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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southeron in 1866. The Watchman and Southeron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The State senate appears to be running around in a circle. The cotton problem has them guessing and they do not know what to do. They want to do something to relieve the situation, they want to please their constituents and allay the clamor for State aid, but they are, at the same time, confronted with the necessity of making their acts conform to the constitution. The senators have on the spur of the moment, passed several radical measures, and then on second thought, have rescinded these acts, demonstrating that the rule of reason and commonsense is still paramount. The situation in which the members of the legislature find themselves is not enviable, for they are expected by a large section of their constituents to restore prosperity by an act of legislation—an impossibility, since existing conditions are entirely beyond their control.

The Charleston race track gamblers are going ahead with arrangements for the race meet just as if they were engaged in a lawful enterprise. They count on no interference from indifferent county officials and a friendly state administration and expect to revel in a carnival of bookmaking and pool room gambling until the legislature convenes in January and the new administration is inaugurated.

If the Germans do not succeed in overwhelming the allies in France and Belgium during the next ten days or two weeks the war will drag on through the winter without material change in the general situation. Then, when spring opens, England will have completed her preparations to wage an effective campaign and Germany will be forced to fight on the defensive. The fate of the allies now hangs in the balance for the Germans are making a supreme effort to crush and scatter the British and French forces and overrun France. It is now or never with Germany and they are throwing all their available forces against the allies.

The conditional agreement of the Federal Reserve Board to accept proposed South Carolina cotton bonds as a basis for the issue of currency will revive the hopes of the bond issue advocates and they will redouble their efforts to force the bond issue bill through both branches of the legislature. We greatly fear the members of the legislature will shirk the responsibility that is really theirs by passing the bill with the proviso that the question be referred to voters at the general election on November 3rd. The bond issue is the most insidious and dangerous scheme that has been put before the people of South Carolina since the State dispensary system was foisted upon the State. It is poor policy and worse finance, and its eventual effects upon the State will be more damaging and disastrous than if all of the present cotton crop should be sold at five cents a pound. The very people the bond issue is ostensibly designed to help will be eventually the worst sufferers, since they will have to pay the bonds, interest and the heavy incidental expenses. But the worst feature of the whole scheme is that a fictitious market will be created for cotton and the farmers will use the money obtained from this bond issue to raise another cotton crop that the markets of the world cannot absorb. Then there will be a clamor for another and bigger bond issue and the process will be repeated until the crash comes, leaving the State saddled with a tremendous debt and nothing to pay it with except cotton that cannot be sold for more than half the price paid for it in bonds. We may be entirely mistaken in this view of the bond scheme, but it appears to us dangerous, and we are afraid of it.

The house of representatives had a "rough house" session Friday night and the unofficial report states that the cause was not the cotton problem, but too much essence of grain.

The suggestion that all the dispensaries in the State be ordered closed, by legislative enactment, until the

end of the European war does not meet with the enthusiastic endorsement of a majority of the legislature. But if the conditions are so desperate as to warrant the issue of \$35,000,000 in bonds it is a reasonable proposition to close the dispensaries and stop the spending of \$300,000 a month for liquor. The enforcement of the Webb law in conjunction with the closing of the dispensaries would bring about a condition closely approximating actual prohibition.

The low price of cotton is undoubtedly causing serious inconvenience to many people who are unable to pay their debts to the banks, merchants, fertilizer dealers and others, but there is no outright destitution. The people still find money to buy what they want and few of them are cutting out any of the luxuries. They are spending thousands of dollars monthly for liquor, they patronize the circuses liberally and the only noticeable curtailment is in the payment of debts.

DEMONSTRATION WORK AT FAIR.

