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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.

Dictator Huerta has a long arm and was able to reach Gen. Felix Diaz even in Cuba. The prominent men of Mexico will be forced to unite to finish Huerta or he will send all of those who dare to oppose him the same road that Madero travelled.

Supervisor of High Schools Hand asserts in his annual report that there are too many women teachers in the high schools and emphasizes the necessity of having men as teachers for boys of high school age. He attributes the scarcity of male teachers to the low scale of wages paid teachers in South Carolina and to the further fact that women are willing to do this work for one-half the salary demanded by men similarly qualified by education and training for high school work. The remedy he suggests is so obvious that it should be immediately adopted. He proposes that the salaries for school work be increased so as to afford a living wage and that no distinction be made between men and women. He justly argues that a woman who is competent to do school work a man would be employed to do, were a man obtainable should be paid the same salary a man would receive. The adoption of this policy would benefit the thoroughly capable women teachers and schools, since the women would be paid what they are worth and more men would take up teaching as a profession, thus filling the need for men teachers in boys' high schools.

Senator Tillman, in his reply to Mr. McLaurin, disposes once and for all of the rumor that he is opposed to Senator Smith and is seeking to prevent his re-election. He makes it clear that by his vote and by the exercise of whatever influence he retains in South Carolina politics he will endorse Senator Smith for re-election.

The unveiling in Columbia tomorrow of the monument to the great South Carolina partisan general of the Revolution—Sumter, Marion and Pickens—is an occasion of great interest to Sumter people, since this county was the home of General Sumter and of his descendants and bears the name that he made synonymous with patriotism, pluck and unconquerable daring against overpowering odds. The memorial erected by the Daughters of the Revolution adds nothing to the fame of these Revolutionary heroes, for their place in history is secure and their names will be renowned so long as the love of liberty survives in the human heart, but it is a timely and graceful act on the part of the Daughters of the Revolution and serves as a reminder to present and future generations that the people of South Carolina still honor the men who placed duty and the service of their country above material benefits and risked their fortunes and their lives that their fellow citizens might enjoy the inestimable blessings of freedom.

The alleged combination of John G. Richards, Charles A. Smith and Cole L. Blease to control the politics of South Carolina should not create great surprise. They are not such strange bed fellows after all.

The guessing game between Dictator Huerta and President Wilson, which has been in progress for weeks, each trying to guess what the other will do next, is rapidly nearing a show-down. President Wilson has exercised exceedingly patience in his endeavor to give Huerta every opportunity to save his face by guessing right, but Huerta is obstinate and refuses to act on any of the broad hints thrown out by President Wilson.

A tobacco market cannot be created in Sumter by the erection of a warehouse. To make a market tobacco must be planted in sufficient quantity to support a warehouse, and if Sumter is to have a tobacco market next year arrangements must be made within the next two months to grow the required acreage of tobacco. To-

bacco plant beds must be prepared and the seed planted early in the season, if there is to be a tobacco crop in Sumter county next spring, and it is more important now to arouse interest in tobacco plant beds and tobacco barns than in the warehouse. The building of the warehouse is merely a matter of so many dollars and a force of carpenters, but the creation of a tobacco market is a matter of more difficulty and involves a greater number of factors. Now is the time for an intelligent and vigorous campaign to interest a large number of farmers in tobacco growing.

DIAZ STABBED IN HABANA.

Thought that Former Mexican Leader Is Fatally Wounded With Knife.

Habana, Nov. 6.—Gen. Felix Diaz was stabbed by a Mexican at 10.30 tonight. He was wounded twice, probably fatally.

The attack on Diaz occurred while he was walking on the Malecon, a fashionable promenade. He was wounded behind the ear and in the neck, besides receiving several blows on the head from a cane.

Diaz was removed to a hospital. His assailant was arrested.

Gen. Felix Diaz escaped from Mexico October 27, taking refuge on board the United States gunboat Wheeling at Vera Cruz. He was transferred to the Louisiana, then to the battleship Michigan, later being put aboard the steamer Esperanza, which reached Habana last Monday.

As long ago as October 15 the Cuban government was warned that a band of Mexican conspirators was planning to kill Diaz, who then was on his way from Europe to Mexico, and Diaz was closely guarded when he landed at Habana on his homeward voyage.

There were rumors of other plots against his life, when it was learned that he was to return to Habana. A late Vera Cruz dispatch reported that Diaz had left behind him there alleged proof that a government agent was on his way to Vera Cruz with orders to take Diaz to Mexico City, dead or alive.

For Children there is Nothing Better.

"A cough medicine for children must help their coughs and colds without bad effects on their little stomachs and bowels. Foley's Honey and Tar exactly fills this need. No opiates, no sour stomach, no constipation follows its use. Stuffy colds, wheezy breathing, coughs and croup are all quickly helped. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

DISEASE A MENACE.

