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The Sumter Watchman was founded 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 advertisement medium in Sumter.

"Priorities" and the Press.

Were the newspapers of Columbia to be compelled to shut down their plants at the beginning of the fourth Liberty Loan campaign, how would the people of Columbia and of the region extending a hundred miles around it be informed of its progress? Were all the newspapers of South Carolina and Georgia to be affected by a scarcity of some essential material at the moment that money was being raised for the Red Cross or other war agency, what would be the fate of the efforts to raise money? In this war as in no other in history the civil population has been linked with the army and the navy in its prosecution. The articulation of industrial and benevolent endeavor with military exertion has been close and complete. The armies, the navies and the workers everywhere are going forward together and a halt in the work at home would almost instantly halt the advance at the front. The armies require couriers and have them. They have their aircraft, their telephone, and telegraph systems, their signal service and a vast equipment of communicating facilities.

What is the principal means of communication among the workers, the whole civil population at this time being the workers behind the fighters who make the fighting possible? Who are the couriers among the people? How do the ringing words from the great leaders, beginning with the president himself, reach the people? Anyone capable of imagining what would happen instantly were the newspapers silenced can answer the question. Nevertheless, in the new list of "war priorities of industries and plants essential to the war or the civil population" promulgated yesterday by means of the newspapers of course) the newspapers are placed in the fourth and last class. Moreover, the daily journals are placed on the same plane with magazines and periodicals that appear at monthly or longer intervals of time. Comment

it seems to us, is hardly necessary. Could the government "carry on" without the help of the loyal newspapers? Could it reach, with all its important messages and orders, one-tenth of the people in five times the number of days by posters, by placards in the street cars and by resort to all conceivable devices, as it reaches every day and almost every hour by the public journals and their cooperative agencies for the distribution of information?

From the beginning of the war a disposition has been evident, in matters of taxation and in other dealings by congress, to treat the press with a certain disdain that sometimes has been little short of a tendency to punish, but at the same time that the press has been misused it has been constantly used. Under this treatment the press has not faltered. With redoubled energy, with every publishing office in the country crippled in man power, it has strained its nerves and resources to the breaking point to "help win the war." That it will continue to do without murmur.

Perhaps a somewhat indifferent treatment of the clear rights of the newspapers and an apparent forgetfulness of their supreme and primary value in the war emergency are a testimonial that a more perfect confidence is reposed in their unflinching willingness to assist the government than is placed in other industries. It may be that printers, pressmen, reporters and other workers connected with newspaper making do more without asking the cost than most men in other industries do.—The State.

VACANT ANNAPOLIS SCHOLARSHIP.

Senator E. D. Smith Announces Competitive Examination Open to South Carolina Youths.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Senator E. D. Smith today made the announcement that he will hold a competitive examination on October 13 to fill a vacancy at Annapolis. The examination will be held by the civil service commission at points to be announced later.

KILLED IN ACCIDENT.

A. D. Fair, Jr., Citadel Cadet, Meets Death Near Bowman.

Bowman, Sept. 11.—This town and community were cast in gloom yesterday afternoon over the tragic death of A. D. Fair, Jr., the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Fair of this place and grandson of A. D. Fair, county treasurer, who left town on a motorcycle and ran into Badham's lumber train on the public road seven miles below here, meeting instant death.

Lest Ye Forget, Etc.

You cannot shop with us on next Monday, September 16th. The store will be closed all day. A holiday. Please remember. Schwartz Bros. Sumter, S. C.—Advt.

COTTON MARKET INQUIRY.

Chamber of Commerce Appoints Body to Make Thorough Investigation.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce will thoroughly investigate the reports in circulation that the Sumter cotton buyers are paying less than nearby competitive cotton markets, or that any combination of cotton buying exists in this city.

Yesterday at a conference of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce the following gentlemen, neither of them being in the slightest degree connected with or in any way interested in the buying of cotton were appointed as a Chamber of Commerce committee to thoroughly investigate this matter and to publish their findings regardless of what they find to be the case: J. P. Booth, chairman; J. Frank Williams, S. A. Harvin, R. E. Belser, H. G. Osteen.

