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

The rule against the sheriff of Kershaw county to show cause why he should not be removed from office for neglect of duty in failing to enforce the law against the sale of liquor will have a salutary effect upon all the sheriffs in the State. In recent years a majority of sheriffs have come to regard the office as a sort of sinecure, requiring little activity and calling for no initiative. The sheriffs have labored under an impression that they had done their full duty when they served papers placed in their hands and made arrests on warrants sworn out by citizens. Few of them have sought out law breakers or made an effort to prevent the violation of law. Liquor sellers in particular and other law breakers in general, who carried on their illegal activities with reasonable regard for the superficial properties, were seldom molested, unless a private citizen made complaint. The sheriffs have been loath to work up cases, obtain evidence and bind over witnesses on their own initiative and the custom has gradually become fixed for the sheriffs to wait for specific instances of law breaking to be pointed out to them. Gov. Manning has adopted a policy that will vitalize the law and revivify the sheriffs, forcing them to realize that it is their duty to see that the law is obeyed and that those who wilfully become law breakers are punished. The burden of enforcing the law and setting in motion the machinery of the law against criminals is the function of the sheriff, having been delegated to him by the people and when he attempts to shirk this responsibility and throw it back upon the people he is guilty of neglect of duty. Gov. Manning is bringing home this fact to the sheriffs in a forcible manner and neither the sheriffs nor the law breakers will have an easy time under his administration.

**Spartans State Y. M. C. A. Champs.**

Columbia, March 21.—Spartanburg won the State Y. M. C. A. basketball championship last night by defeating Columbia 26 to 26 in one of the hardest fought games ever played on the local Y. M. C. A. floor. Spartanburg drew first blood by scoring a foul goal right after that for Columbia and then the locals began to get busy and forged in the lead; however, they continued to play too close a game and committed numerous fouls for holding which Earle made good for Spartanburg. The first half ended 17 to 15 in favor of Columbia. In the second half the plays were fast and furious and each side took turns taking the lead and up to the last three minutes of play the score was tied, but a field goal and two more fouls throws put Spartanburg in the lead and the game ended with the above score.

Earle was easily the star player for Spartanburg, making good ten out of eleven foul throws and won the game for his team by his accuracy and speed. Ben Duncan played a brilliant game for the locals and besides scoring 12 of the 26 points, covered the floor in a remarkable manner. Rhea got the jump on his man most of the time and fed the ball to both Duncan and Gunter. Whistnant held his man down to one goal and Bill Watkins had a merry time trying to hold down Earle, who was a regular "speed boy." Earle caged four field goals besides 19 fouls, making 18 points in all. Columbia lost the game on fouls. If the plays had been more open most of the fouls committed would most probably have been eliminated. However, the game was a real hummer, and was anybody's game until the last three minutes of play. A good crowd of fans turned out to see the clash.

**COL. KOHN IN HOSPITAL.**

Columbia, March 20.—Col. August Kohn, local capitalist, and who is connected with the Columbia bureau of The News and Courier, was operated on at the Columbia Hospital this morning for appendicitis. The operation was performed by Dr. LeGrand Guerry and was successful.

**HOME EDUCATION COURSE.**

United States Bureau of Education  
Inaugurates National Reading Course.

Editor Daily Item:  
The communications below are self-explanatory. I am asking you to publish them; because in this way so many may be reached and I believe that the communications are valuable. Anyone who will do this work seriously and earnestly, will receive great benefit and he will know that he is pursuing a course of reading in a systematic manner and under the direction of literary experts.  
Respectfully,  
S. H. Edmunds,  
Superintendent City Schools.

Mr. S. H. Edmunds, Superintendent of Schools, Sumter, S. C.

Dear Sir: I am inclosing letters pertaining to Reading Courses No. 1 and No. 2 of the home education division of the Bureau of Education, which I wish to ask you to read to students in your school or post where it will be read by them. Also a list of books to be read, which you will please post or otherwise give students interested an opportunity to copy. I shall be glad if you will encourage students and others to undertake this work. It offers, I believe, a means of accomplishing much good. It is not expected that those who take No. II will also take No. I. They will not read the No. I books twice.  
Yours sincerely,  
P. P. Claxton,  
Commissioner.