Greatest Exhibit of Kind Ever Presented is at Columbia.
What is believed to be the greatest exhibition of farm demonstration work ever presented under one roof is that which is being made at the South Carolina State Fair in Columbia by the demonstration agents of Clemson College and the United States Department of Agriculture. The entire wall space of the great steel building on the fair grounds is occupied by booths of the county agents, the poultry and canning club agents and the special agents who have their headquarters at Clemson College. Agents have been preparing for this exhibition for several months. A unique feature of the arrangements was the procuring of cold storage accommodations in Columbia in spring so that fresh vegetables might be sent in by the agents from time to time and kept in good condition until the fair.

EXPERTS REPORT ON PELLAGRA

Government Investigators Find That Disease is in No Way Contagious or Infectious.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 25.—"The government investigators have come to the definite conclusion that pellagra comes from living on a one-sided diet and that it is in no way contagious or infectious," said Dr. Joseph Goldberger, United States public health service today. Dr. Goldberger came to Savannah for a conference relative to the progress of the studies and researches being made at the United States marine hospital into the subject.

"Only those whose diet contains too little of classes of proteid foods, such as milk, lean meat or legumes (beans and peas) develop the disease," said Dr. Goldberger. "The treatment and prevention are therefore very simple. Those who are sick with pellagra should be fed an abundance of milk, eggs, lean meat and beans or peas. If the disease has not gone too far recovery is certain. To cure pellagra eat beans; to prevent pellagra, eat more beans."

Dr. Goldberger is at the head of the commission of public health service experts which has been investigating the pellagra problem. The result of their investigation is embodied in a report entitled "The Treatment and Prevention of Pellagra," which has just been issued by the United States public health service.

Quit Whining and Help Ourselves.

It is very gratifying to note that such men as R. G. Rhett, E. W. Robertson and many other prominent bankers in the State have taken hold of the St. Louis plan to raise a fund of \$150,000,000 by which 5,000,000 bales of cotton can be taken off the market and stored away. There is something definite and substantial in this plan of the bankers to provide a loan of \$150,000,000, and the best part is that bankers outside of the Southern States propose to raise two-thirds of it. Since Washington can not help us and what the legislatures of the cotton States will do can not give immediate relief, it is simply a case of helping ourselves. This plan will remove practically all the distressed cotton from the market and enable the farmers to meet their most pressing obligations and give them opportunity to renew their supplies and get in position for another year. With five million bales stored away they will hardly be fool enough to plant a full crop next year.—Bishopville Leader and Vindicator.

Have a Home Garden.

One of the most important things that demand the farmer's attention now is the home vegetable garden, according to Clemson College. He should already have his garden planted. However, it is not too late. Winter greens will save him more on his supply bill than he may now realize.

RESPECT MONROE DOCTRINE.

GERMANY WILL RECOGNIZE PRINCIPLE.

Count Bernstorff Announces That His Country Will Not Violate Terms of Doctrine After Close of War.

Washington, Oct. 24.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, announced today that Germany would respect the Monroe doctrine, whatever the outcome of the European war. A note to that effect has been presented to the state department by the ambassador.

The text of the communication was withheld by department officials, but Acting Secretary Lansing made this announcement:

"The German ambassador stated that he was instructed by his government to deny most emphatically rumors, that Germany intends, in case she is victorious in the present war, to seek expansion in South America."

Discussion of the ambassador's note was aroused by a published statement of Dr. Duernberg, former colonial secretary to Germany, calling attention to the fact that his government had notified the United States as to the untruth of its intentions in South America. Dr. Duernberg and German officials here attributed these rumors to Germany's enemies in the present war, believing they were designed to influence public opinion in the United States against Germany.

At the German embassy surprise was expressed that Dr. Duernberg's remarks had aroused particular interest. It was asserted they disclosed no alteration of policy by Germany.

NUMBER ON FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Carolina and Clemson Men Will Have Figures on Back to Help Spectators Enjoy Game.

Columbia State.

The players in the Carolina-Clemson game will be numbered. The Carolina authorities announced some time ago their intention to number the Carolina men, and a letter received yesterday from Clemson states that Clemson will do likewise. This will greatly add to the game from the spectators' standpoint.

