there last Saturday, laid great stress upon this point, and tried to show me that I had "the cart before the horse."

Another point I gave them from Bro. Brogdon's experience that must be avoided. It is "Do not sell all you can by peddling all over town, and then expect the exchange to sell the balance for you at enough higher price to cover the commission." And I told them how one good brother sold as much cane syrup as he could and delivered it around town at 50 cents the gallon, and when he left the dozen or more cans, he could not sell.

YUAN INSTALLED PRESIDENT.

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES FORMALLY HELD BEFORE CROWD.

Many Foreigners in Attendance but Legations Were not Represented.

Peking, March 10.—In the new foreign office today Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated provisional president of the republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, provincial envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages. Many foreigners attended the ceremony, but the legations were not represented.

Yuan Shi Kai, who was in military uniform, read a declaration promising faithfully to develop the republic, observe the constitutional laws and retire when the national assembly names a permanent president. The ceremony was solemn—almost pathetic and typical of China's transition.

Most of those who assembled were attired in uniform or European dress. The only touch of orientalism was the presentation of the scarfs to Yuan by two yellow robed Llamas.

TUNG KWAN REPORTED CAPTURED.

Famous Pass Said to be in Hands of Governor of Province of Shen.

Peking, March 10.—A report has reached Peking that Tung Kwan, the famous pass on the borders of Shen Si and Ho Nan provinces, has been captured by Gen. Sheng Yun, governor of the province of Shen Si before whom, if the report is correct, the provinces of Ho Nan and Chi Li are now open country.

The report says also that 1,000 republican cavalry and infantry have deserted to the imperialists under Sheng Yun and that a large part of the republican army in the north is showing strong symptoms of reaction and may be seriously affected.

If the report is true it is probable that the difference between the north and the south will be brought no nearer a settlement because of the inauguration of Yuan Shi Kai.

TOOK OATH FRIDAY.

Private Ceremony Preceded Official Inauguration.

Peking, March 10.—Yuan Shi Kai privately took the oath of office on Friday, after which the assembly notified him of its acceptance of Tang Shao Yi as premier. Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the ex-president, appears to have wearied of the strain during the last two months. He says that when the cabinet is appointed he will retire to his old home at Kwang Tung to rest.

If the rural policemen prove as active and efficient in Sumter county as they have in some of the other counties where the system has been tried they will not be a source of expense, but will, while suppressing lawlessness realize enough in the way of fines to pay their salaries.

with the exchange to sell for him, put the price at 60 cents. And it was sold too, after a few weeks and netted him four cents more on the gallon than his peddling did.

This question of marketing is a live one. It is being given more consideration all over the State than ever before. The people realize as never before the need of diversified farming, and they see disappointment and may be loss, if they do not plan to market wisely the crops they hope to grow. Along the line of the Alcolu railroad and in many other localities where I have been, truck of various kinds will be grown. A great deal of it for shipment; but whether for shipment or for the local markets, without a system of selling, organized by, and run in the interest of, the growers, it will not be successful.

I found great anxiety at Clemson about the fertilizer sales. I had not been with Dr. Riggs five minutes before he asked me what the farmers are doing. I told him, if they act conservatively and for their best interests they will not use over 50 per cent of the amount used last year. He said they would surely do better than that. "Today the tax tag sales were 57 per cent of the same date last year," and at the close of the next day, he reported to me that the sale had increased to 60 per cent as compared with same period last year. Dr. Sloan, the treasurer's greeting to me was: "I hope you bring us good news about money." And I had to reply that "if the farmers are true to their own best interests, it will be bad news from your standpoint Dr. Sloan, for they ought not to use over 50 per cent as much as they did last year."

Other matters of interest will have to be over for another issue.
E. W. D.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Dicks et al. vs. Dicks et al. in re Dicks' Will.

The State.
In the matter of the late will and testament of Ransom Dicks, deceased, ex parte, Ransom Dicks, et al., petitioners-appellants, vs. David Dicks et al., respondents.
Effects of unreasonable delay in perfecting appeal from probate court to circuit court.

Before Judge Shipp at Sumter, summer term, 1911, court of common pleas.

Opinion by R. C. Watts, A. J.:

