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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1880 and the True Southron in 1886. 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.

WHY NOT PLANT RICE?

In planning for crop diversification to meet boll weevil conditions, rice, as one of the subsidiary crops, should not be overlooked nor neglected by Sumter county farmers. This idea has been suggested by several of the live-at-home type of farmers with whom we have discussed the coming of the boll weevil. They are agreed that there is no crop that can be more easily or more profitably grown on a small scale on a majority of farms in Sumter county than rice. On every farm there are plots, ranging in size from a quarter of an acre to several acres, that are better adapted to growing rice than any other crop. Rice is easy to grow, requiring little cultivation, less fertilizer than any other grain crop, and the yield is larger per acre. On many farms land that is not under cultivation, being too wet for other crops, could be profitably planted in rice.

Those farmers who have planted rice say that it is a profitable crop, but they have planted only enough for home use, because there is not a mill in Sumter county equipped to hull rice, which makes it troublesome and expensive to get rice prepared for use or for sale. They say they would plant more rice and that many others would also plant it, if there was a rice mill in Sumter or vicinity.

This is a matter that can easily be remedied. If there is enough rice grown in Sumter county to make it necessary, the Sumter Roller Mills will set a rice mill to handle all the

rice that is produced in this territory. If the farmers want to plant rice they can do so with the assurance that milling facilities will be provided for them, if they will let it be known through County Farm Demonstrator J. Frank Williams or the Sumter Chamber of Commerce. The Sumter Roller Mills will not go to the expense of purchasing a rice mill until it is a known fact that there will be rice to be hulled next fall, but if Mr. Williams or the Chamber of Commerce receive verified reports of the planting of a reasonably large acreage in rice this spring, the rice mill will be added to the present plant in time to hull this year's crop.

The prohibitionists, that is the real, simon-pure, anti-liquor sort, the political prohibitionists being always excepted, are now in a position to get what they want—an absolutely boozeless State—if their allies for political purposes can be forced to toe the mark. Will the political prohibitionists in the legislature vote as they talk, or will they dodge the issue?

Why not have real prohibition in South Carolina? Why not put a stop to the sale, not only of ordinary intoxicants, but alcoholic patent medicines that are consumed as beverages?

Licenses to marry have been issued to John English, Borden, and Luara Taylor, Rembert; James Michau and Rachel Brown, Wedgefield; Thomas Butler, Mayesville and Ida Brown, Wedgefield.

Attention is invited to the half page advertisement of O'Donnell & Co. in reference to fertilizer contracts for this year's crop. Those who have been in the habit of buying fertilizers from this firm know the class of goods that they sell; those who have not bought from O'Donnell & Co. know that the reputation of the firm is so high that whatever they guarantee is exactly as represented, both as to price and quality.

New York, Jan. 13.—Hannel Ordez, a nephew of former President Diaz, of Mexico, was shot and killed in a fashionable apartment this morning. He recently told friends he was being hounded by the Carranzistas.

A dry, hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. Ballard's Horehound Syrup is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv.

FIGHT ON LIQUOR LAW.

PROBABLE THAT SENATE WILL TAKE UP QUESTION OF SHIPMENTS OF INTOXICANTS.

Fight on State Warehouse System is Planned, Efforts Being Made to Abolish It—Senate to Keep Appropriations Down—Little Done in House Yesterday.

(By Joe Sparks.)

Columbia, Jan. 13.—Anticipated fight in the senate over the present liquor laws was foreshadowed today in a bill by Senator Hughes of Union, in which provision is made for substitute shipments of 60 pints of beer in lieu of the gallon allotment of whiskey. A bill of somewhat similar provisions was fought through both houses of the general assembly last year, known as the "two quart a month" act. This was, recently vetoed by the governor. It allowed 60 pints of beer or light wines, instead of two quarts of whiskey. The present Hughes bill does not reduce the amount of whiskey, nor does it allow the alternative of light wines. A flat two cents railroad rate bill was also introduced today by Senator Hughes.

Another spirited debate is scheduled over the present warehouse system, a bill having been introduced in the house for its abolition. This will also be introduced in the senate early next week. Sentiment foreshadows possible abolition. This sentiment has been decidedly augmented by an analysis of the report of John L. McLaurin, State warehouse commissioner, which shows that only 15,000 bales of cotton were in storage Sept. 23. At that time 93 of the 158 warehouses in the system were empty. The appropriation last year was \$15,000.

The bill for equal suffrage referendum received a favorable report from the judiciary committee in the senate this morning. A minority unfavorable report was made by Senator Williams of Aiken.

A resolution was introduced in the senate providing that "this body pledge itself to keep the appropriations within the figures of last year, and to make a levy sufficient to cover the same, including all amounts authorized to be borrowed in the name

FREE SAMPLE—Large paper-shell pecans. Land-owners, write for sample nuts and prices of trees to-day. Southern Nut Tree Nurseries, Thomasville, Ga.

of the State." The resolution was offered by Senator Stuckey of Lee county and lay over for consideration at the meeting of the senate next Monday night.

