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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1886 and the True Southron in 1890. 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.

Irby and Simms appear to have put Richards in a hole by daring him to tell how he voted in 1910 and 1912, since he is so eager to tell how he expects to vote this year. Richards dodges the issue by saying that it is a point of sacred honor with him not to tell how he voted in past elections.

C. A. Smith, who is trying to make a few votes by riding the old prohibition steed, is annoying Prof. Clinkscapes by reminding him that, although he claims to be a prohibitionist, he is straddling the fence on the question and seeking to make friends of both prohibitionists and liquor men.

All of the candidates, both Bleasites and Antis are fighting Manning, and as they can find nothing to say against him as a man and citizen, they endeavor to create prejudice against him by harping on the fact that he is a successful business man and banker. This is truly a serious charge, in view of the fact that he is a successful farmer and was elected president of a bank because he had made a success as a farmer. If it is a political crime to make money as a farmer and to establish a reputation as a successful business man, Mr. Manning is guilty, but why the voters should be prejudiced against him on this account is inexplicable.

The law-abiding people of the State desire a law respecting and law enforcing governor. The first name that a majority of the voters think of in this connection is Manning. But for local pride and local affiliations, to which the other candidates appeal and on which they count, Manning would receive an overwhelming majority of the anti-Bleas vote in all the counties, and even under existing conditions he will receive a better average vote in all sections of the State than any other candidate.

The war news is so conflicting and confusing that it is impossible to form a satisfactory conception of what is actually taking place in Europe. Germany claims to have won continued successes in the campaign in Belgium and to have sustained comparatively insignificant losses; that the German campaign is working out as planned and that the invincible German army will sweep everything before it when the appointed time for a general forward movement arrives. On the other hand reports from French and Belgian sources assert that the German invasion of Belgium has been checked and tremendous loss inflicted and that the French invasion of German territory has been a succession of minor victories, the German forces abandoning their fortified posts and retreating before the French advance. The only reasonable deduction that can be made from the maze of confusing reports is that both sides are manoeuvring for position and that no battle of importance has yet been fought. In respect to the operation on the Russian frontier the outside world is completely in the dark, the reports thus far having been fragmentary and of doubtful authenticity.

The official announcement from Washington that there is no reason for the material advance in prices of foodstuffs and that the big advances that have been made are the result of the grasping greed of provision dealers who are trying to take advantage of the war situation to multiply their profits, is in line with our previously formed opinion. Instead of the prices of grain products and meats advancing rapidly on account of the war in Europe, the prices should decline until there is some safe and certain avenue of export to Europe guaranteed. There may be a war time demand for wheat, flour, corn, oats and meats in the warring countries, but unless neutral ships are provided and the safety of ocean navigation assured, these commodities will remain a drug on the American markets, for there is a tremendous surplus crop of wheat for export this year. If the markets of Europe are

closed, or even partially closed, the surplus will be left on the hands of the producers or dealers, and in this case the law of supply and demand would indicate lower prices in America, regardless of the fact that scarcity and high prices might prevail in Europe.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION QUESTION.

What It Has Done for Maine and California.

Greenwood, Aug. 11.—The world came to realize that the bodies of men should not be held in slavery and where the individual failed to free his slaves, governments did it. This world has also realized that the minds of men must not remain in the slavery of illiteracy, and so far as this freedom can be given by attendance at schools, the enlightened nations and nearly all the States of this union are removing the shackles that bind the citizen to a life in which he cannot figure up his earnings, read of the deeds of his fellowmen and the work of his God.

From Maine to California, officials in each State write that compulsory education laws are advancing the cause of education and meeting with the approval of the people—often the very people who fought such laws. Hon. Payson Smith, Supt. Public Schools of the State of Maine, in a letter of May 28th says: "I am positive that the progress of education in Maine has been favored by the existence of a compulsory education law."

And what about California? The State Superintendent replying in a letter of June 18th says in part: "Yes, the schools have made much greater progress under the compulsory attendance law than they did before. In this State the theory is that we must educate every child. Then there is one way to do this and that is to see that every child attends school. He may attend a private school or he may get his education at home through private tutors. But he must get it. And we go further. We give out the money on the attendance. The district that keeps up a good attendance gets more money than it would if the attendance was low. This means that teachers and school officers and even the parents and children do all they can to see that the children attend school."

LETTER CARRIERS' MEETING.

South Carolina Congressman Tells Them of Importance of Their Aid in Progress of Good Roads.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Talks on good roads featured the session today of the National Rural Letter Carriers' Association, meeting in annual convention in the auditorium of the New National museum here. Congressman Finley of South Carolina and Hamlin and Shackelford of Missouri each delivered an address, and P. J. Powell read a paper on "Good Roads and Road Construction." This was followed by a general discussion.

Mr. Finley told the delegates of the growth of rural free delivery in the United States and its importance. He also told them of the part they were to play in parcel post growth. Congressman Shackelford talked of his good roads bill providing \$25,000,000 for the construction of post roads.

