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 The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1856 and the True Southern in 1866. The Watchman and Southerner now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertisement medium in Sumter.

The Anderson Mail a few days ago printed a lengthy review of the political situation in South Carolina, in which the men who have been leaders in seeking and winning office in the State during the last quarter of a century are generally and quite severely criticised. There is considerable truth and some justice in the criticisms, but with all the assertions and conclusions we cannot agree.

The men who have been leaders and have won office by virtue of their leadership are blamed for all the mistakes that have been made and all the wrongs that have been committed in the name of the State. That the leaders have their full share of responsibility is patent, but a calm and impartial survey of the political record will convince all minds amenable to reason that the legislature has been more responsible for blocking progressive and constructive legislation than the men who have held the office of governor.

Even Gov. Bleasie, vicious as he was, and lacking in almost every quality that a public servant should have, recommended and sought to have enacted some measures of a constructive nature, but which the legislature refused or failed to adopt. Other governors suffered more at the hands of unprogressive and politics ridden legislatures than Gov. Bleasie; and Gov. Manning has not been the least of the sufferers in this respect. He has recommended and sought to influence the enactment of more measures of a constructive nature than any of his predecessors within the past fifteen years or more. Some of these recommendations have been enacted into law, but more of them have been side-tracked. In spite of the evident unfriendliness of the writer of the article toward Gov. Manning he was not able to utterly condemn his administration, although he did seek to damn it with faint praise.

Gov. Manning has few friends in and around Anderson, in consequence of his action in sending the militia to Anderson at the time of the trouble between the cotton mills and their operatives. The course he adopted kept the peace and resulted in a settlement of the differences on a basis that gave substantial justice to both parties. He refused to use the power of his office to aid the mill owners to ride rough-shod over the striking mill operatives, and, at the same time, he used his power to prevent lawlessness on the part of the operatives. He forced respect for law and order and brought about a settlement by arbitration and, as a result won the enmity of both sides.

Gov. Manning's administration has not been without mistakes, no one expected that it would be—only his enemies have demanded it of him. His administration has been a business administration, as he promised it would be, and the partisanship that he is accused of by his critics has been the result of the partisan fight made on him. In more than one instance issues have been raised and a fight forced upon him for the purpose of creating partisan feeling and he had either to submit or make the fight on the lines laid down by his political enemies.

We believe that he has made a sincere effort to give the State a business administration and to ally bitterness and partisanship, and it is proof that he has measurably succeeded in his effort that his supporters—not his friends—who expected to profit from their alliance with his faction, criticise his administration as severely as his opponents. Another proof that the Manning administration has not been a failure is that those people who neither expected nor asked personal favors from him and his administration are satisfied that he has done his duty fairly and patriotically.

There is another aspect of the Anderson Mail's article that is worth passing comment—that all that is said about Bleasie, Manning and other past and present political leaders serves merely as camouflage, so to speak, for references to Hon. Jno. L. McLaurin's activity in the political field. McLaurin is the center of the picture and the remainder of the so-called political review is designed to throw the spot light on him. It is just some more McLaurin propaganda.

and it is cleverly conceived and executed.

HELPS FOR THE HOUSEKEEPER.

Potatoes are Plentiful.
 "Eat me, lest I perish in vain," is the cry of every potato in the land. Have you ever noticed that when you eat a great deal of potato for dinner you don't care for bread? Satisfy your hunger with potatoes. They will help save the wheat. Here are a few different ways of preparing them.

Scalloped Potatoes and Cheese.
 Arrange a layer of sliced raw or boiled potatoes in greased baking dish and sprinkle with grated cheese and a little flour. Repeat until dish is nearly full. Pour milk over the whole, about one-half cup to every three potatoes. Skim milk is good. Bake in a moderate oven until done. The length of time required depends upon whether the potatoes are raw or boiled and whether the baking dish used is deep or shallow. Boiled potatoes baked in a shallow dish will take only 20 minutes. Raw potatoes in a deep dish may take as much as 1-2 hours.

Potato Sausages.
 1 cup of mashed potatoes,
 1 cup ground nuts, fish or meat,
 1 egg, well beaten,
 1-2 teaspoons salt,
 1-3 teaspoon pepper,
 2 tablespoons cooking oil.

Mix the mashed potatoes and seasonings with the ground nuts, fish or meat. Add beaten egg. Form into little cakes or sausages, roll in flour and place in greased pan with a little oil on each sausage. Bake in a fairly hot oven until brown.