Secretary Reardon was directed to call this committee together upon the order of Chairman Booth, and to place the entire facilities of the Chamber of Commerce at the disposal of the committee. This committee will for a period of time to be determined by the committee, without hindrance or suggestion from any cotton-buyer, or from any officer of the Chamber of Commerce, and in such manner as shall be determined solely by this committee, take whatever steps the committee deems best to find out just what Sumter cotton buyers pay and what the cotton buyers of whatever nearby and competitive cotton markets this committee selects, pay for spot cotton. Every one of the committee is a substantial business man or farmer in whom the general public has confidence. This committee has been instructed to hew to the line and find out the facts, and see whether or not the reports being circulated are true or false, and to publish its findings just as the investigation discloses findings regardless of and on one's feelings. If Sumter is being falsely accused Sumter's cotton market is entitled to vindication. If the Sumter cotton market is not what it ought to be the committee will say wherein the trouble is and suggest remedies therefor.

American Casualty List.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

Killed in action, 56; rising in action, 202; wounded severely, 258; died of wounds, 26; died of accident and other causes, 1; died of disease, 11; died from aeroplane accident, 1; wounded severely from aeroplane accident, 1; wounded, degree undetermined, 13. Total, 688.

Missing in action, Hermon Coffman, Providence, S. C.

Please Remember, Ladies

That the Schwartz Stores at Sumter will be closed all day next Monday September 16th. A religious holiday. Come Tuesday.—Advt.

NOTICE TO WHEAT PLANTERS.

Approved Methods of Treatment to Prevent Smut.

It is most desirable that the farmers be cautioned against sowing wheat that has any smut contamination, without treating it. The method is simple and inexpensive. Following is a verbatim copy of a Bulletin on the subject by the College of Agriculture of the State of Missouri:

Covered or Stinking Smut of Wheat

Wheat heads affected with covered smut show the glumes or chaff slightly pushed apart with a dark colored grain between. The grain is really a smut ball, which on being crushed, breaks up into a very large number of minute dust-like particles, the smut spores. These have a very disagreeable odor. The spores, when the smut ball is broken, get on the sound grain and produce infection when the latter is planted in the soil. To prevent smut, the spores on the seed must be killed. All of the smut balls must be removed, for the spores in these are not killed by the treatments. They are easily broken in drilling operations and hence may contaminate the seed.

Do not confuse the covered or stinking smut of wheat with the loose smut. The loose smut destroys the wheat head at flowering time. At harvest time only a naked stalk is found. Loose smut cannot be controlled by the formaldehyde or copper sulphate treatments.

Formaldehyde Treatment for Stinking Smut of Wheat.

The solution of formaldehyde used for treating stinking smut of wheat is made by using one pint or one pound of commercial formalin (guaranteed 40 per cent solution of formaldehyde) to forty gallons of water. Use either the dipping or sprinkling method. One gallon of solution is sufficient to treat one bushel of grain by either method.

Caution—Do not put treated seed on a smutted floor or in smutted sacks, nor sow with a smutted drill. Smutted sacks should be soaked for thirty minutes in a strong solution made by putting one pint of formalin in ten gallons of water. Bins, floors and drills may be scrubbed with this strong solution.

1. Dipping—Take two half-barrels or tubs with holes and plugs near the bottom. Place one tub on two saw horses and fill two-thirds with the solution of formaldehyde. Pour slowly into this solution one-half to one bushel of wheat seed, stirring thoroughly for five to ten minutes so that the smut balls, trash, etc., will reach the surface. Skim this material off, then drain the solution into the second tub. Pour the seed into a pile on the floor. Exchange position of tubs and repeat the operation. Cover the treated seed with sacks for four to ten hours. Sow at once or spread the seed out to dry.

