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 will be charged for.  
 The Sumter Watchman was found-  
 ed in 1850 and the True Southern in  
 1866. The Watchman and Southern  
 now has the combined circulation and  
 influence of both of the old papers,  
 and is manifestly the best advertis-  
 ing medium in Sumter.

As we predicted weeks ago, the peo-  
 ple of South Carolina are not evincing  
 much interest in the political cam-  
 paign that is now in progress. Practi-  
 cally all interest is centered in the  
 war, and while thousands will attend  
 meetings held to promote some  
 phase of war activity it is difficult to  
 arouse sufficient interest in a political  
 meeting to get a hundred men to at-  
 tend. The war is a live issue and it  
 touches the imagination, the patriot-  
 ism and the heart of the people, while  
 the campaign meetings are nothing  
 more than a rehash of the threadbare  
 arguments that office-seekers have  
 been dinning into the ears of the  
 voters for these many years. The men  
 who are loyal to the cause of Ameri-  
 ca and have no taint of Pro-German-  
 ism, the men who firmly believe in  
 fighting to the last ditch to make  
 America and the world safe for dem-  
 ocracy and a safe and decent abid-  
 ing place for honest men and pure  
 women, who are willing to fight to  
 make sure that this country will be in  
 the future, as in the past, the cradle  
 of liberty and a free home for their chil-  
 dren, have made up their minds that  
 they will not vote for any man  
 tainted with disloyalty, and they have  
 little time to give to hearing the  
 pleas of office-hunters for votes. In  
 this time of great events, when the  
 fate of civilization and the dominion  
 of the world are hanging in the bal-  
 ance, the same old stump speeches  
 sound petty and mean.

A start has been made in Washing-  
 ton on a round up of the little grafters  
 who have been dabbling in commis-  
 sions on war contracts. It is a  
 good thing to start a house-cleaning  
 and before it is over it is sincerely  
 to be hoped that all the grafters and  
 profiteers, big and little, will be un-  
 covered and properly punished. It is  
 no more than one could expect that  
 there should be more or less grafting  
 going on when the government is en-  
 gaged in so stupendous an undertak-  
 ing as this war. While the big men  
 and the honest men are devoting all  
 their time and energies to the task of  
 putting the country on a war footing,  
 the grafters have an opportunity  
 to slip around under cover and do  
 their dirty work. All grafters are  
 traitors and they should be turned  
 over to the military authorities to be  
 expeditiously dealt with by martial law.

The Sumter County Council of De-  
 fense having decided that the Fourth  
 of July must be celebrated in Sumter  
 in a fitting manner placed the full  
 burden of responsibility upon the  
 shoulders of Chairman A. C. Phelps  
 and told him to go as far as he liked.  
 Sumter county will have the biggest  
 patriotic celebration ever staged in  
 this section of the State. The event  
 around which the celebration pro-  
 gramme is being built is the address  
 to be delivered by Hon. John C.  
 Sheppard, of Edgefield, one of the few  
 big South Carolinians who made his  
 name in the days of 1874 and the suc-  
 ceeding decade during which the State  
 rebuilt its prosperity upon the ruins  
 left by Reconstruction.

Reports from some sections of the  
 county are not encouraging in respect  
 to the corn crop. Old corn generally  
 has been injured by the dry weather,  
 and the lack of nitrate of soda will  
 also have the effect of reducing the  
 yield. Another fact that has not been  
 particularly emphasized is the small-  
 er acreage of corn this year than  
 last. Less corn was planted and un-  
 less there is a larger acreage being  
 planted after oats than usual the corn  
 crop of Sumter county will not be suf-  
 ficient for local needs. This is not  
 a satisfactory prospect considering the  
 state of the provision market.

**AMERICANS IN GERMANY.**

**National Guardsmen Fighting in Al-  
 sace on German Territory.**

Washington, June 18.—The war de-  
 partment authorized formally today  
 the announcement of the fact that the  
 Thirty-second division, National  
 Guards, is now fighting in Alsace on  
 German territory. Since the division  
 has been in action, and its presence  
 has been identified by the Germans  
 permits the fact to be disclosed.

