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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1880 and the True Southeron in 1886. The Watchman and Southeron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

When the packing house at Orangeburg is in operation there will be a ready market for all the hogs that can be raised in this section, and as the plant will be completed early next year farmers can now make their plans for hog raising with the assurance that hogs will not be a drug on the market next fall.

The most striking exhibits at the county fair last week were the booths of individual farmers. The exhibits of S. J. White, T. S. DuBose, Jr., F. W. Andrews, J. M. Kolb and T. J. Kirvan were complete and convincing demonstrations that the live at home system can be successfully put into practice in Sumter county.

**VICTORY NEAR MONASTIR.**

French Troops Seize Important Position in Serbia.

Paris, Nov. 29.—French troops have captured Hill 1050, near Monastir.

**Notes of City Schools.**

In compliance with a custom in vogue for many years the city schools will give holiday on Friday, after Thanksgiving in order that the pupils may have a period of rest and recreation just at this time. Following the completion of the examinations will be the usual energy to do their examinations with credit.

In speaking to the students of the high school today, Superintendent Edmunds in urging them to return with determination to do their best work cited some illustrations of what may be done by the students who wish to make the most of their time. He reminded them that from the Sumter high school there had gone one Rhodes scholar to have the benefit of three years training in England. That only recently another had passed the examination of eligibility for this scholarship. This successful aspirant is at present a student in one of the leading educational institutions of Virginia. That from one of the leading institutions of North Carolina, he had seen the statement that one of our boys is "the best student in the class from every standpoint and has handed in a paper which was the best examination from any student that the instructor had ever seen." That in our own State at one of the leading institutions for young men the leader of the college is a Sumter boy; and at one of the educational institutions for young women, the leader is a Sumter girl. The very pertinent question was asked: If this can be done by others, why can it not be done by you? There is only one way and that is preparedness through a long period of preparation and this requires determination to excel in that which is best and which, therefore, counts for most. What has been done, certainly can be done. Why should it not be done by you?

**Makes Big Bond.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 28.—As a result of a preliminary hearing, Fred result of a preliminary hearing, Fred K. Conelson, under arrest on the charge of larceny of \$40,900 from the Southern Express companies wagon last Monday night, has been admitted to a bond of \$25,000 by the criminal court today. No new evidence was brought out and the defense did not introduce any witnesses. Conelson had no trouble in making bond.

**In The Police Court.**

The following cases have been disposed of in the Recorder's Court:  
Eleanora Thompson, storing whiskey for unlawful purposes, mistrial ordered.  
Sam Howell, obtaining whiskey from express office by false pretenses, \$25 or 30 days.  
Waties Anderson, drunk and cursing, \$20 or 30 days.  
Roosevelt Galliard, petty larceny, \$10 or 20 days.

**REPLY BY MCCORMICK.**

Democratic Chairman Answers Libel Charges.

New York, Nov. 28.—In answer to the suit for alleged libel brought against him by Jeremiah A. O'Leary for a statement published on October 3, filed here today, Vance McCormick, Democratic national chairman, declared that his assertions were justified.

Mr. McCormick quoted in full Mr. O'Leary's telegram to President Wilson on September 29 maintaining that his criticism of the president for the sale of war munitions or loans to any nation or nations with which the United States is at peace was groundless.

**WON'T CHANGE PLANS.**

Bankers Stick to Scheme for Treasury Notes.

New York, Nov. 28.—The proposed offering of a series of short term treasury notes by J. P. Morgan & Co., for the British and French governments, it was authoritatively stated today, would be made regardless of the warning issued by the federal reserve board. The notes, ranging from 30 days to six months, will be issued in limited amounts in response, it was said, to a widespread demand from banks and investors and will not be renewable.

Bankers representing the entente allies declined to say to what extent, if at all, future international undertakings may be affected by the action of the reserve board.

**NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**

To Be Organized at Baker School Sunday Afternoon.

A new Presbyterian Church will be organized at Baker School on Sunday afternoon, under the authorization of Harmony Presbytery which met and decided on this action at a recent meeting in Sumter upon recommendation of a committee previously appointed to look into the matter and report.

The sermon will be preached Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. L. B. McCord of Manning.

**WATSON BEGINS DEFENSE.**

Neighbors Testifying as to His Character as a Man.

