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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.**  
 Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the week beginning Wednesday, September 22, 1915.  
 For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather and moderate temperatures throughout the week.

Bulgaria in a state of armed neutrality, but ready friendly to Germany, is more inimical to the entente allies than as an open and active ally of the Austro-Germans. If Bulgaria should attack Serbia or commit any other hostile act against any of the allies they would no longer be bound to respect the territory of Bulgaria and could land troops on the Aegean coast of that country for the purpose of invading Turkey and marching on Constantinople from the rear. The opportunity to operate against Turkey through Bulgarian territory would be a distinct advantage to the allies, and it is more than probable that Germany, having won over Bulgaria, finds it is more profitable to have Bulgaria defend Turkey by maintaining an attitude of neutrality. The allies are pledged to respect the territory of neutral states and therefore they have been unable heretofore and could not in future cross Bulgarian territory to attack Turkey without justifying Germany's violation of Belgium. Germany appears to have won a great diplomatic and strategical victory in Bulgaria that is more important than the actual participation of the entire Bulgarian army in the fighting.

The protest against vulgar, sensational, immoral and vicious moving pictures is gaining strength in all sections of the country and the wise film producers and theatre managers are taking heed of the drift of sentiment and are conforming their offerings to the wishes of the critical public. With such managers there is no immediate need of a board of censors to pass upon the pictures before they are permitted to be shown to the general public. But unfortunately all the film producers and managers are not wise and many of the pictures are positively vicious in conception and degrading in their influence, consequently the demand for a strict censorship of moving pictures is founded upon a real necessity. Even where the pictures are not positively vicious there is ground for complaint that many films do not have an elevating influence upon children and young people, and for this reason the demand for some form of regulation of moving picture shows is growing. There are many beautiful films that have an educational value, while still affording entertainment and amusement, and it is to popularize this class of pictures that wisely directed efforts are being made. Locally there has been little complaint against the class of pictures shown and we feel sure that the manager of the two moving picture houses will gladly cooperate with the organizations that have under consideration plans to make the moving picture theatres not only unobjectionable but of real value to the public, as an educational and elevating influence. The proprietor of a moving picture theatre is first of all a business man and to make a success of his business he must please and satisfy his public and his effort is to ascertain what the public wants and then to furnish it.

**Dry and Cull Your Corn.**  
 The United States department of agriculture has distributed among its demonstration forces in this and other States a large poster, well illustrated, urging Southern farmers to dry and cull their corn. These posters contain full directions for proceeding with the work and Clemson College advises South Carolina corn growers to take note of the contents of the posters, which will probably be posted about the State, and to follow the directions.  
 Take a trip down town, and look the bicycle over that the Sumter Clothing Co., will give away Christmas Eve day. It is on exhibition in their window, together with boys' suits, hats and shoes for fall use.—Advt.

**WHEN THE TICK GOES OUT.**

**Government to Take up More Active Work Against Cattle Tick.**  
 Asking farmers whether they desire to feed cattle or ticks, the United States department of agriculture is about to embark on a spectacular campaign throughout the tick-infested region of the South to arouse farmers to take the steps that will stop the annual tribute of \$50,000,000 now being paid to the tick. Attractively colored and illustrated literature will be used in this work.  
 As the result of the anti-tick campaign, one-third of the tick-infested area of the South, a region as large as the German empire, has been cleared since 1906 but it is now desired to push the work much more rapidly than in the past as the country needs the meat the South could profitably supply if the tick were banished and the South needs the dollars that will roll in when the tick goes out.  
 The department stands ready to cooperate with any county that wishes to engage in this work. Agents of the Southern Railway's agricultural department will also aid farmers in warring on the tick wherever possible and will cooperate with all agencies engaging in this work.