**THE SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN.**

**MEETING AT WINNSBORO A  
 VERY SMALL AFFAIR.**

Dial Makes Assault on Both Blease  
 and Tillman, Scoring Them Se-  
 verely.

Winnsboro, June 18.—Fewer than  
 100 of Fairchild's 1,500 voters mobilized  
 here today for the opening series  
 of the senatorial campaign. Only two  
 of the four candidates were heard,  
 Senator Tillman remaining at his post  
 in Washington, and Blease giving no  
 intimation of telegram or letter to  
 the county chairman as to the cause  
 of his absence. Both N. B. Dial, of  
 Laurens, and James Francis Rice, of  
 Anderson, restricted themselves to the  
 margins of their typed statement. A  
 letter from Senator Tillman was read  
 by Judge J. E. McDonald in which the  
 senator explained that duties in  
 Washington precluded his attendance.  
 He said he expected "to be abused and  
 vilified," and also anticipated "every  
 scandal revamped." Senator Tillman  
 by inference also referred to the al-  
 leged disloyal speeches of Cole L.  
 Blease. It would be "an unspeakable  
 disgrace" to elect to the United States  
 senate a man so disposed to hamper  
 the work of the national administra-  
 tion in the prosecution of the war.

Mr. Rice was the first speaker  
 to be heard. The major portion of Mr.  
 Rice's address was embodied in an  
 introduction of himself in a biographi-  
 cal sketch. His father was a Con-  
 federate veteran, consequently Mr.  
 Rice will "ask for and shall expect  
 the support of Confederate Veterans  
 their sons and grandsons." Mr. Rice  
 once made a reply through the news-  
 papers to a criticism of the public  
 schools by the late Sam P. Jones, in  
 which the writer said he gave the  
 best there was in him in defense of  
 the public schools and the public  
 school teachers. For this he will "ask  
 for and shall expect the support of  
 all teachers and ex-teachers and shall  
 ask for and expect the hearty sup-  
 port of all 'Bill Smith's boys.'"

Although many constructive ques-  
 tions were considered by Mr. Dial, that  
 part which gripped the people was  
 the slashing criticism of both Till-  
 man and Blease. He was running be-  
 cause there were thousands of men  
 who would not support either Till-  
 man or Blease, and on election day  
 would go fishing and not vote at all.  
 Tillman's chief talent was of a de-  
 structive character and he kept it  
 the good grace of voters by vilifica-  
 tion. Mr. Tillman was too feeble to  
 make the campaign six years ago, and  
 if he was too feeble to make the cam-  
 paign this year he was too infirm to  
 be senator from South Carolina. Ex-  
 cerpts were read from Blease's  
 speeches as published in the Bleasette  
 newspaper in which the State Coun-  
 cil of Defense was designated as the  
 "Council of Liars" and President Wil-  
 son called an "acclimated Yankee." Portions  
 of the Pomaria and Fibest  
 speeches were also read as published  
 in the Blease organs.

Senator Tillman's letter, addressed  
 to J. E. McDonald, of this place, and  
 read at this meeting today, follows:  
 "June 13, 1918.

"Not being able to be in Winnsboro  
 today, and believing it to be my duty  
 to remain at my post in Washington  
 where my vote or answering to my  
 name at a call is sometimes of  
 great importance. I take the liberty  
 of asking that you read this letter  
 to the voters assembled. Please say to  
 them this:

"Neither personal ambition nor fi-  
 nancial need impelled me to ask for re-  
 election, but a sense of duty alone.  
 My family and some of my devoted  
 friends have urged me not to run,  
 fearing that it would injure my health.  
 I feel that I have grown old in the ser-  
 vice of the State. If my strength has  
 been spent it has been given for South  
 Carolina, and to the navy and the na-  
 tion I am giving the best that is in  
 me now. I am physically strong  
 enough to attend to my duties and the  
 record shows whether or not I am  
 getting results. Were I not able to  
 attend to my work I would be glad to  
 get out of the way because I have  
 been too signally honored by the peo-  
 ple of South Carolina to want to  
 palm myself on them—were I a dere-  
 lict.

