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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southeron in 1866. The Watchman and Southeron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Senator Nalls Christensen has not lost out politically in Beaufort county, as the first reports of the club meetings stated, and he will be a member of the county convention and, in all probability, a delegate to the State convention. We congratulate Mr. Christensen in his survival and extend to him our best wishes for many more years of political usefulness to South Carolina. Mr. Christensen is the type of man needed in public life and we would regret his enforced retirement as a result of petty partisan politics.

It is a strange world that great things a little matter will bring forth. A few days ago we summarized, from the published reports of the Democratic club meetings, the salient facts indicative of the drift of sentiment as to Blease and Jones, and this innocent little paragraph has furnished the text for an editorial in the Yorkville Enquirer and caused Senator Christensen to write us a letter explanatory of political affairs in Beaufort county. Politics, especially club politics are loaded with explosives and are usually dangerous things to fool with, and we are suffering the consequences of momentarily forgetting that the thing was loaded. We apologize to all persons interested for mentioning the alleged facts that Governor Blease failed of election in his own club as a delegate to the county convention, that the same thing happened to Mr. Geo. H. Harman, Senator Apollon and Mr. Lowndes J. Browning. In Mr. Christensen's case a double apology is tendered because of the later developed fact that he was elected from his own club, it having been the opposition club that failed to elect him. We are not drawing any conclusions as to what the non-election of any or all of these gentlemen may indicate or what influence these alleged political occurrences may hereafter have upon the fortunes of candidates for State offices. If they have their hearts set on being delegates to their county conventions we trust they will find a way to get in, even if they have to get there irregularly through the back door by going as substitute delegates from clubs of which they were not members prior to the momentous and disappointing election of regular delegates. We want everybody to be happy, even the office seekers and politicians, and if seats in the county conventions will be sops to their ambition they ought to get what they want—there are certainly jobs enough of this kind to go around, without omitting any distinguished publicists, to whom it is a labor of love to serve the dear people and add lustre to the annals of our glorious old Commonwealth. Speaking seriously, however, we do not believe the refusal a particular precinct club to elect some certain man a delegate to the county convention has an important bearing on a State-wide political contest, since this result may have been brought about by any one of a half dozen combinations of circumstances, personal or local in nature, not directly connected with the main issue. For instance, Gov. Blease may not be able to carry his precinct club and still carry his county by a big majority. The complete primary returns alone will show the real sentiment of the State as to Blease and Jones, and this being admitted by all reasonable men, why not leave the Blease-Jones issue to the State campaign and not precipitate a needless fight in the county and State conventions, which have more important work to do?

**MONEYMAKER COTTON SEED—**

We have found this variety superior to any other, giving a larger yield per acre with the same treatment, and giving a larger per cent. of lint. Our farm is free from blight and other diseases, and the cotton is ginned at our own gin, where every precaution is taken to prevent mixing with other seed. We offer a limited amount of select seed at \$1.00 per bushel. C. P. Osteen Co., Sumter, S. C.

**CLARK AND TEDDY AHEAD.**

**APPARENTLY WON CONTROL IN MARYLAND.**

Leap Into Lead Early in Day and Continue to Gain as Added Returns Come in to Headquarters.

Baltimore, May 6.—Maryland's 16 votes in the national conventions will be cast for Theodore Roosevelt and Speaker Champ Clark unless the few election districts still to be heard from change the result registered today at the State's first presidential primary. The result was close and Col. Roosevelt, on the face of returns, had but one more than the number of votes necessary to control the State convention.

The primaries divided the delegates to the State convention as follows:  
Republicans—Roosevelt 66, Taft 63.  
Democrats—Clark 72, Wilson 44, Harmon 4; in doubt 9.  
Majority necessary to control the convention, 65.  
The State delegates elected are bound to choose delegations to the national convention favorable to the presidential candidates for whom the people today expressed their preference.

Speaker Clark led steadily from the time the first returns arrived from the Baltimore wards. Early in the evening it looked as if Col. Roosevelt would win by an equally big majority, but shortly before midnight returns from the strong Taft counties put the president suddenly ahead, with 63 delegates to his opponent's 61. It was Prince George's county that decided. Both sides claimed its five votes until conclusive returns shortly after midnight placed it in the Roosevelt column.

Clark and Roosevelt leaped into the lead early, with complete delegations from Baltimore city, which gave them 28 delegates. Clark's preferential vote in this city was greater than that of Harmon and Wilson combined. He defeated Wilson by nearly three to one and the New Jersey governor was ahead of Gov. Harmon by two to one. The sweeping Clark success in Baltimore was a victory for the Democratic organization. In the Republican primary here the Roosevelt organization downed the regular Republican organization, led by the collector of the port, William F. Stone.

