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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 advertising medium in Sumter.

#### THE MILK-DRINKING HABIT.

The milk boom is growing, aided by health workers and the United States Department of Agriculture. The government is doing its educational work by means of lectures, moving pictures, charts and demonstrations. It is carrying the instruction to factory groups, to the crowded sections in big cities, to the rural school, in fact, to people of all ages and classes and nationalities in all parts of the country.

An Illinois factory has recently opened its doors to milk vendors who go through twice a day at 10 and 3 o'clock, with sweet milk and buttermilk. A considerable number of the men have developed the habit of buying a pint each time and drinking it as a between-meal lunch. The foreman states that the men have gained in efficiency, that they are in better health and more contented and even-tempered since this custom was introduced.

A department store in Connecticut distributes half-pint bottles of milk among its employees twice each day. Straws are furnished with the bottles so that the milk will not be taken too rapidly. The employees pay for the milk, but the price is moderate, no effort being made by the company to make profit on the sales.

In Michigan a special effort is being made to insure every growing child having all the milk it needs. Recently parents of under-nourished children were asked to send three cents a day to the school for a 10 o'clock lunch of milk and a slice of bread and butter. The parents responded well; only five out of a large number of under-nourished youngsters were fed at public expense. All soon showed a marked improvement in health.

It's a fine habit to cultivate, especially in children who need this vitalizing food for their proper nourishment and growth. There will be less tuberculosis abroad in the land when there is more milk-drinking.

#### COMMUNITY MACHINES.

Community ownership of farm machinery is growing in favor, especially as concerns such types of machine as are used infrequently or only for short periods.

The members of one farm bureau in Oswego county, N. Y., joined in the purchase of a lime-spreader. The farm owners use it in rotation, turns being decided by lot, and non-members can rent the machine for twenty-five cents per acre to be spread.

The use of lime in large quantities is coming to be recognized as of the greatest value for sour, heavy soil. It is often neglected because of the time and labor required to spread it without the aid of some mechanical device, and the individual hesitates to put the money into a spreader just for his own use.

The community purchase settles this problem for a whole neighborhood without excessive expense to any member, and there is much farm machinery which if purchased in this manner will result in profit to all the shareholders.

#### FOOD AT FAIR PRICES.

The government turned down all the bids submitted for the army food supplies recently offered, because they were too low. The highest of them were only about half as much as the War Department itself paid for the goods.

There is certainly no reason why millions of pounds of smoked bacon, canned beef, corned beef hash, etc., should be sold at such a sacrifice; for the prices paid by the department, high as they may have been if judged by wholesale standards, were low compared with current retail prices. The department accordingly has decided upon a way by which it can get its money out of that surplus stock and at the same time confer a benefit on the public.

The goods are now offered directly in the open market, without bidding. The only condition, it seems, is that they will not be sold at less than cost. This condition, it seems, is being met by many offers, one of the first of which came from the mayor of Baltimore, asking for \$2,500 worth of

canned meats and vegetables at actual cost to the government, to be retailed at cost to the people of Baltimore. This offer was accepted, and the War Department promptly declared its willingness to sell any or all of the remaining stock on the same terms. It would rather dispose of the goods in this way for public distribution than sell them to private interests to be retailed at a profit.

Here is an unusual opportunity for any enterprising city or public institution or group of public-spirited citizens to help meet the cost of living. Arrangements for the purchase of the goods can be made by communicating with the "surplus property officer" of the War Department at the nearest zone supply office. There is one in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Newport News, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, New Orleans, El Paso, Fort Sam Houston, Omaha and San Francisco. Or inquirers may deal directly with the "subsistence branch of the surplus property division," Municipal Building, Washington, D. C.

#### ROOSEVELT ON THE LEAGUE.

There has been considerable speculation of late as to what position Theodore Roosevelt would have taken with regard to the peace treaty, and particularly the League of Nations covenant, if he were living today.