Ransom Dicks died in 1906, shortly after his death, two of his children, Ransom Dicks, Jr., and Rose Willis, presented an alleged will to the judge of probate and the same was proved in common form, the alleged will being filed October 11, 1906. This alleged will devised all of his property to these two children. Subsequently, on October 31, 1906, David Dicks, Kate Brunson and Abrams Dicks, three children of the deceased, petitioned the judge of probate praying that the court require Ransom Dicks, Jr., and Rose Willis to prove the said will in due and solemn form of law. Thereupon, due notice was given by the judge of probate that he would require said alleged will proved in due and solemn form of law on August 15, 1907. Nothing was done in pursuance of this notice, and a rule to show cause was served on Ransom Dicks, Jr., and Rose Willis why they should not be attached for contempt in not proceeding to prove the said alleged will in accordance with the order of the judge of probate. Afterwards, about March 7, 1908, an action was commenced in the court of probate to prove the alleged will in due and solemn form. After taking testimony and hearing argument the judge of probate, on July 1, 1909, made his decree adjudging and holding that the said alleged will was a forgery and refused to admit it to probate. On the same day a formal written notice of the filing of the decree was given to Ransom Dicks, Jr., and Rose Willis. On July 8, 1909, the appellants served notice of appeal and grounds thereof, upon the respondents, stating that they intended to appeal from the court of probate to the court of common pleas for the county of Sumter. Nothing further was done to perfect the appeal. The appellants filed in the circuit court a certified copy of the record of the proceedings appealed from, or the grounds of appeal or the proper evidence, that notice had been given to the adverse parties according to law. The appellants having taken no steps whatever to perfect their appeal, and five terms of the court of common pleas for Sumter county having passed since the notice of intention to appeal was served, the respondents served on the appellants, on February 28, 1911, a notice that they would move to have the said appeal dismissed. Upon hearing the motion upon this notice, Judge Shipp dismissed the appeal, and affirmed the judgment of the court of probate.

From this order of Judge Shipp Ransom Dicks and Rose Willis appealed.

The supreme court held:

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"It is unnecessary to decide whether or not it was necessary for appellants to file a certified copy of record and proceedings, etc., appealed from before the next stated session of the said court of common pleas, after such appeal is taken. But we do say that this must be done within a reasonable time, and to let five terms of court convene without doing this is unreasonable. Notice was given on February 28, 1911, that on March 20, 1911, a motion would be made to dismiss the appeal. This motion was not heard until July 20, 1911, and during all this time and at the hearing, no effort was made or urged by the appellants to be relieved under section 339 and 349, code of laws of South Carolina, volume 2, and there was no error on part of circuit judge in dismissing appeal.
"The judgment is affirmed."
Eugene B. Gary, C. J., C. A. Woods, A. J., and D. E. Hydrick concur. Justice Fraser did not sit in this case.
L. D. Jennings, attorney for appellants; Lee & Moise, attorneys for respondents.

BIG FIRE AT EHRHART.

Damage Will Amount to About \$200,000.

Ehrhardt, March 10.—The loss caused by the fire which almost entirely destroyed the plant of the Hacker Manufacturing company here last night will reach approximately \$200,000. The loss alone to the Hacker plant is about \$150,000. The fire started at 7:45 o'clock Friday night in the dust room of the planing plant of the Hacker plant and spread rapidly to the other departments. The water tank was destroyed which seriously hampered the fight against the fire. The plant was insured for about one-fourth of its value. The Carolina Gin company was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$6,000. Nine freight cars loaded with merchandise on the Atlantic Coast Line yards were destroyed, causing a loss of probably \$30,000. The platform to the depot was burned. Twelve bales of cotton on the platform were burned. No one was seriously injured by the fire. Jason Sander, a workman, in trying to rescue some of the tools from the burning buildings of the Hacker plant was badly burned by the explosion of two tanks containing gasoline. An engineer of the Atlantic Coast Line railway ran his engine through the flames and saved six box cars on a siding near the fire. The fire was under control at 12:45 o'clock this morning.

MURDER REMAINS A MYSTERY.

Still No Clue to Account for Death of Little Andrew Jackson—Reward Will be Offered.

Florence, March 10.—There is no clue to the identity of the murderer of little Andrew Jackson, the 8-year-old boy whose body was found in an Atlantic Coast Line freight car last Friday afternoon by a searching party of Boy Scouts. The little fellow was last seen alive about 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. His dead body bore marks which led the authorities to believe that he had been choked to death after being struck on the back by some blunt instrument. Wild stories and theories as to how little Andrew Jackson met his death are rife in Florence, but absolutely no clue has yet been found which would seem to lead to the murderer. One story has it that the boy was run down by an automobile or wagon, badly hurt and choked to death to conceal the person responsible for the accident, but the mark on his back was of such a character that it is said it might have been caused by carrying the body for some distance after death had already occurred.

Today Gov. Blease wired T. S. Burch, sheriff of Florence county, to ask if he thought it advisable to offer a reward for the capture of the murderer. The sheriff replied that he would be glad for a reward to be offered. The amount of the governor's reward has not yet been announced.

In addition H. K. Gilbert, mayor of Florence, has offered a reward of \$100 for information leading to the capture of the man who committed the crime. This was the largest amount Mayor Gilbert could offer without the authority of the other members of city council. It is understood that the members are considering the matter of giving a larger reward.

It is certain though that the amount offered by Mayor Gilbert will be increased, as a collection is being taken up among the citizens of Florence, which will be added to the reward already subscribed by the mayor.

Mr. R. M. Cooper, Jr., of Wisacky, passed through the city Saturday.

NOTICE.

The registered Jack, Blarney, Jr., will stand the season at Booth-Harby Live Stock Company's stables. He is sixteen hands high, black, weighs eleven hundred pounds. Liberal terms allowed. Sumter Jack Association.

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