

**W. G. T. U. ELECTS OFFICERS**

**MRS. JOSEPH SPROTT OF MAN-  
NING HEADS ORGANIZA-  
TION.**

Miss Ellen Beach of Sumter Present-  
ed Handsome Picture for Most  
Work During Year.

Allendale, Sept. 5.—The Saturday  
sessions of the State Woman's Chris-  
tian Temperance union convention  
were of great interest, the election  
of State officers and superintendents  
being held in the afternoon with the  
following result: President, Mrs.  
Joseph Sprott of Manning; vice pres-  
ident, Mrs. J. L. Mims, Edgefield;  
corresponding secretary, Miss Cleo  
Attaway, Saluda; recording secretary,  
Mrs. T. R. Denny, Johnston; treasur-  
er, Mrs. Charles P. Robinson,  
Chapin; Superintendent of medal  
contests, Mrs. Lena A. Smith, Lees-  
ville; scientific instructor of temper-  
ance, Mrs. W. S. Middleton of Clarks  
Hill; Mrs. W. B. Cogburn of Edge-  
field; literature; Mrs. G. P. Watson  
Manning, unfermented wine; Dr.  
Mary Peery, Sumter, medical temper-  
ance; Mrs. L. C. Rice, Denmark,  
social meetings and red letter days;  
Mrs. Z. T. Cody, Greenville, rescue  
work; Miss Jessie Curtiss, flower mis-  
sion; Mrs. E. E. Williamson, New-  
berry, mothers' meeting and white  
ribbon recruits; Mrs. A. E. Wait, Con-  
way, parliamentary usage, legislation  
and petition; Miss Mae Langston,  
Timmonsville, mercy; Mrs. S. C.  
Morris, Kingsberg, Christian citizen-  
ship; Mrs. R. B. Cannon, Scranton,  
temperance and missions; Miss Cleo  
Attaway, circulation of official or-  
gans; Mrs. J. L. Wysong, Florence,  
musical director.

The delegates to the national con-  
vention were elected as follows: Mrs.  
Mamie Tillman and Mrs. Fannie  
Tompkins, Edgefield, and Mrs. H. J.  
Thicker, Georgetown. The conven-  
tion is to be held at Seattle, Wash.,  
October 9-16 next.

The Rev. Paul H. Brown of the  
Presbyterian church was in charge  
of the devotions Saturday evening  
which were attended by a very repre-  
sentative audience.

A resolution was adopted by the  
convention urging the newspapers of  
the State to give to the cause of pro-  
hibition space for the publication of  
news referring to the temperance  
cause.

A handsome hand-painted picture  
was presented by Miss Jessie Curtiss  
of Paxville, superintendent of the  
flower mission department, for the  
greatest amount of work done during  
the conventional year. This picture  
went to Miss Helen Beech of Sumter,  
whose work was most heartily com-  
mended.

**GERMANS WANT COTTON.**

Cablegram to Hoke Smith Says Parties  
are Willing to Pay 15 Cents Pound.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Senator Hoke  
Smith, of Georgia, announced today  
that he had received a cablegram  
from Baumanwall Import Gesell-  
schaft, at Berlin, stating that guar-  
antees to take a million bales of  
American cotton at 15 cents a pound  
to be used exclusively for civil pur-  
poses in Germany had been deposited  
with the American consul.

Senator Smith said he knew nothing  
of the importers who sent him the  
cable.

Delivery of the cotton to Germany  
would be impossible so long as the  
allies continue to enforce their orders  
in council against commerce with  
Germany.

**Plan to Buy Cotton.**

Berlin, Sept. 8 (Via London).—  
German cotton men are taking up  
earnestly the plan to purchase Amer-  
ican cotton. They sent a wireless to  
the German consulate in New York  
August 31 off ring to buy 1,000,000  
bales at fifteen cents a pound deliv-  
ered in a German harbor. The mes-  
sage was signed by the Deutsche,  
Dresdner and Disconto banks, of Ber-  
lin, and the National Bank of Bremen.  
The intending purchasers, through  
the president of the Bremen Cham-  
ber of Commerce, have assured the  
consulate and the embassy at Wash-  
ington that they are in a position to  
provide adequate guarantees that the  
cotton will not be used for military  
or naval purposes. They add as sub-  
stantiation that the military and na-  
val authorities have on hand cotton  
enough for two years, and that cotton  
for explosives is not included in this,  
as new processes and substitutes have  
enabled the government to dispense  
with the use of cotton for explosives  
and none is being used for this pur-  
pose.

**PERJURER SENT TO PRISON.**

German Reservist Who Swore False-  
ly Concerning Lusitania Sentenced.