It is impossible, naturally, for any living man to say precisely what he would have thought of the document as it is drawn. As to his views on the main principles involved, there does not seem to be any occasion for doubt.

Mr. Roosevelt had written a great deal in favor of a world federation before the war. In October, 1914, three months after the war broke out, he wrote an article for the New York Times which includes these passages:

"The one permanent move for obtaining peace which has been suggested with any reasonable chance of attaining its object is by an agreement among the great powers, in which each should pledge itself not only to abide by the decisions of a common tribunal, but to back with force the decision of the common tribunal."  
"The nations (members of the League) should agree to certain rights which should not be questioned, such as territorial integrity, their rights to deal with their own domestic affairs, and such matters as whom they should or should not admit to residence and citizenship within their own borders."

Recommending, as part of the League organization, "an amplified Hague court," he maintained that member nations should "agree not only to abide, each of them, by the decision of the court, but all of them to unite with their military forces to enforce the decree of the court as against any recalcitrant member. Under these circumstances it would be possible to agree on a limitation of armaments which would be real and effective."

As for the results which might reasonably be expected from such a League:

"It would be impossible to say that such an agreement would at once and permanently bring universal peace, but it would certainly mark an important advance. It would certainly mean that the chances of war were minimized and the prospects of confining and regulating war immensely increased. Such a scheme will mean that at last a long stride has been taken in the effort to put the collective strength of civilized mankind behind the collective purpose of mankind to secure the peace of righteousness, the peace of justice, among the nations of the earth."

#### Beachman & LeGrand, Architectural Firm in Greenville.

(Greenville Piedmont.)  
Announcement was made yesterday of the formation of a new architectural firm in Greenville, Beachman & LeGrand, with offices in the Finlay building. The firm is composed of James D. Beachman and Leon LeGrand, both of whom have for several years past been employed in the architectural department of J. E. Sirrine's business here.

Mr. Beachman is the son of William C. Beachman. He attended Clemson College and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and has had eight years experience in general architecture. For two years he was employed by Russel Eason Hart, architect of Nashville.

Mr. LeGrand is originally from Sumter, but has been a resident of Greenville since his completion of the architectural course in Clemson in 1915.

Associated with the firm will be Eugene W. Beachman, graduate in architecture from Georgia "Tech" and the University of Pennsylvania. The firm has contracts at Greer, and will maintain temporary branch office there.

A post card, dated in Paris, from Mr. Clifton Moose who has been in France for the past ten months with the Jewish Welfare Work, states that he would sail for home on the 15th. It is reported that the ferry at Camden was put out of service yesterday by the high water, and travel between this city and Columbia will be suspended on this route until the flood subsides.

### Cotton Market

#### LOCAL.

P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.  
(Corrected Daily at 12 o'clock Noon.)  
Good Middling 34 3-4.  
Strict Middling 34 1-4.  
Middling 33 3-4.  
Strict Low Middling 31 3-4.  
Low Middling 29 1-4.

#### NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

Open High Low Close Close  
Oct . . . 35.85 35.88 34.80 34.91 35.70  
Dec . . . 35.92 35.95 34.92 35.02 35.70  
Mch . . . 35.60 34.76 34.83 35.45

#### NEW ORLEANS.

Jan . . . 35.50 35.50 34.62 35.31  
Mch . . . 35.45 35.45 34.58 34.69 35.25  
Oct . . . 35.40 35.40 34.48 34.49 35.29  
Dec . . . 35.40 35.40 34.50 34.58 35.26

The market was irregular today caused from bad reports from foreign exchange. Livermore was a big seller in the market today. We are still exceedingly bullish on the market and look for much higher market.  
Frank H. Barrett.

#### Pretty Wedding at Sumter.

On the evening of the 16th inst. Miss Louise Barton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade H. Barton, was married to Mr. Joe Earl Gibson by the Rev. Jno. A. Brunson.

