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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.

Hon. John L. McLaurin, former attorney general, congressman and United States Senator (as the result of his activities as a reform politician in the nineties and the friendship of B. R. Tillman) is once again in politics after something like a decade of retirement. He now holds the position of Senator from Marlboro county and is being located for governor by some of his old time friends and partisans. He may develop some strength as a gubernatorial candidate, but it is scarcely probable that he will be in the first division. There is one thing that can be said in his favor, and to that extent he will be endorsed by many who do not admire him or his senatorial record—he could not make a worse governor than Blease, if he tried. He has neither the versatility nor the brazen effrontery of the incumbent.

J. P. Morgan was born to great riches and died in Rome Tuesday, leaving his children ten or twenty times as great a fortune as he inherited. He was a great man in his chosen sphere and was the commander-in-chief of the captains of industry who consolidated the great manufacturing industries and created the stupendous trusts that now dominate the industrial life of America. It is too soon to pass final judgment on the results of his life work, whether the effect has been and will continue to be for the good or ill of the country and its people. The world rates Morgan as a preeminently successful man, a financial wizard and an acquisitive genius, but many disseminate and analytical students of economics are of the opinion that Morgan did far more for himself and his associates than for the country—he and his associates profiting at the expense of the many from whom he exacted a heavy toll on their productive labor.

The State Sunday School Convention, which convenes in this city tomorrow morning, is the largest and most representative body of religious workers that Sumter has ever had the opportunity to welcome within her borders, and it is the unanimous wish of all our people to make the welcome as cordial as possible. The Sunday School Association is composed of earnest men and women of all denominations who give time, thought and faithful labor to the wholesome instruction of the youth of our State to the end that the citizenship of the future may be elevated morally and spiritually. The annual conventions of the Sunday school workers are not made the occasion of social pleasure and entertainment, but are primarily for the instruction of the workers and the exchange of ideas, looking always to the furtherance and broadening of the work by the adoption of methods that have proved efficient and effective. It is a worthy, useful and noble work in which they are interested and no one can estimate the good that has been accomplished by the collective efforts of the Sunday School teacher of South Carolina.

Sumter is glad to entertain the convention and in behalf of the people of Sumter a cordial welcome is extended to each and every member of the association. We trust the meeting may be as pleasant as it will be profitable.

Within the past few months banks have been organized in both Charleston and Columbia to lend money in small sums at reasonable rates to those people who now suffer untold hardships at the hands of the loan office shysters. We cannot conceive of a more beneficial reform than that contemplated by the organizers of these poor man's banks, for their establishment means the destruction of the loan office sharks. The general run of loan offices are illegal in that they charge an usurious rate of interest—often as much as ten per cent a week—but since the laboring men and others, who at times have urgent need of money to meet a pressing obligation, have no other refuge, the shysters flourish and wax fat on the necessities of their helpless patrons. The Charleston and Columbia banks have been organized on a

plan that has proved a success in a number of other cities. These banks wherever organized and operated have met the needs of the class of borrowers that most easily fall into the clutches of the loan offices and have at the same time proven a financial success. Such banks are not charitable institutions, but profit earning business enterprises, that do a great and far reaching charitable work. There is need for such an institution in Sumter, but while there may be a question as to the field being large enough to support an independent bank of this nature, it would seem that there is sufficient business to pay one of the banks to establish a department to handle this class of loans. At any rate, the matter is of an importance to the welfare of the community to merit serious consideration by the bankers and business men of Sumter. If the matter cannot be handled in any other way, we suggest that the Chamber of Commerce take it up and have it investigated by one of its regular committees or by a special committee.

The Turks now see what was plain months ago to the most distant on-looker—that they must submit to any terms the allies dictate. If the great powers of Europe had acted with firmness and common sense in supporting the allies, thousands of lives and millions of money would not have been needlessly wasted in the continuation of the war.

The sugar growers and manufacturers of Louisiana are as sincere protectionists as the sheep raisers and woolen manufacturers of the North and West. All protectionists are of that faith because it pays them personally, not because it is of benefit to the country as a whole.

The river towns rejoice and are exceeding glad when they pay freight rates based on water transportation, but when the floods come they are sorrowful. There are compensations in living in an inland town.

IN THE CIVIL COURT.

Verdict Against Northwestern—Suit Against Southern and S. A. L.—Motion for New Trial in Miller Case.

