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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.

Weekly Weather Forecast.
 Weather forecast for the week beginning Wednesday April 27, 1915, issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C.
 For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather, with temperatures near the seasonal average, probable during the coming week.

Col. Roosevelt, the self-righteous chronic office seeker was forced to admit under cross-examination that when governor of New York he recognized Boss Platt as supreme and took orders from him in making all appointments. It was also dragged out of him that he made at least one important appointment to satisfy Dick Croker, the Tammany Boss. And still Col. Roosevelt had the brazen hardihood to criticize and denounce Boss Barnes who seems to have been a gentleman and a scholar compared with Boss Platt and Boss Croker. Col. Roosevelt fell out with the crooked bosses and the corrupt machine only when the system did not work to his political advancement and his personal profit. The Barnes trial is throwing light on dark places and revealing many hidden secrets.

Sumter county has a larger acreage in wheat this year, according to the statistics compiled by the State Department of Agriculture, than any other county in this section of the State, and yet no provision has been made to mill or market the wheat. Sumter county wheat growers will probably have to take their wheat to

Manning, Florence or Columbia to have it converted into flour for home consumption. It is stated that the towns mentioned will have flour mills in operation in time to grind this season's crop, and if Sumter has no flour mill to grind our own wheat we shall be forced to patronize the mills of our neighbors even though it will entail a heavy expense to do so. It would probably be cheaper to build a mill than to haul the wheat to another county, but Sumter county farmers do not seem any more interested in the flour mill than are the majority of the business men of Sumter.

Sumter has acquired the Chautauqua habit. For so long as the Red-path business is able to furnish the class of entertainment that we have had this year and last, Sumter can be counted on to remain an enthusiastic and appreciative member of the circuit. Next year's Chautauqua is assured. This was settled last night, the required guarantee having been made up within a few minutes after the call was made for pledges for 1916 tickets, although the season tickets for next year are to be sold at \$2.50 instead of \$2 as heretofore.

This boosting stuff about "Buy it Now," is all very nice, but it would be more to the point to pay now for what was bought last year. This would put a lot of money in circulation and at the same time would be only common honesty. It is sterling principle to be just before you are generous.

Former Governor Shellenberger, of Nebraska, in his Chautauqua lecture the other day, stated that his State, with a population of only one million, produces agricultural staples worth \$400,000,000 annually, and but for the unsurmountable handicap of a deficient water supply would tremendously increase this vast sum. South Carolina with fifty per cent greater population, a fertile soil, abundant rainfall and a climate far superior to that of Nebraska, which favors the growing of crops every month in the year, should produce annually greater wealth than Nebraska. The fundamental reason for not doing so is too much cotton and too little live stock.

Col. David D. Gaillard has a greater and more lasting monument than the pyramids of Egypt and his monument is not a useless pile of stone, but most important link in the greatest work for the benefit of mankind yet achieved by man.

The most significant conclusion to

be deduced from the results up to date of the great European war is that Germany made one fatal mistake in her preparations for the conquest of Europe—the Kaiser failed to study and digest Admiral Mohan's book, "The Influence of Sea Power on Empire." It is clearly evident that had Germany possessed at the outbreak of the war a navy proportionately as strong as its army, the task of conquering Europe would have been quickly and easily accomplished and the Kaiser's ambition for the overlordship of the world would have been attained months ago. It was a mistake for the Kaiser to precipitate the conflict when he did not have even a fighting chance on the sea. But notwithstanding this handicap, Germany is making a fight that will be the marvel of the ages for all time.

The fight over the dispensary appointments in Aiken county is a most futile proceeding, and will result in no benefit, financial or otherwise, to those who are trying to hold or get the jobs. The dispensary is on its last legs and the State-wide election this fall will seal its fate. It would be as well to close up the remaining county dispensaries now as to wait until fall to do it.

TO PREVENT LYNCHING.

Governor of Virginia Orders out Troops to Protect Negro.
 Richmond, April 27.—The governor today ordered two companies of militia to protect Tom Coles, a negro, threatened with lynching in Mecklenburg county. The negro is accused of attacking a white girl.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 9 3-4.
 Strict Middling 9 5-8.
 Middling 9 1-2.
 Strict Low Middling 9.
 Low Middling 8 1-2.
 Staple Cotton, Nominal.

New York Cotton Market.

	Opened.	Close.
May	10.09	10.02
July	10.37	10.28
Oct.	10.67	10.61
Dec.	10.82	10.67

Chicago Produce Market.

Chicago, April 29.—May wheat, \$1.61 1-2; corn 77; oats, 55 1-2; July pork 18.12; lard, nominal; ribs, 10.60.

GRADUATION PROGRAM.

Raffing Creek Graded School, Graded School Chapel, May 7, 8 P. M.

Music—Orchestra—Messrs. Myers and DuBose.
 Invocation—Rev. Carter.
 Song—School.
 Declamation—Basil Anderson.
 Music—Orchestra—Messrs. Myers and DuBose.

