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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.

In 1895 after five years of the bitterest sort of factional strife in Sumter county, it was Richard I. Manning who played the leading part in allaying strife and uniting the good people of the county in the support of a non-partisan delegation to the Constitutional Convention. This delegation which was elected by an overwhelming majority was composed of three representative Conservatives and three representative Reformers. From that day until the rise into power of the strife-stirrer, Cole L. Blease, Sumter county was free from factionalism and partisan strife, and men were elected to the legislature and to county offices on their merit and fitness for public service. Throughout his public career Richard I. Manning has stood, as he did in 1895, for good government and has ever labored to allay factionalism and destructive partisan bitterness. He has been the friend of all law-abiding citizens and in public matters has known neither friends nor foes. He has worked for the good of the State.

The cotton fields are white with cotton and if it is not picked promptly and housed it will soon be damaged and will lose one-fourth or more of its value. The farmers are eager to harvest this crop, the fruit of this year's labor, but there is no market for the few bales they have been able to pick and gin and they are practically without money to pay the cotton pickers. Unless some means are found, and found quickly, cotton picking will be entirely suspended. The farmers cannot harvest their crop without money to pay the pickers and few of them have any means of obtaining it until they can find a market for their cotton or are able to warehouse it and borrow from the banks. The situation, as we understand it, is becoming daily more serious and it behooves the business men and banks of this city unite to devise some means to tide the farmers over their difficulty. This county is not bankrupt, far from it, with its big cotton crop and abundant yields of other staples, and it is heart-sickening to think of the distress and hardship that is before us for the lack of money to enable our people to realize upon the actual wealth that they possess in their crops now ready to be harvested. As a matter of fact Sumter county was seldom, if ever, in better condition or actually more prosperous than it is now. All that is needed is the money, the medium of exchange to keep the wheels of commerce moving.

START "BUY A BALE" PLAN.
 The board of directors of the Retail Dealers' Association will meet at the Chamber of Commerce rooms this afternoon to devise plans for carrying into effect here the "buy a bale of cotton" scheme which was started in Atlanta, and which is spreading over the South. The matter will be fully discussed and plans for the execution of the idea gone into.
 Immediately after the meeting the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet to discuss much the same or other plans for aiding the farmers in the present emergency.

WANTED—You to know that I am in Sumter at the Claremont Hotel every Wednesday and Thursday, prepared to examine eyes and fit glasses. Dr. Z. F. Highsmith, Optometrist and Optician.

Vulcanizing
 Our Tire Repair Service embodies everything from a simple puncture to perfectly remedying the most serious cut or blowout in casing or tube.
 A-1 equipment plus A-1 materials with exacting, expert care in every detail insure you Promptness, Service and Satisfaction.
 Here you will find a Tire Repair Plant equipped with every Modern Steam Vulcanizing apparatus.
Columbia Vulcanizing Works
 1122 Lady St. Phone 1711

COTTON CONGRESS MEETING.

Interesting Talk Made by I. C. Strauss—Need of Diversifying Stressed—Meeting to Be Held Next Saturday.

From The Daily Item, Sept. 5.
 The Sumter county branch of the Southern Cotton Congress met today at the call of the president with only a comparatively few persons present, but these were all intensely interested in the subject, the marketing of the present cotton crop and the planting of other crops than cotton next year, when the cotton crop would be reduced fifty per cent. An interesting talk was made by Mr. I. C. Strauss, who stressed the importance of formulating plans now for the crops which would be planted next year instead of cotton, so that arrangements could be made for marketing them, and the providing of a supply of seed to plant the new crops.

The secretary called upon each of the school districts to report, but only one district had organized and made its report, this was school district number two. The other districts were asked to hold a meeting at the earliest possible opportunity and to make plans to canvass the district before next Saturday, when the meeting which was adjourned today would re-convene and reports be received from each district. This action was taken upon motion of Mr. Strauss and it was decided to print circulars and distribute them at the polling places on next Tuesday notifying farmers of these meetings and the meeting in Sumter next week.

