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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.

Sumter county has two years, or, perhaps, three years more in which to prepare for the boll weevil. The all-cotton farmer will be put out of business and those who depend upon cotton exclusively as a money crop will be in a worse condition financially than they were last fall when the war panic was on. The menace of the boll weevil is neither an unfounded scare nor a bad dream, but a disaster bringing reality. Small grain, hay, peanuts, tobacco, truck and live stock will have to be substituted for cotton, to a large extent, as money crops and those who learn to grow these crops at a profit will not be ruined by the boll weevil.

The militia companies of Charleston have proved that the militia is not a useless and purely ornamental organization. In Charleston they stood for law and civilization, and by their presence put down, without strife or bloodshed, the lawless element that had started on a career of anarchy.

GAMECOCK BADGE FOR GOVERNOR.

Miss Boucher DeLorme to Present Hon. R. I. Manning with Decoration for Jubilee Parade.

Gov. Richard I. Manning will be highly honored next Wednesday afternoon just before the Harvest Jubilee parade starts. Her Majesty Queen Boucher DeLorme, will, in behalf of herself and her royal escort of maids of honor and Sumter county sponsors, present Gov. Manning with a pretty and appropriately inscribed "Gamecock County" badge and small coat of arms of the City of Sumter for His Excellency to wear during the jubilee parade.

The coat of arms will form a combination effect with a picture of Gen. Thomas Sumter, a thoroughbred gamecock, and a palmetto tree. The design of the coat of arms is a reproduction of the coat of arms of the State of South Carolina, with the picture of Gen. Sumter, and the gamecock instead of the State emblems.

Gov. Manning has been invited to ride up to the Sumter float to receive his "royal decorations."

NEGRO KILLED AT MAYESVILLE.

Train Hits Joe Harry at Crossing—Body Taken on to Mayesville.

Joe Harry, a colored man, was killed on Saturday night at a railroad crossing just beyond Mayesville when he was struck by engine No. 91 drawing A. C. L. train No. 55 from Florence to Columbia. The man was crossing the track at the time, it is learned.

An inquest into the cause of death was held on Sunday morning at Mayesville, where the body was taken immediately after the man was struck, and the evidence given there by C. A. Johnson, engineer on the train, Tom Flemming, the fireman, and Lawrence Singletary, a man who was with Harry at the time, was such that the coroner's jury returned a verdict as above stated, that death was due to a blow received from the engine of A. C. L. train No. 55. The pilot struck the man and he was thrown up on top of it, where his body remained until the train reached Mayesville, where a doctor was summoned and the man turned over to his care.

A Creditable Edition.

Publishers Auxiliary.

October 11, the Sumter (S. C.) Daily Item issued a special 32-page edition to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the establishment of the Daily Item. The edition contained a series of articles that marked the improvements and developments that have been made in Sumter and Sumter county during the life of the newspaper, and it was indeed a very creditable edition. The Osteen Publishing company are the publishers and Hubert G. Osteen is the editor and general manager.

The success of the cattle and hog show held in connection with the horse show is an indication of what could be done in Sumter county with a full-fledged county fair if the proper effort was made.

A LETTER FROM SOUTH GEORGIA

Mr. G. E. Martin Renews His Acquaintance With Watchman Readers—He Tells of Thomas County Crops, Fair and Other Things.

I received your gentle little reminder in due time, and you will find enclosed check to cover same.

I went to Richmond and my old home in North Carolina some days ago and intended stopping by Sumter on my way back, but while I was gone I was taken sick with a severe attack of rheumatism, and as I could hardly walk at all, I came back home without having had the pleasure of meeting my Sumter friends, a fact which I regretted very much. I am still suffering, but hope to get well enough in the near future to pay Sumter another visit. The Watchman is always looked for with pleasure, as we always want to know what is going on at home, as we call it.

