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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.

There can be but one opinion respecting the Sumter county jail—it is too small, is antiquated and deplorably unsanitary. The sooner it is remodelled, enlarged and thoroughly equipped with due consideration for modern sanitary methods the better for the good name of Sumter county. We do not hold the view that a jail should be furnished with all the comforts and luxuries of a home, but it should be, at the least, reasonably comfortable and thoroughly sanitary. There should be provision for separating the diseased prisoners from the healthy, and there is no excuse for crowding and making the jail a breeding place for filth, disease and vermin. The taxpayers of the county will raise no objection to the expenditure of the amount necessary to remodel the jail and convert it into a place fit for occupation by human beings, which it is not at present.

The best informed and most successful farmer can learn much at the Corn Show.

When Federal officers begin collecting the income tax there will be far less tax dodgers than under the State law. Tax dodging will be neither so safe nor so popular as under present conditions.

Pat Tumulty is the name of the young man who will serve as secretary to our Progressive President. The name has an aggressive sound and future events will show what there is in a name.

We hear that some people are saying that the Claremont Hotel is too big for Sumter and about fifteen years ahead of the town. These folks do not know Sumter, and even if what they say were true today, they will find that the town would soon catch up with the hotel. We fear that within a year or two we shall be hearing complaints that the hotel is ten years behind the town. Sumter is not standing still and the Claremont, as excellent as it is, will not grow larger and better with the lapse of time.

A Western farmer, with whom the writer was talking the other day at the Corn Show, was astounded when told that there was only one silo in Sumter county. He said he could not understand how farmers raised cattle without silos, but no further explanation was needed when he learned that few cattle are raised in this section and that those who eat beef and butter consume the packing house products from the West.

“PORTLAND NED” ASKS AID.

Convicted Yeggman Serving Time in Penitentiary for Enoree “Job” Issues an Appeal.

Spartanburg, Feb. 5.—James Johnson, alias “Portland Ned,” the yeggman in the South Carolina penitentiary serving a ten-year sentence for the robbery of the safe of the Enoree Manufacturing company in 1902 and who figured conspicuously in the now famous “dictaphone story” of the recent summer, as the prisoner whose rich Chicago relatives were going to pay C. P. Sims and S. L. Nichols, lawyers of this city \$15,000 to get out of prison, according to the story told by the detective, has appealed to the people of Spartanburg to address communications to the governor in his behalf asking for a pardon.

Johnson served a term of seven years in the federal prison in Atlanta for this same Enoree robbery, it being charged that stamps were taken by the yeggmen. At the end of this term in Atlanta he was arrested again, being brought here for trial.

The condition of the yard at the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station called for much criticism Monday and Tuesday. The situation is such that the matter of remedying present conditions should be taken up with the railroad officials by the city council—possibly another job for the city manager.

THOUSANDS INSPECT EXHIBITS

NATIONAL CORN EXPOSITION ATTRACTS ATTENTION OF PEOPLE THROUGHOUT STATE.

Attendance at Great Agricultural Display Was Largest on Record Yesterday—Rural Life Problems Discussed by Speakers of Note—Many More Will Attend—Ideal Weather Promised.

Columbia State.
All roads in South Carolina yesterday led to the National Corn exposition. There were thousands of visitors from every county in the State and from many States of the North, West and Middle West. The day was ideal. Not one of the exhibits will be removed before the exposition is officially closed. Officials of the exposition said last night that the crowd yesterday was the largest that had attended since the show opened. The exercises incident to the exposition for the remainder of the week will be devoted to discussion of problems for the betterment of rural life in America.

A well-known farmer of South Carolina who attended the exposition yesterday was so impressed with the importance of the show from an educational standpoint that he immediately wired the overseers of his two plantations to come to Columbia for the next two days. This illustrates the educational advantages offered by what is considered the greatest agricultural exposition that has ever been held in the United States.

All trains entering Columbia yesterday were crowded. The Pee Dee counties sent strong delegations and several hundred were present from Spartanburg and Union and other counties of the Piedmont section of the State. The railway officials said that over 2,000 persons came in during the day. A large number arrived last night to attend the exposition today. There are several thousand visitors in Columbia who have secured accommodations through the information bureau that is located at 1223 Main street. Accommodations are assured for all who attend as there are hundreds of rooms in the city unoccupied.

