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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.

Natural Solution of the Cotton Problem.

The cotton crisis is settling itself in fact, the past tense might be used, for the crisis is practically over. Nothing commercially that has come out of the complications into which this country was thrown by the European war is more surprising than the manner in which this has come about.

The great depression of last year in the cotton industry of the world was considered in an article on "The Cotton Crisis at Home and Abroad" which I contributed to this Review in November. At the same time, reference was made to the various artificial attempts to relieve the situation, such as the "Buy-a-Bale" movement, "Cotton Day,"—for the encouragement of the use of cotton,—efforts at State and Federal legislation, financial pools, and other devices.

Never was there more commotion over an agricultural crop grown on American soil. Never were there more frantic efforts to provide methods of relief.

Today, only a few months after the period of most intense agitation about the plight of the South, the cotton problem has ceased to be much of a problem. It has provided its own solution through natural laws. The \$135,000,000 loan fund has been made an absurdity by the restrictions placed about the lending of the money by the managers of the fund. The "Buy-a-Bale" movement has been relegated to the lumber-room of American freaks, and the farmers and the shopkeepers, the bankers and the business men of the South are beginning to see a chance of winding up this cotton year with far less of ruin and disaster than they expected or feared. They are not asking for help and they need none. They are learning something about economy they never dreamt of before, and while they have been learning, the conditions attending cotton have been improving rapidly.

With most of Europe at war, sea traffic disorganized, finance more de-ranked and tangled than ever before, industry the world over crippled, and the South smothered under such an unprecedented avalanche of cotton, the idea prevailed that there could be no advance in values until restricted planting this year should indicate that the immense surplus of the 1914 crop would be needed to make up the shortage of the 1915 crop.

Despite all the things that were against it, the price of cotton has gone up,—not a little but considerably. It has not been a spurt but a steady rise. It has advanced in the face of real and artificial obstacles in a way to confound the most experienced men in the trade. Now, half of the crop has been disposed of by the farmers. The weight of the crop, which was crushing not long since, is getting lighter each day. The South will get far more money for its monster crop than seemed possible. It will not get enough to pay the cost of production, but the South will have the great satisfaction of having financed itself in its time of greatest stress. Scarcely a dollar of the \$135,000,000 loan fund has been taken.—From "The Improved Outlook for Cotton," by Richard Spillane, in the American Review of Reviews for March.

Sheriff Gamble Improving.

Alarming news reached Manning last Thursday evening about the condition of Sheriff E. B. Gamble who is at the Columbia hospital. His two sons, John and Edward, went to Columbia that night and wound when they arrived their father, while quite ill was resting easy, and he has been improving steadily every since.

Supt. Lawton B. Evans will make an address before the teachers of Sumter County on next Saturday, March 20, at the Hampton school building at noon. Mr. Evans is city superintendent for Augusta and county superintendent at the same time. He is an interesting speaker and the Sumter Association is promised an excellent address.

PASSED AS GOVERNOR'S SON.

Imposter Claims That He Represented The State and Interviewed Mayor Grace.

Columbia, March 15.—Calling himself a son of Gov. Manning and a representative of The State, a young man who gave his name as A. D. Manning and has a thumb missing from his right hand, interviewed Mayor Grace yesterday in Charleston on the campaign for mayor in that city. Remembering that a man who said that he was the son of the governor and a representative of The Manufacturers Record had gotten in "dutch" by passing worthless checks in Aiken a few weeks ago, Mayor Grace called The State over long distance telephone last night to ask if the man who interviewed him was in its employ. He was informed that no representative of The State had been in Charleston yesterday and that the person to whom he talked had no connection with the paper.

Mayor Grace said that the man using the name of A. D. Manning had given two checks for small amounts in Charleston. Last Saturday the man made an effort to see Mayor Grace, sending word that he was a representative of The State and wanted to talk to him about the political situation in Charleston. Mayor Grace, who is convalescing from an operation for appendicitis, declined to see the bogus newspaper man on Saturday, but yesterday, against the orders of his physician, he talked to him for some time. After the interview Mayor Grace had reason to suspect that A. D. Manning was not connected with The State. After being informed last night that this was the case, he said that he would have the police in Charleston look him up.

It is very probable that the A. D. Manning who gave the worthless checks in Aiken and claimed that he was a son of Gov. Manning and the man who interviewed Mayor Grace yesterday are the same persons.

Summerton Elects a Mayor.

Summerton, March 11.—By a majority of two votes Mayor T. I. Walker was re-elected here Tuesday. His opponent was Dr. D. O. Rhame. The race excited a great deal of interest. The following were elected members of council: J. G. Senn, J. M. Plowden, Leon Davis and Peter Chewnink. The friends of Mayor Walker take his re-election as an endorsement of his administration, and they are gratified at his success.

Company Organized at Rembert.

C. A. Ellerbe & Co., of Rembert has been commissioned, with a capital of \$3,500. The petitioners are S. W. Allen and C. A. Ellerbe.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

Corrected daily by Ernest Field, Cotton Buyer.

Good Middling 8 1-4.
Strict Middling 8 1-8.
Middling 8.
Strict Low Middling 7 1-2.
Low Middling 7.
Staple Cotton, Nominal.

Chicago Produce Market.

Special to The Daily Item.
Chicago, March 15.—May wheat \$1.57; corn, 74 1-4; oats, 60 1-2; pork, 17.80; lard, nominal; ribs, 10.17.

COTTON VARIETY TESTS.

There is a Wide Difference Between the Best and Poorest Cottons.

The cotton variety tests for the year 1913 at the test plats of the Georgia State College of Agriculture show results that should interest the cotton grower.