Address—Rev. Truesdale.
 Music—Orchestra,
 Duet—Mrs. J. H. McLeod, Miss Harlee.

Declamation—Wiley Jenkins.
 Music—Orchestra—Messrs. Myers and DuBose.

Presentation of Diplomas—Dr. Haynsworth.

Music—Orchestra.
 Benediction—Rev. Truesdale.
Graduates.

Mr. Coolie Gillis, Miss Crawford Jenkins, Miss Mary Harlee.

Attention Woodmen.

Hollywood Camp, W. O. W. having been invited to attend the Bob Jones Evangelistic meeting in the Tabernacle Thursday night, May 6th, all members are requested to meet at Woodmen Hall at 7.15 P. M. Thursday, May 6th for the purpose of attending the meeting in a body. Woodmen are requested to assemble promptly at the hour named.

H. L. Scarborough,

R. S. Hood, Consul Commander.
 Clerk.

Public Notice.

The regular spring examination for teachers will take place in the County Court House, Friday, May 7th, beginning at 9 o'clock. The questions will be taken from the text-books taught in the public schools of the State.

J. H. HAYNSWORTH,

County Superintendent of Education.

The more we deny ourselves, the more the gods supply our wants.—Horace.

FOR SALE—Three Duroc-Jersey boar pigs, choice stock and entitled to registration; \$10 each at 10 weeks old. N. G. Osteen, Jr., Sumter, S. C.

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YOSEMITE VALLEY, CAL., with its mammoth rock walls, rising perpendicular for thousands of feet, its wonderful and beautiful waterfalls, one of which plunges downward 2,600 feet; its giant Sequoia trees towering some 400 feet heavenward like great sentinel guards of the forest; it has been estimated that one of these trees contain enough lumber if sawed up into one-half inch plank to build a wall six feet high, 100 miles long.

LOS ANGELES, the Angel City, and the Garden City of America.

SAN FRANCISCO, the Metropolis of the West, the Golden Gate and the Golden Gate Park, with its great International Exposition.

YELLOW STONE NATIONAL PARK, full of Nature's wonders, far surpassing anything of its kind on earth; many wonderful hot water geysers, roaring mountain, falls of the Yellow Stone, grand scenery looking across the Rocky Ranges from the Great Continental Divide.

SALT LAKE CITY, with its Great Mormon Temple. Salt Lake, in which you can't sink if you tried.

There are many other interesting places along the way—Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado; the Royal Gorge of the Rockies; River side; Santa Catalina Island; Santa Barbara; Del Monte, California; Portland, Oregon; and the beautiful Columbia River, catching and packing of salmon; Seattle, Washington; the wonderful Range of the Rockies, and the broad wheat fields of the Middle West.

This trip unfolds the doors to the World's Storehouse of Wonders.



How Can You Get the Trip Free? Simply by guessing nearest to the actual number of people who will enter the gates of the San Francisco Exposition on July 4th, and turning into us with each guess six dozen used COCA-COLA BOTTLE CROWNS—OUR crowns that have been used on filled bottles and bearing our name and address "COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY, SUMTER, S. C." This also includes our "Royal Palm" Ginger Ale and Soda Water Crowns. Remember to save only OUR Coca-Cola and Soda Crowns that have our name and address; no others will be accepted and counted in the guessing contest. Any others than these sent us will be thrown out and guesses covering same will not be counted.

WHEN MUST GUESSES AND CROWNS BE SENT TO THE SUMTER COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY?

Between July 1st and the evening of July 3. No guesses will be received or counted which are sent in later than July 3. All Crowns must be sent prepaid or without expense to us

Name and address of sender must be plainly marked on the guesses and on package containing the crowns.
 All crowns sent us, after being counted, will be put in a pile and burned, as we use only sanitary, new crowns.
 The official gate returns at the Exposition will be used as the correct number entering the grounds on July 4th.
 All guesses will be counted and recorded by reliable disinterested parties and an absolutely fair and square deal given.
 Commence today and save all our crowns bearing our name and address. One saved each day until July 3rd will entitle you to one guess; two each day to two guesses, and so on; and just as many times 72 as you save our crowns, so many guesses will you have.
 To the one guessing second to the nearest, we will give one-half cost of a round trip ticket; and to the one guessing third to the nearest, we will give one-fourth cost of round trip ticket.

We had a guessing contest similar to this in 1904, awarding prizes to the ones guessing the nearest to the number of persons who entered the gates of the St. Louis Exposition on July 4th. It was interesting to note the wide range of guesses.

Here's hoping YOU'LL win, and if YOU do and are not in position to take this wonderful trip, we'll be sorry, as we really want to send at least one representative there. But in that case, we'll give you the value of the ticket in money.

For the purpose of this contest we shall use in bottling no other crown from this date and during the contest except those bearing our name and address. No change otherwise in crown. We have heretofore used some crowns not having our Company's name.



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