A Shepherd's Pic.
 Grease a baking dish; cover the bottom with mashed potatoes. Add a layer of cooked minced meat or fish, seasoned well and mixed with meat stock or gravy. Cover with mashed potatoes. Bake long enough to heat through—20 to 30 minutes.

Corn Meal Griddle Cakes with Rice.
 One cup cornmeal, one cup of boiled rice, one egg, one teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of soda, three tablespoons of flour, one and one-half cups sour milk. Try this for your breakfast.

Eggs on Rice.
 Oil a baking dish, fill it half full of well seasoned boiled rice; make as many depressions in the rice as there are people to be served; break an egg into each of these, sprinkle with salt and strew with bits of butter substitute, bake until the eggs are set. Serve hot.

Rice Batter Cakes.
 One teaspoon of salt, one cup milk, one cup flour, one-half cup cooked rice, one teaspoon baking powder. Fry in cakes.

Rice and Indian Bread.
 Beat two eggs very light, add one pint milk, two cups white Indian corn meal, one cup cold boiled rice, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half cup more milk, beat hard. Bake in shallow pan in hot oven.

Rice Gems.
 A pint of buttermilk or sour milk, one egg, a teaspoonful of soda, a little sugar if desired, half a teaspoonful of salt. Mix 3-4 cup of wheat flour with 1-2 cups of cooked rice and beat into the milk and egg. The mixture should be the consistency of graham gems. Drop into the heated gem pans and bake about fifteen minutes.

Good Roads Where the Split-leg Drive is Used.

A citizen of Spartanburg county, writing to the Gaffney Ledger and praising the Cherokee county roads, says: "Every foot of the roads had been dragged and I found it no trouble to make 30 miles an hour all along."

Washington, Feb. 25.—One American was killed and three wounded in an attack by Mexican bandits on an oil boat at Tampico last Wednesday. Officials regard the incident as actuated by robbery rather than an outburst of anti-American sentiment.

Washington, Feb. 25.—American Minister Morris, at Stockholm, has forwarded advices gathered from allied diplomats at Petrograd that all the embassies had made arrangements to leave February 23, if it became necessary.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Two members of President Wilson's cabinet, a former secretary of State, and Rudinath Tagore, the Indian poet, will be subpoenaed to testify in defense of thirty-one persons charged with conspiring to foment a revolution against British rule in India, it was announced today.

Washington, Feb. 25.—The first of a series of conferences between representatives of capital and labor, summoned here by Secretary Wilson in the hope of formulating a labor program for the war, was begun today. Five representatives each side are attending, and they will select two others to represent the general public.

Home Demonstration Work
 ANNIE KEELS, Demonstrator
 ALICE MAR IV, Assistant

So many people have asked how and where the Home Demonstration Agents spent the month of January, I shall give a summary of the work done. Three weeks of the month were spent at Winthrop College, attending the annual meeting of County Agents. Six years ago only six agents from six organized counties attended this meeting; this year there were seventy-one agents; every one of the 45 counties being represented.

We received special instruction in gardening, poultry raising, dairying, home economics, dietetics, canning, pickling, etc.

Mr. Randall, expert in city gardening, Bureau of Education, Washington, gave a practical talk on organization of towns and cities for gardening. Mr. McFaddin, District Agent, Manning, S. C., talked on the planning of a garden and rotation of crops. Along with the need for a garden, there were discussions on the urgent need of more poultry raising, including an increase in the number of turkeys, geese and guineas raised. These are live issues since the meatless days come so regularly.

The Babcock test for butter fat was made and a demonstration in butter-making was given. There were demonstrations in the preservation of foods, in the body requirements of food for different ages and occupations, and in the making of home conveniences.

Mr. Charles Dearing, of the Department of Agriculture, gave a course of lessons and showed a number of lantern slides dealing with the production of grapes, their general culture, pruning, and the utilization of the products. He made excellent grape paste and exhibited grape juices syrups and jellies. He is anxious to promote the culture of the Muscadine grape in the South, and expects the manufacture of unfermented grape juice to become one of the leading Southern industries. The Thomas, a native of the State, can be obtained from the P. J. Berokman Nursery Co., Augusta, Ga.; the Luok from G. W. Lemmon, Lumberton, N. C. The time to plant these grapes is the spring as soon as the severe weather in February is over. The 20th of March is not too late. We are anxious that a number in this county begin to cultivate these varieties right away.

Mr. Frank P. Lunds a specialist from Denmark, gave lectures and demonstrations in the canning of meats, using the steam pressure canner. Miss Madge J. Reese of Washington gave demonstrations in making of cottage cheese; also in drying of fruits and vegetables.