Mr. Strauss in his talk suggested that there was comparatively little that the farmers, the bankers, the merchants and the government could do now to dispose of the 1914 cotton crop at any advantage to the farmers, but now was the time to make plans for another year. The bankers and business men were willing to help and would help, but they must know before hand what to expect. He emphasized the absolute necessity of fifty per cent reduction of the cotton crop and the formulating of plans for next year. He stated that a grain elevator might be needed and would have to be built, seed had to be secured and the farmers had to be taught what to plant and how to raise the new crops. He advocated planting grains and raising cattle, as the salvation of the South.

Mr. Strauss' remarks were well received and were seconded by remarks of Mr. J. Frank Williams, county farm demonstrator. Mr. Williams suggested that if provision was not made at once for the securing of the necessary seed to plant, that the price of seed would advance to almost prohibitive prices and they could not be secured. Mr. Moise asked Mr. Williams to accept the position of head of a committee to investigate the matter of securing the necessary seed and to appoint his own committee. Mr. Williams also advised the planting of more sugar cane next year.

Several others joined in the discussion and the meeting was a very interesting one. Shortly before two o'clock the meeting was adjourned until next Saturday.

Mr. R. B. Belsler told of the cotton conference which had been held in Columbia and the decision reached at this meeting for the benefit of the farmers.

Mr. G. A. Lemmon was called on and told what his bank was doing and would do. It could take care of its regular customers and would get something over \$50,000 through the Aldrich-Vreeland emergency act, would go to aid the farmers. He stated that the new bank system would bring further aid to the farmers, through its workings.

Cotton is bound to bring a good price later; hold yours and insure it with the Citizens' Insurance Agency, G. E. Haynsworth, Mgr.—Advt.

No. 666
 This is a prescription prepared especially for **MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER.** Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

A Small Job
 Big Repair Work gets just as careful and accurate attention here as a big job. Our expert repairer can fix your broken Jewelry or Watch in a manner that will give you perfect satisfaction.
W. A. Thompson,
 JEWELER AND OPTICIAN.
 "S. & H." Stamps Given.

FINANCING COTTON CROP

Sumter Shoe Factory Suggests Plan for Holding Cotton and at Same Time Keep Wheels of Trade Moving.

The following circular letter has been mailed to each customer of Witherpoon Bros. Shoe Mfg. Co. (the Sumter Shoe Factory.) It suggests a practical plan of financing a part of the cotton crop and preventing business stagnation. If all the manufacturers and jobbers who do business with the merchants of the cotton belt would unite in this or some similar plan the business depression that is settling down on the entire South would be swept away and the threatened financial disaster that overshadows all lines of business would be averted:

Witherpoon Bros. Shoe Mfg. Co., Sumter, S. C., Sept. 3, 1914.
 "The great importance of the farmer holding his cotton in warehouses at this time, cannot be too strongly emphasized. We believe it is up to the business men of the country to encourage him to do so.

Our salesmen will go out immediately with a full line of our men's and boys' standard screw work shoes, to take orders for spring delivery, and one of them will get to you as early as possible; you will save a little order for him, which will be very much appreciated both by the representative and ourselves. In the meantime, if you are in need of any sizes to fill in, let us have the order by mail.

You must not have the excuse that the farmer has not sold his cotton, for that is all right—encourage him to hold it; instruct him to put it in the warehouse; have it insured, get a warehouse certificate on which you will loan him \$30 for each bale of cotton, at 6 or 8 per cent. The money he will use to pay his account with you and buy more goods. In turn, you will make out your note, attaching the cotton receipt as collateral, and get the \$30 from your local bank. If your local bank cannot accommodate you, when your account with us becomes due, you will send us your note for, say thirty, sixty or ninety days at 6 per cent per annum, (blank to be furnished by us), to which you will attach the cotton warehouse receipt as collateral, on which we will be able to borrow from our local banks, which can be renewed from time to time until the cotton can again be used in foreign countries.

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

I fattened up, and grew so much stronger in three months, I felt like another person altogether."

