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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.

**Some Random Thoughts.**  
 The meeting of the Farmers' Union at Cain's Mill on the first was, as is usual when it meets at this beautiful place, a good one, both in attendance and in the helpfulness of the discussions. The day was ideal, and the dinner fully up to the standard of Privateer picnic dinners that have long been noted for abundance and quality.

Steps were taken to increase the efficiency of the local and county unions, and matters of importance to the business side of farming were discussed.

Owing to the usual rush of work the first week in June, when the oat harvest is in full blast, it was decided to hold the next meeting the 1st Friday in July with the Concord union.

Resolutions pledging the Sumter County union to support the new work of tick eradication and calling upon all the farmers of the county to cordially cooperate with the officers in charge of this work, were unanimously adopted.

A committee was appointed to take up with the rural relations committee of the Chamber of Commerce, the congestion at the cotton platform during the midst of the season with a demand for better facilities. Some cotton both staple and common has been shipped from Sumter to other markets in the past two years, and the sentiment is growing to ship more, unless the facilities at Sumter are improved and the buyers meet the best prices of other markets. Our farmers have been very reluctant to ship cotton, but when actual results show net returns of 1-4 to 1 3-4 cents better than Sumter prices, we are forced to ship it away, much as we hate to do so. Heretofore we have been told it was a better grade of cotton than we grow that was quoted higher than Sumter, but when we ship the identical cotton and close the sale on the same day, at 1-4 to 1 3-4 cents advance it is a plain indication that Sumter cotton merchants are not as well prepared to handle cotton as some others in nearby markets. We hope that this will not be the case any more. E. W. D.

**CHAS. W. POST TAKES LIFE.**

**Cereal Food Manufacturer Kills Himself With Rifle.**

Santa Barbara, Cal., May 9.—Chas. W. Post, a wealthy cereal food manufacturer, of Battle Creek, Mich., today shot himself to death with a rifle while temporarily insane, according to testimony of his physician, Dr. J. C. Bainbridge, offered at an inquest held shortly after the tragedy. The verdict of the coroner's jury was non-committal, holding that Mr. Post died from the effects of a gunshot wound.

Mr. Post recently made a hurried trip to Rochester, Minn., to undergo a major operation to save his life. He had been in a nervous state since his return to California and had fought against an inclination to suicide for some time, according to the testimony of Miss Ella Benson, his nurse.

**TESTIMONY ON COAL TRUST.**

**Tillman to Name Subcommittee to Work During Summer Recess.**

Washington, May 9.—Chairman Tillman of the senate naval committee announced today that he would name a subcommittee to take testimony during the summer recess of congress on the alleged discrimination of railroads and the "coal trust" against Atlantic ports south of Cape Hatteras. Reports of the Pennsylvania railroad, Baltimore & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, Chesapeake & Ohio, Southern railway and some other companies who ship coal to the territory will be examined and their representatives summoned as witnesses.

**NEWSPAPER MEN SEIZED.**  
 Arrested in Capital of Mexico on Arrival. One of Them Already Set Free.

Vera Cruz, May 9.—Walter C. Whiffen, correspondent of the Associated Press; Sutton, photographer for the Washington Post; Oliver M. Hueffer, correspondent of the London Express, and an English correspondent named Rourke were arrested by Mexican authorities at Mexico City Thursday evening. They had just arrived from Vera Cruz, and the police were waiting with coaches when the train came into the station.

All were taken to jail under guard, and Whiffen and Sutton were held for investigation. The two Englishmen were released, and the officer who arrested them was reprimanded.

Whiffen carried only a handbag, which contained a copy of The Mexican Herald. The official who searched the bag remarked:

"That kind of English doesn't go here."

Sutton carried a camera which was confiscated. He showed a correspondent's credentials, signed by Rear Admiral Badge, but this had no effect. Hueffer went immediately to the Brazilian minister, who notified the British minister, Sir Lionel Carden, and also called on the police to release the Americans. The police replied that some action would be taken as soon as the chief of police had investigated the merits of the case.

Rourke, the other English correspondent, returned here, while Hueffer remained in Mexico City.

Word reached New York city Saturday night that Walter C. Whiffen of the Associated Press staff, who was arrested at Mexico City, had been released by the Mexican authorities.

**DESPERATE BATTLE AT TAMPICO.**

**Oil Wells and Tanks Are Reported on Fire and Part of Town Burns.**

Juarez, May 10.—The most desperate battle of the present Mexican revolution is being fought tonight at Tampico, according to reports reaching constitutionalist officers. It is reported some of the oil wells and tanks are burning and that a portion of the town is on fire.

All Americans, it is said, were taken aboard vessels in the harbor, but other foreigners are still in the oil well district. By the light of blazing oil tanks, fired by stray shots, the rebel artillerymen hurled shot after shot from 20 heavy field guns into the strongly entrenched position held by Gen. Zaragoza, the federal commander in the centre of the town. They swept the breastworks with a hail of shrapnel in an effort to open the way for a dash by Gen. Pablo Gonzales' infantry. For the first time in the fighting, soldiers of Huerta and Carranza were on equal terms in the matter of artillery. The 20 French field guns, captured by Gen. Gonzales, at Monterey, and placed in position before Tampico have done tremendous execution.