Augusta, Nov. 29.—Thomas E. Watson's defense began this morning with the introduction of evidence as to the defendant's character. Postmaster Barnes, of Thomson, who had formerly testified for the government gave Watson an excellent character as an author and as a man.

**SUBMARINE CONTRACTS AWARDED.**

Secretary Daniels Places Orders for Twenty-Nine.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today awarded contracts for twenty-nine submarines for the United States navy. They will cost seven hundred thousand to over a million each.

**HOLIDAY EVE CLUB DANCE.**

Enjoyable Affair is First Big Dance of Season Given in Sumter.

The Holiday Eve Club dance in the Armory Hall last night was a most enjoyable affair to the twenty-five or more couples and others who enjoyed the dancing from 10 o'clock until after 1 o'clock. The music was all that could be wished for and the dancers found every dance the best.

About midnight a delightful supper was served to the dancers, who stopped dancing only a short time to eat. Punch was served during the evening. The dance broke up earlier than was expected because of the fact that the lights went out and it was impossible to continue the dance in the dark.

Quite a large number of visitors were in town for the occasion, among them being: Misses Sara McLaurin, Bennettsville; Isabelle and Jessie Williamson, Darlington; Melba Brown, Columbia; Belva Jones, Florence; Lois Jackson, Anderson; Agnes Severance, Timmonsville; Henrietta DeLoach, Camden; Bessie Trippett, Boykin; Minnie Fair Lykes, Lykesland; Messrs. Scott, Kingstree; E. W. Wilson, C. E. Johnson, J. W. Brunson, C. W. Stikeleather, Donald McLauchlin Florence; Q. D. Williford, M. G. Hiers, W. H. Bristow, C. E. Sigh Darlington; R. King Breeden, F. E. Drake, Hartsville; F. Swails, J. C. Williams, A. C. Jeffords, Florence; E. H. DeSausure, G. C. Green, Charleston; Edward G. Smith, G. W. Slide, Florence.

The annual ceremonial of Omar Temple, Ancient Arabic Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, will be held in Greenville on Thanksgiving day.

**TURKEY PRICES DROP.**

Boycott in Chicago Brings Grasping Dealers to Terms.

Chicago, Nov. 29.—An unorganized boycott on turkeys caused the price to drop to thirty cents, eight cents less than the price demanded a few days ago. The Housewives' refusal to pay the high price has caused a panic among the dealers. Eggs also dropped two cents on the dozen.

**MEMPHIS FOR BOYCOTT.**

Mass Meeting Called to Put Ban on Eggs, Butter and Meat.

Memphis, Nov. 29.—A call for a mass meeting of women to boycott butter, eggs and meat has been sent by Mrs. Willingham, president of the Century Club. She also advocates the use of Southern corn bread instead of flour.

**FIVE THOUSAND BALES LESS.**

More Cotton Ginned in 1915 Than in 1916.

More cotton was ginned in Sumter county up to November 14th, 1915, than to the same date of 1916, the difference being 5,197 bales. The ginnings up to November 14th, 1916, are 20,660 bales against 25,757 bales for last year at the same time.

**A Disappointing Trip.**

"I hear that you were invited to take a four day automobile tour with Mr. and Mrs. Whitby."

"Yes."  
"How did you enjoy it?"  
"Oh, I didn't care much for it. Mrs. Whitby was so enthusiastic over the scenery and things that she never told me a thing about any of our friends that I hadn't heard before."—Albany Knickerbocker Press.

**Forest Notes.**

The stand of timber on two great National Forests in Alaska is estimated by the Forest Service as over 70 billion board feet, while the annual growth will, it is said, produce of pulpwood alone enough for the manufacture of three thousand tons of wood pulp a day.

Oak is the most suitable wood for preserving, on account of its durability and toughness, without being too hard. Chestnut, American walnut, mahogany and teak are also desirable, while for fine work Italian walnut, lime, sycamore, apple, pear or plum are generally chosen.

**Marriage License Record.**

Licenses to marry have been issued to Carl Belden Epps and Miss Mary S. Purdy, Sumter; D. G. Rembert, Jr., and Miss Laura A. Fraser, Oswego; J. H. Keels and Miss Esther K. Kelly, Lynchburg.

**Arrested on Serious Charge.**

Sam Buckner, a Turk from the Stateburg section of the county, was arrested several days ago charged with attempting a criminal assault upon a young white woman of the Catchall section. Buckner was placed in jail on a warrant taken out by the young woman and is held for disposition of the case.