Cardui is purely vegetable and gentle-acting. Its ingredients have a mild, tonic effect, on the womanly constitution.

Cardui makes for increased strength, improves the appetite, tones up the nervous system, and helps to make pale, sallow cheeks, fresh and rosy.

Cardui has helped more than a million weak women, during the past 50 years. It will surely do for you, what it has done for them. Try Cardui today.

Write for: Chattanooga Medicine Co., Ladies' Advisory Dept., Chattanooga, Tenn., for Special Instructions on your case and 64-page book, "Home Treatment for Women," sent in plain wrapper. J-65

Drink **Coca-Cola**
 The thirsty one's one best beverage.
 Delicious Refreshing

THE COCA-COLA CO., ATLANTA, GA.

FOR **Cotton Insurance**
 SEE **Wallace & Moses**
 Phone 577
 122 So. Main St. Sumter, S. C.

INTERESTING NEWS FROM GERMANY

Mr. Felix Steide Hears From His Partner in the "Fatherland."

Interesting, because they bring direct messages from the interior of the German empire, in the news censored war zone, are a number of postal cards received of late by Mr. Felix Steide, a native son of the "Fatherland." The writers of the cards, Richard Stelzner, Mr. Steide's business partner, who was on a visit to his native country when the war broke out, and other friends of Mr. Steide in Germany, all stress the point that enthusiasm among the Germans is unbounded, and, as an illustration, say that a number of very young men who volunteered for service and were not accepted, committed suicide in their chagrin. Mr. Stelzner is a naturalized American citizen, and was informed by the American consul that he could return if he desired, but chose to remain and cast his lot with his country.

Directly referring to the war situation, Mr. Steide's friends write that, up to August 13th, the Germans had suffered no serious loss; that up to this date, also, the English had not made a single attack on the Germans. Germany has ten million men in the field already, according to Mr. Steide's friends, and every young fellow from the age of 17 years up is volunteering for service. A girl friend, writing to Mr. Steide states that she was at a popular summer resort when the war broke from a clear sky, and that in no time, the place was almost deserted. She stated further, that along with hundreds of other German girls, she had volunteered for the Red Cross service, but on account of the flood of applications ahead of her, her offer was temporarily rejected. In closing, she stated that she "hoped to have better luck next time."

Mr. Richard Stelzner, who is now fighting for his country, (his last postal card advising that he would go to the front on August 21st) is well known here as one of the owners of the New York Bakery, and has made many friends here, Sumter having been his home practically ever since he came from Germany to the United States.

Lumber, Lime, Cement,
 BUILDING MATERIAL GENERALLY AND FEED OF ALL KINDS.
Booth-Shuler Lumber & Supply Co.
 Successors to Booth-Harby Live Stock Co. and Central Lumber Co.
 Geo. Epperson's Old Stand Opp. Court House

The Bank of South Carolina
 SUCCESSOR TO
THE FARMERS' BANK & TRUST CO.
 CAPITAL - - - \$200,000.00
 SURPLUS - - - \$150,000.00
 Interest at 4 per cent compounded quarterly in Savings Dept. 5 per cent on time certificates of deposit.
Banking Pure and Simple.

Our Lady Patrons
 Will find that in the arrangement of our NEW HOME we have made special provisions for their comfort. In addition to a cozy corner of the lobby, provided with writing tables and comfortable seats, we have a special rest room for the ladies, and we cordially invite them to make use of it.
The First National Bank
 OF SUMTER

A Bank You Can Always Bank On.
The Peoples Bank

Systematic Saving
 Has started thousands of young men on the road to business success and financial independence. By regularly saving a portion of your income you can be prepared for the business opportunities which are daily offered to the man with ready money.
 Your savings account with this Savings Bank will earn 4 per cent interest, compounded quarterly, and will entitle you to many advantages which only the regular bank depositor can enjoy.
 If you have only \$1, \$3 or \$5, it will be enough to start the account with. Bring it in today.
The Commercial & Savings Bank
 "A Savings Bank for Those Who Save"