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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.

**VICE IN CHARLESTON.**

The Law and Order League of Charleston has issued a special report detailing the result of the investigation made by agents of the league into crime and vice conditions in that city. The shortest and most accurate description of the report is, shocking. It is not a vague and mealy-mouthed document, hinting at indefinite evils, but a plain, bald catalogue of vicious resorts and a list of the criminals who live and grow rich by breaking the law and preying upon the public. Reading this report is the answer to the often asked question, "Why do the decent and law-abiding people of Charleston put up with the reign of lawlessness that is destroying the city?" The report shows, if it shows anything, that the criminal element and their dependents constitute so large a percentage of the population that the decent majority is helpless and cannot overthrow the vicious element without a determined and fight to the finish crusade against the criminals. This would require unity of purpose and concert of action, and this, it seems cannot now be obtained in Charleston. To many of the personally respectable and law-abiding people are under the hack and fear, for business or other reasons, to antagonize the organized criminal element. The only leaven in the apparently hopeless situation is the Law and Order League and the up-hill fight it is making to redeem the city. The report is for sale at 25 cents per copy and can be procured from the League.

**TRADING STAMPS.**

An effort is being made by a trading stamp concern to gain a foothold in Sumter and thereby place itself in a position to levy a tax on the gross sales of the merchants who tie themselves to the concern by entering into a contract to give trading stamps. The merchants of the larger cities who have the trading stamp incubus fastened upon them are trying to rid themselves of it, for experience has taught them that trading stamps are an unproductive tax on every dollar's worth of business that they do, instead of a benefit. The only profit that the trading stamp industry produces goes into the till of the trading stamp company, and the merchants who give away the stamps foot the bills. Before the Sumter merchants, who have not cut their eye-teeth on the trading stamp and premium giving fallacy, bind themselves hand and foot to a trading stamp contract, they should ask merchants in other towns to tell them their candid opinion of the proposition.

A number of the older merchants of this city have had their experience with trading stamps and premium giving and they know from dearly bought experience that it does not pay, that it does not increase nor stimulate trade and is a steady, an unescapable tax on their business, once it is started.

If only one or two merchants could monopolize the privilege of giving trading stamps and premiums in Sumter they might obtain an advantage over the other merchants and thereby increase their trade. They cannot do this, however. They may have the exclusive right to give certain kinds of trading stamps, or the exclusive right to give away certain kinds of premiums, but their competitors will not sit idly by and permit the trading stamp merchants to capture their trade by this method, and one and all will begin giving trading stamps and premiums and there will be a race to see who can give the most stamps and the best premiums. The trading stamp companies will reap a rich harvest and the merchants will have to work harder and practice greater economies to pay the tax.

Look at it in any light one may, the trading stamp game is poor business and is a pretence at giving away something for nothing. The only safe and sound business policy is to sell the best merchandise obtainable at a legitimate profit and the people who buy will find out the place that gives the best bargain for a dollar.

The merchant who gives trading

stamps and premiums cannot for long continue selling goods at the closest margin and give away from three to five per cent of his legitimate profit in premiums—inevitably he must add the cost of the premiums to the selling expense, or take it out of the quality of the goods. In a word the trading stamp and premium game has no place in legitimate merchandising and is an excellent thing to leave severely alone.

Charleston has had the trading stamp system fastened on the retail trade for many years and there has been a fight to get rid of it. Many of the leading merchants have cut it out and the Retail Merchants' Association is entirely opposed to the trading stamp system. Read what the president of that association says: Charleston, S. C., Jan. 16, 1914. J. Z. Hearson,

Treasurer Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Sumter, S. C.

The Retail Merchants' Association of our city discontenances the trading stamp. It is the general opinion of our leading merchants that it is an unnecessary drain on the business. H. J. Williams, President Retail Merchants' Association.

