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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.

The Seaboard Air Line is so busy completing its Florence, Georgetown and Charleston extensions to open up an undeveloped country which is rich in timber resources that it has temporarily forgotten the promise to build from Sumter to Charleston, therefore it behooves the business men of Sumter to get together and do something for themselves and the town. The most feasible proposition and the one that would be of immediate and lasting benefit to Sumter and Sumter county would be a railroad through Concord and Shiloh to Olaneta. With the united backing of the business of this city and the cooperation of the people the sections that the road would traverse it can be financed and built within the next year.

The party of Philadelphia business men, who visit Sumter on the 19th instant on their annual trade excursion, will be welcomed and suitably entertained by the Chamber of Commerce.

Some of the grocers and butchers who are catering to the fancy trade are selling choice beef steak at 35 to 40 cents a pound. This is the best argument in favor of cattle raising in this section. Beef becomes higher in price every year and the supply of beef cattle is being more and more depleted each year instead of increasing in proportion to the increase in population.

It is rumored that City Council will some day, pave Liberty street—may a kindly providence speed the day. Liberty street needs paving as badly as Main street and the taxpayers on that street are entitled to the same consideration as heretofore extended the Main street taxpayers.

What is the greatest danger to be feared in the event of a war with Mexico? The recrudescence of T. Roosevelt, of course.

With all his letter writing Mr. McLaurin has not explained why he attended and prominently participated in the Blease Fair Week Conference which was avowedly called for the purpose of perfecting plans for the complete control of State politics by the Blease faction in the interest of Blease and his coattail swingers. Being well advised of this fact, why did Mr. McLaurin participate in the conference if he entertained so low an opinion of Blease and Bleasism as his post conference letters indicate that he does? The faces that Mr. McLaurin is now making at Blease and Bleasism suggest the thought that he discovered that the fruits of the conference were sour grapes.

ATLANTIC CABLE SERVICE GOOD.

Britain Not Justified in Laying State-owned Cable.

London, Nov. 12.—The Atlantic telegraph cable service is so good that the installation by Great Britain of a State-owned cable is not at present justified, according to testimony given today by Edward Crabb, second secretary of the British postoffice, before the Dominion's royal commission.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been issued to Enoch Bennehaley and Agnes Bennehaley, of Dalzell. Licenses have also been issued to the following colored couples: Houston Harris and Lizzie Budden, South Lynchburg; Robert Sumter and Annie Allen, of Wedgefield; Cuff Brogdon and Florence Singleton of Sumter, and Brunson Ellerbe and Catherine Thompson of Claremont.

Negro Found Dead.

John Hunt, colored, was found dead in his bed at the corner of Harvin and Bee Streets Wednesday morning. The case was investigated by the coroner and health officer and an examination was made by Dr. Lemmon, who pronounced death due to pneumonia. Upon this testimony, it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

CITY MANAGER PLAN POPULAR

NUMBER OF CITIES HAVE ADOPTED NEW SYSTEM OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT.

Other Cities Discussing it and Some to Vote on Plan in Near Future—Eight Places Which Have Adopted Plan are Widely Separated.

The following article from the Marion, Ohio, Tribune, which credits the Short Ballot Bulletin for it will prove of general interest in Sumter, no doubt, as Sumter is the home of the "City Manager" plan of municipal government:

Not since the Greater Des Moines Committee assumed the function of acquainting the country with the virtues of the Commission plan, has any municipal development been so widely heralded and received with so much favor as the adoption of the new city manager plan by Dayton, Ohio. But it is not so generally known that the new system has already been adopted by eight cities at widely separated points throughout the country and that it is under active contemplation in a number of others. City Manager charters have been adopted to date, in these cities: Sumter, S. C.8,109 Hickory, N. C.3,716 Morganton, N. C.2,712 Dayton, O.116,577 Springfield, O.46,921 LaGrande, Ore.4,843 Phoenix, Ariz.11,134 Morris, Minn.1,685

On November 18, the plan will be voted upon in Amarillo, Texas, a city which is now operating under the regular commission plan. The charter commissions in Winona, Minn., and Sadsuky, Ohio, are preparing charters on the same plan.

A feature of the new Pennsylvania commission government law is that the salaries of the governing body (except the first) may be fixed by local action. Mr. A. M. Fuller, of Meadville, who led the fight for the adoption of this law, has pointed out on numerous occasions that this provision makes it possible to set the salaries of the commissioners at a nominal figure and devote the amount thus saved to the salary of a competent manager. Some cities also which have not been able to change their charters, have created the office of city manager by ordinance. Staunton, Va., did so as far back as 1909, and Fredericksburg, Va., has followed her example. More recently the village of River Forest, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, has done the same.

