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**Sale Starts
Wednesday,
October 13.**

**You Need These Goods Now---What
Do You Think of These Prices?**

**Sale Ends
Saturday,
October 22.**

Every Article Guaranteed as High Class in Quality as to be Found in Any Store in the City of Sumter.

10c Outings..... 8 1-2c	Dress Pins..... 4c	50c Special Quality Boy's Shirts..... 39c	<h3>Mothers</h3> <p>We call your attention to our celebrated WHITLEATHER Ribbed Hose for Boys and Girls. This is the best stocking ever sold. Six pairs—guaranteed for four months—Our special advertiser's price</p> <p>SIX PAIRS FOR . . . 59c</p>
\$1.00 Bird's Eye..... 79c	J. & P. Coats Silkline..... 4c	\$1.00 Outing Gowns..... 89c	
12 1-2c Percals..... 10c	12 1-2c Pillow Cases..... 9c	\$5.00 Blankets..... \$4.39	
12 1-2 Canton Flannels..... 9c	50c Sheets..... 39c	10c Curtin Swiss..... 8 1-2c	
10c Dress Gingham..... 8 1-2c	20c Pillow Cases..... 15c	\$6.00 Blankets..... \$5.59	
90c All Wool Serge..... 69c	75c Sheets..... 59c	90c White Spreads..... 73c	
25c Sheno Silk..... 21c	\$1.50 Wool Fibre Rugs, size 36 x 63, Special..... 98c	\$1.00 Overall..... 79c	
50c All Wool Serge, 36 in. wide..... 43c	\$1.25 Ex. Jute Rugs, size 36 x 63, Special..... 89c	50c Work Shirts..... 39c	
\$1.25 English Longcloth..... 89c	\$1.00 Messaline..... 79c	50c Dress Shirts..... 39c	
\$1.25 Fringe Spreads..... 98c	10c Towels for..... 8c	50c Underwear..... 39c	
J. & P. Coats Spool Cotton..... 4c	60c Damask..... 43c	\$1.00 Outing Gowns..... 89c	
Gold Eye Needles..... 4c	50c Little One Boy's Blouse Waists..... 29c		

→ Your Money Back If You Say So ←

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14 SOUTH MAIN STREET

REAL ESTATE VALUES.

FARMING LANDS HAVE TREBLED IN VALUE SINCE 1894.

Factors That Have Contributed to Advance in Rural Real Estate—Better Roads, Better Schools, Better Farming Methods, Increased Production and Better Living Conditions.

(By R. B. Belsler.)

The history of Sumter county for the last fifteen years is a history of agricultural progress and community development unexcelled in any and equalled in few counties of the State. In 1903, the first year after Lee county was cut off from Sumter, the cotton production of Sumter county was 22,072 bales. In 1914 it was 54,000 bales. The exact statistics for corn, oats and other staple products are not at hand, but it can safely be said that they are in keeping with the increase in cotton production.

In 1909 we located farm lands could be purchased in this county at from \$10.00 to \$30.00 an acre, the same lands today are held at \$25.00 to \$75.00 an acre. Long stretches of undeveloped land lay along the public roads leading from the city of Sumter in almost every direction, except westward; today this same land is producing from 1,000 to 1,800 pounds of seed cotton per acre, from 25 to 60 bushels of corn, and 20 to 60 bushels of oats per acre, and are now selling at from \$50.00 to \$125.00 per acre. Farm homes have not been built on these lands as generally as might be desired for the reason that their owners and operators live in the city, but still there has been considerable progress in this line.

Improved Roads.

Fifteen years ago the roads leading from Sumter to Dalzell and Camden, to Bishopville, to Manning and to Summerton were veritable sand beds for many miles out of the city; today they are replaced by sand-clay roads over which two mules are often seen trotting with four bales of cotton; automobiles can travel comfortably at twenty miles an hour. More than 125 miles of such roads have been built in the past decade.

Better Schools.

Fifteen years ago the one-room, one-teacher school was the rule for the schools of the county, today many of these have given place to consolidated schools of two or three teachers in well built, nicely painted centrally located school buildings and transportation provided for the chil-

dren living distant from the school. The school system of the city of Sumter has been added to and increased until it equals in training the smaller colleges of the State, and give to its graduates training equal to that acquired by students completing the freshman year of the best colleges of the State. These school facilities are open to the children of the farmers of our county upon the payment of a very nominal tuition fee, and in these days of good roads, automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles the school facilities of the city of Sumter are available to an ever widening circle of our farm community.

Rural Telephone System.

Sumter county is fortunate in having its telephone system home-owned. This has enabled the farmers of the county to obtain telephone facilities on much more advantageous terms than are general throughout the State and no section of the county is far distant from telephone service. This factor does much to relieve the isolation so often found in country communities.

Railroad Facilities.