**NECK BROKEN IN DIVING.**

**Tobie Keller Meets Tragic Death Near Ellore.**  
 Orangeburg, Sept. 20.—According to a telephone message received here this morning, Mr. Tobie Keller, son of Mr. George Keller, residing near Ellore, met death while bathing in a pond near his home yesterday, by having his neck broken after having struck the bottom of the pond while in the act of diving. The deceased was about 21 years of age.  
 Tobie Keller, the young man who met death in such a tragic manner Sunday while in swimming near Ellore, had a number of relatives and friends in Sumter who were shocked at hearing of his sudden and untimely end, and whose sympathy goes out to the family at its sad bereavement.

**THE CHIVALRY OF IRELAND.**

**Incident of the War That Makes Thermopylae Seem Small.**  
 London Outlook.  
 One of my wounded friends was enthusiastic over one feat which he regarded as the noblest of the war. In the beginning of that terrible retreat from Mons, when the genius of Sir John French alone saved from being an absolute disaster, there came a time when a section of the Irish Guard were told to hold the road at all costs. Most of the officers had been killed or else were so badly wounded that they could no longer lead, and the charge fell on a gray-haired sergeant-major, who swiftly seized a corner shop commanding two roads as an ideal place to hold up the Prussians until our rear guard was in safety.  
 As he was about to place his two machine guns a woman stopped him and said: "You cannot stay here, sergeant. There is a woman in labor in a room above." "Good heavens!" he answered. "And at such a time! Now, then, ma'am," he continued with ironical good humor, "can't you tell the lady to hurry up, as she's keeping an army waiting. How long will she be?" The reply was "About half an hour."  
 The sergeant told off 10 of his men with stretchers and blankets to wait until the child was born, then to convey it and its mother to safety, after that to return to their section. In the meantime he advanced an eighth of a mile and fortified a weaker spot as well as he could, scolding his men the while and telling them not to make too much noise, else they would alarm the "babby." And so, in a place which left them exposed to the full danger of the Prussian attack, these Irishmen fought until every man was either killed, wounded or made prisoner, rather than disturb a woman in the crucial hour of maternity.  
 "This," cried my wonderful friend, "is one of the noblest stories ever told of a war. Even Thermopylae is insignificant beside it."

**Wheat and Oats.**

Farmers should be making their plans for seeding their wheat and oats. In this State farmers should sow oats from the last of September. Wheat should be sown soon after the first killing frost of the season. Full information on oats and wheat can be obtained by addressing Sidney S. Rittenberg, Clemson College.  
 The Sumter Clothing Co., has on display in their window a bicycle that they are going to give away Christmas Eve day to some boy who wears knee pants. They have an interesting proposition for the knee pants boys, and it will be to their interest to call at the store of this firm, and let them explain how the bicycle can be obtained.—Advt.

**\$50,000,000 TO BELGIUM.**

**Contributions To Aid Stricken Nation Greatest in History—Now Nearly 3,000,000 Persons Destitute.**  
 London, Sept. 20.—The first complete report of the Commission of Relief in Belgium, covering the first eight months of its existence, reveals that in income and expenditure the organization forms the greatest relief movement of history.  
 The commission has collected and disbursed \$50,000,000, \$15,000,000 of which has been contributed in the form of money or food by the people of the United States and the British Empire and Belgium itself. The bulk of the income has come from other than purely philanthropic sources, but the raising of this enormous sum has been exclusively the work of the commission, which by financial arrangements with Belgian individuals and institutions, exchange of currency with Belgium and a system of providing the solvent Belgian inhabitants has maintained the entire population of a nation for almost a year.  
 A remarkable feature of the report, which has hitherto received but little notice, is the effort being made by the Belgians to help themselves. Over 50 per cent. of the money expended by the commission in benevolence is being furnished by Belgians abroad, and a large amount also is being supplied by Belgians in Belgium.  
 In discussing the report, Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the commission, said:  
 "It may cause more surprise among Americans who believe that the United States is provisioning the Belgian and French people in the track of war that only something over \$6,000,000 in food, clothes and money has come from the United States. However, the American public should realize that the commission in its organization, working personnel and political aspects is distinctly American. The American charitable support, so early and promptly given, came at the very inception of the movement, when such backing was vital to the success of the organization in giving it time to build. This support gave the commission its foundation, from which it acquired the moral prestige that enabled it to secure vitally necessary concessions from the various belligerent governments.  
 Nor is the necessity for this valued support at all over. The problem becomes more difficult every day, for the number of destitute has increased from 1,000,000 last October to 2,750,000 in June and now grows at the rate of 200,000 a month. And our resources, large as they are, cannot keep pace with the need, if the charitable public loses interest in our work. The continued support of America is necessary to provide the commission with the moral prestige as an American institution which it now possesses in the sight of the warring powers, and the maintenance of this prestige can only be secured by the continued sentimental and practical backing of the American people."