The suit against the railroad companies are still continuing and so far a verdict against the company has been given by the jury in each case. Monday a verdict for \$168.76 was given in the suit of A. G. Mayrant against Northwestern Railway.

The suit was one to recover damages for an alleged delayed shipment of cotton, damage done during shipment, due to loss of weight and reduced price. The jury after hearing the evidence gave the plaintiff nearly the full amount sued for.

Tuesday morning the suit of P. M. Powell against the Southern Railway and the Seaboard Air Line was commenced. The suit was one for \$199.99 actual and punitive damages alleged to be due on account of the failure of the railroads to make prompt delivery of goods shipped over the roads from Ways, Georgia, to Sumter, S. C. The shipment, it was alleged, was delayed three months and, when received, it was in very bad condition.

A motion was begun Monday in Civil Court by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for a new trial in the J. H. Miller case. The motion was made on the ground of after discovered evidence. After hearing a part of the motion it was postponed until next Monday on motion of the railroad, in order that time might be had to make answers in the case. It will be remembered that Miller secured a verdict for \$35,000, when his suit was tried here in 1911.

The cases against the railroad are still continuing and again Tuesday a verdict was given in favor of the plaintiff against the railroad company. This was in the case of P. M. Powell vs the Southern Railway and Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company. The suit was for \$1,999.99 actual and punitive damages and a verdict of \$450 was returned, \$100 actual damages and \$350 punitive damages.

Judge Gary limited the amount of actual damages to \$100, as that was the amount agreed upon in the contract and confined the verdict against the Seaboard Air Line Railroad.

In court Wednesday morning the case of J. B. Muldrow vs. the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad was commenced upon. The suit is one to recover damages amounting to \$386, alleged to be due because of negligence of the company in failing to deliver goods shipped over the road.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, April 3.
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.

New York, April 3.
Opening. Close.
Jan. 11.58 11.54
May 12.28 12.15
July 12.15 12.09
Aug. 12.03 11.98
Sept. 11.66 11.61
Oct. 11.60 11.54
Dec. 11.62 11.57

Wants to Sell Automobile; Use Proceeds for Furniture

Interest is Being Manifested in All Territory of Contest—Numbers Want Information

NOW IS THE OPPORTUNE TIME TO ENTER CONTEST

Nominate Yourself or a Friend Now to Have Name Appear With First Publication of Names Next Monday.

"Help!"
"Hello!"
"Is this the office of the contest editor?"
"Yes sir. What can I do for you?"
"This is me, at Olanta. I want to know if a man can enter your contest?"

"No sir, only ladies, married or single, can be contestants for the automobile and other prizes. Haven't you some young lady you can enter in the contest?"

"Well, I was just talking to Mandy (she is the girl I'm goin' to marry purty son) and we thought it would be nice to win the automobile and sell it to buy furniture with. Guess we wouldn't have to use all the money for that either. I guess I'll send in her name. What? No, 'spect I'd better not tell over the phone. Someone might hear it. She is the best girl in this country. Good bye."

The above conversation goes to show the great interest already being manifested by people all over the country in the Item, Watchman and Southron and Merchants' contest.

The contest is gaining ground day by day and no one can yet tell what section of this territory is going after the prizes the hardest. Every vicin-

ity within the scope of the contest is interested and before another week has elapsed the contest will be the chief topic of conversation in the homes of nine-tenths of the people throughout this territory.

Monday Official Starting Day.

Next Monday will be the official starting day of the contest. This week is known as the nomination period and those who have been nominated as well as those contemplating nominating themselves are taking this week to familiarize themselves with the rules and plan of the contest. On Monday the names of those already nominated will be published but will be credited with only the nomination blank. The next publication of names will, however, carry the totals of the candidates. Now, during the nomination period, is the time to get full information as to how to win one of the prizes. The contest department is at the service of those interested and the best way to get in touch with this department and to get full details of the contest is to send in the nomination blank. As soon as it is received a representative of the contest department will call on you and explain the contest in detail and will render any assistance possible in helping you start a winning campaign.

N. G. OFFICERS FILE COMPLAINT

Ask That Reviewing Board Consider Competency of Major Allen.

Columbia, March 31.—Seven of the nine active commissioned officers of the 1st battalion, 2d regiment, S. C. N. G., today submitted a petition in the form of a complaint, asking that a reviewing board be appointed to consider the competency of Major Joseph P. Allen, of Columbia, commanding the 1st battalion.