"I expect to be abused and vilified,  
 but that has been going on these  
 many years, and I have grown accus-  
 tomed to it. Every old scandal and  
 slander that was ever hatched by en-  
 vy, malice or hate I expect to be re-  
 vamped and brought to life again.  
 Each and every one of them, how-  
 ever has been passed upon by the peo-  
 ple and the verdict has always been  
 my reelection, frequently without my  
 appearing on the stump or writing any  
 letters. If these who are seeking my  
 place feel that they can win it by  
 these tactics they are welcome to go  
 ahead. The wives and mothers of the  
 sailors and soldiers, and the sailors  
 and soldiers themselves, understand  
 and appreciate the character of the  
 work I am doing here and the things  
 I have already done in the senate.

**STATE CAMPAIGN OPENS.**

**SEVEN CANDIDATES FOR GOV-  
 ERNOR ANNOUNCE THEIR  
 VIEWS.**

Patriotism Keynote of Meeting, But  
 Views Conflict as to Campaign's  
 Chief Issue.

Barnwell, June 18.—The campaign  
 for governor and other State offices  
 opened here today with temperate  
 speeches and little enthusiasm shown  
 by the audience of between two and  
 five hundred persons. The speeches  
 were uniformly patriotic and breathed  
 cooperation with President Wilson and  
 his administration in the prosecution  
 of the war.

John G. Richardson and John L. Mc-  
 Laurin, candidate for governor,  
 claimed that the war is not the vital  
 issue of the campaign, while other  
 five opponents, Robert A. Cooper, An-  
 drew J. Bethea, an Madison Des-  
 Champs, Thos. H. Peoples and John  
 T. Duncan admitted other issues of  
 moment, contending that the war  
 against militarism is of paramount  
 importance.

C. N. Sapp, candidate for attorney  
 general, said that he represented the  
 effort being made to create the war as  
 a campaign issue. He said that in his  
 opinion fully 99 per cent of the people  
 of the State believe the administra-  
 tion, that information going out  
 that the war is a campaign issue is  
 bound to be misunderstood by the outside  
 world which does not understand.

The tax question took a large part  
 of the time of some of the candidates.  
 Robert A. Cooper asserted that he  
 could not promise to reduce the tax-  
 es if progress of the State shall con-  
 tinue. Both Mr. Richardson and Major  
 Richards disputed that there could  
 not be a reduction in taxation. Mr.  
 McLaurin said that the tax commis-  
 sion was an effort in the right direc-  
 tion, but the fundamental theory of  
 which it is working is wrong. He said  
 that the creation of the commission  
 was the first intelligent effort made  
 for the solution of the tax problem.

J. E. Swearingen, in the race to suc-  
 ceed himself as State superintendent  
 of education, said that increased tax-  
 ation is a good investment provided  
 the money is wisely and economically  
 expended. The poor people do not pay  
 taxes, he asserted. Those who own  
 property are the ones who are assess-  
 ed heavily.

**CERTIFICATE ALLOTMENTS.**

First Series ... Fourth Loan  
 ... June 25.

Washington, June 18.—The \$750,-  
 000,000 treasury certificates of in-  
 debtedness authorized June 25 as  
 the first installment of a series pre-  
 ceeding the fourth loan will mature  
 October 1, the treasury an-  
 nounced today. The latter date of-  
 fers a slight extension of the time of  
 the fourth loan, as much as the first  
 block of certificates preceding the  
 third loan will be redeemable a little  
 more than two weeks after the loan  
 campaign opens.

The certificates will bear 4 1-2 per-  
 cent interest. Subscriptions and pay-  
 ments will be received through fed-  
 eral reserve banks up to July 2. The  
 certificates are exempt from taxes un-  
 der the same plan covering similar  
 issues in the past.

Allotments of subscriptions by dis-  
 tricts are as follows:

Boston	\$ 65,000.00
New York	251,000.00
Philadelphia	53,000.00
Cleveland	68,000.00
Richmond	26,000.00
Atlanta	22,000.00
Chicago	105,000.00
St. Louis	30,000.00
Minneapolis	26,000.00
Kansas City	30,000.00
Dallas	18,000.00
San Francisco	53,000.00

Since blocks of similar size are to  
 be offered every two weeks until  
 about \$6,000,000,000 certificates are  
 floated, these strict allotments prob-  
 ably will stand for other issues.  
 Banks and trust companies were  
 asked by Secretary McAdoo to appro-  
 priate 2 1-2 per cent of their gross  
 resources every two weeks to pur-  
 chase the certificates.

