

# The Watchman and Southron.

THE SUMTER WATCHMAN, Established April, 1856.

"Be Just and Fear not—Let all the ends Thou Aims' at be thy Country's, Thy God's and Truth's."

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## SEVEN YEARS OF GROWTH.

### FARMERS' BANK & TRUST COMPANY REFLECTS DEVELOPMENT AND PROSPERITY OF SUMTER.

Organized Seven Years Ago With \$40,000 Capital—Each Year Has Been Marked by Substantial Growth—Resources and Patronage—Has Taken the Lead in Modern Methods in Banking in this Section of the State—The First Bank in Sumter to Have Capital in Excess of \$100,000; First to Occupy Own Banking House—Has Paid Out More in Dividends in Past Seven Years than Any Other Local Bank.

The Farmers' Bank & Trust Company, which was organized in the first quarter of 1905, has completed its seventh year, and a retrospective glance at the record of seven years of growth and development affords its officers and stockholders reason for satisfaction and a pardonable degree of pride in what has been achieved.

The bank was opened for business March 20, 1905, but the final payment on stock subscriptions was not called for until May 1st, at which date the total capital stock was \$60,000. From the outset the bank carried a substantial and well-distributed deposit account which has grown in volume each year, and the most gratifying feature of this department of the business has been the steady increase in the number of regular depositors who carry balances the year through. When the bank opened for business March 20, 1905 the total deposits were \$14,728.75, and there were thirty-three depositors. Of these thirty-three original depositors, twenty-four are still customers, two have removed from the city and two have died.

One year after organization the capital stock was increased to \$120,000, giving the bank the largest capitalization of any bank in the city at that time, it being the first to have a capital in excess of \$100,000. The first year no dividends were paid, but each succeeding year regular dividends of 8 per cent have been paid the stockholders, 4 per cent semi-annually. The total amount that stockholders have received in dividends to date aggregate \$57,600, and in addition to this a surplus amounting to \$65,000 has been set aside from the net profits. When the bank purchased the old Court House and remodeled it for a banking house it was the only bank in the city that occupied its own home, an example soon to be followed by three other local institutions.

The policy of the bank has been marked by conservatism and the growth in business along all lines has been steady, showing that the methods have met with the approval of the public and that its patrons have confidence in the management. The books show that at the time the last regular statement was made the volume of business was approximately \$600,000, and that in resources and condition it was abreast of any similar institution in this section of the State. Despite unsatisfactory financial conditions existing throughout this section last fall, in consequence of the low price of cotton, all obligations to Northern banks were anticipated and loans exceeding \$150,000 were made at 6 per cent on cotton stored in the warehouse by farmers who desired to hold their crop for an advance in price. During the fall and winter when cotton continued to decline and there was apparently little prospect of an early improvement in the market the bank never urged a single one of its customers to sell his cotton for the purpose of settling his cotton loan, and no loan was called until the customer felt disposed to sell his stored cotton. The bank is still carrying a large amount of cotton loans and will continue to do so as long as the farmers wish to hold the cotton in storage, although it has large demand for money at this time. The bank is fortunate in having a board of directors that is truly representative of the varied business interests of this city and county. The board of directors, together with the advisory board, is the largest in number and the strongest financially of that of any bank in this section of the State. All of the affairs of the bank are regularly inspected and thoroughly gone over at stated intervals of ninety days, and in this way the directors keep in close and intelligent touch with the details of the business. Every loan is considered and every application is carefully inspected by the financial board at the regular meetings on Monday of each week.

## THOUSANDS NEED ASSISTANCE.

### SITUATION IN FLOOD AREA GROWS INCREASINGLY GRAVE.

In All These Half a Hundred Places People Are Suffering as Result of Inundation.

New Orleans, April 21.—News from the flood area of the Mississippi valley in Arkansas, Mississippi and Louisiana continued today to be increasingly grave. Thousands of those who were compelled to flee to higher places when the yellow flood invaded their homes have been carded for, but there are still many more who are in imperative need of aid. As the waters continue on their destructive way more appeals for help are being received by those in charge of the relief work.