These cities have usually followed the practice of selecting their city manager from outside the city, thus giving encouragement to the growth of a body of men trained by continuous and broad experience in municipal affairs. These may be expected in time to compose a distinct profession of municipal management, somewhat after the fashion of German burgomasters, who are chosen not for their political affiliations, but for their peculiar abilities and for their record of achievement in one or more cities.

The city manager plan even threatens the older commission type. The city of Tacoma, for example, has been operating under the commission plan for four years, giving somewhat less satisfaction than most of the other 300 cities in the list. In a recent analysis of certain difficulties which arose in his official experience, Mayor W. W. Seymour pointed to the fact that where men are elected to serve both in a legislative and administrative capacity, the seeds are sown for wasteful dissension and friction. So impressed was Mr. Seymour with his own experience that he came out flat-footedly in favor of the city manager plan as a solution and he was supported in this view by the Public Welfare League.

Another conspicuous instance where commission government of the Des Moines type has not met expectations is Wichita, Kans. A well-informed correspondent in that city writes that the combination of legislative and administrative functions in a single set of men has allowed personal opinion of the commissioners to get into ordinances, to the detriment of the city as a whole; that each commissioner desiring to make a record for his department, pulls for as large a share as possible of the appropriations; that there is no effective executive to keep the executive establishment in good running order.

The National Short Ballot Organization which has been watching the successive steps in the new movement, undertakes always to make it clear that the new idea is not a denial of the strong features of commission government; that it is really a development from it which makes however, a radical change on the administrative or operating side of the government. The Short Ballot idea, which it regards as principally responsible for the success of the Galveston-Des Moines plan up to the

MORE CATTLE FOR STATE.

TICK ERADICATION CONFERENCE MARKS NEW BEGINNING.

Meeting in Columbia Saturday Regarded as Birth of Gigantic Cattle-Raising Industry—Richard I. Manning Points Out Necessity of Lime and Urges that State Furnish it to Farmers at Cost—Congressman Lever Advocates Raising of More Cattle.

Columbia, Nov. 12.—A State-wide movement for a live stock industry was launched Saturday when 125 representative men met here to discuss means of eradicating the cattle tick.

A committee of five will present the matter to the general assembly, asking for \$40,000 to fight the cattle tick. Subcommittees in every county will create sentiment in favor of the movement.

Of equal importance was the adoption of a resolution proposed by W. W. Long, United States farm demonstration agent, endorsing the plan for the State to manufacture lime for agricultural purposes, and to sell it to the farmers at cost.

Richard I. Manning of Sumter, urged the manufacture of lime from the deposits in this State. Clemson College is giving from \$8,000 to \$9,000 year in eradicating the cattle tick, and without crippling other important work it cannot give more from its funds, especially now since the fertilizer tax is not as large as it has been.

Mr. Manning pointed out the necessity of the lime manufacture in connection with the cattle industry. Cattle must have food and the legumes furnish the best food for them. In order to raise leguminous crops lime is necessary.

Comparisons were made by Mr. Manning as to the cost of lime in this State and in other States. In South Carolina the cost is about \$5.65 the ton. In North Carolina the cost is \$3.35 per ton. In Virginia an Act was passed providing lime to the farmers at the cost of its manufacture by the State, and as soon as the Act became a law the Lime Trust attacked it on the ground of unconstitutionality. The lower courts in sustaining the Act said the manufacture of lime was the best use to which convict labor could be put, both from a humanitarian and a sanitary standpoint. The use of convict labor to that end in this State was urged. The necessity for the State to furnish cheaper lime to the farmers was stressed by Mr. Manning.

It is understood that the commission appointed at the last session of the general assembly to investigate phosphate and lime deposits may advocate the manufacture of lime and its sale to the farmers at cost.

B. H. Rawls, United States animal husbandryman, presided over the cattle tick conference.

Congressman A. F. Lever was one of the speakers, and he delivered a strong address, advocating the raising of cattle and pointing out the necessity for the eradication of the cattle tick.

Several experts made brief speeches on the subject of stock raising and tick eradication. It was stated that the meeting is the beginning of a gigantic cattle raising industry in South Carolina. Farmers in every section of the State will be urged to raise more cattle and the advantages of stock raising will be pointed out. One method will be through the banks, whose customers will be urged through that medium of engaging in the industry. Alfalfa and other legumes are now being raised in South Carolina, and one speaker said in view of this there is no reason why South Carolina should not become the greatest cattle raising State in the union.

TERRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

Nine Killed and Hundred and Fifty Injured When Excursion Train Rolled Down Embankment.