**A UNION STATION.**

Sumter needs a union passenger station and has needed it for several years, the need becoming greater and more insistent since the South Carolina Western entered the city. It has been hoped that the railroads would see the necessity of a union station and, without waiting for outside pressure, take steps to provide this prime necessity for the convenience of their patrons. The railroads, however, so far as the public is informed, have not taken cognizance of the situation and no steps have been taken towards bringing the several railroads together. Therefore, the introduction of a bill in the legislature by Senator Clifton to require the railroads to erect and maintain in Sumter a union station, adequate to the needs of the traveling public, meets with the approval of the people of Sumter. The erection of the station will require a considerable outlay, but in the end it will save the railroads a great deal,

for it will certainly be less expensive to maintain one passenger station than three. The location of the union station will call for discussion and consideration, for it should be placed where it will be most convenient for the public and the railroads. This is merely a matter of detail, however, and may safely be left to the railroads. It may be possible to have the union station on the site now occupied by the Atlantic Coast Line passenger station, but if this lot is too small and the situation such that it is impossible to provide trackage room for the additional trains, it is entirely feasible to utilize the old C. S. and N. lot at the foot of East Liberty street for the union station. In many respects this would be a more suitable site for a union station than any other, since it has a length of two blocks—from Liberty to Calhoun—and a width ample to accommodate as many tracks as the passenger traffic would require for many years to come.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, O.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.—Advt.

New York, Jan. 16.—The schooner Mayflower was burned at sea. The crew was rescued by the liner Lusitania.

**Proper Expression of Appreciation.**

A compliment should be as quickly given for good goods and good service as a kick for defective goods and poor service. Most people realize this. That is why so many have written to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy telling of remarkable cures of coughs and colds it has effected, and expressing their appreciation of the good qualities of this well known remedy. For sale by all dealers.—Advt.

**A HIGHER TAX LEVY.**

ESTIMATED APPROPRIATIONS EXCEED STATE'S INCOME.

If All Appropriations Asked for Are Made The Levy for State Taxes Must be Increased from 5 1-4 Mills to 7 3-10 Mills.

Columbia, Jan. 17.—"If you make all the appropriations asked for, it will be necessary to make a rate of 7 3-10 mills on the dollar to raise them," said A. W. Jones, comptroller general, in his annual statement showing the needs of the State, which has been made public. He says that this does not include the 1 mill special school tax which will raise \$296,441.12.

The comptroller general estimates that \$2,478,440.32 will be necessary to meet all of the demands on the State government, as compared with \$1,857,117.01 in 1913.

The following letter has been addressed by the comptroller general to the ways and means committee.

"Gentlemen: The State's revenue for 1914 from taxes, estimated and based upon the present assessment of \$296,441,120, at a rate of 5 1-4 mills

on the dollar, would be \$1,556,315.88. To this add the estimated income from sources other than taxes, to-wit:

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| Insurance license fees . . . . .         | \$110,000 |
| Fee of secretary of state . . . . .      | 22,000    |
| Corporation license fees . . . . .       | 140,000   |
| Income tax . . . . .                     | 16,000    |
| Support of railroad commission . . . . . | 13,000    |
| Fees, medical examiners . . . . .        | 1,300     |
| Fees, law examiners . . . . .            | 125       |
| Board of fisheries . . . . .             | 8,500     |
|  | \$310,925 |

"And we have a total estimated revenue for ordinary expenses of 1914 of \$1,867,240.88.

"The estimated levy of 5 1-4 mills is the same as last year. It will be seen by reference to the amount of appropriations asked for, \$2,478,440.32, that they will exceed the estimated revenue of the State under a levy of 5 3-4 mills by \$611,299.44. If you make all the appropriations asked for, it will be necessary to make a rate of 7 3-10 mills on the dollar to raise them. This does not take into consideration the 1 mill special state school tax, which will raise \$296,441.12.

The following shows the estimated expense of the various departments of the State government:

|  | Made in 1913.  | Asked for 1914. |
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| Governor's office . . . . .                | \$ 16,830.00   | \$ 16,830.00    |
| Secretary of State . . . . .               | 7,470.00       | 7,570.00        |
| Comptroller General . . . . .              | 10,200.00      | 10,200.00       |
| Insurance Commissioner . . . . .           | 10,765.00      | 10,765.00       |
| State treasurer . . . . .                  | 9,870.00       | 8,850.00        |
| Superintendent of education . . . . .      | 9,720.00       | 10,170.00       |
| Adjutant General . . . . .                 | 31,720.00      | 41,020.00       |
| Attorney General . . . . .                 | 8,095.00       | 8,095.00        |
| Railroad commission . . . . .              | 12,050.00      | 14,636.78       |
| Chief game warden . . . . .                | 2,900.00       | 2,900.00        |
| State librarian . . . . .                  | 2,020.00       | 2,020.00        |
| Public buildings . . . . .                 | 14,420.35      | 10,965.89       |
| State electrician . . . . .                | 18,700.00      | 19,005.00       |
| State geologist . . . . .                  | 5,000.00       | 5,000.00        |
| Department of agriculture . . . . .        | 12,120.00      | 15,920.00       |
| Judicial department . . . . .              | 101,550.05     | 100,895.00      |
| Board medical examiners . . . . .          | 2,500.00       | 3,000.00        |
| Health department . . . . .                | 28,756.62      | 31,720.00       |
| Tax department . . . . .                   | 90,129.01      | 88,319.82       |
| University of South Carolina . . . . .     | 137,036.21     | 183,582.19      |
| Winthrop college . . . . .                 | 161,605.98     | 193,846.08      |
| The Citadel . . . . .                      | 34,907.00      | 37,600.00       |
| Institution deaf, dumb and blind . . . . . | 36,100.00      | 75,046.98       |
| S. C. Indus. and Mech. College . . . . .   | 12,613.78      | 15,000.00       |
| Hospital for insane . . . . .              | 308,247.79     | 386,424.28      |
| S. C. industrial school . . . . .          | 21,804.12      | 68,000.00       |
| State penitentiary . . . . .               | 6,750.00       | 6,750.00        |
| Other char. and penal purposes . . . . .   | 2,805.00       | 2,805.00        |
| Pensions . . . . .                         | 250,000.00     | 250,000.00      |
| Historical commission . . . . .            | 5,350.00       | 5,270.00        |
| Interest on bonded debt . . . . .          | 291,033.38     | 266,658.38      |
| Elections . . . . .                        | 9,350.00       | 45,785.00       |
| Catawba Indians . . . . .                  | 7,150.00       | 9,750.00        |
| Expenses general assembly . . . . .        | 62,814.73      | 62,814.73       |
| Confederate infirmary . . . . .            | 15,500.00      | 25,000.00       |
| Board of fisheries . . . . .               | 7,600.00       | 9,400.00        |
| State hospital commission . . . . .        | 28,232.75      | 125,000.00      |
| Statehouse and grounds com. . . . .        | 1,750.00       | 6,350.00        |
| Medical college of S. C. . . . .           | 10,000.00      | 36,300.00       |
| Miscellaneous . . . . .                    | 56,580.24      | 259,175.19      |
|  | \$1,857,117.01 | \$2,478,440.32  |

**BRIDE-TO-BE HONORED.**

Approaching Marriage of Miss Etta Scarborough Cause of Social Events.

Summerton, Jan. 15.—On Wednesday afternoon quite a number of young ladies were invited to an "At Home" by Miss Waunetta Gordon at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. W. Gordon.

After the guests assembled they each received a tiny leaf which indicated in rhyme that a surprise was in store for them.

Just at this time their hostess entered carrying a very large bag.

She poured its contents, which proved to be a cat, into the middle of the room.

When the guests succeeded in catching pussy they found a card around her neck which read:

Scarborough-Asbell.  
Jan. 28th, 1914.

Each guest was then presented with a dainty guest towel to embroider an initial for the "bride-to-be."

A sweet course was then served.

Following this the bride-to-be was presented with the covers of a hand-painted book, a gift of the hostess.

Each young lady contributed a page of toasts, quotations or best wishes when completed to serve as a reminder to her that she has many friends, who though sad to lose her, wish her the greatest happiness.

Several of Miss Etta Scarborough's most intimate friends spent the evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Scarborough.

The evening was spent very pleasantly joking, laughing and chatting in a cozy room where they were seated around two small tables.

On the tables were numbers of wedding invitations which they addressed. To prevent them from being like the proverbial "Jack" the hours were pleasantly interspersed with music, sandwiches and cocoa.

The invitations read: Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Calhoun Scarborough request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter,

Etta,  
to  
Mr. Albert Lewis Asbell,  
On Wednesday afternoon, the twenty-eighth of January,  
At half after five o'clock,  
Baptist Church,  
Summerton, South Carolina.