Among the guests were Mrs. James Pagan, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Neyle of Eureka, Misses Alice and Nan Martin, Misses Mannie and Hattie Barton, of Greenville.

After the ceremony a delicious course luncheon was served and delightful music was rendered by Misses Neyle, Iva Barton and others.

The happy couple went immediately to Greenville and from there to the mountains of North Carolina to visit friends and relatives. After some weeks Mr. and Mrs. Gibson will be at home at Cloverdale.

#### Homicide at Denmark

Denmark, July 17.—Two negroes were killed and three white men wounded, two of them dangerously, in a shooting scrape here late this afternoon between a white man and one or two negroes. The dead are Agent Brown and George Stevens, negroes. Carroll Mobley, white, about 29 years old, has two bullets in his breast and a third in one of his arms and is not expected to live through the night.

Henry Murray Ray, 22 years old, son of Sheriff S. G. Ray, was shot through the neck and is paralyzed from the waist down. His condition is also critical.

J. Ralph Thompson, white, 25 years of age and unmarried, had an arm shattered by a bullet. His condition is not serious. All three of the young men will be taken to a hospital in Columbia on the early morning train. Thompson is an employe of the telephone company.

The trouble arose out of a case in court between the two negroes. In the trial Stevens was charged with stealing some watermelons from Brown and Carroll Mobley was a witness for Stevens. When court adjourned this afternoon, with the trial unfinished, Brown and his brother-in-law, Ozell Anderson, left the court room first and one of the negroes was heard to remark, "We'll get him yet." In the court room were 25 or 40 white people. These came out after the negroes, and Mobley crossed the street toward the negroes, when Brown opened fire. Mobley dashed back toward the street, with Brown continuing firing. Mobley took refuge behind a tree and drew his pistol and shot Brown dead. In the meantime Brown had shot Ray, Thompson and Stevens. Anderson is missing tonight, but is being searched for, as eye witnesses claim that Anderson had part in the shooting.

Both of the negroes were middle aged, each being about 35 to 40 years old. Stevens was employed by the American Telephone Company.

Patrons of the Sumter Lighting Company who are dependent upon it for power are hopeful that the City Council is making every possible effort to obtain the equipment necessary to put the plant in good condition at the earliest possible date. The city takes charge of the plant on September 1st, and as is well known the plant is now kept in running condition only by main strength and the special knowledge of the weak points of the outfit possessed by Manager Moses and his assistants. If the city does not make haste in obtaining new machinery the city is likely to be in darkness and the establishments that are operated by electric power furnished by the Lighting Company may have to shut down. The situation that confronts the community is quite serious and no effort should be spared to have the plant rehabilitated at the earliest possible day.

Valdivostok, Friday, July 18.—Major General Graves, commander of American expeditionary forces in Siberia and Roland B. Morris, American ambassador to Japan, left this morning for Omsk.

MILK COWS FOR SALE—Having sold my farm, I am offering my entire herd of dairy cows for sale, either as a herd or as individuals. This is an unusual opportunity to get high grade, big producing cows, that have been proven satisfactory in every particular. Also dairy equipment for sale. C. P. Osteen, Sumter, S. C.

WANTED—To haul your tobacco to Sumter. Any quantity. For rates Phone 372—J. Parrish Dray Line.

BEEHIVES AND SUPPLIES—I have lately received a few Georgia made hives and frames—8 and 10 frame size. Also on hand sections and foundation for comb honey. N. G. Osteen, 320 W. Hampton Ave.

BEEWAX WANTED—Any quantity large or small. Am paying best cash price. See me if you have any. N. G. Osteen.