Eufaula, Ala., Nov. 12.—Nine persons were killed and one hundred and fifty were injured in the wreck of an excursion train on the Central of Georgia Railroad, Ozark to Eufaula today. The crowd was on the way to the Barbour county fair. The three rear coaches rolled down an embankment when a rail gave way.

present time is preserved intact in all the city manager charters.

The organization has in preparation an elaborate pamphlet which will also be reprinted in full in Beard's Digest of Short Ballot Charters. This will give the text of all of the city managers charters to date, so far as they bear upon the structure of the government; an article by the Executive Secretary on the history of the plan; an article on its theory by the Secretary, reprinted from the National Municipal Review; an article on the application to it of proportional representation by Mr. C. G. Hoag, Secretary of the American Proportional Representation Society and the leading authority in this country on this subject.

Single copies of this pamphlet may be had upon application to the office.

DEMOCRATS AGREE ON BILL.

HOPE FOR FINAL REPORT ON CURRENCY BILL WITHIN NEXT WEEK.

Plan to Force Democrats into Line by Caucus Methods Abandoned—Another Meeting Called When Efforts for Agreement Will be Made.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The attempt to force the administration currency through the senate by the way of a Democratic caucus was abandoned today and the banking and currency committee of the senate was given time for further consideration of the bill.

A practical agreement by six Democratic senators, half of the committee, and hope for a final report within five or six days was reported to the Democratic conference by Senator Owen when it met today and at his request the conference took no action.

Since the call for the conference was issued Senators Reed and O'Gorman had joined Chairman Owen and Senators Pomerene, Shafer and Hollis, supporters of the administration measure, despite their votes against some of its provisions in the committee. These six Democrats virtually have agreed on a bill which meets the views of President Wilson. This measure will be taken before the senate as soon as possible.

A further attempt to swing Senator Hitchcock in line with his Democratic colleagues was made in a meeting of Democrats of the committee after the conference but Senator Hitchcock insisted that he could not reconcile his views with the Democrats of the house.

Tomorrow the full committee Democrats and Republicans, will meet and another attempt will be made to secure an agreement among the majority.

If this fails it is probable that the Democrats and Republicans will make an unanimous report on those details of the bill which they approve and submit supplementary reports showing their disagreement on the fundamentals of the bill.

Today's conference was in session about half an hour. Senator Owen made a statement of the situation in the committee and said that six of the seven Democrats were in practical agreement. He declared that five or six days more would give the committee time to frame a report. Without further discussion the conference agreed to adjourn, subject to call of the chairman. Chairman Owen was asked by several senators whether or not he was convinced that currency legislation could not be put through the senate at this session of congress and whether an adjournment of congress might not well be taken. He made no definite reply but several senators took the position that so far as currency legislation before December 1 was concerned, congress might just as well adjourn.

There has been considerable pressure for an adjournment but it is understood that in view of the Mexican situation congress will be kept in Washington regardless of currency legislation.

REPUDIATE INDIAN'S CHARGES.

Missionaries Deny That They Live in Luxury and Fail to Convert.

Decatur, Ill., Nov. 10.—Charges made by Dr. Keshava Dava Shastri of Benares, India at the Purity congress meeting in Minneapolis that missionaries in India lived in luxury and failed to make converts today were vigorously denied by missionaries of the Methodist Episcopal church in the opening session of their annual conference here.

Twenty-six bishops and more than 100 laymen from all parts of the world are here. The treasurer's report showed that \$2,300,000 was spent for Methodist missionary work during the past year.

Typhoid is Prevalent.

Columbia, Nov. 12.—Typhoid is prevalent in various parts of the State to an unusual degree and officials of the State board of health are unable to explain the condition to their satisfaction.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily By Ernest Field Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Nov. 13.	
Good Middling 13	3-8.
Strict Middling 13	1-4.
Middling 13	1-8.
Strict Low Middling 12	7-8.
Low Middling 12	3-8.
Stapel cotton 14	to 16.

New York Cotton Market.

New York, Nov. 13.	
Open	Close.
Jan	13.13
Mar	13.19
May	13.15
July	13.02
Dec	13.31

SHIP SENT TO TUXPAM.
Louisiana Sent Thither in Response to Appeals.
Vera Cruz, Mexico, Nov. 11.—The battleship Louisiana was dispatched from here today to Tuxpam in response to another urgent appeal for protection received late last night from Arthur C. Payne, the United States consular agent there.
The rebels are believed to be in very strong force near Tuxpam, where an attack is expected at any moment.

The police are trying to enforce the traffic regulation ordinance to the letter and a policeman has been stationed at the corner of Main and Liberty Streets for the past two days endeavoring to teach the people the proper methods of turning corners. The vehicle should keep to the right of the street until it passes the center of the street, when it turns to the left, and keep near the right pavement, when turning to the right. The education of the people to this new system seems to be a tedious performance.

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