It is estimated there are 50 towns and villages that have so far felt the effects of the flood. Some places are under from 2 to 15 feet of water, with little prospect of an early recession.

Reports as to the loss of life differ. Those known to have perished total ten, all but one are negroes. It is believed, however, that the list will be much larger when the interior of the affected district is penetrated by rescue parties.

Conditions in the country overflowed by the Beulah, Mississippi, break are extremely serious. High places in Bollivar county never before inundated are covered with three to four feet of water. All women and children in that district have been taken to Greenville and Vicksburg. Much relief work remains to be done in that section, as appeals for help from both white and black inhabitants are continually being received at Vicksburg, where the headquarters of the relief bureau are established.

At Nibletts, Miss., four miles south of the Beulah crevasse, where some alarm was felt for a portion of the levee Saturday, a large force of men is working day and night, and it is believed a break will be avoided.

Great damage has been done to railroads running through the flooded country.

The distribution of supplies to hundreds of victims marooned on plantations and in settlements in the neighborhood of Tallulah, La., began today.

## SUMTER TEAM DOWNS MANNING.

### Gamecocks Win Victory Over Their Opponents with Ease—Score 29 to 3.

The Gamecocks from the local high school won an easy victory over their opponents at Manning Friday afternoon the score being 29 to 3 at the end of the ninth inning. The feature of the game was the pitching of Haynsworth. He struck out nineteen men and played a steady game all the way through.

A feature was the catch of Sid-dall when a deep outfield fly looked like a three base hit for the Manning man. The ball was caught as it bunched off an automobile and by a long throw to first a double play was worked off. The game looked like a shut out affair for Manning, until in the ninth inning the Sumter boys got careless and their opponents pulled in three runners before they could be checked. Mr. B. A. Thees, the physical director of the Y. M. C. A. accompanied the boys to Manning.

## Writing Its Doom.

Citizens of Timmons ville have petitioned for the removal of the dispensary from that town, and the Florence Times says, "It looks as if the jug is doomed in Timmons ville."

The officers and directors are loyal and work in harmony and with enthusiasm to build up the bank and extend its influence over a wider field of usefulness. That they have succeeded and are succeeding is evidenced by the record of the past seven years and by the large volume of business the bank now has and by the steady growth in deposits.

The officers of the bank are: President, C. G. Rowland; Vice-Presidents, R. F. Haynsworth and Thomas Wilson; Cashier, G. L. Warren.

The directors are: W. B. Burns, E. J. Bland, J. K. Crosswell, Geo. F. Epperson, J. F. Bland, C. T. Mason, Thos. Wilson, R. F. Haynsworth, H. J. McLaurin, Jr., C. G. Rowland, Isaac Schwartz, Geo. D. Shore, J. J. Eritton, Jr., R. O. Purdy, John Wilson, W. B. Boyle, Mark Reynolds, C. D. Schwartz, W. W. Rowland.

## BRUTAL ATTACK ON WOMAN.

### FOUR WHITE MEN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT.

Brutes Said to Have Entered House Near Greer and Outraged One of Occupants.

Greenville, April 21.—News reached Greenville tonight of a horrible crime said to have been perpetrated upon a young white woman by four white men about midnight Saturday at her home, one mile south of Greer in Spartanburg county. The police at Greer notified the local authorities of the affair and requested them to be on the watch for the men. Their names and other data were furnished the police. It was stated that the Spartanburg police have been advised of the matter and requested to keep on the lookout for the parties. A warrant was sworn out for the men before Magistrate Henderson of Spartanburg county, and his constables have been in pursuit today. Tonight communication was established with the police at Greer, and particulars of the crime were secured.

According to the story, four white men went to the home of a white man, one mile from Greer, about 11.30 or 12 o'clock Saturday night. The man of the house was not at home, having gone to Spartanburg to see a sick brother. His wife and a single woman about 25 years of age, either a sister or a sister-in-law, were in the house. The men are said to have forced an entrance to the house. Their approaches were resisted by the two women, and a lively struggle ensued.