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#### Loss Up in Thousands

#### Great Devastation on Individual Farms in Orangeburg and Darlington Counties

Columbia, July 19.—There is no doubt in the mind of A. C. Summers, chief chemist of the State department of agriculture, that trona potash from the Searies Lake deposits of California has ruined thousands of dollars of growing crops in South Carolina. Some days ago he made a preliminary report after an investigation made at the invitation and request of Bright Williamson of Darlington. At that time there was no doubt in Dr. Summers' mind that the cause of the death of the growing crops was potassium in the potash. A subsequent visit has strengthened his belief. Upon the occasion of his second visit, Dr. Summers had photographs made of a number of fields which had been ruined. In some places it was found that this potash had not such marked injurious effects, and Dr. Summers has found that such a condition was due to the fact that the potash in some localities contained more borax than in others.

The chemical laboratory has made a careful analysis of samples taken from the potash that was used by Darlington County and Dr. Summers finds that there is a considerable percentage of borax which is a known poison to plant life, and is unquestionably responsible for the damage. On the farm of Alex McLeod in Darlington County the damage, according to Dr. Summers' estimate, is about \$20,000. He has also found considerable damage to have been done to farms in Orangeburg County and on the Morgan Boyleston plantation at Springfield he thinks the damage will run as high as \$25,000. Jake Stroman and other farmers of Orangeburg County have been damaged by the use of this potash.

Dr. Summers states that the negro tenant farmers use this potash for washing powders and say that it bears "Red Devil lye." In some places where the potash has been used and the crops ruined, the farmers say that it was done by "that Potash man." Reports from North Carolina indicate that many farmers in that State also have received serious damage from the use of this potash.

In going over Darlington County, Dr. Summers was accompanied by J. H. Napier, county demonstration agent, who has been in conference with Mr. Williamson about the effects of the potash. Mr. Napier has very decided ideas himself as to the responsibility for the loss of the crops.

Paris, July 19.—The supreme council of the peace conference today discussed the disposition of two hundred and forty thousand Russian prisoners of war who are still in Germany. These prisoners were held by Germany at the request of the allies after signing of the armistice and have been fed at the expense of the entente powers.

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#### Daylight Saving Sticks

#### Renewed Attempts of Republicans to Repeal Fail

Washington, July 18.—Repeal attempts of House Republican leaders to repeal daylight saving through a rider to the 1919 agricultural appropriation bill were defeated in the house today when Republican opponents of repeal joined with the Democrats, in voting to eliminate the repeal provision, immediately afterwards, without a dissenting voice, the agricultural bill carrying \$33,990,999 was passed and sent to the senate.

Final action on the daylight saving repeal came after a day marked by sharp political clashes in both houses and in committees. Democrats, including those favoring repeal, refused to join in making the repeal rider in order and in speeches on the floor attacked the Republicans as "playing politics."

Republican leaders, however, insisted that the rider alone would insure passage of the agricultural bill which Democrats said was certain to be vetoed again by President Wilson if it included the repeal provision.

#### Watkins Leaves Board

Columbia, July 18.—Judge H. H. Watkins of Anderson, who was nominated several days ago by President Wilson as United States judge of the Western South Carolina Circuit, has resigned his membership on the Board of Charities and Correction.

Governor Cooper tonight appointed as his successor Harry L. Watson of Greenwood, president and editor of the Index-Journal the daily paper published at Greenwood. Mr. Watson's appointment is considered an ideal one as he is not only one of the leading newspaper men of the State, but is deeply interested in the social development of the sociological problems before South Carolina.

#### A Good Friend.

A good friend stands by you when in need. Sumter people tell how Doan's Kidney Pills have stood the test.

E. W. Vogel, prop. furniture store, of 30 E. Liberty St., Sumter endorsed Doan's eleven years ago and again repeats the story. Could you ask for more convincing testimony?