Seven thousand rebels under Pedro Gonzalez and Luis Caberilla are engaged. Gen. Jesus Carranza, with his brigade, was thought to be part of the force attacking Tampico, but it was learned tonight his brigade was sent back to Monterey for the fight against Saltillo.

**SUICIDE AT GREENSBORO.**

**J. H. Oswald a Hotel Man Shoots Himself.**

Greensboro, May 11.—J. H. Oswald, aged 53, formerly proprietor of a hotel committed suicide by shooting himself this morning. Ill health is the cause assigned.

**Consul Silliman Reported O. K.**

Washington, May 9.—Secretary Bryan was notified today by French Ambassador Dusserand that American Consul Silliman at Saltillo is well and not being ill-treated.

**FOR SALE—Cotton seed, Improved Prolific Simpkins; Webber long staple at \$1.00 bushel. Fodder \$1.50 per 100 pounds. Phone 709-22, my farm. W. A. Green.**

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**PLANTS FOR SALE—Lettuce and pansy plants, also sweet olive cuttings well rooted. The pansy plants are fine and well grown and will be sold at reasonable price. 316 W. Hampton Ave.**

**A FINE CROP OF OATS.**

**Wind Storm Damages Corn and Destroys Cotton—Personal News.**

Rembert, May 10.—Yes, I went all the way to Rembert just to see them, the finest field of oats, the Bancroft, the writer ever saw, estimated by judges to produce all the way from one hundred to one hundred and twenty-five per acre. How were they fertilized? Why, only two hundred pounds of soda per acre. The land was in broadcast peas which were turned under except in one place, where they were too rank and which Mr. Keels told me he burned off. Folk had often told the writer that it paid to turn under peavines. And here was the proof for the oats where the vines had been turned will make less than fifteen bushels more per acre than where the vines were burned. We are just beginning to learn to farm. Why not double and treble our crops on our lands. We can do it. We plant too much and do not prepare and work our lands well.

The wind storm played havoc on the light lands, utterly destroying the cotton and damaging the corn.

Mrs. John McClellan has returned to her home.

Miss Etta Cox is visiting friends at and near Bennettsville, S. C.

Mrs. John McClellan has returned to her home.

"Hagood."

**SUNSHINE AND CLOUDS.**

**Weather Bureau Sees Unsettled Week Ahead.**

Washington, May 10.—Unsettled weather for the week with mid-spring temperatures in the Southern States and west of the Rocky mountains and temperatures below normal over the rest of the country was forecast tonight by the weather bureau.

"The weather during the week will be generally unsettled," said the bulletin, "with frequent showers the first half of the week in the Middle West, the region of the Great lakes and the middle Atlantic and New England States.

"A disturbance that now overlies the Rocky mountains region will advance slowly eastward and reach the Atlantic States about Wednesday; this disturbance will be preceded and attended by general precipitation east of the Rocky Mountains during this movement eastward.

"Another disturbance will prevail over the Middle West at the end of the week. This disturbance will be preceded by rising temperature and be attended by general showers and thunder storms."

The sale of tickets for the Chautauqua by the local committee of the Y. M. C. A. was extended Saturday through Monday by the Chautauqua people.

**SENDS BULLET INTO BRAIN.**

**Prominent Greenville Man Commits Suicide.**

Greenville May 9.—Porter C. Munn, one of Greenville's most progressive young citizens and a member of the firm of Jordan & Munn, contractors, shot himself through the head with a pistol at 8 o'clock this morning at his home on North Main street, dying three hours later. Mr. Munn had just arisen from bed when he fired the shot. His little six-year-old son heard the shot and rushed up-stairs to find his father lying on the floor clad in his pajamas, with blood flowing from a bullet wound in his right temple. Mr. Munn suffered a nervous breakdown some time ago following a one-day trip from Marion to Greenville in an automobile, but it was thought that he had recovered from this. His business connections were in excellent shape and his home life ideal.

Porter C. Munn was born in Florence and was 39 years of age. He is survived by a wife and two little children. His wife was formerly Miss Marion Bostick, of Marion. Mr. Munn was a director of the Chamber of Commerce, steward of the Buncombe Street Methodist Church and was one of the city's most progressive young business men. His tragic death has cast a pall over Greenville.

**SUMTER COTTON MARKET.**

**Corrected Daily By Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.**

Good Middling 12 3-4.  
 Strict Middling 12 5-8.  
 Middling 12 1-2.  
 Strict Low Middling 12 1-8.  
 Low Middling 11 1-2.  
 Strict Good Ordinary 11.  
 Staple cotton nominal.

**New York Cotton Market.**

New York, May 11.

	Opening	Close.
May . . . . .	12.59	12.53
July . . . . .	12.27	12.20
Oct . . . . .	11.66	11.61

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in my home." For constipation, indigestion, headache, dizziness, malaria, chills and fever, biliousness, and all similar ailments, Thedford's Black-Draught has proved itself a safe, reliable, gentle and valuable remedy.

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