Bubonic and Yellow Jack on Trade Routes.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Presence of bubonic plague and yellow fever on the great trade routes converging upon the Panama canal is giving grave concern to American health officials. Consul Baker today reported to the state department that during the month of October there were 112 cases of plague in Guayaquil and that yellow fever was on the increase there.

A Night of Terror.

Few nights are more terrible than that of a mother looking on her child choking and gasping for breath during an attack of croup, and nothing in the house to relieve it. Many mothers have passed nights of terror in this situation. A little forethought will enable you to avoid all this. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Keep it at hand. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

Mr. W. J. Crowson, who has been in Bennettsville as editor of the Eastern Carolina News has returned to the city to live. The Eastern Carolina News has recently reorganized and incorporated and one of the largest stockholders has assumed the editorship. Mr. Crowson has been a resident of Sumter for a number of years and his many friends are glad to welcome him back.

*Birmingham, Ala.—F. L. Willis, suffered greatly from asthma and bronchitis. He writes: "I got no relief until I took Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It entirely removed those choking sensations, and never failed to produce an easy and comfortable condition of the throat and lungs." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

The Imperial Hotel will be headquarters for the Shriners when they arrive in this city on Thanksgiving Day. This hotel will furnish the big banquet for them on Thanksgiving night. As no room in the hotel nor any hall in the city is sufficiently large to afford accommodations for the six hundred who are expected at the banquet the rooms of the Sumter Telephone Supply Company have been engaged for this purpose.

A Maker of Health.

"A good honest medicine like Foley Kidney Pills gives health to many families. Mrs. O. Palmer, 635 Willow St., Green Bay, Wis., was seriously ill with kidney and bladder trouble. Mr. Palmer writes: "My wife is rapidly recovering her health and strength due solely to the use of Foley Kidney Pills." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

FARMERS' UNION NEWS

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers.

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

Some Random Thoughts.

Below the readers of this paper will find some statistics gathered by L. M. Rhodes, chairman of the National Union's Board of Directors, and published in the first issue of the National Field, the official organ of the Farmers' Union of the United States. I want to call special attention to the last three paragraphs of this article. "You are told that you cannot organize the farmer, and failures of the past are pointed out to prove the assertion." He then shows how many failures there have been in other lines of business, but no one suggests that therefore these other businesses must be abandoned.

Read it all brother farmer, and judge for yourself whether or not his conclusions are correct or not.

Thursday night L. M. Rhodes, State President of the Tennessee Union stopped off in Sumter on his way from Orangeburg to Bishopville where he spoke Friday, to confer with the South Carolina State President and Sumter county President Williams. It was a disappointment to us who invited him to stop in Sumter that we could not get out a sufficient audience to have a speech from this most effective speaker of the organization. But we were fully repaid for our trouble by the interesting conference which lasted into the night. Friday morning Bro. Rhodes went down to the Union Brokerage warehouse and was very much interested in the sketch of this business given by our Manager, J. M. Brogdon.

Reports from widely separated districts in the backwoods show that there is a decided "ground swell" of interest in the farmers' problems, and how to meet the present day conditions. Because you, Mr. Reader, do not happen to personally know of these things, or because there was such a poor response to our invitation to hear Bro. Rhodes Friday night or because you have not recently heard of some Farmers' Union leader being talked of for political office, do not get the idea that the union is dead and has gone the way of all the other farmers' organizations. Tick eradication and the numerous aids that the commercial world would lend to the farmer may have the center of the stage and occupy the double columns of the papers under appropriately big head lines, but these are not all the news by any manner of means. E. W. D.

Statistics for the National Field.
(By L. M. Rhodes, President Tennessee Farmers' Union.)

If this earth continues to swing through space bearing its teeming millions from the cradle to the grave, the farmer must fill the larder and replenish the wardrobe. Iron monsters on ribbons of steel, and panting giants of the sea must rush to the hungry multitudes, laden with 600,000,000 tons of foodstuffs from the farmers' fields. To keep humanity clad the farmers must furnish the raw material for not less than 600,000,000 garments.

But we will leave the farmers of the whole world, and point out some facts concerning the farmers of the United States for the last 50 years.

In 1860 the wealth of the whole United States was \$16,000,000,000. \$8,000,000,000 worth of this belongs to the farmers, they shared equally with the rest of the population. Now our wealth is estimated at \$131,000,000,000 in value, \$40,000,000,000 of this is farm property. But 40 per cent of the farmers in the whole United States are renters or tenants, and not more than \$26,000,000,000 of our farm property belongs to the farmers. The other \$14,000,000,000 is owned by land companies, corporations, men of other vocations who do not till the soil, and not more than 20 per cent of our wealth belong to real farmers. In 53 years, then, we have changed our proportional holdings from 50 per cent to 20 per cent of our national wealth. Has this come about by the farmers' lack of industry? Certainly not, for in the last 21 years they have produced \$135,000,000,000 worth of products. This would buy all wealth in the United States and leave \$4,000,000,000. Yet the farmer is a failure in business, for he annually markets \$6,000,000,000 worth of products, and his annual indebtedness is \$6,000,000,000. It is estimated that one-half of this, or \$3,000,000,000, is secured by a mortgage. Thus he is laboring under a mortgaged indebtedness of \$3,000,000,000, a sum equal to half he sells. The gross income of our 6,000,000 farms is only \$6,000,000,000, after

paying \$510,000,000 interest on our \$6,000,000,000 indebtedness, taxes, insurance, hired help and farm equipment. Our net income is approximately \$3,000,000,000, of \$500 per farm, or \$100 per capita for the 30,000,000 of people living on the farms. This must pay for the food that is not grown on the farm, fuel, lights, repairs, improvements, household furniture and utensils, clothing; for the expense of sickness and of death; for education and maintenance of the country churches.