A glance at the map of South Carolina will reveal the fact that the county of Sumter is perhaps the best supplied with railroad facilities of any of the counties of the State. Nine railway lines radiate from the city almost like spokes in a wheel and no portion of the county is far distant from railroad conveniences. The Atlantic Coast Line affords an express schedule to Washington of about thirteen hours, and to New York of about eighteen hours. Should the truck and fruit industry of this county develop, as conditions warrant, this quick transportation will be of inestimable value.

Large Banking Capital.

The banking facilities of the city of Sumter, which have always been liberally used for the agricultural development of the county, approximate \$1,250,000. Few agricultural counties are nearly so well supplied with banking capital. In big crop years when it becomes necessary to hold cotton and other crops to secure a fair price this bank capital is always available to aid the farmers and is one of the great advantages which the farmers of Sumter county have over most of the counties of this State. Furthermore the banks of the city have long adopted the practice of lending the farmer money with which to make his crop and so enable him to avoid the high prices incident to time purchases and the lien business.

The Sumter Spirit.

There is one other asset which

must not be omitted in summing up Sumter's advantages as a section in which to farm and that is the progressive spirit of its citizenship. It is true that in this as in every community there are those who do not possess this progressive spirit, but happily for the advancement of our community such citizens are in the decided minority, and it will be found that throughout the State the Sumter spirit is well known and is regarded as synonymous with progressive, cooperative community spirit. This spirit accounts for the completion of the tick eradication work in Sumter county, our active farm demonstration work, canning clubs, and the steady and rapid improvement in school and road facilities.

It is this spirit which animates the Sumter Chamber of Commerce and keeps them ever working for the agricultural and material development of the city and county of Sumter; that has enabled us to make the county, only moderately fertile, one of the most productive of the State, an achievement of which all of our citizenship may well be proud. Let us so cultivate this spirit that the next decade will see our main county roads hard-surfaced, our school system a model for the State; live stock raising a leading farming activity; pretty homes with well laid off grounds and fenced fields the rule and not the exception; the sending out of its borders instead of bringing in of oats, corn wheat; a real system of diversification practiced in which live stock furnish the larger part of the now-purchased fertilizing material. Then shall we attain that degree of agricultural independence and comfort which our climate, soil and advantageous location invite.

MUST REMAIN CLOSED.

No Chance for Opening Canal Now.

Panama, Oct. 7.—The Panama canal will remain closed until all danger of serious slides is passed. Gov. Goethals of the canal zone today issued orders to the dredging engineers to blast away the tops of the hills at Gallard cut to bring into the channel all loose dirt and thus permanently remove the source of the slides.

Gov. Goethals was unable to say when the canal again would be in condition for passage of ships, but he said he would leave November 1, the date to which the canal has been officially closed unchanged. He expressed the personal opinion, however, that the canal would be closed much beyond that date.

SUMTER SHOULD BE THERE.

The Harvest Festival and Parade During State Fair Will be a Big Event.

Mr. LaCoste Evans, who is a member of the Publicity Committee of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce which is now actively and energetically working to promote the Harvest Festival at the State Fair, is in the city today. The object of his visit is to interest the people of Sumter in the Harvest Festival, the outstanding feature of which will be a mammoth parade representing all sections of the State. It is planned to have every county in the State represented in the parade by a float, and as the procession will be headed by Gov. Manning and his staff, it is considered almost necessary that Sumter, his home county and city, be properly represented in the picture by a float and a delegation. Chesterfield, Darlington, Florence, Marlboro, Dillon and Marion will all have floats and will have delegations in the Harvest parade, and Mr. Evans whose home is in Cheraw and whose first love is always for the Pee Dee section, is anxious that the Eastern section of the State make a strong showing in the parade. He will hold a conference today with the officers of the Chamber of Commerce and Retail Merchants' Association for the purpose of presenting the matter to them. It goes without saying that Sumter should have a place in the picture and that it should be a permanent place.

OFFER MAYOR FURTHER HEARING.

Committee Will Likely Report Soon on Inquiry into Dr. Griffith's Conduct.

Columbia, Oct. 9.—Before the citizens' committee reports to a mass meeting of citizens on its findings in the investigation into the official conduct of Mayor Griffith, attorney for the mayor, or the mayor himself, will be given an opportunity to appear before the committee. The committee will probably meet early next week and will make its report as soon thereafter as possible.

QUAKE IN SAN FRANCISCO.

No Serious Damage Was Done by Shake Last Night.

San Francisco, Oct. 8.—No serious damage from the earthquake last night, which shook the business section of San Francisco and was felt in Berkeley across the bay.

Underwear.

Underwear in Cotton, Merino, Wool, Etc., from Mills with a reputation for making the best—50c to \$3.00 per garment.

Men's Union Suits from . . . \$1.00 to \$3.50
Boys' Union Suits from50 to \$1.50

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