2. Sprinkling. Remove smut balls, trash, etc., from the seed by thorough fanning. Spread the seed out on the

floor or wagon bed in a layer four to six inches deep. Sprinkle the solution of formaldehyde, using a watering can, on the seed. Shovel the seed over thoroughly so that all the seed is moistened, then shovel the seed into a pile and cover with sacks for four to ten hours. Sow at once or spread the seed out to dry.

Copper Sulphate Treatment for Stinking Smut of Wheat.

Dissolve one pound of copper sulphate, blue vitriol or bluestone, in four gallons of water. Either dip the seed in this solution or sprinkle, using the same methods as indicated for the formaldehyde treatment. It is, however, unnecessary to cover the seed after treatment; instead, spread it out at once to dry or sow immediately.

To The People of Sumter County.

We are approaching a winter in which it is certain there is going to be a serious shortage of coal. I want to suggest and urge on the people of Sumter county that they take every step in their power to secure an adequate supply of wood. It is true that labor for wood cutting is scarce but it can be had by sufficient effort. Coal cars are going to be scarce. Cars cannot be had at certain times during the ensuing winter because the needs of the large cities to which supplies of wood are not accessible, the needs of the transports, ships, and munition plants will require every car available for the shipment of coal, and sections which are in position as we are to secure a supply of wood ought to and are going to be forced to supply themselves with wood from nearby woodlands. Wood cut now and stored, even though perfectly green at this time, will be in good shape to burn by the time the cold weather comes. Now is the time to prepare, and I want to urge on the people of the county, both for their own comfort and as a patriotic duty, to take immediate steps to lay in their supply of wood for the winter.

R. E. BELSER,

Chairman City Fuel Administration Board.

Eruption of Hawaii Volcano Threatened.

Honolulu, T. H., Aug. 12.—The great active volcano of Kilauea, on the island of Hawaii, which caused a sensation in the scientific world last February by suddenly discharging a lava flow from its inner pit, is now showing preliminary signs of another eruption.

The molten lake within the crater-mouth is steadily rising and gas pressure is increasing enormously. Spectacular displays are daily being witnessed by visitors.

Scientists stationed at the observatory on the rim of the crater expect that another great overflow of lava will soon take place, with a possible recurrence of activity in some of the fourteen neighboring craters. The lava has already reached to within one hundred feet of the overflow point and is steadily rising.

Postoffices Do Not Report W. S. S. Sales.

For the past several months Sumter county has been slipping backward in the buying of War Savings Stamps. The county is full of money and it is going for all kinds of things, but it is not going into the treasury via the War Savings route. Of course after it gets into the treasury—and the security at compound interest gets into the strong box of the saver—the money is used as its name denotes, it is used for war purposes, and the men at the front, the near two million men, need all kinds of things to keep them in comfort and in safety while they are fighting for us who stay at home. That, however, does not make any difference, and it is much pleasanter to spend money for all kinds of personal pleasures than it is to save it and put it into War Savings Stamps for the use of the boys.

During the month of August when Sumter slipped steadily backward till she reached 25th place in the list of counties, the director of War Savings for the State gave out reports from the Sumter county post-offices as follows for sales:

- Borden—No sales reported.
 - Brogdon—Reports for three weeks, \$420.
 - Claremont—No sales reported.
 - Dalzell—No sales reported.
 - Hagood—One week reported, \$25.
 - Horatio—No sales reported.
 - Mayesville—One week reported, \$112.50.
 - Oswego—No sales reported.
 - Providence—No sales reported.
 - Rembert—Two weeks reported, \$51.75.
 - Shiloh—Sales \$340.25.
 - Sumter—Sales \$12,306.75.
 - Tindal—Sales \$18.00.
 - Wedgfield—Sales \$244.
- Six postoffices seem not to have reported at all, and two more did not send in the weekly report, but once. Six of the fourteen postoffices sent in their reports regularly as requested.

Just to Remind You.

