

WEDNESDAY

Will be the opening day of our Big Annual Showing and Selling of the

New White and Colored Fabrics for Spring 1916.

And our festival will continue through

Thursday and Friday

We announce that through the placing of early contracts away back in the past year, in our preparations for our January Sale, we will put our patrons in touch with values not likely to be seen again.

For instance, each morning we will offer 500 yards of beautiful 36 inch fast Colored Percales at 5 cents per yard. A regular 10c value, besides the new Waffle Cloths, Gabardines, Beach Cloths, Ox-fords, White and Colored Madrases, Handkerchief Linens, Pajama Checks, Middy Cloths, Dimities, Plain and Fancy Voiles, Plain and Printed Organdies, Batistes, Nainsooks, English Long Cloths etc., and all at special prices during the days of our Big White Sale.

Try and find out your needs and be on hand early Wednesday morning of the first day.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co.

The Watchman and Southron.
Published Wednesday and Saturday.
—BY—
OUTER PUBLISHING COMPANY,
SUMTER, S. C.
Terms:
\$1.50 per annum—in advance.

Advertisements:
One square first insertion . . . \$1.00
Every subsequent insertion50
Contracts for three months, or longer will be made at reduced rates.
All communications which sub-serve private interests will be charged for as advertisements.
Obituaries and tributes of respect will be charged for.
The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1844. 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.

A synopsis of Gov. Manning's address to the general assembly on the State Hospital for the Insane, which is printed today, give an idea of the importance of the message, but only the reading of the address in its entirety can bring home to the heart and mind the magnitude of the work to be done in the institution under discussion, and arouse an appreciative realization of the revolution that has already been wrought in methods of treatment and administrative practices since Dr. Williams assumed charge as superintendent. Gov. Manning embodied in his address a great deal of cold facts, but he spoke from a heart overflowing with sympathy for the unfortunate wards of the State, and it would be a callous and uncharitable heart in which a responsive chord is not touched. The address is notable for the illuminative information that it contains, but it is most unusual as a State paper, in that it is a human interest story that grips the attention and will arouse the sympathy of all who have pity in their hearts for the unfortunate. This address shows Gov. Manning at his best, since it reveals his real sympathy for his fellowman, steadfastness of purpose in the right, and largeness of vision that ignores personal considerations in matters of public welfare. No other public utterance of Gov. Manning has been so characteristic of the real man as he is known to his friends, nor has he said or done anything more to his credit or more worthy of being remembered than the message he delivered yesterday.

The information obtained from the papers of Capt. von Papen, the recalled German military attaché at Washington, which were seized by the British authorities and turned over to the American embassy in London, goes far toward confirming the suspicion that Germany's diplomatic representatives in this country are deeply and guiltily implicated in the bomb outrages and attacks on munition plants. The single fact that Capt. von Papen paid \$700 to Werner Horn, the German

reservist, who was arrested for attempting to blow up a bridge of the Canadian Pacific railroad at St. Croix, Me., proves collusion between the official representatives of Germany and the bomb conspirators.

Germany accuses the crew of the British patrol boat Baralong of killing the crew of a German submarine contrary to international law and the rules of humanity and announces the determination to adopt a policy of appropriate reprisals. This is a grim joke coming from a people that celebrated with bell ringing, thanksgiving and prayer the sinking of the Lusitania, and justified the wholesale executions of peaceable Belgian civilians held as hostages.

The Governor's Message.

We publish this week Gov. Manning's message to the legislature. The governor puts progressive legislation right up to the legislature and if they do not act upon his recommendations it will not be because his recommendations are not for the best interests of the State. Gov. Manning has made some mistakes since he has been in office, but on the whole, he has made good his promise to see that the laws be enforced and his administration has been business like and non-partisan. The good work he has done in breaking up the blind tiger business is one of the highest recommendations for his administration.—Leader and Vicarior.

THE MENACE CLEARED.

Verdict of Not Guilty in Joplin Case. Joplin, Mo., Jan. 14.—A verdict of not guilty was returned today in the case of The Menace Publishing company of Aurora, Mo., and four of its alleged officials, charged with misuse of the mails.

The jury delivered its verdict after having been out more than 20 hours. The individuals who, with the publishing company, were on trial were: Wilbur F. Phelps, business manager of the company; Bruce M. Phelps, superintendent; Marvin Brown, managing editor and Theodore C. Walker, said to be editor of The Menace, a weekly newspaper.

An indictment containing eight counts was returned against the defendants by a federal grand jury in February. The indictments charged generally violation of a section of the United States penal code prohibiting "the deposit or causing to be deposited for mailing or delivery of any obscene, lewd or filthy book, letter, print or other publication of indecent character."

New Bedford, Mass., Jan. 15.—Notices were posted in local textile mills today giving thirty-two thousand employees five per cent. increase in wages starting Monday.

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J. B. McLAUCHLIN DEAD.

Columbia Lawyer Was Well Known Here—Funeral Near Eastover Saturday.

Columbia, Jan. 14.—Jesse Bernard McLaughlin, member of the Columbia bar, died last night at 8:10 o'clock, at his home on the Garner's Ferry road, after a short illness. He had been sick since last Friday morning with grip. A turn for the worse came yesterday afternoon.

Mr. McLaughlin was born February 26, 1868, near Eastover in Richland county. His early education was in the common schools of Richland county. Later he attended the University of South Carolina and was graduated from the academic and law departments. He was also a student for some time at the law school of the University of Virginia.

After leaving law school Mr. McLaughlin was associated in the practice of law with the late Andrew Crawford in Columbia. From Columbia he went to St. Matthews and thence to Bishopville.