The governor has received an inquiry from the Cuban-American society, inquiring if he and his staff would accept an invitation to visit Cuba along with executives of other States and prominent Americans. The trip would be made on a warship of the Cuban republic.

The State of Pennsylvania will next year have 8,000,000 seedling trees set out in its effort at reforestation. The trees are of timber varieties.

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that a sale of the personal effects of the Estate of A. J. Jones, deceased, consisting of stock, cattle, farming implements, corn, hay, etc., will be held on Thursday, December 14th, at 11 o'clock a. m., at the residence of the late A. J. Jones, near Tindal, S. C.  
ELLA J. JONES,  
Administratrix of Estate of A. J. Jones, Deceased.

**THE MONUMENT**—Erected by Holy Wood Camp No. 19, W. O. W. at the grave of the late O. E. Bostick will be unveiled Sunday, December 3d, at 2:30 p. m. Hon. R. D. Epps will be the orator. R. S. Hood, Clerk.

**BRING YOUR HOGS**—Live or dressed, and cattle, to Palmetto Market, 212 South Main street, opposite Claremont Hotel. Highest cash prices paid.

**A Nervous Woman Finds Relief From Suffering.**

Women who suffer from extreme nervousness, often endure much suffering before finding any relief. Mrs. Joseph Snyder, of Tiffin, O., had such an experience, regarding which she says:



"Six months I was bedfast with nervous prostration. I had sinking spells, a cold, clammy feeling,—could not stand the slightest noise. At times I would almost fly to pieces; stomach very weak. My husband insisted on my taking Dr. Miles' Nervine, and I began to improve before I had finished the first bottle until I was entirely cured."

MRS. JOSEPH SNYDER,  
262 Hudson St., Tiffin, Ohio.

Many remedies are recommended for diseases of the nervous system that fail to produce results because they do not reach the seat of the trouble. Dr. Miles' Nervine has proven its value in such cases so many times that it is unnecessary to make claims for it. You can prove its merits for yourself by getting a bottle of your druggist, who will return the price if you receive no benefit.  
MILES MEDICAL CO., Elkhart, Ind.

**SOUTHERN COMMERCIAL CONGRESS.**

Norfolk, Va., December 11th to 14th.

The theme of the congress will be "The Changed Outlook" and the "International Reconstruction Resulting from the European War." Many cabinet officers and other important personages of national and international fame will be present, and President Wilson is expected.

Every Southerner should lend a hand, at least by his presence and limbing and profiting by what he will learn, in helping the nation, through this important congress, in its efforts to build commercial relations with the Western Hemisphere and other matters of equal importance which will be discussed.

Co-ordinating organizations which will meet at the same time are: Woman's Auxiliary of the Congress; House of Southern Governors, American Commission on Agricultural Organization, National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture and Southern Commercial Secretaries Association.

For this occasion the Atlantic Coast Line will sell excursion tickets to Norfolk at \$10.25 from Sumter, and at correspondingly reduced fares from all points on its line, for all trains on December 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, limited returning until December 19.

Sleeping car reservations and further information may be obtained from O. V. Player, Ticket Agent, Sumter.—Adv't.

**Notice.**

All persons are hereby warned not to trespass on my lands by hunting or otherwise.

H. D. TINDAL,  
Tindal, S. C.

**BRITISH ATTACK REPULSED.**

Offensive Started North of Arras by English.

Berlin, Nov. 29.—The British forces north of Arras are becoming active, launching an attack last night which was repulsed.

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We want you to call upon us before you buy your Fertilizers this season.

We can and will save you money.

Fertilizer materials are higher proportionately than mixed goods.

It will pay you to talk it over with us before you buy.

Respectfully,

**HARBY & CO., Inc.,**  
SUMTER, S. C.

In Observance of Thanksgiving Day

This Institution Will Not Open

Thursday, Nov. 30.

As a Nation we have unusual cause for thanksgiving this year. While death and devastation are stalking abroad, peace and prosperity are within our gates, let us count our blessings and give due thanks.

As individuals, let us plan for continued financial progress. A stronger banking connection is at all times a helpful balance.

**The National Bank of Sumter,**

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Our steady growth and new accounts tell the story.

Safety and preparedness first and at all times.

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Save a part of what you make and put it in the savings department of this bank.

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