Other lecturers and visitors were Mr. O. B. Martin of Washington; Mr. W. W. Long, Director of Extension Clemson College; Mr. William Elliott, Food Administrator for South Carolina; Miss Mary E. Creswell, Washington, D. C.; Miss Ola Powell, Washington, D. C.; Dr. L. A. Round, Bureau of Chemistry, Washington; Mr. W. R. Elliott, District Agent, Winnsboro, S. C.; Mr. D. R. Coker, Chairman State Council of Defense, Hartsville; Mr. Leco Gunter, State Supervisor of Rural Schools, Columbia; Mr. Geo. Brown, Supervisor of Mill Schools, Columbia.

Besides attending lectures and demonstrations, we found time to go to the lyceum numbers given at the college and the receptions tendered us by the faculty and by Dr. and Mrs. Johnson. The "4 H" club, former canning club members and now students at Winthrop College, entertained us one afternoon. The Y. W. C. A. also gave us a delightful reception.

All of the agents left Rock Hill pleased with the course of study and the gracious hospitality of Dr. Johnson and Winthrop college, whose guests we were for the three weeks. It will next be the privilege of several of the Sumter county club members to enjoy this splendid hospitality.

Three ladies and three girls have been selected to attend the hort course at Winthrop, June 6-15, and as Miss Parfitt, our State agent, has arranged to entertain a larger number than that at first expected between now and June, two more ladies and two more girls will be selected from this county. This selection will be made from those making the best records in club work. If you are in reach of one of our clubs already organized in the county and want to join, we shall be glad to have you write us.

Let us make Sumter county lead the State in food production and conservation this year. President Wilson is calling on every woman and every child to help with this great work and we should respond as willingly as

our boys who have gone to the battle front.

ALICE MARTIN,
 ANNIE O KEELS,
 Home Demonstration Agents.

Home Demonstration Meeting at Rembert.

The Rembert Home Demonstration club met at Rembert Friday afternoon with a very good attendance. The subject of the meeting was gardening and very appropriate garden jingles were recited by Kate Mack Young, Louis Reams, Lela Spencer, Annie Murray McLeod, Thomas McLeod and Carlton Anderson. Miss Annie Keels gave a very definite and explicit talk on gardening and Miss Alice Martin demonstrated the making of a hot bed. Miss Elizabeth Reams read a paper on wool conservation and Miss Lilla Kibler a paper on the rules of the food administration, on wheat substitutes. Mrs. L. S. Vinson, president of the club, presided at the meeting.

Death of Mrs. W. T. Brogdon.

Erogdon, Feb. 25.—Mrs. Addie Chandler Brogdon, wife of Mr. W. T. Brogdon, of Brogdon, after months of lingering illness, died Tuesday at the Toumey Hospital, Sumter. The remains were interned Wednesday in Sumter cemetery by the side of her departed daughter, Bessie, an infant, who preceded her to the grave many years ago. Mrs. Brogdon was educated at the Sumter Institute where she graduated with high honors, afterwards teaching the Brogdon school for several sessions, where she met and afterwards married W. T. Brogdon. Mrs. Brogdon was born February 16, 1850, and was therefore approaching her 68th birthday. She is survived by three sons and two daughters: Messrs. J. C. Brogdon, A. M. Brogdon of Brogdon, Mrs. Dr. C. J. Lemmon of Sumter, Miss Kate Brogdon of Brogdon, and Mr. W. C. Brogdon of the U. S. A., now en route to France. Mrs. Brogdon was a member of the First Presbyterian church, Sumter. A highly educated, refined Christian wife and mother has gone to her eternal reward.

Ben H. Harvin.

Halifax, Feb. 25.—A wireless dispatch from St. Johns today says that twenty-six survivors have been taken off the Red Cross liner Florizel, which was wrecked at Broad Cove yesterday. This is the first word received as to the fate of any of the 77 passengers, 69 of the crew being saved. A number of others are reported alive on the ship.

FIRE ON AMERICANS.

PATRIOTS MAKE PERSISTENT EFFORTS TO PENETRATE LINE BUT ARE DRIVEN BACK.

Large Troop Movement Going on Back of the Lines Opposite American Sector.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 24—(By the Associated Press.)—Last night and today the German bombardment on various points within the American lines northwest of Toul was considerably more intense than usual. Today the enemy, who was more active in many ways, apparently was using still more guns than customary.

Little damage has been done by the bombardment, although three men were slightly wounded early this morning.

Last night enemy patrols made persistent efforts to penetrate the American wire defenses, but without success. One patrol was fired upon and driven off while wire-cutting, probably preparatory to a contemplated raid.