Well, as I am writing I will tell you a little of what is going on over here. We had a dry year, though the grain crops are fine. I have never seen better corn crops than we have this year and we have a good many hogs, so we are safe, if no disaster comes on, for provisions for another year. The late crops have all suffered from the drought, especially care and potatoes, the latter being a big crop with us. The cotton crop is short—not over fifty per cent., but prices are good for cotton and seed and, as the people have lived very close this year, most everybody is wearing a pleasant smile, and we don't hear so much complaining about the government not helping the cotton growers. They are learning to help themselves.

They say we have the boll weevil, but I have not seen it yet. It is said that one was discovered on the experiment farm, but this is the only one I have heard of about here. I can't tell what the result will be when they come, but so many things are planted here, one will not starve if he half tries.

We had a fine fruit crop this year. Quite a number of car loads of pears were shipped from our siding. The Lecont pear was shipped in barrels. The buyers paid \$1.50 per barrel for Lecont pears at the siding and furnished the barrels and did the grading. The Keifer pears were poured loose in the car. They only brought fifty cents per barrel, which was very low, but the crop was so heavy it amounted to a good deal, then they are not so hard to gather. On two acres I gathered 115 barrels and I think half of that amount was left on the ground. I gathered ten barrels of Lecont pears from three trees in my yard and did not get anything like all of them. This will give you some idea of what kind of a fruit crop we had.

The Thomas County Fair will come off on November 4th and 5th and we are preparing for the biggest time in the history of the county. On November 5th they are preparing to have a barbecue dinner sufficient to feed fifteen thousand people, and they are expecting that number to be there. One of our big hearted lawyers has agreed to furnish enough beef, pork, mutton and kid to feed five thousand people. The city and county will furnish the rest of the barbecue. The 'Possum Committee is to furnish 150 'possums. They have a large cage full of them now at the fire department and the firemen are feeding them, so they will be fat and fine for the big day. There will be a parade made up of floats from all the towns and large farms in the county, from the finest decorated automobile to the old time ox cart. Also all the school children in the county will participate. The parade is expected to be four miles long. Now, Mr. Editor, if you or any of my friends will just come over, we will be able to convince you that there is plenty in Thomas County for all who come.

Thomasville is having quite a lot going on this week. The superior court is in session; a big revival meeting is being conducted by Rev. Arthur Moon, the South Georgia evangelist, and Rev. Charley Tillman of Atlanta, is conducting the musical services. Moon is a fine preacher and Tillman is a fine singer. Also the first tourists over the Dixie Highway from Chicago to Miami arrived yesterday and was royally welcomed. They said they had found the best roads in Georgia, they had been over on the whole route, and then we are to have a show tomorrow, so there is something going on to keep us awake.

Sugar cane grinding will soon be the order of the day and sugar cane bollings will be plentiful. There will be cane juice and buck to drink, and cane to chew, syrup, and batter cakes for breakfast, and I extend to you, Mr. Editor, and all my friends an invitation to come over and be with us.

With best wishes to all readers of the Watchman and Southron, I am,
G. E. Martin,
Thomasville, Ga., Oct. 29, 1915.

County Farm Demonstration Agent J. Frank Williams will have an excellent exhibit of Sumter County farm products at the State Fair.

A VERY FINE CIRCUS.

MOST AND BEST TRAINED ANIMALS EVER EXHIBITED HERE.

Large Crowd Attended Afternoon Performance and Fair Sized Audience at Night—All Highly Pleased With Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows—Circus Goes to Charleston for Exhibition.

"There was only one objection to the circus," many of those who attended it Saturday have been heard to remark, "it was simply impossible to see all the things that were going on at one time and there were so many interesting things that I missed while I was watching something else, seemingly equally interesting." That is about the consensus of opinion here as to the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus which paid a visit to this city on Saturday for two performances.

