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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.

The legislature is getting mighty close to bone-dry prohibition, and it may happen that before the final adjournment that all of the proposed substitutes and half measures will be discarded and a real prohibition law enacted. This is the course that we have advocated from the first as representing the wishes of a majority of the people, and it is evident that a majority of the members of the legislature, having heard from back home, are gradually coming to the same conclusion. The only sure way to determine whether this State is ready for real prohibition is to give it a trial. The people have been asking for prohibition for many years and have been put off with various substitutes on the plea that the interstate commerce law stood in the way of enforcing absolute prohibition. This obstacle—or excuse—having been removed by the Webb-Kenyon law and the decision of the United States Supreme Court, now is the accepted time to give absolute prohibition a trial.

**FERTILIZER MOVEMENT.**

**Local Railroads Moving Large Volume of Soil Food.**

The Southern, Seaboard and Atlantic Coast Line railways are rapidly handling fertilizer now, the shipping season being in brisk swing. A large percentage of more fertilizer has been handled since February 1 this year than in the last season. The season begins the latter part of Jan-

uary and ends near the close of March.

It is probable that the Seaboard railway will haul about 5,000 tons this season and the Southern somewhat more, while the Atlantic Coast Line will likely handle from 12,000 to 15,000 tons. The increase in the amount of fertilizer being shipped is attributable to the fact that the farmers intend to plant a large acreage in cotton this year on account of the prevailing high price of the staple.—Charleston Post.

**Baker School News.**

Mayesville, Feb. 15.—Misses Annie Lou Newman and Annie White entertained a number of their girl friends Wednesday afternoon at a Valentine party. The following charming young ladies were present: Misses Annie, Ethel and Eva Jones, May and Belle Evans, Agnes and Irene White, Felicia Ervin, Leone and Alice Jones, also Master Cecil and Frank McLeod.

After Cupid had gloriously smiled upon each one, the guests were ushered into the dining room, where a delightful course of hot chocolate and cake was served. At the same time the juniors were engaged in a number of games and songs appropriate for the occasion.

Miss Carrie Josey of Concord spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Jones, of Mayesville.

Mrs. L. L. White spent last week with her brother, Mr. J. K. Newman of Sumter.

Quite a number of our young people have been attending the meeting at Bethel, conducted by the Rev. Charlie Tillman of Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Eva Jones spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Mrs. Jesse McLeod.

Miss Sallie McLeod of Bishopville is spending some time in the community.

"Sunny South."

**News and Views of Pisgah.**

Pisgah, Feb. 15.—It still rains and plowing can't go fast owing to the wet but there will be time enough for full preparation.

Some guano is being handled. The oat crop is gone. Its life was short but it was too cold to stay here. Wheat is severely damaged if not practically killed out. This surely is heavy on our farmers who put in a large crop of small grain. With corn at palace prices and scarce at that, living will be high and costly this year. Speckle peas and amber cane planted about May the first, highly manured, peas with acid, can later-

ly take the place of oats.

We have a lot of colds and grippe. Several are down with them.

The Sumter delegation, Epps, excepted, seems to have forgotten by their votes on the liquor question that Sumter county went for prohibition with the State two years ago. We won't forget it.

Rev. Mr. Lyles has accepted the call of Pisgah church for its pastor. The days of preaching will be the second Sunday at 11 a. m., and the fourth Sunday at 3 p. m. in each month.

Our neighborhood heard with deep regret the untimely death of Mr. Tom Polk Sanders, Jr., our magistrate elect. He made a clean-cut canvass last year and won over strong opposition. He was popular and made many friends during his canvass.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Brown have the sympathy of their many friends in the loss of their youngest child. It was buried last Saturday.

Mrs. Sarah Benton, quite aged, is sick with grippe.

St. Valentine's day has come and gone, but like many things it is now in the ages.

Germany will soon, if she keeps on sinking vessels, bring England to terms. The old lady needs a little dressing over to let her know there are others besides herself.

A meteor of unusual brilliancy passed over here Tuesday evening just after sunset. It was a beautiful sight. From observation it seems that people are going from bad to worse, judging the way the Sabbath is kept. A nation that leaves God out of its work will soon go to the wall. Spain is a fine example of a once great power now a small one.

Among the pretty young ladies of this place is one that stands like Venus in the stormy skies to be seen.

**Beautiful Dresses.**

The Sumter Dry Goods Co. opened up a big shipment of silk dresses this morning which are the most wonderful values yet received. All of the new shades in crepe, taffeta and crepe de chine are in the assortment, and at prices which make them doubly attractive. We invite an early inspection.—Advt.

A heavy cold in the lungs that was expected to cure itself has been the starting point in many cases of disease that ended fatally. The sensible course is to take frequent doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. It checks the progress of the disorder and assists nature to restore normal conditions. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

**PACKERS BUY SOY BEANS.**

Interesting to South Carolina farmers in view of the offer made to them by the cotton seed crushers of the State, to buy at market prices all the soy beans they will produce, is the following from The Cotton Seed Oil Magazine, relating to North Carolina's experience with the crop.

"As a result of a week spent in Raleigh and other sections of North Carolina investigating the possibilities of soy bean, Max Buell, of Indianapolis, representative of a large packing plant here, has purchased three carloads of the beans and is trying to interest his company in the wholesale purchase of the beans from North Carolina farmers. It has been found that the soy bean is superior to the navy bean in flavor and quality and is being used by the firm in Indianapolis for canning pork and beans. Samples sent to C. B. Williams, who has done much to encourage the growth and production of the bean, indicates the fine qualities of the bean for this purpose.

"Agreeing with Mr. Williams, Mr. Buell states the soy bean has a great future from the standpoint of an edible product and for oil. It will rival cottonseed oil when the growth of the bean becomes general in the South and will be especially valuable for the boll weevil districts.

"It will be remembered that the first crushing of the soy bean, in a commercial way, was begun in North Carolina during the past year. Five or more mills took up the matter last year and it is expected that more will be interested this season."

**SUMTER COTTON MARKET.**

Corrected Daily by  
**HARBY & CO., Cotton Buyers.**  
Good Middling 16 1-2.  
Strict Middling 16 3-8.  
Middling 16 1-4.  
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Middling 16 1-4.  
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Low Middling 15 1-2.  
Staple cotton 20 to 23c.

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.**

|          | Open  | High  | Low   | Close | Yes'days | Close |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
| Mch . .  | 15.90 | 16.22 | 15.88 | 16.17 | 15.86    |       |
| May . .  | 16.05 | .40   | .05   | .34   | 16.00    |       |
| July . . | 16.19 | .45   | .18   | .40   | .06      |       |
| Oct. . . | 16.77 | 16.06 | 15.77 | 15.98 | 15.65    |       |
| Dec. . . |       | 16.15 | 15.94 | 16.10 | 15.77    |       |



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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.

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

Respectfully,

**HARBY & CO., Inc.,**  
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**Our Spring Lines for 1917**

We will offer for Spring, the following well known lines of Merchandise:

- Hart Schaffner & Marx and Dreyfous Lang & Co's. Clothing.
- Heidelberg Wolfe & Co., Brand Brothers & Cohen, Goldstein & Co.'s Palm Beach and Summer Clothing.
- Paragon Trousers.
- Wayne Knit Hosiery.
- Keiser & Altman Ties.
- K. & E. Blouses for Boys.
- Munsing, Varsity and B. V. D. Underwear.

- HATS:**  
Knox, Knap Felt, Stetson and Frank Schoebles.
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Bates Streets, Arrow, Lion.  
Lion Brand Collars.  
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