New York, Sept. 9.—Gustav Schwab,  
the German reservist, who pleaded  
guilty yesterday to perjury in making  
statements regarding the Lusitania  
being armed was today sentenced to  
one year and a-half in the Atlanta  
prison.

**ABOLISH THE PENITENTIARY.**

**HEAD OF PRISON WITHOUT  
LOCKS SAYS PLACE ALL  
STATE CONVICTS ON  
FARM.**

Magistrate Fowles and Commissioner  
Watson Speak and Paper by Coker  
Read.

Columbia, Sept. 8.—The abolition  
of the State penitentiary and the  
placing of all State convicts on a  
farm was advocated tonight by W. H.  
Whittaker, superintendent of the Dis-  
trict of Columbia prison farm, in a  
lecture before the Conference of  
Charities and Corrections. Mr. Whit-  
taker said that a monument ought to  
be erected to Superintendent Griffith  
of the penitentiary for making the in-  
stitution self-supporting. The speak-  
er declared that South Carolina was  
in an excellent position to do some-  
thing conservatively toward criminal  
reform, since it already had the land  
on which to work them.

Gov. Manning, Speaker Hoyt, of the  
house, and other men of prominence  
were interested listeners to Mr. Whit-  
taker's lecture, on the District of Co-  
lumbia farm, a prison without locks  
or bars, on which 690 women convict-  
ed of minor crimes are now perform-  
ing productive labor.

Mr. Whittaker made it clear that he  
believed in keeping convicts under  
the strictest discipline, taking little  
stock in placing them under an honor  
system. He said though only 30 per  
cent of his guards at the District  
prison farm carry revolvers, very few  
of his prisoners try to escape. The  
punishment for insubordination is  
confinement in a well lighted cell on  
bread and water, until such time as  
the prisoner relents for escaping. The  
prisoners, after recapture, are confin-  
ed in a cell for the remainder of their  
term.

Mr. Whittaker's lecture was pro-  
fessely illustrated with screen pic-  
tures of his plant; all of the build-  
ings on the farm were of wood inex-  
pensively constructed. He said that it  
was a mistake to erect expensive  
buildings of brick and stone at pris-  
ons.

An interesting feature of the meet-  
ing last night was the strong case  
made out for the need of a reforma-  
tory in South Carolina for white fe-  
male delinquents. The case was made  
by speakers from several parts of the  
State and letters received from judges  
and officers by the State board of  
charities and corrections.

The session of South Carolina Con-  
ference of Charities and Corrections  
and the Conference of the Common  
Good this morning was featured by a  
paper read by James H. Fowles,  
magistrate of Columbia township, in  
which he condemned the thirty-day  
sentence and advocated the indeter-  
minate sentence; by an inspiring ad-  
dress by Commissioner E. J. Watson,  
in which he traced the benefits cotton  
planters had derived from the condi-  
tion caused by the war, and by a pa-  
per written by David R. Coker, and  
read by the Rev. Hugh R. Murchison,  
in which he announced the results of  
some important experiments in seed  
selection.

Commissioner Watson made in his  
address a clear presentation of the  
causes brought about by the Euro-  
pean war, which had led the farmers  
of the Southeastern Atlantic coast  
States to curtail the use of commercial  
fertilizer and to go back to primary  
and natural methods of soil building.  
"Commercial fertilizer is a patent  
medicine the farmers administered to  
their sick soil in the effort to make  
it do a day's work," declared Mr.  
Watson. "This patent medicine was  
administered in increasing quantities  
until the European war came. The  
condition it brought with it made us  
come to our senses with a jerk. We  
are coming out of our embarrassment  
by leaps and bounds. Last year  
every farmer was shackled hand and  
foot by our long term credit system.  
He felt the full weight of his chains  
when the European war brought de-  
moralization in the money market.  
While the farmers' chains were gall-  
ing him we started to preach the doctrine  
of bringing the soil back to fertility  
by natural means and the doctrine of  
living at home. As a result our arti-  
ficial fertilizer bill has decreased by  
two-thirds and more foodstuffs have  
been grown in South Carolina than  
ever before.

In his paper Mr. Coker said that  
plants were like animals, in which  
they bred to type. He declared that  
the work of the plant breeder had  
been an exceedingly important con-  
tribution to the welfare of the race. He  
announced that as a result of careful  
experiments he had made he was  
convinced that farmers should use for  
planting only seed grown on their  
richest land, and of these seed only  
those which were the heaviest.

There are several petitions being  
circulated already by property owners  
on various streets for paving of their  
streets. The Liberty, Hampton Ave-  
nue and Harvin street petitions seem  
to be rushing along for presentation to  
Council at its next meeting.