Washington, June 19.—The railroad  
 administration was today asked by  
 Senator Smith of South Carolina  
 to modify the order making fifteen  
 dollars the maximum charge for short  
 haul of partially loaded cars, on the  
 recommendation of Southern fruit  
 growers.

"The office belongs to the people  
 and not to me. I have every confi-  
 dence that South Carolinians are go-  
 ing to reelect me. One of the candi-  
 dates, if he is quoted correctly, is  
 entirely out of sympathy with the  
 president and the administration, but  
 the people choose to elect him—  
 although it would be an unaccept-  
 able disgrace to South Carolina—we all  
 must bow absolutely to whatever  
 action the voters take in August."

**DRAFTED MEN'S CROPS.**

Let No Man Who is Called Into The  
 Army Suffer Loss.

Columbia, June 17.

To the Chairmen of the County  
 Councils of Defense:

Some time ago the war department  
 issued orders to the exemption boards  
 not to induct farmers into the mili-  
 tary service until further orders. The  
 very serious recent developments in  
 the military situation has made it  
 necessary to suspend this order. I am  
 advised by Mr. Bright Williamson,  
 chairman of the Darlington county  
 exemption board, that out of the quota  
 of 54 whites just ordered from this  
 county there are only 8 available who  
 are not farmers. Forty-six young  
 white farmers will, therefore, have to  
 leave their farms at once for the ser-  
 vice of their country.

The government well understands  
 the hardship which this will mean to  
 many of these men, but the military  
 necessities are so great that nothing  
 else can now be taken into consid-  
 eration. The people at home, how-  
 ever, ought to see to it that the crops of the  
 drafted farmers all over the State are  
 not destroyed for lack of work. The  
 patriotic citizens living in the neigh-  
 borhood of any farm whose manager  
 or chief laborer is taken, should see  
 that labor is provided to work the  
 crop.

The Council of Defense for each  
 county should make it their business  
 to attend to this matter. The atten-  
 tion of the people should be called to  
 the vital necessity of seeing that these  
 young men do not lose their crops  
 by responding to the call of the gov-  
 ernment. The patriotic neighbors and  
 friends of these men can and will as-  
 semble periodically to work these  
 crops if they understand the neces-  
 sities of each case, and your Council of  
 Defense can do no more valuable ser-  
 vice at the moment than to see that  
 this is done. I suggest that you ap-  
 point a neighboring farmer to repre-  
 sent the interests of each drafted  
 farmer.

I would call attention to the fact  
 that several thousand college and high  
 school students have just returned to  
 their homes and that most of these  
 are keenly anxious to render patriotic  
 service to their country. Some of  
 these can be used in this emergency.  
 DAVID R. COKER,  
 Chairman S. C. Council of Defense.

It sounds brutal but as a matter of  
 fact sorrow really is tempered by an  
 insurance policy.

**SUMTER  
 TOBACCO WAREHOUSE**

MOORE BROS., Props.

IS NOW OPEN AND READY  
 TO RECEIVE ANY TOBACCO  
 THAT FARMERS MAY WANT  
 TO STORE.

Date of Opening of Market Will  
 be Announced Later.

**Let Me Put  
 ELECTRIC  
 LIGHT**

**On Your Farm  
 ASK ME HOW!**

**FORSHEE & CO.,**  
 Sales Agents Sumter, S. C.

**The Call For Enlistment!**

"I EARNESTLY appeal  
 to every man, woman  
 and child to pledge them-  
 selves on or before the

**28th of JUNE**

to save constantly and to  
 buy as regularly as possible  
 the securities of the Govern-  
 ment; and to do this as far  
 as possible through mem-  
 bership in War Savings So-  
 cieties. The 28th of June  
 ends this special period of  
 enlistment in the great vol-  
 unteer army of production  
 and savings here at home.  
 May there be none unen-  
 listed on that day!"

(Signed) *Woodrow Wilson.*

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