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

Mr. H. R. Van Deventer contributes an interesting and instructive article today on material for street paving, which is a most timely topic for Sumter people to consider and discuss. We take it that the members of City Council and all other citizens will gladly receive information on the subject of street paving, since the city is soon to invest several hundred thousand dollars in this material and every possible precaution should be adopted to guard against mistakes. This city has had little experience in this line and to avoid mistakes we must be guided by the successful experiments of other towns and warned by their mistakes. The only improved streets we have are paved with vitrified brick and these streets have not been in use long enough to furnish conclusive proof of their durability under local traffic conditions, their economy of upkeep or their desirability in comparison with other materials, to make brick the prime favorite without fuller investigation and the advice of experts. Mr. Van Deventer's article is instructive and if any other reader of the Item has information on the subject of paving this paper and the public would be glad to receive it.

The Charleston grand jury buckled on the armor of righteousness and yesterday handed out twenty-one true bills against the blind tigers. If the petit jury will now have a realizing sense of the duty it owes to the community and will a true verdict give, according to the law and the evidence, the conditions in Charleston will at once improve. Law and order

will become a fact and not a by-word in the metropolis of the State.

Why the money lenders of this country should fall over themselves to buy the Anglo-French war bonds that will yield at most only five and a-half per cent. is inexplicable to people in this section of the country, where there are almost unlimited opportunities for safe investment of money at higher rates. The war bonds may be safe, but there is an element of chance in the matter that does not exist when money is put into municipal, county or State bonds or in real estate loans, and the half billion of American money that will go into the war bonds would do this country more good if invested in American securities.

FARMERS SHOULD EXHIBIT ANIMALS.

J. Frank Williams Calls on Those Who Have Pure Bred Animals to Send Them to County Horse Show.

Editor The Daily Item.

The Sumter County Horse Show Association in putting on a livestock exhibit in connection with the 1915 fall horse show, at Sumter on October 13th, 14th, 15th, 1915, offering premiums without requiring any entry fee, and without charging admission to see the livestock exhibits, has conferred a very great favor on the farmers of Sumter county.

In behalf of the Farmers' Union of Sumter county, I wish to express our appreciation and thanks for this magnanimous consideration. Charging no admission fee will give every farmer in Sumter county an opportunity of hearing the livestock expert of Clemson college lecture upon the merits of the different breeds.

I sincerely hope that every farmer having an animal with a pedigree will exhibit same and learn the good points of his animal. Don't be among those who attend fairs and go about among the live stock exhibits stating that you have better animals than any present. There is no excuse for not exhibiting in this event as the animals in the county can be easily brought to town without incurring any appreciable expense.

I am glad that three or four farmers have purchased some pure bred hogs, at this time, so that they might be able to enter them in this show, and start the work of advertising their breeds.

No man need expect to make any money out of pure bred stock unless he advertises it. And in advertising

you will come in contact with others who are in the same business and you can inform yourself concerning prices of the breeds.

I noticed an article in The Daily Item, of September 28th, of a farmer making complaint to the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and the secretary of the Sumter Horse Show Association about the low prices being offered for livestock in Sumter. It is human for a man in any business to want to make big profit out of his business, and unless the farmers of Sumter county inform themselves concerning the prices of livestock they are not going to get the top of the market. This can be done most effectively, as suggested in the article above referred to, by a cooperative marketing bureau or agency with competent management whereby every cattle or swine raiser can keep intelligently informed regarding standard market prices.

I have always found the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and the business men of Sumter ready and willing to cooperate with the farmers in establishing good markets in Sumter, and assisting them in getting good prices for their products.

These gentlemen do this because they are business men and have a live interest in the future of the city of Sumter.

J. Frank Williams,
President Sumter County Farmers' Union.

DEATH LIST GROWS.

Known Victims of Hurricane Now Number 519.

Memphis, Oct. 2.—The total death list from the hurricane is five hundred and forty-nine, according to the latest reports reaching here. Persons who have penetrated the storm area are reporting other scores of dead but these reports are unconfirmed. More than four hundred are missing in Louisiana and Mississippi. The damage is estimated today at seven million.

Destroying Stills.

This month the Internal revenue agents working out of Greenville have destroyed 26 blockade distilleries, an average of one a day. During the past week six plants were demolished, and two alleged moonshiners were arrested. H. W. Murff and his crew destroyed three—two in Pickens county and one on the Buncombe road—while R. Q. Merrick and his posse reported a like number of captures in this county. The crisp autumnal nights, they say, are fine for "moonshining."—Greenville Piedmont.

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H. G. OSTEEN,
Manager.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of October, 1915.

C. W. HICKS,
(Seal) Notary Public, S. C.
(My commission expires at pleasure of the Governor.)

Boys, how would you like to have an up-to-date, first class bicycle presented to you for your Christmas. The Sumter Clothing Co., intends to give one away on this day to some boy who buys a knee pants suit from them, and the bicycle is now on display in their window. They will be glad to explain the whole matter to you if you will call on them.—Advt.

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☐ We have in this lot some nice Driving Mares and Horses; and Farm Horses, all sizes. Also pairs Heavy and Light Mules, fit for any use.

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