Many others were still more enthusiastic and pronounced it unqualifiedly the best circus that has ever come to Sumter and the best that they had ever seen. Without a doubt Hagenbeck-Wallace circus is the best that has been to Sumter in the past five years and one of the best which has ever been here. Though not so large as some, it has by far the largest number of well trained animals in any circus ever seen in this section of the country. The trained animals were the great features of the show, although there were other wonderful exhibitions and numerous novel acts, such as had never been seen before. Altogether the people of Sumter are highly pleased at the circus and it is hoped that it will come through here again next year.

It would be impossible to mention all of the wonderful acts, each one of which sent thrills up and down the spines of the spectators, but probably those which excited more comment than any others were the marvelous slide down an inclined wire on his head by one of the performers, the whip snapper, the performing tiger, the dancing mule, the trained pigs and the wonderful black driving stallion. These were merely a few of the marvelous acts, but they stood out prominent from the others as wonders of training and practise. The aerial trapeze swings were hair-raising and the perch balancing stunts were the best ever seen here. The numerous clowns, more than in any other circus which has ever visited Sumter, afforded no end of fun by their continuously ludicrous and mischievous performances. Then to cap the climax, the whole show was clean and the spectators were left with a good taste in their mouths, after sitting through two hours of thrills.

RECALL IN SPARTANBURG.

Petitions Started Against the Mayor and Two Commissioners.

Spartanburg, Oct. 23.—Five petitions asking for a recall of Mayor John F. Floyd and Commissioners Waller and Fielder are in circulation in Spartanburg today, as the result of a controversy that arose in the city council here last week over a loan of \$85,000. The money was borrowed from a local bank, with which the mayor is associated, at 4 1-2 per cent. Commissioner Hudson, who is in charge of finance, presented a bid on the part of another local bank, offering the city money at 3 3-4. Mr. Hudson claimed that the mayor had ignored him in the transaction and that a higher rate of interest was being paid than was necessary. A heated controversy took place in council chamber, and since it has been a subject of discussion on the streets.

While no one has acknowledged responsibility for the present effort to bring about a recall of the mayor and commissioners who voted with him, this issue is known to be the beginning of the agitation.

Commissioners Hudson and Gallman are now nearing the end of their terms, their offices having been abolished by Act of the last legislature, reducing the city's governing body from a mayor and four commissioners to a mayor and two commissioners.

Under the city's commission form of government charter 20 per cent of the qualified electors signing a petition for a recall election it will be held at the order of the governor. When completed, the petitions are filed with the governor, together with a statement of the grounds upon which the recall is asked. The governor orders the election not later than thirty days after the receipt of the petition.

CONDITION OF BANKS.

Abstract on South Carolina Institutions.

Washington, Oct. 22.—The abstract of the condition of the national banks of South Carolina at the close of business on September 2 as reported to the comptroller of the currency today, shows the reserves held as 29.75 per cent; loans and discounts, \$28,676,392; gold coins, \$152,671; lawful money reserve, \$1,919,615; deposits, \$18,112,613.

CHEERS FOR PRESIDENT.

Crowd Applauds Wilson and Party as They Start for Washington.

Washington, Oct. 23.—President Wilson, Mrs. Norman Galt and Miss Margaret Wilson motored to Emmittsburg, Md., ten miles from the Gettysburg battlefield, today to take luncheon at the home of Sterling Galt, a brother-in-law of the president's fiancée. A crowd gathered from neighboring towns around Mr. Galt's home while the president was at lunch, and applauded when he appeared to begin the return trip. In towns and villages along the way Mr. Wilson was recognized frequently.

The president and his party left the White House early, merely telling officials that they would not be back until night. Until they reached Frederick, Md., 50 miles away, officials did not know in what direction the party was traveling.

Mr. Galt, a newspaper editor, met the president and his party at the edge of the town, but efforts to keep the visit quiet failed. The White House party returned to Washington early tonight.

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If you are not familiar with The Companion as it is today, let us send you sample copies and the Forecast for 1916.

New subscribers who send \$2.00 for 1916 will receive free a copy of the Companion Home Calendar for 1916, in addition to all the remaining 1915 issues from the time the subscription is received.

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