**NEGRO KILLED BY YOUNG MAN**

C. B. Pate, Jr., Slays Jenkins Manning, Who Is Believed to Have Been Escaped Convict.

Camden, May 6.—News was received here this morning from Pates mill, near Lee county, of the killing of Jenkins Manning, who is thought to be an escaped convict, by C. B. Pate, Jr., a young man, 21 years old, the killing taking place on the plantation of H. A. Pate at 8 o'clock Saturday night. It is said that a week ago a negro was seen during the middle of the night in the room of Pate's 13-year-old sister, who was confident that it was Manning. The matter was kept quiet, as there was no positive proof that it was Manning, and the neighbors wanted to investigate thoroughly before apprehending the negro. A few days ago the same negro tried to entice the girl into a cotton warehouse on the plantation. The girl's brother was absent from home at the time, but upon his return he sought Manning and asked him what he meant by it. The negro grabbed a piece of iron nearby and rushed at young Pate, but before he could use the iron Pate shot him dead. The iron was tightly gripped in the negro's hand, at the inquest yesterday at 12 o'clock, which was held by Coroner Dixon. Young Pate came to Camden and surrendered to the authorities.

The negro bore shackle marks on his legs. He had been in that community for three months, but would never tell where he was from or anything about his past life.

**NEGRO LYNCHED IN MISSISSIPPI.**

Hanged to Tree for Firing on Wife of Prominent Farmer—Captured by Poss.

Columbus, Miss., May 6.—George Edd, a negro, accused of having shot and wounded Mrs. Thomas Dec, wife of a prominent merchant and planter, and her son, Thomas Dec, Jr., was captured by a posse of citizens late last night and hanged to a tree. Mrs. Dec and her son were fired on from a brush Saturday night as they were leaving the commissary on the Dec plantation, 16 miles south of Columbus.

A prominent citizen from near Lynchburg was in town last Monday and dropped in to see us. He said he did not know that Bishopville had such noisy people until last Friday when three or four of them went down to Lynchburg to meet Gov. Blease who spoke down there at a school entertainment. — Bishopville Vindicator.

**NINE KILLED IN WRECK.**

**VETERAN TRAIN ON WAY TO REUNION TO REMAIN AT MACON 55 INJURED.**

Three of Unidentified Dead Are Babies—Engine and Five Cars Roll Down Embankment.

Hattiesburg, Miss., May 6.—Nine persons, including three women and two children, were killed and 55 persons injured when the first section of the Confederate Veterans' Special of 11 cars, en route from Texas to the annual reunion at Macon, Ga., was wrecked this morning on a trestle a mile south of Eastabuchie, Miss., on the New Orleans and North-eastern railroad. The locomotive baggage car, one day coach and three tourist sleepers were derailed and tumbled down a high embankment, making a conglomerate mass of wood and iron debris.  
Though several hundred Confederate veterans were aboard the train, not one was numbered among the dead. Several of the veterans were injured, though none fatally.

The dead: Mrs. J. L. Cameron, Henderson, Texas; Mrs. Charles Holmes, Big Springs, Texas; J. S. Downing, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Downing Locomotive Draft Appliance company; W. A. Wood, Meridian, Miss., engineer; two children, aged three and five, unidentified; one woman, aged about 35, weight 150, unidentified; one man, aged 30, smooth face, brown hair, unidentified; C. J. Jones, negro fireman.

Engineer W. A. Wood of Meridian, Miss., and two unknown machinists were killed. The derailment was on a straight line and the train was running about 30 miles an hour. The dead were brought to Hattiesburg.

The identified dead are: Mrs. J. L. Cameron, Henderson, Texas; J. S. Downing, Atlanta, Ga.; W. A. Wood, Meridian, Miss., engineer; Mrs. Chas. Holmes, Big Springs, Texas.  
C. C. Jones, negro fireman, will die.

The scene immediately after the crash was made particularly distressing by the cries of the injured.

Those who were uninjured immediately went to work assisting in extricating less fortunate comrades, carrying them to improvised hospitals in the few coaches not overturned. Many of the injured veterans did what they could towards relieving the more serious hurt.

When the engine and tender left the track at the short trestle they were followed by the baggage car, day coach and three tourist sleepers. These cars were badly splintered and it is regarded as most miraculous that any of the occupants escaped.

Hattiesburg citizens from every walk of life met the train which brought the dead and injured here. The King's Daughters, U. D. C., the Masons, Elks and other benevolent orders and societies had active representatives on the scene anxious to care for the injured and the veterans and their wives were made to feel that they were in the hands of friends.

**BASEBALL WEDNESDAY AFTER-NOON.**

Sumter High School to Play Team From Charleston High School.

A game of baseball which will no doubt be of great interest to the lovers of the sport will be pulled off at the local park Wednesday afternoon when DeLorme, Durant & Co. compete with J. Weeks & Co. in a rival for the winning of the contract being in this city and one from the "City by the Sea."

The Charleston team comes to Sumter boomed awfully strong, being classed as the best prep school team in the State and claiming championship honors over all other teams in their class. The Sumter boys have not had a game yet in which they could show up to advantage. The two games with Darlington were both defeats, with the seeming better playing on the side of the Sumter boys, and the other two games being with the Manning team which was twice easily defeated. The game is expected to be fast and interesting, and, as Haynsworth will pitch for the locals, those who attend are sure to see some good box work.