The agricultural experts in charge of the various State exhibits were kept busy all day yesterday answering questions. Many of the visitors were farmers and they were present to learn—to see what the other fellow is doing along agricultural lines. The demonstrators were pried with many questions. Many attending had brought along note books to secure information for future use. It was said yesterday that there never had been a greater gathering of farmers at any one time in the history of the State.

An interesting programme of exercises has been prepared for the remainder of the week and it is expected that all attendance records will be broken during the next three days.

The National Corn exposition is educational and instructive. It tells the story of the progress that has been made in agriculture in practically every State in the United States during the last 50 years. Many think that the exposition contains nothing other than corn. While corn plays an important part—yet it is small as compared with the exhibits that have been sent by 24 States. The exhibit by the United States department of agriculture is the most complete ever sent out by the department to any exposition in the United States. This statement was made by James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, several days ago while on a visit to the exposition.

All visitors yesterday were impressed with the magnitude of the exposition. They were surprised. They were amazed. Many expressions of approval were heard.

Every visitor during the week has gone away a booster. Some of the students of the prize winners' school, conducted during the exposition last week, are returning this week with their parents, to again look over the buildings and scenes where they spent a week in such pleasurable ways. The boys who attended the school last week, and who are now back again at home, have done lots to advertise the exposition in their various sections, and it is to their personal indorsement as well as that of the visitors of last week, that the crowds this week are in a measure due. Yesterday, the exposition management stated that there was a large number of farmers on the grounds than on any of the preceding days. The management takes this as an indication of a growing interest in the exposition among the farmers of the section, particularly as there were many expressions yesterday from this element among the visitors, of an intention to have their neighbors and other fellow farmers visit the exposition before the closing Saturday night.

A large delegation from Rock Hill were among the visitors to the exposition yesterday. Among them were, W. F. Adams, superintendent of the farm operated by J. M. Cherry, one of the prominent business men and

planters of the Rock Hill section. Mr. Adams came down for the special purpose of seeing what the exposition exhibit demonstrators could tell him about the growing of alfalfa. Mr. Cherry is said to be the largest grower of alfalfa in South Carolina. He has planted, it is understood, more than 60 acres of this crop, and is desirous to maintain his reputation as an alfalfa grower in this section. Mr. Adams found all he was looking for, and probably more besides, along the alfalfa line. He got in touch with one of the exhibitors who is an expert in alfalfa and other crops of this nature, and was in conference with him for a long time.

The visit of Mr. Adams for the purpose of finding out more about alfalfa cultivation is taken as an indication that the farmers of the State and section are coming to a realization that the National Corn exposition is not a mere “show,” nor devoted only to corn, but that it is an agricultural exposition having as its purpose the advancement of agriculture and rural life along all its varied lines.

From the standpoint of its educational advantages, and as a powerful factor for the improvement of agriculture, and the advancement of rural life, the exposition has been, according to the unanimous testimony of all its visitors, a striking success, and it is agreed that it is one of the greatest events of the kind ever held in the South.

Yesterday was rural life day at the Corn Exposition and in this respect there was nothing left to be desired, but of even more importance yesterday than the corn was the first meeting of the country community conference which took place in the main auditorium at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Those who are in Columbia interested in corn are equally as much interested in their good health and the opportunities for the betterment of their surroundings and this is what it is hoped the country community conference may accomplish. Those who are putting forward the question at the exposition and showing exhibits are directed by a desire to help the people of the rural communities in their endeavor to improve the home and the premises in their country, while at the same time the all important question of safeguarding the health is forcibly brought home.

Those who may have feared a lack of interest in the conference were surprised upon entering the auditorium for it was filled.