Our meager incomes are not sufficient to beautify our homes and make country life what it should be, and our ambitious boys and girls fly at the dawn of manhood and womanhood to the city, to begin life's battle in other vocations. Our old farmers are filling the cemeteries, and our young men the towns and cities. The farm population is decreasing in many localities, not because the consumer does not pay enough, but because the farmer does not receive enough. The greatest fault is in distribution. The farmer receives \$6,000,000,000, the consumer pays \$13,000,000,000. The Farmers Union believes in equity, Justice and the Golden Rule. So let's make what seems to be a fair division of this \$13,000,000,000. Give the retailer \$1,500,000,000, wholesaler and jobber \$1,000,000,000, transportation \$1,000,000,000, loss in handling, and miscellaneous, \$500,000,000, leaving to the farmer \$9,000,000,000, or \$3,000,000,000 more than he does get. This would increase his gross income 50 per cent, or double his net income, or pay off all mortgages in one year. As every dollar in this country circulates or changes hands an average of 21 times per annum we lose enough money to do \$63,000,000,000 worth of business. To change these conditions and save this waste the farmers must co-operate. In order to co-operate they must organize. Ah, there you are! You are told that you cannot organize the farmer, and failures of the past are pointed out to prove the assertion.

Well, do other vocations surrender and quit the fight on account of failures? Merchants fail and their goods go into the hands of receivers, but no one says to the mercantile world: "Close your doors." Railroad companies fail, trains run off the track, cars and freight are destroyed, passengers are killed, and attorneys wind up those companies, but railroads still run. Our 100,000 ministers of the gospel preach approximately 5,000,000 sermons per annum, yet two-thirds of the people in this country are not church-goers, but certainly no one would advise discharging the ministers and closing the church houses. We have lawyers defending people for crime in every court in the country, while others prosecute criminals—they cannot always convict the guilty nor acquit the innocent, but we do not advise the lawyers to close their offices and quit their profession, because they make a few failures.

Physicians do not succeed in keeping everybody from sickening and dying, for we have 1,500,000 deaths in the United States per annum; 630,000 of these are untimely. We have an average of 3,000,000 sick people every day, and spend \$3,000,000,000 every year on account of sickness and death, but will we refuse to take any more medicine because physicians fail to cure everybody?

We have had a bank failure every four days since the civil war (averaging a week of bank failures every month.) Depositors have lost \$1,000,000,000 in bank failures in a half century, but will we advocate closing the banks and bury our money in the ground and all go back to miserdom just because a bank sometimes fails? To argue that the farmers should quit and not try to organize on account of past failures, would be an unparalleled exhibition of unblushing gall or extreme ignorance.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily By Ernest Field Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Nov. 10.
Good Middling 13 1-4.
Strict Middling 13 1-8.
Middling 13.
Strict Low Middling 12 3-4.
Low Middling 12 1-4.
Staple cotton 14 1-2 to 16.

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"It is easy to understand why an increasing number of bottles of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is sold yearly. Thos. Verran, 286 Edward Street, Houghton, Mich., gives an excellent reason when he writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar Compound has always proven an effective remedy, quickly relieving tickling in the throat, and stopping the cough with no bad after effects." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

LOST—White and lemon pointer dog pup eight months old, near Cain Savannah, about October 3rd. Reward if returned to Robert Shelor.

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Hookworm Specialist Here.
Dr. F. C. Rogers, the hookworm specialist of the State Board of Health who will have charge of the hookworm campaign in Sumter county during the next two months, arrived in the city today and is making arrangements to begin work. He will establish five offices in the county at which he will have regular appointments for examination of hookworm suspects. He will also visit the schools and deliver lectures at schools and public gatherings for the purpose of explaining the object of the hookworm eradication campaign and to arouse interest in the work. Dr. Rogers will announce the location of the hookworm offices as soon as he has decided which points will be most advantageous.

Saved Girl's Life
"I want to tell you what wonderful benefit I have received from the use of Thedford's Black-Draught," writes Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky.
"It certainly has no equal for la grippe, bad colds, liver and stomach troubles. I firmly believe Black-Draught saved my little girl's life. When she had the measles, they went in on her, but one good dose of Thedford's Black-Draught made them break out, and she has had no more trouble. I shall never be without
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in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.
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