The preamble to the petition says: "We feel that the future of the battalion is jeopardized by his (Major Allen's) retention in office."

The petition recites six allegations and charges against Major Allen.

Major Allen is out of the city and could not be communicated with as to the charges preferred against him by his brother officers. The petition was submitted to Governor Blease this evening by Col Oscar W. Babb, the assistant Adjutant General, for his recommendation. When asked what action he would take in the matter, Governor Blease replied that he would have to see what his duty is in the premises, that whatever his duty is, he will act accordingly. The petition, with the signatures attached, as filed with the Adjutant General's office today, is as follows:

"Columbia, S. C., March 29, 1913.
"From Company Officers, First Battalion, Second Infantry, N. G. S. C.—To the Adjutant General of South Carolina. Subject: Appointment of reviewing board.

"The undersigned, composing a majority of the officers of the above battalion, request that a reviewing board be appointed to consider the competency of the present battalion commander, Major Joseph R. Allen, as we feel that the future welfare of the battalion is jeopardized by his retention in office, which opinion is based upon the following facts:

"1. Adverse criticisms of regular army officers attached to battalion during joint manoeuvres, Chicamauga Park, 1910.

"2. Non-attendance of encampment of 1912.

"3. Lack of interest (a) in failing to call meetings for discussion and instructions in military matters; (b) failure to have battalion drills, except four, during three years of his command.

"4. Severe and embarrassing criticism by inspector-instructor, regarding the particular absence of Major Allen from the encampment of 1912 and the resulting disorganization of the battalion.

"5. The repeated absence of Major Allen from the city of Columbia without an organization.

"6. Failure to visit the organizations composing the battalion during their drills, with rare exceptions.

"A. E. Lagare, captain Company B, (assigned); Dilbert Jackson, captain Company C; J. J. Marshall, first lieutenant Company C; Louis M. Wingard, captain Company D; John A. Rice, first lieutenant Company D; T. E. Marchant, captain Company M; Geo. W. Shehane, first lieutenant Company M."

In 1912 8,125,000,000 conversations were held in America over the American Bell wires. Whether that is "wiring the jaws" or "jawing the wires" is hard to tell.—Darlington News and Press.

WARM WEATHER COMES.

Temperature Above the Seasonal Average Will Prevail.

Washington, March 30.—Temperatures above the seasonal average over most of the country, with precipitation generally below normal in the North and near normal in the South probably will prevail during the coming week, according to the weather bureau's weekly bulletin.

"No pronounced cold wave will cross the country during the week," the bulletin predicts.
"A disturbance will appear in the far West Tuesday, cross the Middle West Wednesday or Friday. This disturbance will be attended by general rains and be followed by a change to cooler weather."

TIMMONSVILLE GROWS.

Work Begins on Station and Building Contract is Let.

Timmons ville, March 30.—Work has commenced on the station for the South Carolina Western railroad. The road bed is graded to Timmons ville and the rail has been laid a great part of the way.

C. A. Smith has let the contract for the erection of a large leaf tobacco plant, to be used by A. B. Turner, one of the largest buyers of this market. The Timmons ville Oil company, who last year added to its mammoth plant a fertilizer department, is finding good sale for the excellent products they are manufacturing and have recently almost doubled their capacity.

Fewer Fatalities Than Formerly.

"The fatalities have been unusually small, only one passenger having been killed in the State," says the report of the railroad commission for 1912. The commission says that there were not near so many accidents in 1912 as in 1911; "which is an indication that the physical condition of the railroads has been greatly improved." The report shows 108 miles of new railway constructed in South Carolina during the year. According to a table prepared by the commission the following statistics are given: From movement of trains, locomotives, cars, passengers killed 1, injured 169; employes killed 19, injured 477; postal clerks killed none, injured 26; other persons killed 59, injured 171; from other causes, employes killed 4, injured 499. The total is 83 killed and 1,341 injured.

Swat the Fly.

Every fly killed now, means that in July and August we will be saved the annoyance of fighting a large number of their children and grandchildren. Every mosquito that you kill now means that you lessen the chances of malaria and other diseases.

How can you kill flies and mosquitoes now? By answering the call of the Civic League to clean up your yard and by seeing that your neighbor cleans his on April 10th, municipal cleaning day.

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Give our business-like policy a fair trial and see if it doesn't improve your financial condition.

First National Bank

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BREADED VEAL CUTLETS.

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