The crowds who have heretofore come out to the games did not show up well, the regard in which the Sumter fans hold the high school team, their one local baseball team, and a better showing is wanted at the game Wednesday. The boys need the support that a crowd expectant for their victory can give them and they ought to have it. Be sure to come out. Game starts at 4 o'clock.

**Ministers Enjoy Themselves.**

The ministers of the city took a day off, so to speak, Monday and went out to Cain's Mill where they partook of a most delightful fish-fry. The day was spent at the popular resort and much enjoyed by all. The return trip was made to the city about 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

# Top Dresser.

It is our opinion that there will be a very active demand for this material owing to the scarcity of Nitrate of Soda, and the almost prohibitive price prevailing for it.

Our offerings consist of the following:

Ashepoo Eastern Carolina Top Dresser	6-7½-2½
Ashepoo Ne Plus Top Dresser	4-7½-2½
Ashepoo Special Top Dresser	3-8½-3
Ashepoo Cotton and Grain Nitrogenous Fertilizer	3-8½-2½

While we give every planter credit for knowing his own business, and being able to determine which of these analyses would best suit his purpose we cannot help recommending the Ne Plus, as we have sold it for many years with most flattering results. In many cases we have had our customers tell us they would rather use it than Nitrate of Soda, giving as the reason, that Nitrate which supplies Nitrogen alone, develops the stalk and leaf, but does not produce fruit.

Because of the lateness of farm preparations and planting this season, it will be more necessary than usual to feed the plants as they grow, and thus overcome a late start.

We have succeeded in obtaining a price on our top dressers, that puts them within the reach of all, and we hope you will give us an opportunity of figuring with you before placing your order.

## O'Donnell & Co.

**FARMERS' UNION NEWS**

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

**Farmers' Union Notes.**

At the regular meeting of the Sumter County Farmers' Union, May 3, 1912, it was resolved that the union express its disapproval of the action of the county officials in misappropriating \$12,000 of the county funds by donating the same to the City of Sumter for the Seaboard Railroad.

J. M. Erogdon, W. R. Wells, H. A. Beall, dissenting, Committee.

The above censure of the county officials was given out for publication.

A report from Mrs. H. W. Beall, chairman of the County Union Committee of Education, gave the gratifying news that she had secured a scholarship at Winthrop for a young lady from the rural schools. Mr. J. H. Grady, of the Lyric, donated this scholarship. Mrs. Beall made a partial report of her trip to the State Teachers' Association at Charleston last week, and her efforts to have an inter-county school day when the winners of prizes at the various county meetings could meet to decide the championship for either the State or a large group of contiguous counties. She reported that Secretary McKeand of Charleston had requested that the first meeting of this kind be held in Charleston.

Mrs. Beall was commended for her efficient work and zeal for the educational work of the Farmers' Union. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Lemmon of The City National Bank, donor of the Clemson scholarship, and Mr. Grady of the Lyric, donor of the Winthrop scholarship for their interest in this line of work.

Mr. Beall made a partial report on his activities as chairman of the committee on education of the State Union. He was invited by Dr. Mitchell, president of the University, at Columbia, to address the student-

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

List of Clubs in County who have Executive Committeesmen from each.

Following the adjournment of the county convention Monday the county executive committee met and organized, J. H. Clifton, county chairman, H. G. Osteen was elected secretary and treasurer. The committee met at the call of the chairman.

The following are the members of the executive committee from the various clubs:

- Rafting Creek, A. K. Sanders.
- Borden, W. H. Freeman.
- Gaillard's Cross Roads, E. W. Parker, Jr.
- Dalezell, W. D. Scarborough.
- Stateburg, Richard Richardson.
- Wedgfield, F. E. Thomas.
- Manchester, M. E. Rivers.
- Reid's, Blanding Ardis.
- Privateer, W. O. Cain.
- Earle, H. D. Tindal.
- Mayesville, Robert Muldrow.
- Oswego, Marion Dorn.
- Zoar, J. L. Brogdon.
- Concord, H. D. Brunson.
- Shiloh, J. K. McElveen.
- Salem, J. A. Boykin.
- Pleasant Grove, M. D. Weaver.
- Trinity, E. G. Keels.
- Farmers, W. J. Dinkins.
- Taylor's, J. M. Truluck.
- Pisgah, J. E. DuPre.
- Sumter—Ward 1, R. I. Manning.
- Sumter—Ward 2, J. H. Clifton.
- Sumter—Ward 3, W. S. Dinkins.
- Sumter—Ward 4, E. I. Reardon.

**Consistency.**  
"I suppose you always say exactly what you think?" "I try to," replied Senator Sorghum; "but I also try to avoid thinking anything it would not be expedient for me to say."

Now is Your Chance  
To Purchase a  
**FINE MILK COW**

We have a load of fine Jersey and graded milk cows coming Tuesday from North Carolina. Come early—they won't stay long.

**KING-BLANDING LIVE STOCK CO.**