One of the men is said to have struck the married woman over the head with a lantern and felled her. This woman is said to have recovered from the blow and rushed out to the house of a neighbor. In the meantime the men took their departure. A boy with a shotgun responded to the woman's cries at the house. Very soon the men returned to the house and disarmed the boy. They are said to have then seized the young woman and carried her to a nearby patch of woods, where they assaulted her.

The Greer police were unable to give any further particulars of the affair. The crime took place in Spartanburg county, and through the constables of the magistrate, who issued the warrant, the Greer police learned these particulars.

News of the crime had not become generally known at Greer or in the surrounding country tonight, and as to whether or not there would likely be any show of violence if the news spreads the Greer police could not state.

## NEGRO KILLED AT ALCOLU.

### John Gary, Colored, of This City, Shot by John P. Barfield Saturday Night.

John Gary, a negro employee of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad company of this city, was shot and instantly killed Saturday night at Alcolu by a white man named John Peter Barfield. The cause of the shooting has not yet been learned.

Gary's body arrived in town on Monday from Alcolu, the inquest having been held over the body Sunday by Coroner Baggett of Clarendon county. It is reported that Barfield went to Manning Sunday night after the shooting and surrendered to the sheriff.

Gary was a switchman on the yard engine in this city and was well known here among the negroes. He left here Saturday evening on A. C. L. train 53 and told persons at the station that he was going to Savannah. It was reported here Monday morning, although the truth of the report could not be ascertained, that the shooting occurred when Gary endeavored to enter a house which was under quarantine and was ordered not to do so.

## FIRE AT TIMMONSVILLE.

### John McSween Department Store Damaged in the Sum of \$11,000—Covered by Insurance.

Timmons ville, April 21.—Fire this evening at 11 o'clock damaged the John McSween department store, one of the largest stores of this section of the State, in the sum of \$11,000. The stock of goods is valued at \$80,000 and here a loss of \$10,000 was suffered. The building, valued at \$25,000, was damaged to the extent of \$1,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

## SIXTY-FOUR BODIES FOUND.

### CABLE STEAMER PICKS UP CORPSES OF THREESCORE TITANIC VICTIMS.

Believed That All Those Still on Mackay-Bennett Will be Identified—Will Continue Reports by Wireless.

St. Johns, April 21.—Sixty-four bodies have been recovered by the cable steamer Mackay-Bennett, which has been searching the vicinity of the Titanic, according to a report which was received in this city tonight. It is said that a number of bodies which were recovered were sunk again as they were without means of identification.

The 64 bodies recovered are regarded as identified according to the report. Those that were sunk were presumably in a condition making their preservation impossible.

## WILL REPORT BY WIRELESS.

### Cable Ship Will Inform Waiting People of Results of Search for Bodies.

New York, April 21.—Two wireless messages addressed to J. Bruce Ismay, president of the International Mercantile Marine company, were received today at the offices of the White Star line from cable ship Mackay-Bennett via Cape Race, one of which reported that the steamship Rhein had sighted bodies near the scene of the Titanic wreck. The first message, which was dated April 20, read: "Steamer Rhein reports passing wreckage and bodies 42.1 north; 49.12 west; eight miles west of three big icebergs. Now making for that position. Expect to arrive at 8 o'clock tonight."

(Signed) "Mackay-Bennett."

The second message reads:

"Received further information from Bremen (presumably steamship Bremen) and arrived on ground at 8 p. m. Start on operations tomorrow. Have been considerably delayed on passage by dense fog."

(Signed) "Mackay-Bennett."

Before his departure for Washington Mr. Ismay, after reading the two messages, said:

"The cable ship Mackay-Bennett has been chartered by the White Star line and ordered to proceed to the scene of the disaster and do all she can to recover bodies and obtain all information possible.