Mr. McLaughlin is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Ada Belle Buyck of St. Matthews; by three children Jesse Bernard McLaughlin, a student at the University of South Carolina; Miss Lily McLaughlin and Miss Ada Belle McLaughlin, and by the following brothers and sisters: John McLaughlin of St. Matthews; Bush McLaughlin, M. D., of Dalzell in Sumter county; Mrs. T. M. Crosswell of Dalzell and Mrs. W. T. Wright of Eastover. He was a son of the late John McLaughlin of St. Matthews.

Mr. McLaughlin led a very active life and several times occupied places of honor. He served as solicitor from the Third judicial circuit, by appointment of Martin F. Ansel, former governor, for an unexpired term. He served for two terms as a member of the house from Orangeburg county, before Calhoun county was cut off. Mr. McLaughlin opposed A. F. Lever for congress from the Seventh district when Mr. Lever first offered for the place in the national house.

Five years ago Mr. McLaughlin moved to Columbia from Bishopville and opened a law office. He was for a time associated in the practice of law with the late M. P. DeBruhl. He was associated with Mendel L. Smith until Mr. Smith's elevation to the bench. Since that time he has been practicing law alone. He was recognized as one of the capable attorneys at the Columbia bar.

Mr. McLaughlin was a member of the First Baptist church of Columbia and was prominently identified with the prohibition movement in this State.

The funeral services will be held at the residence Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. C. E. Burts, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church. The interment will take place at noon at Good Hope Baptist church, four miles from Eastover.

Miss Bessie Trippett, of Boykin, was in the city today.

WHITMAN SUPPORTS HUGHES.

New York, Jan. 15.—Gov. Charles S. Whitman, in a statement today, says he will support Justice Charles E. Hughes for the Republican presidential nomination. "Justice Hughes is undoubtedly the choice of the majority of the Republicans in the nation," he said.

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SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected Daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 12 1-2.	12.40	12.40	12.32	12.36	12.29
Strict Middling 12.	12.55	12.56	12.50	12.52	12.47
Middling 11 3-4.	12.77	12.78	12.73	12.75	12.69
Strict Low Middling 11 1-2.	12.89	12.90	12.85	12.87	12.81
Low Middling 10 3-4.	12.78	12.79	12.75	12.78	12.71
Staple cotton 13 to 16c.					

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Close
Jan.	12.40	12.40	12.32	12.36	12.29
Mch.	12.55	12.56	12.50	12.52	12.47
May.	12.77	12.78	12.73	12.75	12.69
July.	12.89	12.90	12.85	12.87	12.81
Oct.	12.78	12.79	12.75	12.78	12.71

Announcement.

The Sumter Dry Goods Co's announcement of their January sale this week will be pleasant reading for their lady friends, not only on account of the beauty of the display, but their preparations having been made when merchandise was cheaper and easier to obtain, you are sure to experience many pleasant surprises as to prices. They do not specialize on trashy mill ends, short lengths and disreputable merchandise on these sale occasions, hence their never falling popularity.—Adv.

WOOD'S Prosperity Seeds.

With bright prospects ahead for good prices on Vegetable and all Farm products, our farmers should feel encouraged to plant improved varieties of seeds, so as to increase their crops.

WOOD'S VEGETABLE SEEDS, long known for their superior quality and productiveness, have greatly increased in demand and popularity

WOOD'S GRASS, CLOVER and FARM SEEDS are of tested germination and superior qualities. Write for prices.

WOOD'S DESCRIPTIVE CATALOG gives valuable information about all Seeds for the Farm and Garden. Mailed free on request.

T. W. WOOD & SONS, SEEDSMEN, - Richmond, Va.

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STRIKE IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—Ten thousand garment workers struck here today for higher pay and better working conditions. Despite the cool hundreds of girls are picketing.

SENATE CONFIRMS BLUE.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Surgeon General Rupert Blue's reappointment to a second term as head of the public health service was confirmed today by the senate.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The president today nominated R. T. King to be postmaster at Georgetown, W. J. Spears at Lamar and A. C. Egan at Orangeburg.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

No. 10870. Of the National Bank of Sumter, at Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 31, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b)	\$472,622.40
b	660.74
2. Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured	
4. Bonds, securities, etc:	
4. e Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	5,000.00
5. Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock	16,641.65
6. Subscription to stock of Federal Reserve bank	15,000.00
a Less amount unpaid	7,500.00
7. a Value of banking house (if unencumbered	75,000.00
b Equity in banking house	75,000.00
8. Furniture and fixtures	14,000.00
9. Real estate owned other than banking house	9,510.00
10. Net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	10,186.48
11. a Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	16,586.48
b Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	3,692.02
12. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 10 or 11)	18,669.78
13. Exchange for clearing house	9,346.91
15. a Outside checks and other cash items	2,400.93
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	419.07
16. Notes of other national banks	11,600.00
18. Coin and certificates	19,316.90
Total	\$693,153.36

LIABILITIES.	
24. Capital stock paid in	\$200,000.00
25. Surplus fund	50,000.00
26. Undivided profits	10,691.74
30. Due to banks and bankers (others than included in 28 or 29)	3,343.82
31. Dividends unpaid	8,000.00
Demand deposits:	
32. Individual deposits subject to check	277,800.33
33. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	11,526.13
34. Certified checks	2,269.07
35. Cashier's checks outstanding	3,501.46
Total demand deposits, Items 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39	\$295,096.99
Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):	
40. Certificates of deposit	24,210.81
Total of time deposits, Items 40, 41, and 42	24,210.81
46. a Rediscunts with Federal Reserve Bank	51,810.00
47. Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	50,000.00
Total	\$693,153.36

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter, ss.

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

B. MANNING, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of January, 1916.

R. L. Edmunds, Notary Public. Correct Attest:
BARTOW WALSH,
W. F. SHAW,
H. J. McLaurin, Jr.
Directors.