

The County Fair of Fairfield County should be a decided success. To this end let all pull together.

The township committees appointed by the Fairfield Agricultural Society should make as earnest canvass as possible before the next meeting March 30th. The sooner all get to work, the greater will be the success of the fair.

The meeting of the Fairfield Agricultural Society called for the last Saturday in the month—the 30th—is a most important one, and should be largely attended by farmers and others interested in the industrial development of the county. The determination of this society to have a county fair is a most important step—one that should be fully crowned with success. Several other counties have decided to hold county fairs. Let Fairfield's county fair be second to none.

Ten millions is a sum so far above the conception of those who count their wealth by the thousands, hundreds, and dollars that it is almost impossible for them to conceive of its magnitude or possibilities. And yet this is the sum, stripped of a few surplus thousands, that Carnegie the great steel magnate and greater philanthropist, gave last week for the betterment of human society. Five millions of it goes to the city of Pittsburg, partly for a library fund partly to a pension fund for the old and worn-out miners. The other five millions go to New York for a public library. Carnegie is disposing of his wealth, which is estimated at about 300

well. In addition, he has also given thousands in the last few days for the establishment of public libraries.

TWO DEFECTS.

Two great defects in our school system are forcibly presented whenever there is a general fund to be divided among the counties of the State. In the distribution of money for school purposes from the State treasury, it is necessary for the comptroller general to have certain statistics. These have to be furnished by the county superintendents of education. On account of either their inability to give the required figures or their inattention to the matter, the comptroller general usually finds it a most difficult task to get the necessary data on which to base the distribution of the money. Some of the superintendents usually attend to the matter promptly, but others are so slow in making their returns that the payment of the money is often delayed weeks and months. This is only an illustration of the inefficiency of the school supervision of the State. These officers have not the time between their various duties on the farm or elsewhere, their duties as auditing officers and their duties as book store clerks, to attend to the most important duties that belong to their office.

The other defect is in the matter of enrollment. It is clearly shown that the enrollment of the schools is wholly out of proportion with the population of the counties. The school population of the United States over averages about 20 per cent of the population. The general average for South Carolina is approximately the same thing. But in some counties in which there are no towns and in which the school facilities are wholly inadequate, the average is considerably larger, while in other counties in which school facilities are better and in which the population is far more compact, the enrollment falls far below the general average. These differences are so great as to show a discrepancy that must be in the count rather than in the counted. We are not surprised at this showing, for we have called attention to the matter repeatedly before. The whole of the present system of keeping the school statistics in South

Carolina has been conducted by all the States in the Union, except five (this we believe, the exact number.) Accuracy can never be had by the present system with districts overlapping districts and terms overlapping terms.

What is needed is the school census method, which is simply the taking of a school census every year for the purpose of securing fairness in the distribution of the school money from the State treasury. There is of course an expense connected with this method, but the increased number of poll taxes, which always go to the schools, has been found to be more than sufficient to defray the expense incurred in taxing the census.

The greatest irregularities in these counts as at present are in connection with the negro schools, and this is due in a very large measure to what amounts almost to a bribery. It is a matter of fact that many negro teachers are paid so much per capita. The greater their numbers therefore, the greater the amount of their salary. They offer all sorts of inducements to secure attendance upon their school, and this plan frequently results in a negro child being counted in more than one enrollment. As trustees get the benefit of this *fine* showing in the way of increased funds for their district they make no effort to get the wrong righted in fact the whole matter often has their entire sanction.

GOOD ROADS.

Mr. Editor: I notice in your highly prized paper something being said about good roads. It seems that the people are at a want to know how to start about it. I would suggest a little change from the way they are being worked now. Have fewer overseers and give them more road, say, give one overseer what three or four have at present and divide the county up by school districts and allow the people of their district to elect or appoint their overseers. I suggest this for the reason that they should be more able to select suitable men for the place as this is a most important matter. They should be selected men, those that

want good roads, conscientious men. One of the present system of working is due to the lack of tools, and by this change being made the same tools will give all good tools, by dividing the hands up and working twelve or fifteen at a time. That is about as many as one man can manage successfully. Those overseers should be paid a reasonable price for their services with the exception of four days, I don't know if it wouldn't be right to pay them for their whole time as they will have to keep the tools up. Sometimes I think every one from sixteen to sixty ought to be called out on the road. By having the chaingang to work the worst places over the county where it is necessary to blast, we will soon have good roads or at least better if this plan is taken.

Now Mr. Editor, a few words of criticism and I will close. This is the white people's country and we can have it just as we want it. We can have a second paradise and there isn't anything that will raise this country more in that direction than good roads. The white people are to blame for all the lack of goodness. I have heard the darkeys say that they had no right to work the roads. If I can see straight there is more hauling over them for their use than any other people. As the writer went to Winnsboro the other day, he overtook eight wagons all together, all renters. Well, we can't blame the negro when the whites open the way. I know white people that have paid one dollar to keep off the road and live sixteen and seventeen miles from the railroad and have all their corn to haul to furnish their places both for stock and hands, and haul cotton to pay for it. Mr. Editor, as I feel deeply interested in the roads I ask the question how this computation tax is going to be applied to the roads. One dollar is not enough; two was little enough. A hand is worth a dollar per day.

Now, brother farmers, let us put our shoulders to the wheel and see if we can't have better roads—roads that instead of hauling four bales of cotton or a ton of guano over them with four mules, we will haul twice as much and always have good mules and wagons. The best way I know to have good roads is to work them better and make plenty of corn this year and every year and let the roads rest.

Now, Mr. Editor, I hope the people of the county will fill your paper with suggestions as to the roads. Let every one speak if it is only to say by the help of God I will do all I can. Now I refer all who may read this to the 25th chapter of Matthew. Some one may say that must be a preacher or a sanctified man, not so, but the bible.

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THE PRIMARY

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Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes: FOR INTENDANT: Thos. H. Ketchin (116); FOR WARDENS: A. W. B. Own (91), A. B. Cathcart (85), Jno. F. Davis (76), W. D. Douglass (43), Jno. H. McMaster (100), Jas. M. Smith (69); FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE: S. D. Dunn (116).

The count as presented by the managers, of course, will have to be decided upon by the executive committee. But as no contests will be made, no change in the count made by the managers is likely to occur. The following have therefore been nominated as the nominees of the Democratic Club, to be voted upon at the general election April 1st, at which time their nomination will be confirmed: T. H. Ketchin, intendant; Jno. H. McMaster, A. W. B. Own, A. B. Cathcart and Jno. F. Davis, wardens; S. D. Dunn, school trustee.

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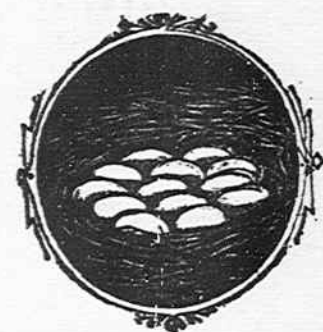
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