**The World's Great Literary Bibles. Reading Course No. I.**

Among all the books of the world a few are so preeminent for content and style that they have been called the Literary Bibles. These are the Iliad and the Odyssey of Homer, the Divine Comedy of Dante, the greater dramas of Shakespeare, and Goethe's Faust. Each of these is the embodiment and revelation of the ideals of a race, an age, or a civilization. They came out of the hearts and minds of the people, for whom their authors were only the spokesmen. They are therefore simple, fundamental, and comprehensive. They appeal to the hearts and grip the minds of all people everywhere, young and old, learned and unlearned, of whatever race or creed. They are human books and take firm hold on the human life which we all live, which few understand, but which in all its phases has "interest without end." They are broadminded, catholic books. Their authors saw life steadily and saw it whole. Kings and priests to God and humanity, they interpreted for man the eternal mysteries. Prophetic men, they stood on the mountain tops and caught the glow of the ever-dawning new day. Finely organized men, they felt the heart-throb and pulse beat of the human race, and understood the hopes and fears and aspirations of humanity better than most, and have set these to the music of rhythmic, winged words.

These books should be read by all who would know the world's literature and life. The United States Bureau of Education has, therefore, chosen them for its first course in reading, and invites all serious-minded young men and women to join this, its first National reading circle, the members of which will undertake to read each of these books, at least twice within the next 3 years from the time of joining the circle.

For admission to this circle it is only necessary to write to the "Home Education Division of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.," giving your name, postoffice address, your age, and a very brief statement of your education and occupation. You should also write the home education division of the Bureau when you have finished reading any book of the course.

To each person giving satisfactory evidence of having read all the books on the list there will be awarded a certificate bearing the seal of the United States Bureau of Education and signed by the Commissioner of Education. All young men and women who want to know the best there is in the literature of the world and to gain the inspiration it gives are invited to join this National reading circle, and it is hoped many thousands may do so.

1. The Iliad of Homer—Lang, Leaf and Myer. . . . .25c  
The Macmillan Co., New York, or The Odyssey of Homer—William Cullen Bryant, students' edition. . . . . \$1.00  
Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston.
2. The Odyssey of Homer—Butcher and Lang. . . . .50c  
The Macmillan Company of New York, or The Odyssey of Homer—William Cullen Bryant, students' edition. . . . . \$1.00  
Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston.
3. The Divine Comedy of Dante—Cary students' edition. . . . .60c  
Thomas Y. Crowell & Company, New York, or The Divine Com-

- edy of Dante—Norton . . . . .1.50  
Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston, or The Divine Comedy of Dante—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow . . . . .2.50  
Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston.
4. Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice.  
Shakespeare's Macbeth.  
Shakespeare's Hamlet.  
Shakespeare's Othello—Any edition.
5. Goethe's Faust, Bayard Taylor . . . . .75c  
Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston.

The translations and editions given here are thought to be the best suited for the purpose of this reading circle. Charles Alphonso Smith, Edgar Allen Poe, Professor of English in the University of Virginia; Charles Foster Smith, Professor of Greek in the University of Wisconsin; Richard Burton, professor English Literature, University of Minnesota, and William Lyon Phelps, Professor of English Literature in Yale University, will assist the Bureau of Education in directing this course of reading.

State school officers are asked to cooperate with the Bureau of Education in directing this and other reading courses arranged by the Bureau. In those States in which this is done the certificates may bear also the signature of the chief school officer.

In writing about this course refer to it as "United States Bureau of Education, Home Education Division, Reading Course No. I, or as The Literary Bibles Reading Course."  
**Great Literature—Ancient Medieval, and Modern.**

**Reading Course No. II.**

It is difficult to estimate the value of a systematic course of reading in the greater literature of the world. It widens one's horizon, deepens one's current of thought, quickens one's interests, and makes all life richer and fuller; not only the life of the individual but of the Nation as well. That individuals and Nation alike may be thus enriched, the United States Bureau of Education is issuing, through its home education division, these two courses in reading:

- Course No. I, The World's Literary Bibles, including:  
The Iliad and the Odyssey of Homer, The Divine Comedy of Dante, Shakespeare's, The Merchant of Venice, Shakespeare's Macbeth, Shakespeare's Hamlet, Shakespeare's Othello, Goethe's Faust.  
And the present Course II, which includes these eight books and also the nine following:  
Job, Isaiah, Deuteronomy, Prometheus Bound of Aeschylus, The Aeneid of Virgil, The Nibelungenlied, Cervantes' Don Quixote, Select Plays of Moliere, Milton's Paradise Lost.