COTTON GINNERS' REPORT.

Crop This Year is Much Larger than Last.

Washington, Oct. 26.—The government report today shows 7,610,862 bales cotton ginned from the growth in 1914, to October 18th, against 6,973,518 last year.

Mrs. Carman Released on Bond.
New York, Oct. 26.—Mrs. Carman today was admitted to \$25,000 bail and left for her home at Freeport in an automobile.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

Of The Peoples' Bank, Located at Sumter, S. C., at the Close of Business, October 21, 1914.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$236,455.01
Overdrafts	2,786.26
Bonds and stocks owned by the bank	1,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	5,195.11
Banking house	15,049.73
Due from Banks and bankers	12,611.20
Currency	2,238.09
Gold	330.00
Silver and other minor coin	1,392.35
Checks and cash items	5,952.86
Total	\$344,010.52

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	17,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	3,657.67
Individual deposits subject to check	50,511.11
Savings deposits	41,221.05
Time certificates of deposit	12,557.73
Certified checks	154.46
Cashier's checks	156.50
Notes and bills rediscounted	5,000.00
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	113,750.00
Total	\$344,010.52

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Sumter.
Before me came S. M. McLeod, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.
S. M. McLEOD,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th day of October, 1914.
O. L. Yates,
Notary Public for South Carolina.
Correct Attest:
F. D. KNIGHT,
R. C. WALLACE,
S. W. STEUBBS,
Directors.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

Of the Bank of Sumter, Located at Sumter, S. C., at the Close of Business, October 21, 1914.

RESOURCES:

Loans and discounts	\$732,411.27
Overdrafts	5,883.52
Bonds and Stocks owned by the bank	21,169.98
Furniture and fixtures	15,549.42
Banking house	55,628.39
Other real estate owned	None
Due from banks and bankers	33,606.60
Currency	29,245.00
Gold	667.50
Silver and other minor coin	2,317.20
Checks and cash items	16,789.64
Exchanges for the clearing house	None
Other resources	None
Total	\$913,268.52

LIABILITIES:

Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	11,785.22
Due to banks and bankers	3,784.20
Dividends unpaid	None
Individual deposits subject to check	173,419.20
Savings deposits	88,018.59
Demand certificates of deposit	1,214.40
Time certificates of deposit	4,835.95
Certified checks	None
Cashier's checks	210.96
Notes and bills rediscounted	15,000.00
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	363,000.00
Reserve Fund Carried on General Individual or savings ledger	2,000.00
Other Liabilities, viz.	None
Total	\$913,268.52

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Sumter.
Before me came Bernard Manning, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.
BERNARD MANNING,
Cashier.
Sworn and subscribed before me this 23rd day of October, 1914.
R. L. Edmunds,
Notary Public
Correct Attest:
RICHARD I. MANNING,
EARTOW WALSH,
R. S. HOOD,
Directors.

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W. M. Folsom, salesman, 101 Hampton Ave., Sumter, S. C., says: "My back ached and if I made a quick move, I had sharp twinges throughout my body. After sitting for awhile, I had to lift myself up gradually. The kidney secretions were unnatural and filled with sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at China's Drug Store, gave me relief and I again enjoyed good health. I gladly confirm my former endorsement of Doan's kidney pills. The benefit I got has been permanent."
Price 50c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Folsom had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. 41

Licenses to marry have been granted to Mr. B. J. Willis of Chester and Miss Louise H. Reynolds of Sumter. Also to John Benjamin and Darkey Le Grant, Mayesville; Weston Witherpoon and Lorena Brunson, Sumter; Harvey Johnson and Maggie Dowling, Paxville.

FOR SALE—600 bushels latest improved Hancock oats; limited amount of Abruzzi and home grown rye. Apply W. L. Saunders, Sumter, R. F. D. No. 3 for prices and particulars.

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