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

The farmers are doing their part to make the Curb Market a success, and the numbers regularly bringing country produce to the market on the regular market days is steadily increasing. Quite a large number of housekeepers, comparatively speaking, are taking advantage of the curb market to purchase household supplies from the producers, but, to be perfectly candid, the majority of the housekeepers are not patronizing the market as they should. Up to this time the farmers have been able to sell each market day practically everything they have brought in and they have been well pleased with the curb market experiment. The news of the success of the tri-weekly market days has become wide spread and the number of country wagons and the quantity and variety of produce on the market increasing steadily each week without a corresponding increase in the number of buyers there is imminent danger of there being a glut of produce on the market. If this condition arises the farmers will quit bringing produce and the curb market will be a failure. There are hundreds of housekeepers who need the articles offered for sale on the curb market and they can save money by making their purchases from the farmers. The curb market will help the farmers by providing an outlet for their surplus produce, but it will be, if properly utilized, of greater benefit to the residents of the town. It is up to the housekeepers to make use of a good thing to make a dollar go as far as possible to obtain fresh wholesome food and to reduce the high cost of living.

The formal inauguration of an accidental governor for a five-day term may appeal to the members of a legislature enamored of formality, fuss and feathers, but to the plain everyday citizen it seems to be merely official foolishness carried to the nth power. The pomp and parade attending the administering of the oath of office by the chief justice of the Supreme Court, in due and solemn form for the second time within two days was quite as ridiculous as the delivery of a formal inaugural address by the five-day governor to a legislature that immediately adjourned for the remainder of his brief term of office. Such performances contribute to the gaiety of nations but do not augment the reverence and respect of the masses for the legislative, executive and judicial departments of the government, all of which were participants in the gravely solemn farce.

William Jennings Bryan has held his place as a popular idol in a most remarkable manner through a long term of years in spite of defeat in two presidential campaigns and other untoward political circumstances. His hold on the people has been due to the general belief in his personal integrity and purity of purpose. He has been the idealist in politics when character has been above reproach, and his enemies have never been able to find a joint in his armor. This San Domingo scandal, his pernicious activity in finding good jobs for political workers and his standing sponsor for some of the grafters who are being smoked out by investigation of San Domingo graft bills fair to result in his undoing and leave a smirch on his record. Bryan is either in a tight place or there has been a frame-up of which he is a victim.

The race track gamblers, perhaps, had warning that Gov. Smith would be at the helm of State for five days, and, being terrified quit their nefarious business to escape the condign and immediate punishment that would have been meted out to them. Of course they never once considered that Blease's term would end at 12 o'clock noon, January 19th and made their arrangements to close their race track before that date. Smith was the bogie man they were afraid of.

That Indianapolis speech is still worrying the Republicans and Bull

Moose remnants. They can't find the answer.

WAR ON HIGH PRICES.

Government Begins Vigorous Effort to Cope With Food Situation.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The United States government today began a vigorous effort to cope with the food price situation.

The department of justice under instructions from President Wilson was seeking to determine whether any illegal combinations are back of the sudden rise in prices, and the departments of commerce and agriculture were compiling figures showing the amounts of foodstuffs in the United States and recent increases in prices.

Legislation giving the president power to stop the exportation of foodstuffs whenever necessary and other bills designed to lower prices were discussed informally at the capitol but there were no indications that anything along this line would be done during the present session of congress.

No information leading to the belief that illegal combinations had forced up the price of wheat and flour has yet been received, officials said, but United States district attorneys everywhere are under orders to follow up every clue.

A marked increase in exports of foodstuffs recently is shown in commerce department reports. Exports of wheat increased from 9,403,856 bushels in July, 1913, to 26,357,254 bushels in July, 1914. The total value of all foodstuffs exported during the eight months ending with August, 1912, was \$69,909,487, which figure increased to \$148,309,957 in 1913 and dropped to \$126,401,070 in 1914.

During September, 1913, 11,971,163 bushels of foodstuffs were exported and in September, 1914, 25,869,100 bushels. The price increased materially.

In November, 1913, wheat valued at \$3,400,319 was exported and in November, 1914, \$23,820,097. The total value of foodstuffs exported during the 11 months ending with November, 1912, was \$140,531,790, which increased to \$191,665,810 in 1913 and to \$283,073,444 last year.

The Nimble Dollar.

A contributor to the Rockingham (N. C.) Post, in a recent issue, gives some sound, sensible advice anent the present unusual conditions existing in the country, and the advice given would go a long way towards relieving conditions, if acted upon promptly. The Post writer presents what he terms an absolutely accurate statement of six days work of One Hundred Dollars. Here it is, in paragraphs:

"January 1st, borrowed from bank by the planter, and paid to his merchant who mails it to his wholesaler.
"January 3rd, received by wholesaler and mailed to manufacturer.
"January 5th, received and mailed by manufacturer to parties he owes for raw material.
"January 6th, received by seller of raw material and paid to his bank for borrowed money.
"The original bank made a loan of \$100, to the planter a payment of \$100, the retail merchant a payment of \$100, the wholesaler a payment of \$100, the manufacturer a payment of \$100, and the raw material man a payment of \$100."