**CHOSEN AS INTENDANT.**

**J. F. Turbeville of That ilk Elected.**  
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**MAYESVILLE LAD DIES.**

Mayesville, Sept. 20.—H. Frank, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bradley Wilson, died at his home near town on Saturday morning, after an illness of about two years. He has been confined to his bed a number of times, but was in town on Friday. He was a remarkably bright youth and had quite a reputation as a speaker at school, having won several contests. His death is doubly sad in that he followed his younger brother to the grave in just one week's time. The funeral services were held by his pastor, Rev. R. L. Grier, at the Presbyterian church on Sunday morning and interment made in the Mayesville cemetery.

**CRIMSON CLOVER SEED.**

**Farmers Warned to Ascertain Germination of What They Use.**  
 Washington, Sept. 22.—Heavy importations of crimson clover seed of low germination have caused the United States Department of Agriculture to warn farmers to ascertain the germination of the crimson clover seed they are using. Otherwise many crop failures are sure to result from using dead seed. Since July 15, 1915, 26 lots of crimson clover seed have been imported. In three of these lots, containing enough seed to sow over 2,850 acres, there was no seed that could be expected to grow under field conditions. In five other lots, aggregating enough to sow 8,500 acres, the seed only germinated from 45 to 50 per cent. The importation of these lots, together with 1,000,000 pounds of seed of low germination imported during May and June, makes it more important than ever that farmers should know the germination of the crimson clover seed they are seeding. The Department of Agriculture has no power to prevent the admission of such seed and it is therefore warning farmers to be on their guard in planting.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.**

Licenses to marry have been issued to James Hill, Providence, and Ralpheus Diggs, Sumter; and Aleck Dixon and Ella Woods, Bishopville.

**A SIGHT WORTH SEEING.**

Rock Hill Record.  
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**BIG GRAIN CROPS.**

**World's Production Will be Large.**  
 Washington, Sept. 20.—Big cereals crops this year in nearly all the world's chief agricultural countries are forecast in cable reports received in the department of agriculture today from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome.  
 The total 1915 production of cereals in countries included in the published reports, plus Canada and Asiatic Russia, are estimated at:  
 Wheat, 3,134,000,000 bushels; rye, 1,093,000,000; barley, 1,089,000,000; oats, 3,448,000,000. The 1915 production of corn in Italy, Roumania, Asiatic and European Russia, Switzerland, United States and Japan is placed at 3,292,000,000 bushels.  
 Expressed as percentages, taking 1914 production as 100 per cent., these 1915 crops promise to be for wheat 122.9 per cent., rye 116.7, barley 118.5, oats 125 and corn 110.8.  
 For ten governments of Asiatic Russia the 1915 forecast is: For wheat, 144,000,000 bushels; rye, 28,000,000; barley, 18,000,000, and oats, 141,000,000. For Italy, corn in 1915 is estimated at 118,000,000 and rye (rough) at 26,000,000. Expressed as percentages of the 1914 crops, these crops for Asiatic Russia and Italy are 80.2 per cent., 72.7, 91.2, 85.4, 112.5 and 97.4, respectively.

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