The Bureau invites all who wish to undertake this course of reading under its direction to join its Second National Reading Circle. For admission to this circle it is only necessary to write to the "Home Education Division of the Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C.," giving your name postoffice address, your age, and a very brief statement of your education and occupation. You should also write the home education division of the Bureau when you have finished reading any course.

To each person submitting satisfactory evidence of having read all the books on this list within three years from the time of joining circle, there will be awarded a certificate bearing the seal of the United States Bureau of Education and signed by the Commissioner of Education. In States where the State department of education cooperates with the Bureau this certificate may bear the signature of the chief school officer of the State also. All young men and women who wish to lay a good foundation for a knowledge of the best literature are invited to join this circle. Charles Alphonso Smith, Edgar Allen Poe, professor of English in the University of Virginia; Charles Forster Smith, professor of Greek in the University of Wisconsin; Richard Burton, professor of English Literature in the University of Minnesota; and William Lyon Phelps, professor of English Literature in Yale University, will assist the Bureau of Education in directing this course of reading.

In writing about this course refer to it as "United States Bureau of Education, Home Education Division, Reading Course No. II, or Great Literature, Ancient, Medieval, and Modern."

**Masterpieces of World Literature. Reading Course No. II.**

1. The Book of Job—Moulton's Modern Reader's Bible. . . . .50c  
The Macmillan Co., New York.
2. Deuteronomy—Moulton's Modern Reader's Bible. . . . .50c  
The Macmillan Co., New York.
3. Isaiah—Moulton's Modern Reader's Bible. . . . .50c  
The Macmillan Co., New York.

4. The Iliad of Homer—Lang, Leaf, and Myer. . . . .25c  
The Macmillan Co., New York or The Iliad of Homer—William Cullen Bryant, students' edition . . . . .1.00  
Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston.
5. The Odyssey of Homer—Butcher and Lang. . . . .50c  
The Macmillan Co., New York, or The Odyssey of Homer—William Cullen Bryant, students' edition. . . . .1.00  
Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston.
6. The Prometheus Bound of Aeschylus—Janet Case. . . . .35c  
E. P. Dutton, New York.
7. The Aeneid of Virgil—Taylor. . . . .35c  
E. P. Dutton, New York.
8. The Aeneid of Virgil—Williams. . . . .75c  
Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston.
9. The Nibelungenlied—Needler 1.75  
Henry Holt & Co., New York.
10. The Divine Comedy of Dante—Cary students' edition. . . . .60c  
Thos. Y. Crowell & Co., New York or The Divine Comedy of Dante—Norton. . . . .1.50  
Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston, or The Divine Comedy of Dante—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. . . . .2.50  
Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston.
11. Johnson's Don Quixote. . . . .50c  
The Macmillan Co., New York.
12. Shakespeare's The Merchant of Venice.
13. Shakespeare's Macbeth,
14. Shakespeare's Hamlet,
15. Shakespeare's Othello, (Any edition.)
16. Select Plays of Moliere . . . . .30c  
The Macmillan Co., New York.
17. Milton's Paradise Lost—Masson's edition. . . . .60c  
Thos. Y. Crowell & Co., New York.
18. Goethe's Faust—Taylor . . . . .75c  
Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston.

**FUNDS FOR MILITIA.**

**War Department Will Make Every Effort to Aid South Carolina.**

Columbia, March 20.—Secretary Garrison of the Federal war department wrote Gov. Manning this afternoon that the department "is ready to make every effort to co-operate with and aid South Carolina in making the national funds available." The secretary said he had ordered the reports on inspections rushed to Washington, so that quick action can be given. The Governor recently asked that the funds be restored.

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