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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 government experts may prove beyond the shadow of a reasonable doubt that good ordinary cotton is worth intrinsically very little less than good middling, but what benefit will the producers of cotton derive from this demonstration of a fact, unless the consumers of cotton and dealers in cotton can be persuaded to buy cotton strictly according to staple and not according to color.

The annual race meet of the Charleston Racing Association is in full blast at Palmetto park, just beyond city limits of Charleston. The fact that there is a law against race track gambling is not regarded in Charleston any more seriously than the law against the sale of liquor. The Law and Order League, of which much was expected, appears to be a useless organization with neither power nor influence to suppress lawlessness.

The capture of Mexico City by Zapata would not improve the status of affairs in Mexico, for he is a bandit who has been at war with society and all constituted authority for years. The turmoil and disorder that have prevailed in Mexico during the past three or four years have undermined what little respect for law previously existed and have placed a premium on lawlessness. Zapata, having won considerable prestige as a successful brigand, has attracted to his standard the most lawless and desperate men in the country whose sole object in taking up arms was wholesale robbing. If Zapata and his brigands capture Mexico City there

will be, in all probability, a carnival of looting that has not been surpassed since Cortez overthrew Montezuma.

If eighty-four per cent of the cotton crop had been ginned prior to December 1st this year's crop will be about 14,000,000 bales, but if ninety per cent had been ginned at that date the crop will be about 13,290,000 bales. For the past seven years the ginning prior to December 1st averaged 83.2 per cent of the total crop, but last year's ginning prior to December 1st was 87.9 per cent of the entire crop. The problem is to figure out this year's crop. If conditions throughout the cotton States approximate the condition in this section, a greater per centage of the crop was ginned prior to December 1st this year than last and the entire crop will be less than thirteen and a half million bales—and this means a strong market and higher prices next spring.

The Mexican congress says that Huerta is to continue in office nine months longer, but if his army is not strong enough to say the same thing with force of arms he will be on the run long before summer.

The Grace-Whaley congressional contest will amount to nothing more

than the washing of a lot of very dirty linen in public. The remedy for the conditions existing in the First District is not to be found in Washington but at the source of corruption. The prosecution and conviction of a few score bribe givers and vote sellers would have a wholesome and purifying effect that nothing else could.

The egg boycott that the housewives of the large cities of the north and east have instituted is punishing the retail dealers severely and may ultimately be felt by the cold storage monopolists, but for the present only the little fellows are being hurt.

All the murderers, burglars and house burners left in the penitentiary are preparing to hang up their stocking Christmas eve. They hope Santa Claus will bring them pardons.

Fit His Case Exactly.
"When father was sick about six years ago he read an advertisement of Chamberlain's Tablets in the papers that fit his case exactly," writes Miss Margaret Campbell of Ft. Smith, Ark. "He purchased a box of them and he has not been sick since. My sister had stomach trouble and was also benefited by them." For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.
Corrected Daily By Ernest Field Cotton Buyer.

Sumter, Dec. 11.
Good Middling 12 7-8.
Strict Middling 12 3-4.
Middling 12 5-8.
Strict Low Middling 12 1-4.
Low Middling 11 5-8.
Strict Good Ordinary 11 1-8.
Staple cotton nominal.

New York Cotton Market.
New York, Dec. 11.

	Open	Close.
Jan.	12.85	12.82
Mar.	12.98	12.97
May.	12.93	12.90
July.	12.82	12.80
Dec.	13.08	13.04

California Woman Seriously Alarmed.
"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

SURETY BOND FOR PEEPLES.
Attorney General to Appear at Court for Accidental Killing.

Columbia, Dec. 8.—A surety bond in the sum of \$1,000 was arranged late today for the appearance of Attorney General Thos. H. Peebles at the January term of court, when he will be tried for involuntary manslaughter growing out of his accidentally killing a negro cook at the Elks' Home Saturday night.

Assistant Attorney General Fred H. Dominick appeared before Coroner Scott this evening and secured the issuing of the bond. Mr. Peebles has been very much grieved over the shooting. Many expressions of sympathy from all parts of the State have come to him.

How to Bankrupt the Doctors.
A prominent New York physician says, "If it were not for the thin stockings and thin soled shoes worn by women the doctors would probably be bankrupt." When you contract a cold do not wait for it to develop into pneumonia but treat it at once. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is intended especially for coughs and colds, and has won a wide reputation by its cures of these diseases. It is most effectual and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

Thanks of Shriners.
Editor Daily Item.
The Sumter Shrine Club begs that you, through your columns, will express to the good people of Sumter its appreciation of the courtesies extended by the people of Sumter to the guests of the Shrine Club, to wit, the Nobles of Omar Temple on Thanksgiving Day, 1913.
The Shrine Club thanks all of the people of Sumter, and especially the ladies of Sumter for the courtesies shown to its visitors and for the assistance rendered us in entertaining them.
If you will be good enough to do this for us we will feel greatly indebted to you.
The Sumter Shrine Club,
By I. C. Strauss, Committee.
Sumter, Dec. 6th, 1913.

Read the Schwartz Ad.
It's some hat news for you to act upon.—Advt.


Cured of Liver Complaint.
"I was suffering with liver complaint," says Iva Smith of Point Blank, Texas, "and decided to try a 25c box of Chamberlain's Tablets, and am happy to say that I am completely cured and can recommend them to every one." For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

The Millinery Says to You

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A SALE--A PRE-CHRISTMAS HAT SALE


You can get your pick NOW, at End of the Season prices. For 5 Days we offer you the chance of buying any Hat in the Store at 1-2 Price. A rounding up of the best Millinery season we've ever had. Some Swell Imported Models are here and others too. Come Quick!

Schwartz's Millinery Department, :: SUMTER, S. C.



\$12

FOR ANY \$18 SUIT OR OVERCOAT



\$18

FOR ANY \$27 SUIT OR OVERCOAT

What a Chance

TO BUY FINE CLOTHING AT A SACRIFICE

1-3 OFF SALE

Our Great Semi-Annual Sale is now on. As we must lose, we lose to good effect. We cut prices so deep that the Clearance Sale should soon be over. Come early and get first choice. Note these Sacrifice Prices:

Men's 30.00 Suits and Overcoats	20.00	Boys' 15.00 Suits and Overcoats	10.00
Men's 22.50 Suits and Overcoats	15.00	Boys' 12.00 Suits and Overcoats	8.00
Men's 18.00 Suits and Overcoats	12.00	Boys' 10.00 Suits and Overcoats	6.85
Men's 15.00 Suits and Overcoats	10.00	Boys' 7.50 Suits and Overcoats	5.00
Men's 12.00 Suits and Overcoats	8.00	Boys' 6.00 Suits and Overcoats	4.00
Men's 10.00 Suits and Overcoats	6.65	Boys' 4.50 Suits and Overcoats	3.00

Same Discount, One-Third Off on all Suits Overcoats, Raincoats and Trousers for Men and Boys.

Nothing Charged. Everything Strictly CASH.

The D. J. Chandler Clothing Co.
14 North Main St. :: Sumter, S. C.



\$15

For any \$22.50 SUIT OR OVERCOAT



\$20

FOR ANY \$30 SUIT OR OVERCOAT