"Every effort will be made to identify bodies recovered and any news will be sent through immediately by wireless. In addition to such messages, the Bennett will make a full report of its work by wireless and such reports will be made public at the offices of the White Star line.

"The cable ship has orders to remain on the scene of the wreck for at least a week but should a large number of bodies be recovered before that time she will return to Halifax with them. The search for bodies will not be abandoned until not a vestige of hope remains for any more recoveries.

"The Mackay-Bennett will not make any soundings as they would not serve any useful purpose because the depth where the Titanic sank is more than 2,000 fathoms."

## REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN.

### Settlement Not Yet Made as to Who Are Supervisors—Mr. Stubbs and Mr. Dinkins Both Act.

The county books of registration were opened Monday morning in compliance with the act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, for a period of three weeks. There were four persons present to act as supervisors of registration, the decision as to who is the legal appointee, Mr. Stubbs or Mr. Dinkins, not yet having been formally made.

Mr. DuBose and Mr. White were on the old board of supervisors and were re-appointed and, of course, there is no question as to their right to serve on the board, but Mr. Dinkins, a member of the old board, still holds on to the office, despite the appointment of Mr. Stubbs by Governor Blaise. At the last meeting of the board neither of these gentlemen acted in an official capacity, although they were both present during the day. Today it seemed that both of them wanted to act, and, in one case at least, both signed the certificate which was given out to a person desiring to be registered. What effect this will have on the certificate or the right of the person to vote at the election which will be held on the second Tuesday in June will have to be decided later.

## MARKET CONDITIONS BAD.

### HORROR OF TITANIC TRAGEDY CAUSED DEPRESSION.

Aside From Week's Rain Development, Influences Were Rather Conflicting Throughout.

New York, April 21.—The stock market suffered last week from the mental depression due to the great marine disaster. This influence was prolonged by the suspense and tension during the voyage to port of the survivors and the intense struggle to obtain detailed information of the results of the tragedy. The actual money loss growing out of the sinking of the Titanic forced selling of securities by underwriters in the London market, which depressed their prices. The grief of individuals was supposed to affect the conduct of market operations in some directions. The general atmosphere of sorrow in the presence of such a calamity was of effect in a department of affairs where sentiment and imagination are never wholly absent as governing motives.

This factor intervened after the first day of the week had seen a smart recovery from the reaction of the previous week. The speculative contingent which had sold stocks on professional apprehension of political development bought on Monday to cover shorts in a realizing movement. The extent of the reaction of the previous week apparently invited some renewed operations for a rise by another element in the speculation. These operations seemed to be suspended in the constraint that fell upon the market later.

There was a mixture of good and bad influence in other factors, such as they were observed by the week's main event. The grain markets reflected further excitement over the alarming reports of damage to winter wheat. Allowance was made for some exaggeration for speculative effect and for possibility of the regaining of ground lost by later improvements and by replanting of the damaged acreage.

Good soil conditions and moisture left confidence unimpaired in the promise for other crops now going into the ground. March foreign trade statistics helped to explain the advancing price of cotton by the enormous exports for that period, in spite of the coal mining strike in England and widespread industrial suspension at that time. Coupled with the large demand from domestic spinners, there is revealed an absorptive power going far to insure demand for the unprecedented yield of last year's cotton crop. The average in the dividend rate in Amalgamated Copper was concrete evidence of the benefits of the improved market for the metal. The action of that stock in the market gave warning of the speculative anticipation of the benefits that has taken place already.

Labor disputes still overhung the market, but with hopes still professed of a settlement, both of the anthracite miners' and the Eastern railroad engineers' demands.

The Mexican diplomatic situation demanded some attention. The New York money market eased in response to repatriation effected in the bank reserves, but foreign exchanges hardened and gold went out again.

## IN THE POLICE COURT.

### Number of Cases Tried by the Recorder Monday Morning.

There were a number of cases tried by the Recorder Monday, the cases being as follows:

Cephas Ford and Edna Sharp, petit larceny, \$30 or 30 days and \$10 or 20 days, respectively.