**SEPTEMBER  
CLEARANCE  
SALE!**

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**THE BATTERY**

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**39 S. MAIN ST.**

**OF THE**

**SUMTER, S. C.**

Entire Stocks of the Brunson Dry Goods Co., of Greenwood, S. C. and  
of H. N. Krasnoff & Co., of Sumter, S. C.

**Sale Opens Saturday, September 11th, 8 A. M.**

We have bought the above two stocks at a very low figure and will divide the profits with our customers,  
giving them the advantage of our purchase.

These stocks are well known, the Brunson Dry Goods Co., of Greenwood, has the reputation of carrying  
the best line of goods in that section, and H. N. Krasnoff & Co. are well known to you, as you have bought of  
them before and if there were any bargains on the market they had it, so at this sale you have the double benefit of

**Bargains Bought at Bargain Sale Prices**

These stocks consist of about \$25,000 worth of all kinds of Merchandise, Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes,  
Hats, Notions, Laces, Embroideries, Gents' and Ladies' Furnishings, and a full line of Ladies' and Children's

**Ready-to-Wear Goods of Every Description.**

We are going to sell these goods regardless of value and quality, as we need the room for our New Line of  
Fall Goods which is on the way now, it is to your interest to attend this Sale and get the benefits of this great  
offer. See our double page circular and read every item of it, it will be to your interest.

**Sale Opens Saturday, September 11th, 8:00 A. M.**

We guarantee each and every article as advertised, and will refund the purchase price if goods are not  
satisfactory.

**THE BATTERY,**

**39 SOUTH MAIN ST.**

**SUMTER, S. C.**

**REPORT OF THE CONDITION**

No. 10670.

Of the National Bank of Sumter, at Sumter, in the State of South Caro-  
lina, at the Close of Business, September 2, 1915.

**RESOURCES.**

1. a. Loans and discounts (except those shown on b) . . . . .	\$565,716.42
2. Total loans . . . . .	565,716.42
3. Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured . . . . .	131.19
4. e. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not includ- ing stocks) owned unpledged . . . . .	5,000.00
5. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank . . . . .	\$15,000.00
a. Less amount unpaid . . . . .	7,500.00
b. All other stocks including premium on same . . . . .	15,956.23
6. a. Value of banking house (if unencumbered) . . . . .	75,000.00
7. Furniture and fixtures . . . . .	14,000.00
8. Real estate owned other than banking house . . . . .	5,350.00
9. Net amount due from Federal Reserve bank . . . . .	10,228.51
10. a. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis . . . . .	10,757.39
b. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities . . . . .	65,770.98
11. Net amount due from banks and bankers (oth- er than included in 9 or 10) . . . . .	11,150.78
12. Exchanges for clearing house . . . . .	2,568.27
14. a. Outside checks and other cash items . . . . .	1,399.81
b. Fractional currency, nickels, and cents . . . . .	848.92
15. Notes of other national banks . . . . .	3,400.00
Lawful money reserve in bank:	
17. Total coin and certificates . . . . .	12,230.45
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$807,008.95</b>

**LIABILITIES.**

1. Capital stock paid in . . . . .	\$200,000.00
Surplus fund . . . . .	50,000.00
Total capital and surplus . . . . .	250,000.00
2. Undivided profits . . . . .	23,272.74
Less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid . . . . .	6,361.39
6. Due to banks and bankers (others than included in 5 or 6) . . . . .	2.35
8. Demand deposits:	
a. Individual deposits subject to check . . . . .	293,663.13
d. Cashier's checks outstanding . . . . .	80.42
h. Deposits requiring notice of less than 30 days . . . . .	12,121.16
Total deposits, Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 . . . . .	305,867.06
9. Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):	
9. Time deposits (payable after 30 . . . . .	12,349.34
13. Rediscunts with Federal Reserve bank . . . . .	111,881.20
14. Bills payable, including obligations represent- ing money borrowed . . . . .	110,000.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$807,008.95</b>

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter, ss.

I, Bernard Manning, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly  
swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and  
belief.

**BERNARD MANNING,**  
Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, 1915.

R. L. Edmunds, Notary Public, Correct Attest:

**J. P. BOOTH,**  
**CHAS. L. CUTTINO,**  
**A. D. HARBY,**

Directors.

**DON'TS  
ON SAVING  
MONEY!**

- ☞ Don't live beyond your salary.
- ☞ Don't spend all for pleasure.
- ☞ Don't speculate.
- ☞ Don't carry much money in your pockets.
- ☞ DO start an account at our Savings Department and get 4 per cent interest; therein lies your chance to SAVE.
- ☞ 5 per cent on Certificates of Deposit.

**The National Bank of  
Sumter,**

ESTABLISHED 1889

**"SAFEST FOR YOUR SAVINGS"**

**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