Thirty-one varieties were grown and the results estimating the value of the cotton at 13 cents per pound and the seed at \$28 per ton in gross revenue, are as follows: Poulnot \$126.70; Brown's No. 1, \$111.70; Cook's Imperial, \$104.90; Eutt's Imperial, \$104.60; Brown's Wonder, \$104.10; Cleveland's Big Boll, \$99.95; Langford's Imperial, \$98.35; Triumph's Big Boll, \$96.25; Long Shank, \$95.40; Broadwell, \$93.35; Christopher, \$91.90; Williams, \$89.60; Rowden, \$88.70; Money Maker, \$88; Uncle Sam, \$87.35; Cleveland, \$85.40; Hite's Early, \$85.30; Jackson Limblee, \$82.55; Rexall, \$79.80; Texas Burr, \$79.40; Money Marker (seed from a different grower from one mentioned above), \$78; Culpepper, \$76.70; Bramlett's, \$75.50; Liverly's Early, \$75.45; Chimax, \$73.20; Peterkin, \$69.80; Curtis, \$61.95.—Progressive Farmer.

Poulnot cotton is a limby, vigorous-growing, big boll variety, fruiting heavily; the bolls forming very close together. Entirely free from all plant diseases in our crop of 1914. Our seed were obtained direct from Athens, Ga., for 1914 crop. A limited amount of seed for sale \$1.00 per bushel F. O. B. Sumter. C. P. Osteen Co.—Advt.

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

Of The Peoples' Bank, Located at Sumter, S. C., at the Close of Business, March 1, 1915.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$283,251.34
Overdrafts	337.58
Bonds and stocks owned by the bank	1,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	5,293.11
Banking house	15,049.73
Due from Banks and ers.	10,889.48
Currency	2,286.00
Gold	375.00
Silver and other minor coin	1,882.48
Checks and cash items	7,136.77
Revenue stamps on hand	61.87
Total	\$327,524.36

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	17,400.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	4,302.64
Dividends unpaid	110.00
Individual deposits subject to check	68,640.35
Savings deposits	42,627.12
Time certificates of deposit	13,838.05
Certified checks	753.00
Cashier's checks	103.29
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	79,750.00
Total	\$327,524.36

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter.

Before me came S. M. McLeod, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

S. M. McLEOD,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13th day of March, 1915.

O. L. YATES,
Notary Public for South Carolina.
Correct Attest:
L. D. JENNINGS,
S. W. STUBBS,
F. D. KNIGHT,
Directors.

A Wonderful Healing Influence in Kidney Troubles.

A year and a half ago I was taken with a severe attack of kidney trouble that pained me to such an extent that morphine had to be given me. Was attended by a doctor who pronounced it as stone in the bladder and prescribed lithia water. I took lithia water and tablets for some time and received no relief from them. I stopped taking medicines for some time, later having some Swamp-Root in the house I decided to try it and felt much relieved. While taking the second bottle commenced to pass gravel in urine until I had passed in all at least a half dozen or more and have not suffered the slightest since—and in all have taken one bottle and a half and feel very grateful to Swamp-Root.

Yours very truly,
H. W. SPINKS,
Camp Hill, Ala.
Personally appeared before me this 16th day of August, 1909, H. W. Spinks, who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.
A. B. LEE,
Ex. of Justice of Peace.

Letter to
Dr. Kilmer & Co.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You.

Send ten cents to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample size bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive a booklet of valuable information, telling about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. Regular fifty-cent and one-dollar size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Advt.

Detroit, March 13.—The Detroit foundry plant was burned this morning, causing a loss of \$100,000.

POULNOT COTTON SEED—A limby, vigorous-growing, big boll variety, fruiting heavily; the bolls forming very close together. Stood first in production and value of crop in test of thirty-one varieties at Georgia's State Agricultural College in 1913. Seed obtained by us direct from Georgia for our 1914 crop. Entirely free from all plant diseases in our crop of 1914. A limited amount of seed for sale at \$1.00 per bushel F. O. B. Sumter. Cash with order. C. P. Osteen Co.

SEED CORN—Improved varieties. Seven Ear, a very prolific variety, having from 4 to 9 ears to stalk. The N. C. Agricultural Department 1912 report states this corn made highest yield of all varieties tested, \$3 bushel, \$1 peck. Williamson, grown from Coker's Pedigreed seed, \$2.00 bushel. Cash with order. C. P. Osteen Co., Sumter, S. C.

Spring Millinery Display

BY
Mrs. Lula Atkinson
THURSDAY, MARCH 18
From 5 to 7---8.30 to 10

LATEST CREATIONS IN HATS and DRESSES MODELLED FOR INSPECTION.

At the Sumter Dry Goods Company

STATEMENT
Of the Condition of the Commercial and Savings Bank, Located at Sumter, S. C., at the Close of Business March 4th, 1915.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$66,930.60
Overdrafts	548.09
Furniture and fixtures	1,361.17
Due from banks and banks	8,088.46
Currency	2,021.00
Gold	75.00
Silver and other minor coin	1,129.79
Exchanges for the clearing house	1,311.15
Total	\$81,465.26

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$25,000.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	449.73
Due to banks and banks	590.22
Individual deposits subject to check	42,250.71
Savings deposits	6,466.59
Time certificates of deposit	1,553.00
Cashier's checks	155.01
Bills payable, including certificates for money borrowed	5,000.00
Total	\$81,465.26

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter.

Before me came R. A. Bradham, Cashier of the above named bank, who being duly sworn says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank as shown by the books of said bank.

R. A. BRADHAM,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of March, 1915.
O. L. YATES,
Notary Public for S. C.
Correct Attest:
GEO. D. SHORE,
J. K. CROSSWELL,
J. A. MOOD,
Directors.

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