The conference was opened with a short address by Miss Mabel Carney, who has in charge the model country community now being exhibited. Miss Carney stressed the importance of the subject and introduced the speaker, Dr. W. E. Hinds, who has in charge the exhibit of Alabama and who is the State entomologist of Alabama. Dr. Hinds' subject was “Insects and Diseases” and he handled the subject fluently, couching his address in language that could not but be perfectly plain to every one of his hearers. He dealt especially with the topic of disease transmitted by insects and the insects themselves, pointing to statistics to show the number of deaths occurring in the United States every year from diseases transmitted by the deadly mosquito and the fly. He called attention to the fatalities resulting from yellow fever and malarial fever even in this section and the extreme South and pointed out that a majority of the cases had their origin in the germ-carrying insect. “This fact,” said the speaker, “was established definitely for the first time during the Spanish-American war and I honor the brave American men who showed enough heroism to give up their lives in the interest of science that thousands of lives might be saved.”

Dr. Hinds said that it had only been possible to build the Panama canal as a direct result of the investigation which had resulted so successfully in Cuba and that this fact had proved to be a blessing to the entire civilized world, and that without the continued control of these germ-bearing mosquitoes the completion of the canal would have marked the beginning of widespread and fatal outbreaks of both yellow fever and malarial fever in all sections.

Dr. Hinds said further: “One of the rapidly growing community problems of the present day is controlling these diseases and the extinction of the common nuisances such as the house fly, than which there is no more deadly insect. A typhoid fly which we are now coming to recognize as a possible deadly enemy through the carrying of the germs of this often fatal disease, should be warred upon by society and science and every home should be made proof against the invasion of this deadly enemy of children. Many of the rural districts are even now enacting legislation looking toward the preventing of the breeding of the fly and the inspection of the public food supply to prevent contamination from insects. Of the many ways in which diseases are spread among the rural people may be mentioned the lack of care and disposal of sewage, the inattention to stable refuse and the lack of screens

in the homes and the markets. These conditions are rapidly being rectified and as a result a mesh is being woven about the advance of the fly and the ravages of the mosquito. Bakeries, restaurants and other public places are a constant menace unless every care and precaution is taken all the time. Because of the knowledge that we have recently acquired of the germ-bearing insects, it is not probable that we shall ever again experience a widespread outbreak of yellow fever in the United States, while malaria can be reduced and new cases prevented by simple operations which control the breeding places of the mosquito, thus opening to settlement many localities hitherto thought to be unhealthful for white men and bringing into the fullest productivity some of the richest agricultural land in this country.

“Among diseases from fly-borne germs probably the saving in life that is easily possible can be measured by the tens of thousands each year. Our largest prosperity, continuous health and increasing happiness, can be realized only as these problems are considered seriously and their solution undertaken through community effort. In the Alabama booth may be found enlarged photos illustrating all of these dangerous insects and the Alabama exhibit, possibly more so than any other at the exposition, shows the absolute necessity for the control of the insects.”

Especially attractive and interesting was the lecture given yesterday, both morning and evening, by Miss Marie Willoughby of the office of the secretary, department of agriculture. In one of these lectures, Miss Willoughby told of general home conditions and showed that the subject is a practical one and that it is significant at this time when the eyes of the entire country are turned upon Columbia, looking for the success of the Fifth National Corn exposition. “The subject is one of vital importance,” Miss Willoughby adds, “to the people of your own State, a State that has passed into history as winning a prize in a corn contest that is national. Should such unprecedented success reward the efforts in almost any other field of endeavor, the competitors would be myriad, but in spite of this prosperity we must confront the truth and admit that this is not the case in the instance of farming, but that the boys and girls, the backbone of the farm, are drifting to the towns and cities and this very condition exists right here in South Carolina. So it follows that agricultural advancement and success alone is not sufficient to keep our boys and girls at home on the farm.”

“The boy or girl who goes to the city is rarely attracted there by the possibility of congenial work, which is confined more or less to an endless routine, doing the same task day by day, year in and year out, much of which he realizes before he leaves the old farmstead. It is the boy and girl with enthusiasm and energy and with a vision of something more in life than mere meagre, beggarly existence, with a desire to be in an environment which offers refinement and satisfies the longing for the beautiful that is a bit of the immortal in our own souls—these are the boys and girls that are often willing to sacrifice love and oftentimes health, in their desire to escape from the squalid conditions which exist in some communities and where the growing generation can have no conception of the real beauty of life. This condition can be changed by just such orders as the country community conferences and just such expositions as the Fifth National Corn Show. The people can not do what they do not know to do nor can they better their conditions when they do not know that they have the means at hand to accomplish the desired end. The country community conferences point out to them what is necessary, what can be done, and as a result there are now hundreds of houses being changed into real homes. The refinement and beauty is being observed now where none existed before and just such endeavors as these are directly responsible for the great change which is coming about.”