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF**

The First National Bank of Sumter, at Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the Close of Business, January 13th, 1914.

**RESOURCES.**

|  |              |
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| Loans and discounts . . . . .  | \$509,023.40 |
| Overdrafts, secured and unsecured . . . . .                                | 3,953.76     |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation . . . . .                                | 50,000.00    |
| U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. deposits . . . . .                             | 7,000.00     |
| Other bonds to secure Postal savings . . . . .                             | 4,000.00     |
| Premium on U. S. bonds . . . . .   | 200.00       |
| Bonds, securities, etc. . . . .  | 13,000.00    |
| New building and site . . . . .  | 23,000.00    |
| Other real estate owned . . . . .  | 250.00       |
| Due from National banks (not reserve agents) . . . . .                     | 18,171.47    |
| Due from approved Reserve agents . . . . .                                 | 22,968.54    |
| Checks and other cash items . . . . .                                      | 9,037.31     |
| Notes of other National banks . . . . .                                    | 22,005.00    |
| Fractional paper currency, nickles and cents . . . . .                     | 462.77       |
| Lawful money reserve in bank, viz: Specie . . . . .                        | 33,486.10    |
| Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation) . . . . . | 2,500.00     |
| Total . . . . .  | \$719,059.35 |

**LIABILITIES:**

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| Capital stock paid in . . . . .                           | \$100,000.00 |
| Surplus fund . . . . .                                    | 100,000.00   |
| Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid . . . . . | 14,922.05    |
| National bank notes outstanding . . . . .                 | 50,000.00    |
| Dividends unpaid . . . . .                                | 148.00       |
| Individual deposits subject to check . . . . .            | 439,685.15   |
| Certified checks . . . . .                                | 302.50       |
| Cashier's checks outstanding . . . . .                    | 2,299.30     |
| United States deposits . . . . .                          | 11,000.00    |
| Postal savings deposits . . . . .                         | 632.35       |
| Total . . . . .   | \$719,059.35 |

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter.

I, J. L. McCallum, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. McCALLUM, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January, 1914.

Geo. L. Ricker, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest:  
NELL O'DONNELL,  
H. D. BARNETT,  
GEO. F. EPPERSON,  
Directors.

**You Need a Tonic**

There are times in every woman's life when she needs a tonic to help her over the hard places. When that time comes to you, you know what tonic to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you.

You can't make a mistake in taking

**GARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

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**Has Helped Thousands.**

**WILL RUN FOR CONGRESS.**  
W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw Will Oppose Finley for Re-election.  
Columbia, Jan. 16.—"I am going to run for congress against Mr. Finley unless I change my mind" said W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw today. "I am unready to make a definite announcement at present."

**BANK STATEMENT CALLED.**  
National Banks Must Report Condition January 13th.  
Washington, Jan. 16.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a report on the condition of national banks at the close of business January 13th.

**A Difference in Working Hours.**  
His body organs must work perfectly 24 hours to keep him fit for 8 hours work. Weak, sore, inactive kidneys can not do it. They must be sound and healthily active all the time. Foley Kidney Pills will make them so. You cannot take them into your system without good results following. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

**The "Mischief Quartette" and Its Work.**  
"Each year the month of January numbers its list of victims from influenza, la grippe, bronchitis and pneumonia. The prompt use of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound will check the onset of a cold and stop a cough, preventing the development to more serious conditions." Keep it on hand. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

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Are composed of the World's Greatest Fertilizers—Peruvian Guano, nature's own provision for increasing soil fertility—balanced with the scientific and skillful application of man in mixing high grade Ammoniates and Potash in just the proportion to suit the varied soils and crops of the South.

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CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

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Year after year, in favorable seasons and unfavorable seasons, for over 40 years, on good lands and on poor lands, on red land and on gray land, on clay land and on sandy land, on high land and on low land, on

**GOTTON, CORN, TOBACCO, WHEAT, OATS,**

our Fertilizers have been used and put to every conceivable test, each year's use confirming their superiority and value as

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SUCCESSORS TO  
**The Wilcox & Gibbs Guano Co.,**  
CHARLESTON, S. C.