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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.

Gov. Sulzer of New York is a real Democrat in theory and practice and has steadily risen in spite of the bosses whose collar he has never worn.

The anti-pistol toting league of Georgia is making a great ado over a proposed law forbidding the manufacture, sale or carrying of any pistol less than sixteen inches in length. The advocates of this law claim that it will solve the pistol problem, prevent the carrying of concealed weapons and put an end to the era of bloodshed in which we are living. They are entirely too enthusiastic and optimistic, for the experience of South Carolina with an almost identical law demonstrates that the law is a failure. Pistol toting is as prevalent as ever and murder just as frequent as before the law was enacted. There is a law forbidding the sale of pistols, but it is almost as easy to buy a pistol in South Carolina as a drink of blind tiger whiskey, and the only result of the enactment of laws against carrying concealed weapons has been to place law-abiding men at the mercy of the criminal classes. We do not need more law, but a healthy and courageous sentiment that will enforce the laws now on the statute book.

Unless the proposed Kenyon-Shepard law, now before Congress for consideration, prohibits the shipment of liquor into prohibition territory for any purpose whatsoever, Congress may as well kill it and be done with it. If the right is to be reserved to individuals to import liquor for "personal use," the Kenyon law will not be a prohibition law and blind tigers will continue to flourish as they do now. If, in the eyes of the law, liquor is an article of commerce and its manufacture and sale cannot be forbidden on the ground that it is an evil that should be absolutely suppressed, then it is a waste of time to talk of prohibition and sensible men should concern themselves with devising measures to regulate and control the traffic.

News from the Peninsula.

Christmas has passed off very quietly with us, no rows, no drunkenness, but plenty of good cheer. Have attended two dinings with invitations to others. These are great occasions when the neighbors gather around a great roaring fire, engage in common place, crack jokes and, and court.

The peninsula is famous for fine girls but the trouble is we don't keep many of them, only one to date, Mrs. Robt. Moore.

There are some heavy hearts around here with more to follow shortly. Don't you like to see cooling doves? Let them cool, and let them woo and wed, only don't be too long.

Messrs. Louie Strothers of Winnsboro and Archie Shaw of Oswego are visiting in our community.

The New Year is upon us with a lot of excellent resolutions. I know a fellow who loves his bed that has resolved to get up at peep o'clock, breakfast maybe by candlelight, and stir his stumps in 1913, and I mean to see how he keeps it. How does this strike you. I am resolved to be kind to everybody, especially the poor, to be considerate and thoughtful of all, to let the home folks see I am a gentleman to the manner born; to keep a clean mouth, to circulate no hurtful rumors, to discourage such, to avoid bad companions, to be punctual in all engagements. Not to expect too much, to be content with my condition.

I have said nothing about honesty, that means so much that it is no wonder Diogenes hunted his man in mid-day with a torch light.

About all our farmers are next year men; their talk is not about what they have done this, but what they expect to do next year. Hope is a great thing in life. No change in acreage, probably less fertilizer.

Mr. Owen Sanders is quite sick. His chances for recovery are thought to be poor indeed.

"Hagood"

Rembert, S. C., Dec. 29, 1912

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

Many Licenses Have Been Issued in Past Few Days.

The past week was a record-breaker in the number of marriage licenses issued, something over a dozen being issued in the past three days.

Only one license was issued to a white couple. This was secured by John Dean Wellingham and Miss Lila Ora Powell of Dalzell.

Licenses were issued to negroes as follows: Charles A. Heyward, Sumter, and Julia Alden, Wedgefield; Jake Gallard, Barnwell, and Irene Grant, Dalzell; Robert Benjamin and Lizzie Johnson, Mayesville; Ben Anderson and Rebecca Rowe, Sumter; Benjamin Richlange, Horatio, and Ellen Harris, Rembert; John Colclough, and Easter Jackson, Wedgefield; John Dickson, Marion, and Elizabeth Johnson, Stateburg; William Blanding, Harvin, and Julia Pitts, Sumter;

Willie Wright and Epsie Johnson, Stateburg; David McDuffie, Mechanicsville, and Rebecca Windham, Oswego; Allen White and Armita Gardner, Sumter; Hampton LeGrand and Luella Johnson, Mayesville.

Mr. Wellingham and Miss Lila Powell were the first parties to secure a license in the new year, 1913. Five licenses were issued on January 1, 1913.

During the year ending December 31, 1912, there have been issued 433

marriage licenses. Of this number 99 were secured by white couples and the other 334 by negro couples.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union Brokerage Company, of Sumter, S. C., will be held at the Court House on Friday, January 10, 1913 at 12 M.

L. I. Parrott, President
 Sumter, S. C., Jan. 2, 1913.

Jos. M. Chandler, the South Main Street clothier announces his annual mid-winter clearance sale of clothing, furnishings, etc. This is a regular event and those who want bargains know they can find them when Jos. M. Chandler begins his clean-up sale after the holidays.—Advt.

Meet Me at McCollum Bros.

Clearance sale, where they sell boys' undershirts and drawers at 19c each. Boys' union suits at 40c each.—Advt.

FIFTEEN DAY CLEARANCE SALE

COMMENCING JANUARY 1st, 1913.

It's our CLEARANCE SALE time, and when we clean up on a SEASON'S STOCK we do it thoroughly.

Suits, Overcoats, Hats and Furnishing Goods for Men, Boy's and Children will be sold at sacrifice prices.

Suits and Overcoats.

\$30 Suits and Overcoats now only \$20.

\$27.50 Suits and Overcoats now only \$18.50

\$25 Suits and Overcoats now only \$16.75

\$22.50 Suits and Overcoats now only \$15.

\$20 Suits and Overcoats now only \$13.50

\$18 Suits and Overcoats now only \$12

\$15 Suits and Overcoats now only \$10

\$10 Suits and Overcoats now only \$6.75

\$7.50 Suits and Overcoats now only \$5

Men's Trousers.

\$8.50 Trousers, now \$6.	\$7.50 Trousers, now \$5	\$6.50 Trousers now \$4.50
\$6 Trousers, now \$4	\$5 Trousers, now \$3.50	\$4.50 Trousers, now \$3
\$4 Trousers, now \$2.75	\$3 Trousers, now \$2	\$2 Trousers, now \$1.35

Boys' Knickerbocker Pants.

\$2.50 Pants, now \$1.65	\$2 Pants, now \$1.35	\$1.50 Pants, now \$1
\$1.25 Pants, now 90c	\$1 Pants, now 75c	75c Pants, now 58c

Everything Strictly Cash

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co.

14 North Main Street.

Sumter, S. C.