Thus it is shown that in six days that \$100 has done the work of \$600; has paid \$500 of indebtedness and is as good as it ever was, ready and willing to do the same work every other six days. What a world of relief would come, if the people of this country would only do their duty to themselves and to each other and keep the money moving. One dollar in the liquidation of an honest obligation will perform the functions of six perfectly good dollars, if used promptly and wisely, as suggested by this correspondent of the Rockingham paper.

Tax Return Notice.

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following places and on the dates given for the purpose of receiving tax returns, on all personal property, road, polls and dogs:

- Tindals, Jan. 5.
- Privateer, Jan. 5.
- Levi Siding, Jan. 7.
- Wedgfield, Jan. 8.
- Claremont, Jan. 11.
- Hagood, Jan. 12.
- Rembert, Jan. 13.
- Dalzell, Jan. 14.
- Brogdon, Jan. 15.
- Oswego, Jan. 18.
- Mayesville, Jan. 19.
- Pleasant Grove, Jan. 20.
- Shiloh, Jan. 21.
- Norwood Cross Roads, Jan. 22.

R. E. WILDER,
County Auditor.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry has been granted to Geo. Bradley and Sadie Yates, Oswego.

A SOCIALIST'S VIEWPOINT.

Would Have Every Man Carry a Pistol and Would do Away with Militia

Georgetown, Jan. 14.—John C. Gibbs, candidate for lieutenant governor on the Socialist ticket at the recent election and a leading organizer of the Socialist party in the State, hopes that now the militia has been disbanded it will be done away with permanently. Moreover, he would like to see a law passed making it obligatory on every male citizen of voting age to carry a pistol. In an interview he said:

"If we can get along without the militia for six months, why can we not get along without it permanently? Nobody fears any disturbance that would call for military activity during the next six months, or at any time in sight. There is nothing in sight warranting the maintenance of the costly State military establishment. If the thing is useless, why keep it up?"

"And just here I would like to advance an idea that is entirely my own. The records of crimes of violence in the State show that the anti-pistol totting laws of the State are practically worthless. They are as fierce as blue blazes—on the statute books; but they are weaker than water in practice. Look at your court records for proof.

Now, why would it not be an excellent plan to repeal all of those worthless anti-pistol laws and replace them with laws making it mandatory that every man of voting age should carry a pistol of not less than 32 caliber? I honestly believe that if every man 'packed a gun,' and that if everybody knew that his neighbor, friend and 'vis-a-vis' was armed to kill, there would be fewer shooting scrapes and fewer killings. People would be a whole lot more particular in what they said and did. And then some of the avenues for official chicanery and graft would be closed, and court expenses would be reduced.
"I think the governor has done a good thing in wiping out the State militia. It will afford us at least a six-months' object lesson, illustrating the fact that the militia is not needed and is a useless burden on the taxpayer."

Where It Comes From.

This comes from the South:
"The Southern farmer gets up at the alarm of a Connecticut clock, buttons Chicago suspenders to Detroit overalls, and washes his face with Cincinnati soap in a Pennsylvania pan. He then sits down at a Grand Rapids table and eats Chicago meat and Indiana hominy, fried in Kansas lard, cooked on a Kalamazoo range.

"He goes to his stable and puts a New York bridle on a Kentucky mule fed on Iowa corn; plows a farm covered by an Ohio mortgage with a Syracuse plow.

"When bedtime comes he reads a chapter from a Bible printed in Boston, says a prayer written in Jerusalem. Then crawls under a blanket made in New Jersey only to be kept awake by a North Carolina dog—the dog is the only home product on the place.

"And then he wonders! He cannot see why he does not make money raising cotton."

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS.

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Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfil the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited to those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy that I know of has so large a sale."

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency. NO. 10670.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1914. Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The National Bank of Sumter" in the City of Sumter, in the county of Sumter and State of South Carolina, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now Therefore, I, John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The National Bank of Sumter" in the City of Sumter, in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina, is authorized to commence business of banking as provided in Section Fifty-one Hundred and Sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. Conversion of The Bank of Sumter, South Carolina.

In Testimony Whereof witness my hand and seal of office this twenty-third day of December,

(Signed) John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency.

NO. 10660.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT. OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5, 1914. Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The National Bank of South Carolina, of Sumter" in the city of Sumter in the County of Sumter and State of South Carolina has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of banking;

Now Therefore, I, John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "The National Bank of South Carolina of Sumter," in the city of Sumter and State of South Carolina is authorized to commence the business of banking as provided in Section Fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States. Conversion of The Bank of South Carolina, Sumter, S. C.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office this fifth day of December, 1914.

JOHN SKELTON WILLIAMS, Comptroller of the Currency.

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Youngs Island, S. C., Nov. 23, 1914.
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