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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1886 and the True Southern in 1898. The Watchman and Southern has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is undoubtedly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Senator Edward Carleton, of Spartanburg, stated in the course of the debate on the bill to abolish the State Commission that great pressure had been brought to bear upon him and other senators to induce them to vote to abolish the Tax Commission. He said the pressure came from certain sources. Undoubtedly, and it would not take Sherlock Holmes many guesses to identify the certain sources.

Mr. James A. Hoyt, speaker of the House of Representatives, has come to be known for free tuition in all public colleges. His position has been maintained to sustain it, since the property owners are the taxpayers and contribute most to the support of the State.

Mr. Wilson in the State college is placed in the same footing as the other members of the same schools. The amount of a man's financial standing cannot be judged, and this is the position that Mr. Hoyt has taken. If a man is to be a man, every citizen should enjoy its benefits, but if it is a charity, then only the indigent should receive it. This is the point the legislature will ultimately have to decide.

Mr. McKeown, the fearless leader of the raw-boned-and-bloody-boned party has returned to the privacy of his winter home in Florida, while President Wilson is preaching the gospel of national preparedness to the country in case of need.

It is necessary to be relying to the support of the man who talks common sense and is not an extremist.

Some of the people want neither the man on horseback nor the man who would speak to all things rather than strike a blow in self-defense.

The munition factories, of all descriptions, the navy yards, and the manufacturing plants that would be depended upon for supplies to equip the army and navy in the event of war, are nearly all located in a small section of country within two hundred miles of New York, and President Wilson in his speeches has stressed the necessity of having a strong navy and a reliable army to protect this territory against a foreign foe. If the United States is going into the preparedness business on a thorough and wholesale scale there should be powder mills, ammunition factories, rifle and artillery plants at strategic points in the interior of the country so that it would be impossible for an invading army to obtain control of all of them. Thoroughly equipped navy yards for the construction and repair of warships should be maintained where they would be of service in time of war. In time of peace the Gunter of big yards on the North Atlantic coast serve their purpose very well, but in time of war might be put out of business in short order.

FLAMES KILL CHILD.
 Minnie Taylor Burned to Death While at Play in Her Home.
 Lancaster, Feb. 5.—Yesterday afternoon Minnie Taylor, six years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Taylor of this place, was accidentally burned to death in her home near the Lancaster cotton mills while playing with some of her playmates close to a blazing fire in the grate. The children were alone in the room. As it was a very cold day it is thought that they were probably too near the fire playing when the dress of the little child caught fire, and before any help could arrive to extinguish the flames she was so badly burned that she died in a short while after the accident. She was a bright and attractive little member of Miss E. Poag's primary class, and was one of the grade's most popular little workers. The loss will be felt by the entire school.

Oswining, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Protesting his innocence to the last, Giuseppe Mareni was electrocuted this morning for the murder of a Brooklyn policeman two years ago.

CREAMERY ROUTES ESTABLISHED.

Cream to be Shipped to Darlington Next Week—Farmers Advised to Prepare for Coming of Boll Weevil.

In regard to the establishment of cream routes in Sumter county Demonstrator J. F. Williams reported to the Chamber of Commerce yesterday that farmers of Bethel neighborhood will start next Monday to ship cream from sixteen cows, and Dr. C. P. Osteen from fourteen cows to the Darlington creamery.

By April the first it is quite certain that the cream from seventy-five cows will be going to the Darlington creamery.

Perhaps there will be two routes in operation by mid-summer. This is a good beginning considering the fact that shipping of cream from the farm to a creamery is a new thing in this section of the country.

As Sumter county farmers, however, are as a rule, very progressive, it is almost certain that just as soon as those who are shipping state, from personal experience, that shipping cream pays, many more will go into this business.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce, Clemson College, the United States department of agriculture and Demonstrator Williams are doing everything possible by concerted action to get as many farmers to ship cream by early summer as possible. The cream profits are only one feature of profit to the farmer. The skim milk can be utilized for feeding pigs, calves, and chickens, and the manures from the cows are worth much in the building up of the lands and in preparing for the coming of the cotton boll weevil.

The first attempt at operating a cream route in South Carolina was at Clemson college. The first month the farmers brought in about fifteen hundred pounds. During the same month one year later, the amount of cream sold to the creamery aggregated nearly fifteen thousand pounds.

Sumter county may not measure up to the Clemson college first year record, but it is ships only one-half of that amount of cream per month, at the end of one year it will mean that this county has made wonderful strides towards living at home, cutting down the cost of commercial fertilizers, and preparing by diversification of field crops, and getting away from cotton, for the dreaded cotton boll weevil.

The fight to organize the farmers and to educate them to the importance of preparing for the boll weevil is the biggest and by far the most important movement the Southern States have ever inaugurated. Every kind of organized effort between city and country, between county and county and between States will be needed. The bulk of the work of the educational campaign will be upon the commercial organizations, working in harmony with the Federal and State departments of agriculture, the agricultural colleges and farm demonstrators.

Local commercial organizations will be needed to disseminate with the aid of the local papers, bulletins, and meetings the information from expert sources.

Help a Man Get a Start.
 Some one has introduced a bill, we believe, to sell bonds of the State to provide a loan fund for the purchase of small farms on long time and low interest.

We have read only casually and can have no opinion of the bill, for want of information; but the general idea of helping deserving men to own their farms appeals strongly to us. No state can attain its full stature which is composed largely of tenants. The tenant cannot be as useful a man to his State and community as he would be if he owned his home. A community of small land holders is the most homeloving place and the most public spirited in doing the big permanent things that serve as foundations of true progress. South Carolina can do nothing better than help her young men to own their homes. This would entail no expense to the State, but would yield a small profit. It must be remembered that full-blooded men of ability and ambition find it harder each year to start for themselves. It is to the best interest of the State that their ambition be fostered and their energies applied to the development of their own property.—Manning Herald.