Large troop movements are going on back of the enemy's lines during the night.

There was no aerial activity today owing to weather conditions.

Horse, Mule and Buggy Stolen.

Mr. W. F. Mathis had a horse, buggy and mule stolen from him last week. The thieves covered up their tracks so well that no trace was left for detectives to work on. However, Sheriff Scarborough telegraphed to all surrounding points and in a day or two he received a telegram from the sheriff of Georgetown to come on down and get the horse, mule and buggy and the thieves as well. Sheriff Graham of Williamsburg arrested one young white man, C. J. Cathey, at Kingstree with the mule; and the police of Georgetown arrested Tom Wingate with the horse and buggy. Sheriff Scarborough went at once and brought the stolen things back and lodged the young men in jail here. Both of the young men lived not far from Mr. Mathis's home.—Bishopville Vindicator.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

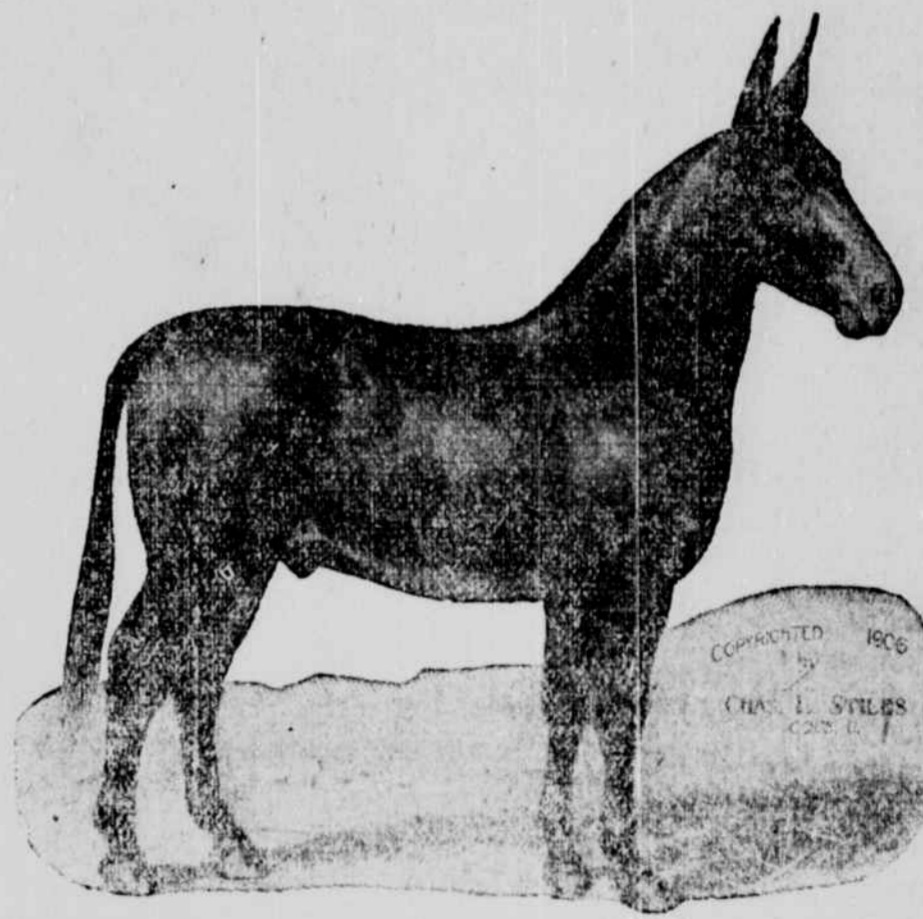
P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer
 (Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon)

Good Middling 31 1-2.
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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Jan	31.00	31.19	30.92	30.92	30.89
Feb	30.75	30.90	30.63	30.72	30.56
Mar	30.22	30.41	30.18	30.27	30.09
Apr	29.95	29.31	29.05	29.14	28.99
May	28.84	29.06	28.75	28.90	28.67

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Twenty-Six Head Broke Mules ready for work arrived last Monday. All sizes, large, medium and small. We can mate your mule. We will please you.

Just received a car of the "Old Reliable" John Deere Corn Drills, Combined Corn and Cotton Planters, Grain Drills, Binders, Mowers and Rakes. The best line of Farm Machinery on the market today. Let us demonstrate.

Syracuse one and two-horse Plows and Middle Breakers always on hand. Disc Harrows and Drag Harrows too.

Complete line of Hackney and cheaper Buggies, Harness, Saddles etc., on hand.

Car of Hackney Wagons expected this week.

Booth-Boyle Live Stock Co.