This work of transforming the shell of a home into a place of beauty is strongly emphasized and brought out by stereopticon views which are shown during the course of Miss Willoughby's lecture. Beginning with the tiny log cabin, the views show the progress being made, the vines and flowers added, transporting the bare and unlovely scene into a thing of beauty.

Many of these views are made from actual cases which have come under the observation of the department of agriculture and show not a fancy progress but a realistic tale which can not but strongly impress all who hear the lecture. The work being done by this department is fully as valuable as that of any department.

Among those to go from Sumter to the Corn Exposition Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Barnett, Miss Earnest, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilder, W. T. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Osteen.

INTERESTING MAYESVILLE NEWS

Book Club Elects Officers—Dance Tonight—Bank of Mayesville Popular—Citizens Attend Corn Show.

Mayesville, Feb. 5.—At the annual business meeting of the Tuesday Afternoon Book club, held yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Robt. A. Chandler, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. C. N. Sprott, president; Mrs. J. W. Spencer, vice-president; Mrs. J. H. Mills, secretary; Mrs. E. W. Mayes, treasurer. The blue ribbon for placing the most popular book in the club during the past year was awarded to Miss Emma Mayes.

The young people of the town are arranging to give a dance tomorrow evening in the old skating rink. Quite a number of invited guests from neighboring points are expected and the affair promises to be very pleasant. Pinckney's orchestra of Columbia will furnish the music.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Mayesville will be held on Friday afternoon in the directors' room in the bank. The officers of the institution will no doubt make a most satisfactory report to the stockholders. This institution has been gaining in popularity with each year of its existence, due to a large extent to its efficient and courteous officers.

Miss Georgia Ray MacMillan gave a most enjoyable entertainment in the school auditorium last evening. The programme consisted of impersonations and elocution. Miss MacMillan is undoubtedly a master of her art.

Quite a number of Mayesville citizens and those from this section have been attending the Corn Exposition in Columbia and all have returned with the same opinion, that this show is one of unusual interest and instruction. A good many more will attend before the show closes.

Miss Ida Kartus of Bessemer, Ala., and Miss Annie Mazursky of Barnwell are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Kahn.

Messrs. T. H. Newman, W. E. Anderson and F. J. Bass are in Columbia today attending the Corn Show.

Mrs. R. L. Grier and little daughter have arrived from Rock Hill to join Rev. Mr. Grier who took up his work as pastor of the Presbyterian church here recently.

Mr. T. L. Kahn has gone to Baltimore and other points to purchase his stock for the spring.

Mr. Arthur Copeland and family have moved to Cheraw, Mr. Copeland selling his barber shop here to Mr. S. M. Wingate, who has Mr. Hancock of Florence associated with him.

Mrs. Gardner of Bethune is visiting her son, Dr. W. W. Gardner.

BOWLING AND BASKET BALL.

Two Exciting Contests Come Off at Y. M. C. A. Wednesday Night.

There were two exciting contests at the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday night. In the gymnasium a fast and furious game of basketball was being played, while downstairs two teams in the Y. M. C. A. bowling tourney were fighting hard for honors.

In the bowling contest the Reds proved too strong for their opponents, the Whites, although the latter team made the match interesting and kept their adversaries uneasy until the last ball had been bowled down the alley. The first game went to the Reds by 24 pins, the second to the Reds by 91 pins, while in the third game the Whites came back strong and won with a majority of 95 pins. This left the Reds the victors of the evening by a majority of 16 pins.

The result of this match leaves the Reds in the lead for the trophy, while the Whites are at the foot of the ladder. The Blues come second and the Greens third.

The basketball game was a good one and exceedingly close. Hall and Lord were the captains, Hall's team winning by a score of 24 to their opponent's 21 points. A number of spectators watched the game with much interest.

SILVER TEA A SUCCESS.

Large Number of Guests Enjoyably Entertained at Civic League Library. The silver tea at the Civic League library was a very enjoyable and successful affair. All those partaking of their hospitality were welcomed heartily by the Library Committee.