This afternoon Health Officer W. J. McKagen received a telegram from F. A. Coward of the State pathologist stating that a dog, whose head had been sent to Dr. Coward for examination, had rabies. The dog was one which bit a small child of Hannah Campbell, a negro who lives on Mr. W. O. Cain's place at Privateer. The dog was owned by the family and bit the little child on Friday. The head was brought to Health Officer McKagen Saturday night, but too late to get off that day and it was shipped this morning, the answer having been received this afternoon.

Marriage License Record.
 A license to marry has been issued to Riley V. Jackson and Miss Mary A. Jackson. Licenses to colored couples are: Fred Evans and Carrie Winn, Wedgefield; Joe Wilder and Rachel Miller, Sumter; Tillman Brown, Sumter, and Fannie Hill, Charleston; Wesley Lewis and Mary Hill, Sumter; Willie Gardner and Rosa Gardner, Stateburg; Andrew DuBois, Oswego, and Lucile James, Sumter.

SOUTH'S HONOR ABOVE PRICE.

Will Not Sell its Soul for a Bale of Cotton.

(From New York Herald, Jan. 24.)
 To the Editor of the Herald:
 Some months ago I said through The Herald that the South would not sell its soul for a bale of cotton and that it would put its honor above the price of cotton and not measure the value of human life by the price it could get for its cotton. These statements are as true now as then, and Senator Williams in his masterly presentation of the true position of the South has done this section a magnificent service. He voices the true spirit of the real South, the South whose honor is above price and not that element of the South which puts a money value upon its honor and its relation to world affairs.

Of all the sad illustrations of the spirit of those who would sell the South's soul for money and betray this land, there has never been a sadder one than that of those who measure the relations of this country to world affairs in terms of the price of cotton. Not international justice, not our responsibility to aid those who are fighting the world's battle for civilization and democracy, not the murder of women on the high seas, but cotton, cotton, cotton, is the standard of honor and the basis on which they would disgrace the South in the eyes of all men of integrity and honor through all the world and through all the ages to come. They do not voice the sentiment or the honor of the South.

Richard H. Edmunds,
 Editor Manufacturers Record.

The Outlook for Cotton.

South Carolina cotton growers may well take note of the earnest campaign which is being waged in Texas and other states of the Southwest against too much cotton in 1916. The president of the Texas Farmers' Union is quoted as insisting that the acreage reduction ought by all means to be as much as 50 per cent. of that planted in 1915. The Texas State department of agriculture warns the farmers that "the price of cotton will go to the lowest figures ever known next fall" unless the acreage is kept down and the yield held below normal.

This seems to be the general conviction of those who have studied the matter in the cotton States of the Southwest, and they are deeply anxious that the farmers shall not be encouraged by reason of the prices which last year's crop has brought to plant a larger crop in 1916. "We have few ships in which cotton can now be sent abroad," points out the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. "Next fall we may not have so many." "Even if the war should have ended," says the Galveston News, "a normal crop of cotton next season would probably depress the price to an unremunerative level. There will be a heavy surplus of this season's crop carried over into next season; and as has been said before, it is not so much the world's need of cotton as its ability to buy that will determine its takings."

The Galveston News calls attention also to another phase of the situation which should not be overlooked, namely, the fact that last season's crop was grown under unfavorable conditions which are not likely to be repeated this year. "First, there was drought, then there was a series of storms that did measurable damage, and finally, the boll weevil was more prevalent last year than usual. If it had not been for these interventions of nature, the cotton crop, despite the reduction of acreage, might have been so much above requirements as to bring the price down below the cost of production." These observations relate, of course, to the conditions which obtained last year in Texas and the Southwest. It is to be remembered that the Texas crop in 1915 was over a million bales short while the Oklahoma crop was only about half that which was grown the year before.

This is the way the people of Texas and the Mississippi Valley feel about the cotton outlook. How do the facts cited impress cotton growers in South Carolina. If the Southwest, where cotton can be grown without fertilizer, is so much afraid of a big crop in 1916, what should be the attitude of the people of South Carolina, where it is impossible to make cotton without fertilizer, which has so advanced in price that the expense of raising a bale of cotton this year is bound to be considerably in excess of what it was in 1915?—News and Courier.

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DR. R. H. WHITEHEAD DEAD.
 Dean of Medical Department, University of Virginia.
 Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 6.—Dr. Richard H. Whitehead, dean of the medical department of the University of Virginia, died here today from pneumonia. He was born at Salisbury, N. C., in 1865, and was educated at Wake Forest College, the University of Virginia and the University of Pennsylvania. Before coming to Virginia ten years ago he was dean of the medical faculty at the University of North Carolina.

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Tindal, Tuesday, January 4.
 Privateer, Wednesday, January 5.
 Levi Siding, Thursday, January 6.
 Wedgefield, Friday, January 7.
 Claremont, Monday, January 10.
 Hagood, Tuesday, January 11.
 Rembert, Wednesday, January 12.
 Dalzell, Thursday, January 13.
 Brogdon, Friday, January 14.
 Mayesville, Monday, January 17.
 Oswego, Tuesday, January 18.
 Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, January 19.
 Shiloh, Thursday, January 20.
 Norwood's Cross Roads, Friday, January 21.

My office will be open for the purpose of receiving tax returns from January 1st, 1916 to February 20th, 1916, inclusive.

R. E. WILDER,
 County Auditor.

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