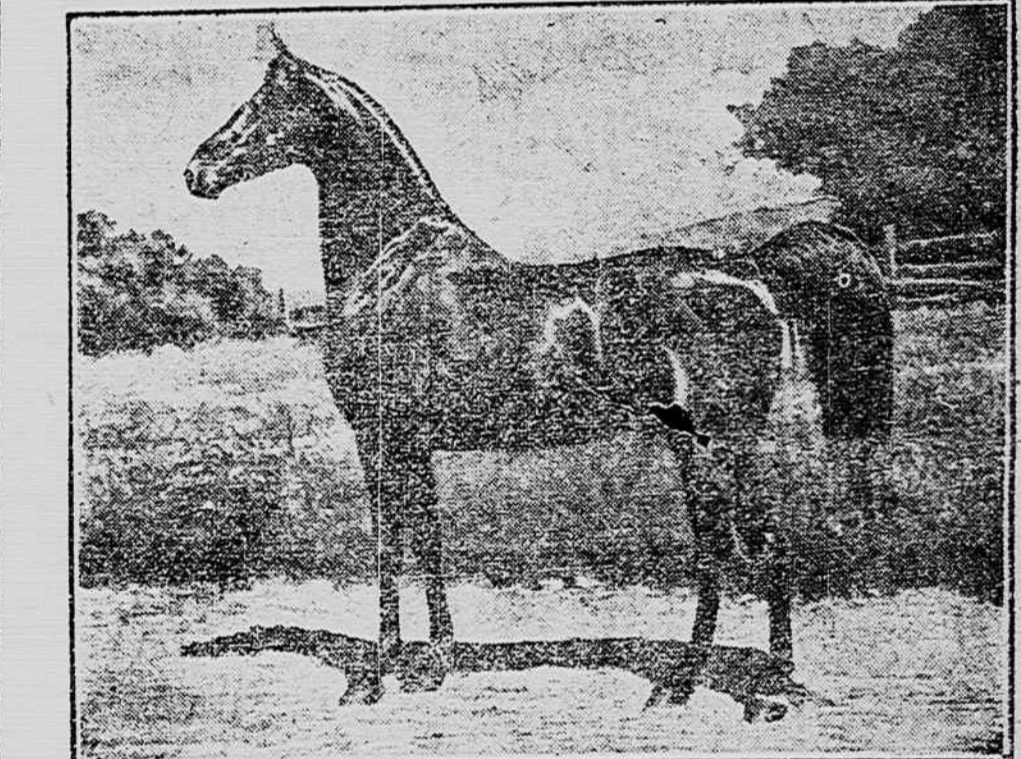
"I suffered with kidney trouble and pains through the small of my back several years ago," says Mr. Vogel. "Sometimes I would be so bad, I could hardly stoop over. My back was weak and I had to give up work several times. I tried many different kidney remedies, but they didn't do me any good. At last I read about Doan's Kidney Pills and got some at Zemp's Pharmacy. After using one box, all the pains disappeared and six boxes in all cured me."

Mr. Vogel gave the above statement February 8, 1908 and over ten years later, or on February 14, 1918, he added: "I still have great faith in Doan's Kidney Pills. They certainly have done me worlds of good and I am glad to confirm the statement I gave some time ago."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Vogel had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv't. (79)

#### Old Point Comfort, Va., July 19.

The vanguard of the Pacific fleet sailed at 8:30 this morning bound for the western coast, via the Panama Canal. No unusual ceremonies marked the departure of the six superdreadnaughts and thirty destroyers and tenders, which are leading the way for the two hundred naval craft assigned to Pacific waters.



ROOSEVELT NO. 2295  
AT SERVICE.

Roosevelt is himself a Champion Show Horse and the sire of Champions. His performances in the show ring and his progeny have made him famous throughout the middle West and South, and even in Cuba where the president of that island bought and imported one of Roosevelt's finest colts.

The following individuals are only a few of the Roosevelt horses known to fame: Lena Oldson, Princess Lou, The Emperor, Teddy Pepper, Oriana, Alicare, Daphne, Peter Pan, and Lord Neville.

Roosevelt was sired by Bourbon King, the most famous saddle horse sire living—or that has ever lived—his dam was Lady Houston by Blue Jeans.

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