Misses Kilgore and Brunson presided at the tea tables. Many of the guests were surprised to see how nicely and cozily the library is arranged, and to find such a collection of up-to-date books.

One of the county's mules died Wednesday morning, causing a loss to the county of about \$250. The mule was taken sick Tuesday afternoon and was brought to the city for treatment, but died despite the attention given it.

Messrs. L. B. Bradford, E. P. Bradford and H. A. Radfield went over to Columbia Tuesday to attend the Fifth National Corn Exposition.

BANKERS TO MEET AT CONFERENCE.

Rural Life Improvement to be Discussed by Farmers and Business Men.

Columbia, Feb. 6.—Farmers, bankers and business men of South Carolina will attend a round table conference at the National Corn exposition this morning for the purpose of discussing problems for the betterment of rural conditions in South Carolina. The conference has been arranged by the educational committee of the State Bankers' Association and a large attendance is expected. The exercises will begin this morning at 9.30 o'clock in the auditorium at the exposition grounds and will be concluded at 1 o'clock.

Robert I. Woodside of Greenville, chairman of the committee of the bankers' association has announced the following programme:

1. Mr. E. W. Dabbs, president State Farmers' Union, “Methods Whereby Bankers Can Render Assistance to Farmers in Marketing Crops.”
2. Hon. E. J. Watson, State commissioner of agriculture, “The Farmer and His Relation to the Economic Development of the State.”
3. Prof. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson college, “The Lever Bill and Its Probable Effect Upon the Demonstration Work.”
4. Hon. Richard I. Manning, president of Bank of Sumter, “Relationship Between the Banker and the Farmer.”
5. Bradford Knapp, special agent farmers' cooperative demonstration work, United States department of agriculture, “How May We Help in the Solution of Our Agricultural Problems.”

BILLS PASS THE HOUSE.

Use of Words “Bank or Bankers” Prohibited—Magistrates to Have Jurisdiction.

Columbia, Feb. 6.—Bills prohibiting the use of the words “bank or bankers” by other than a legalized banking corporation and giving the magistrates jurisdiction in first offenses for violation of the dispensary law, passed the Senate this morning and went to the House.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES ALLEN.

Father of Mrs. Walter I. Herbert of This City Dead in Florence.

Florence, Feb. 5.—James Allen, one of the first merchants in Florence after the war, died here today. He was of advanced age and has been in failing health for some time. He came here from Charleston with his wife who was Miss Marshall. She died about 20 years ago.

Mr. Allen was one of the founders of the Bank of Florence and for many years at the head of the list of merchants in the town. He raised a large family. His sons are: James Allen, of Goldsboro, N. C.; Dr. Wilmot Allen, U. S. N., of New York; Dr. Edwin Allen, of Florence; Mrs. Walter Herbert, Mrs. Frank P. McCain and Miss Janie Allen.

Mr. Allen was the father of Mrs. Walter I. Herbert of this city, whose many friends here sympathize with her in her bereavement. The funeral services will be held at Florence today.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Feb. 6.
Good Middling 12 3-8.
Strict Middling 12 1-4.
Middling 12 1-8.
St. Low Middling 11 3-4.
Low Middling 11 1-8.
Staple cotton, nominal.

New York Cotton Market.

	Open	Close
March...	12.35	12.45
May...	12.17	12.25
July...	12.10	12.17

LOST—Red and white spotted ox, strayed Wednesday night, from my home near Dalzell. Reward for return. Murray Sammons, Dalzell, S. C.

WANTED—The following hard wood in any quantity: oak, ash, hickory, maple, locust, walnut, holly. Write me what you have and price per cord or thousand f. o. b. Sumter, D. China.

FOR SALE—Dixie Wilt resistant cotton seed from 1911 crop, price \$1 per bushel, sound and pure. E. B. Colclough, Osceola, S. C., R. F. D.

STAPLE COTTON—Sun Flower seed variety. Only a few left. J. M. Fraser, Osceola, S. C., Route 1.

A LOT OF NO 1 DIXIE BRIGHT

RESISTANT COTTON SEED, 1 DOL-

LAR PER BUSHEL.

J. C. DUNBAR.

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