A joint resolution was introduced by Senators Williams and Nickles, calling for a constitutional convention. The senate adjourned at noon to meet next Monday night at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY IN THE HOUSE.

Columbia, Jan. 13.—The South Carolina house of representatives did very little on the last day of the first week. The lower body adjourned at 12.30 o'clock, after a two hours' session which was largely taken up with recesses, to meet again Monday night at 8 o'clock.

There was a joint session of the two houses in the representatives' hall at noon to hear officially of the election of Governor Manning and Lieut. Governor Bethea. The vote for governor as announced was: Manning 60,405; Blease 1,089, Gibbs 163. The board of canvassers was: Representatives Boyd, Cothran and W. L. McCutchen.

On motion of Representative Liles the house accepted an invitation to breakfast at Orangeburg on the legislative trip to Charleston, Jan. 24.

Any little wound or abrasion of the flesh occurring in cold weather that is not promptly treated becomes a bad sore and is difficult to heal. Apply Ballard's Snow Lintiment at once when such accidents happen. The wound heals promptly and soon does away with the annoyance of a bandage. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Adv.

Tax Return Notice

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following named places and on the dates mentioned, for the purpose of receiving tax returns for fiscal year 1917, on all personal property, polls, road and dogs:

- Tindals, Thursday, Jan. 4.
 - Privateer, Friday, Jan. 5.
 - Levi Siding, Tuesday, Jan. 9.
 - Wedgefield, Wednesday, Jan. 10.
 - Claremont, Thursday, Jan. 11.
 - Hagood, Friday, Jan. 12.
 - Rembert, Tuesday, Jan. 16.
 - Dalzell, Wednesday, Jan. 17.
 - Erogdon, Thursday, Jan. 18.
 - Oswego, Friday, Jan. 19.
 - Mayesville, Tues. Jan. 23.
 - Pleasant Grove, Wed. Jan. 24.
 - Shiloh, Thu. Jan. 25.
 - Norwood Cross Roads, Fri. Jan. 26.
- R. E. WILDER,
County Auditor.

**Dr. A. Allen,
EYE SPECIALIST.**

I have leased one-half the Singer Sewing Machine Store and will be there every business day in the year, 35 S. Main Street. You can now obtain the very best glasses from Dr. Allen, who has fitted up an Optical Parlor for testing eyes. I stand behind each pair of glasses with a guarantee. Will put new glasses in your old frames. Prices reasonable, and no charge this month for testing eyes.

**ALLEN'S EYE LOTION
FOR SORE EYES.**

BRING THIS WITH YOU.
For 30 days this Coupon is good for \$1.00 off the cost of glasses.

Lumber, Lime, Cement.

BUILDING MATERIAL GENERALLY
AND FEED OF ALL KINDS

BOOTH & McLEOD.

Successors to Booth, Shuler Lumber & Supply Co.
Opp. Court House
EVERYTHING AT ONE PLACE.



**The National Bank of
South Carolina**

\$1,071,307.25 LEADERS

Our steady growth tells the story—New accounts each day—The largest bank in this section of the State. Safety first. Preparedness all the time. Your patronage we want.

C. G. ROWLAND, Pres. H. L. McCJY, Cashier.

FERTILIZERS

At this season of the year there is no subject that gives our farming friends greater concern, or that requires greater thought and study than the subject of this advertisement. Nearly all farmers use it. Most farmers have to use it, if they expect to make anything. Some years it does not pay, other years it pays handsomely. It is our observation and experience that fertilizers judiciously applied will pay in a majority of cases.

For nearly 25 years we have confined our purchases of Ammoniated fertilizers practically to the

ASHEPOO BRANDS,

for the reason that they have given our patrons such universal satisfaction, and we believe in sticking to

A GOOD THING.

We have bought very largely for this season's trade and our contract is the most liberal we have ever succeeded in making.

WE PAY CASH.

for every pound of goods we buy, taking advantage of all discounts, and we feel justified in saying without fear of contradiction that,

WE CANNOT BE UNDERSOLD

by any legitimate competition. There are few if any farmers in the County who have not at some time used the Ashepoo goods. You know what we have to offer. All we ask is,

SEE US BEFORE BUYING

and we feel assured your visit will result in making a contract with us.

It should be consoling to farmers to know that fertilizers, which form such a large percentage of the expense of their crop, will cost them no more than last year. Some goods are even cheaper. We urge upon all of our friends to get their orders placed as early as possible, for we fear there will be trouble in getting prompt shipment later in the season. We have been crying wolf for several years but the Car Shortage is really at our doors.

O'DONNELL & CO.