Our friends and customers, your shopping place, your store, the Schwartz Store will be closed next Monday, September 16th. A holiday. Come Tuesday. Business hours 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. Saturdays 8 a. m. to 9 p. m. Schwartz Bros. Sumter, S. C.—Advt.

Geo. H. Hurst,

Undertaker and Embalmer

Prompt Attention to Day and Night Calls

At J. D. CRAIG Old-Stand, N. Main

Phones: Day 539 Night 201

FOR SALE!

CHOICE FARM LANDS

- NO. 500—100 acres on Bishopville Road, just about a mile out. Nice dwelling, large barn and one tenant dwelling. Extra Fine Land. A Bargain \$11,000.00
- NO. 504—75 acres, about 14 miles from Sumter, on Pinewood Road. Undeveloped, mostly woodland \$1,250.00
- NO. 525—14 acres, just over City limits, lying partly between A. C. L. and Southern tracks. One dwelling. This is very valuable for manufacturing sites \$2,800.00
- NO. 533—115 acres, on Bishopville Road, about 6 miles from Sumter. About 75 acres open. Good land \$10,000.00
- NO. 534—120 acres, just 1 1/2 miles out on Radical Road. About 80 open, and very fine land. Nice pasture fenced. Dwelling and barns, one tenant dwelling. Big Bargain.....\$8,000.00
- NO. 535—25 acres, 2 miles out on Radical Road, 18 acres open. Dwelling, 6 rooms.....\$1,700.00
- NO. 537—61 acres, at the famous Providence Springs, about half open, balance in good timber. Nice big 10-room dwelling. Splendid place to live. Cool as the mountains. \$6,000.00

- NO. 538—131 1/2 acres, about 100 open, on Fir Road about 10 miles from Sumter. Good land, 3 dwellings. For quick sale \$7,500.00
- NO. 540—6 1/2 acres, 1-2 mile out on Broad Street. New Bungalow with seven rooms. Very desirable suburban proposition \$4,500.00
- NO. 541—72 acres, about 2 miles out on Pocallo Road. Nice new dwelling, barns and tenant dwelling. Nice small farm. Will sell quick at \$5,500.00
- NO. 542—58 acres, near Dalzell, about 10 open, one dwelling. Enough wood to pay for it and leave land clear.....\$2,100.00
- NO. 543—57 acres, near Dalzell, about 40 open. 2 dwellings, fine land. For quick sale \$4,500.00
- NO. 544—239 acres, on Wedgfield Road, about 3 1-2 miles out. Pretty oak grove; dwelling and five tenant dwellings. About 210 acres open. Very fine place and the best we know, at.....\$23,000.00

- NO. 545—160 acres, about 2 1-2 miles out on the Wedgfield Road. Nice dwelling, large barn, gin house, 5 tenant dwellings, 150 acres open and in high state of cultivation. This is the choicest place on the market and will sell quick at\$32,000.00
- NO. 546—256 acres, 150 open, three miles from Sumter. One 5-room dwelling, barn and two tenant dwellings. Some timber and lots of wood on this tract. For quick sale \$11,000.00
- NO. 547—245 acres, 220 open, 5 miles from Sumter on Paxville Road. This place has beautiful grove with 8-room dwelling and four tenant dwellings. Desirable location. Will sell quick at.....\$16,000.00
- NO. 550—113 acres, 4 miles from Sumter on Dalzell Road. One small dwelling and barn; about 40 acres open, balance woodland. Some good timber. Location extra good.....\$7,500.00
- No. 551—276 acres, five miles from Sumter on road to Cain's Mill. 276 acres about 240 open, six room dwelling, pretty grove, 7 tenant dwellings, five barns, one store house, all painted. This place lies level with a nice frontage on public road and ought to sell quick at \$20,000.00

Say Mr. Man, if you are not interested in above, tell us your troubles. We put the REAL in REAL ESTATE and can fix you up O.K.

MCCALLUM REALTY COMPANY : REAL ESTATE HEADQUARTERS SUMTER, S. C.