Richard Bossard, violation of hack ordinance by soliciting passengers, \$3.00 or 6 days.

E. A. Weatherly, T. N. Pack, and N. N. Weatherly, carrying concealed weapons, drunk and disorderly conduct, \$50 for first two and \$25 for the third.

Sam Davis paid his fine of \$50, having been convicted of transporting whiskey in Saturday's session of court.

A New Jersey automobile speeder has been given a long prison term for killing a small boy with his scorching machine. There is justice.—Charleston Post.

Charleston had a 66-mile an hour gale Saturday afternoon and considerable damage was done to boats in the harbor. One pleasure yacht was totally wrecked off the Yacht Club pier.

## SEABOARD FOR CHARLESTON.

### CLARENDON SENATOR THINKS RAILROAD IS HEADED SEAWARD.

Manning Man in Charleston to Confer With Seaboard's Representatives Concerning Charleston-Sumter Connection—Senator Clifton, of Sumter, also Thinks Road is coming.

"I am practically certain that the Seaboard Air Line Railway is making arrangements to build a line through Sumter to Charleston."

So said, yesterday morning, Senator Louis Appelt, Manning, who was in the city yesterday on several errands, one of which was to attend the smoker at the Commercial Club last night at the visiting traction magnate's.

Mr. Appelt's opinion on such a matter has more than usual weight. He is a member of the State Senate from Clarendon county, having been in that body for more than twelve years. He has for several years past occupied the responsible position as chairman of the Senate committee on railroads and international improvements and is well in touch with railroad affairs in this State. Mr. Appelt introduced the bill, which, approved in 1909, permitted the construction of a drawbridge over the Santee River, between Clarendon and Berkeley counties, by the Santee River Cypress Lumber Company. It is this very bridge which will be used by the Seaboard in the construction of the road from the present proposed terminus at Sumter to Charleston.

Mr. Appelt is interested in the matter from the fact that in passing over the route indicated, the road will necessarily pass in the near neighborhood of Manning, and this will, of course, mean a great benefit for the enterprising little capital of Clarendon. Mr. Appelt was in conference here yesterday morning with several gentlemen connected with the Seaboard's affairs, in reference to this Charleston-Sumter connection of the Seaboard, acting in this capacity as a representative of a committee of Manning business men. He said yesterday that he was not at liberty to state the outcome of the interview, though he expressed his strong confidence that the link between this city and Sumter, giving Charleston another direct connection with the cities of the West, was certain to be constructed.

Senator John H. Clifton, of Sumter, was another visitor of note in Charleston yesterday. Mr. Clifton was here to attend the smoker at the Commercial Club last night. As is well known, he is one of the three Senate members of the dispensary investigating committee, which has been conducting hearings during the past few weeks, in pursuance of the Act of 1911, vetoed by the Governor, but passed over the veto at the 1912 session. Mr. Clifton had no special comments to make upon the hearings at Columbia. The commission has adjourned to meet at call of the chairman, Senator Carlisle, and he did not express an opinion as to when it would meet again.

Mr. Clifton, like most Sumter citizens who have visited Charleston lately, also entertains a feeling of confidence that the Seaboard Air Line is planning to build the line between this city and Sumter in the near future.—News and Courier, April 20.

## BOARD MEETS ON 30TH.

### Will Hear Appeals from Decisions of Township Boards of Assessors.

The Sumter County board of equalization, which is composed of the chairmen of the boards of assessors in the various townships throughout the county, will meet in the auditor's office on Tuesday, the 30th, to hear appeals from the township boards of assessors.

All of the lists of tax returns have been gone over by the township boards and Saturday cards were sent out to those persons whose return had been changed in any way and they will be given a chance next Tuesday to appeal from the changes made by the township board.

There were quite a number of changes made in the property returned, in some cases the valuation of the property being increased, and in some cases property being added to the return.

Only one white school in the county has closed up to this week, but it is expected that several will have to close their session during the present week.