News From Baker School.

Baker School, August 11.—We are having refreshing showers after a long, dry spell.

Late corn is nearly a failure. Cotton is cut off considerable.

We had Mr. P. G. Bowman to give us a talk Sunday afternoon.

Mr. H. W. Beall is having his oats threshed out today and has made a fine crop of them.

I hope to see the day when farmers will make more forage crops than they do at the present time, and commence raising their own mules. I would like to see every farmer raise at least one mule colt and see how cheap it can be raised, and then I think the livery stables would not have so many to credit out in the Spring. Not that I wish the stablemen any harm. It is becoming so that a man can't farm and buy mules.

Just a little while longer we will have the boll weevil here and we can't make cotton to buy mules with.

After the election is over how will those candidates feel that gets defeated in the campaign, "The Mud Slingers"? How will they look meeting on the street and begging pardons of each other, and they will have to do that, for insulting each other. If the candidates of the State would go by the Golden Rule: "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you," and if they have brotherly love one for another they would shake hands at the last campaign meeting and the successful ones would feel sorry their opponents did not have as good an office as they have.

I wish the good people of the State would lift their hearts to God and pray for Christ's sake that political affairs become better.

RELIEF MEASURES PROCEED.

WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT'S PLANS ADVANCE FAST.

American Representatives Authorized to Hire Vessels to Bring Tourists Back to America.

Washington, Aug. 12.—The Washington government's relief measures for Americans in Europe and plans of the Red Cross to send an expedition to the war zone proceeded rapidly today. American embassies and legations throughout Europe were authorized to charter ships in which to bring home American citizens. Plans to send steamers from the United States were abandoned because it was believed it would be better to charter neutral vessels at European ports.

Information received at the state department gave the assurances that the British order against the entry of aliens into England was not meant to apply to Americans on the continent who are trying to return to the United States by way of England. Difficulties over the transmission of code messages between Berlin and Washington were removed when an understanding was reached with the British foreign office that the censor should not impede messages between the American state department and the Berlin foreign office or Ambassador Gerard, relating to the interests of Germans in France or England. However, it was said, such messages were being blocked at Copenhagen, making it necessary to repeat them by way of Rome.

Red Cross officials announced there had been a countrywide response to the appeal for funds to finance the relief expenditures.

Secretary Garrison tonight said he had decided it would be necessary to charter two or three ships on this side to make trips to certain European ports for American refugees. Some American diplomatic representatives abroad, he has learned, will be unable to employ vessels because none are available.

An effort was made by Mr. Garrison to have a meeting of the general relief board tonight to consider his plan, but he was unable to bring the other members together.

ANOTHER CASE OF PLAGUE.

First Human Victim of Disease Within Past Eleven Days in New Orleans.

New Orleans, Aug. 12.—The first human case of bubonic plague within the past 11 days and the 15th since the contagion appeared here on June 27, was reported today by federal health authorities. Diagnosis today confirmed the illness of Mrs. J. J. [Name], aged 20, residing at 1835 Iberville street, as plague. She had been under observation for the past two days. The discovery of an infected rat today brought the number of rodent cases of plague to 51.

NEGRO STOLE BICYCLE.

John Morley, Said to Be Wanted in Columbia, Arrested Here.

A negro giving his name as John Morley was arrested here last night on the charge of endeavoring to sell a stolen wheel. He said he came from Columbia and a message received by Chief Sumter this morning, in answer to his request of whether or not the negro was wanted there, was to the effect that the bicycle had been stolen, please to hold the negro and he would be sent for at once.

Morley last night tried to sell the wheel for five dollars. Those he tried to sell it to demurred, sending out to Ralph Hill's bicycle place to ask if such a wheel had been stolen. The negro became alarmed at this and jumped on his wheel and tried to make a get-away, but was caught by Officers Forbes and Owens and landed in jail.

Costly Treatment.

"I was troubled with constipation and indigestion and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine and treatment," writes C. H. Hines, of Whitlow, Ark. "I went to a St. Louis hospital, also to a hospital in New Orleans, but no cure was effected. On returning home I began taking Chamberlain's Tablets, and worked right along. I used them for some time and am now all right." Sold by all dealers.—Advt.

Red Cross Appeal.

Washington, Aug. 13.—As president of the Red Cross, Woodrow Wilson today addressed a letter to the American people asking all possible assistance in reducing the distress and suffering incident to the European conflict.

Good Reason for His Enthusiasm.

When a man has suffered for several days with colic, diarrhoea or other form of bowel complaint and is then cured sound and well by one or two doses of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, as is often the case, it is but natural that he should be enthusiastic in his praise of the remedy, and especially is this the case of a severe attack when life is threatened. Try it when in need of such a remedy. It never fails. Sold by all dealers.—Advt.

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FORMAL WAR LIKELY.

Britain and Austria Probably Will Declare It.

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