

and Short Route to the West. Orangeburg and Lewiedale Railroad and its Relations to Charleston—A Visit from a Committee of the Directors.

There is no doubt that there is about to be a railroad boom in Charleston. On the Bay, on the wharves, on Broad street and on the other marts of trade everybody is talking railroad, because everybody realizes that the future of Charleston depends in a large measure upon her railroad connections. There is not much of a flourish of trumpets to speak of, but every day or so some one or some committee arrives here, goes around among the merchants and capitalists, talks railroad and departs the next day with a solid and substantial evidence of Charleston's interest in their enterprise in the shape of a liberal subscription to the capital stock. The News and Courier has published the outlook and prospects of two very important railroad enterprises—the Blackville and Prosperity, and the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens Railroads. Representatives of both these lines were in the city, and both reported that they were thoroughly satisfied with the practical sympathy they had received from Charleston merchants and capitalists.

The Orangeburg and Lewiedale Railroad was chartered by the Legislature at the session of 1855. An amendment was secured to its charter in 1856. Under the charter the company was authorized to organize when \$25,000 of the capital stock had been paid in. At this date \$40,000 of stock has been taken by private subscriptions in Orangeburg and Lexington counties, and \$60,000 will be subscribed by townships along the line of the road.

The proposed route of the road and its connections will be seen by the map published below:

Resolved, That it is the duty of tax-payers to look after their rights in the road, which will be built in due time; that we do not believe it is right to pay for building a railroad under such circumstances, and which will be avoided if possible. Carried unanimously.

Resolved, That we, the farmers of Lexington county, seek the best means possible to improve our stock of every kind.

The club then adjourned to meet at its next regular meeting Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1887.

Free Bridges.
COLUMBIA, March 7, 1887.

I hope every man in Lexington county will give this subject due consideration, as we ought to have two free bridges to Columbia. And I think it will be the best investment that Lexington and Columbia ever made to build them. It will save them more money in ten years than it will cost to build them, and it is money laid up for your children. If you do not do something, your little boy in the cradle will have to pay the same toll that you are paying now twenty years hence.

Business first. Let our Representatives get us the charters; next let the City Council of Columbia say what the city will give; then let a petition be carried around to every merchant in Columbia, and let each one say what he will give. As for me, I will give one hundred dollars to each bridge. Last year I gave six dollars for crossing the bridge. In twenty years it will be one hundred and twenty dollars. So I hope to live twenty years longer, and my money back, and then I will give the bridge to others who want it.

Part of meeting held at Orangeburg county, I believe, will give three or four thousand dollars. One gentleman from there said he was satisfied that the amount I have mentioned would be raised, or more.

We don't wish to pitch into the bridge companies, but we want them to understand that we don't intend to pay them two prices for old bridges; so if they will not take a reasonable price for them, let us build new ones and we will run in opposition; it is the life of trade.

Now, to raise the balance of the money, let it be shown clearly to the people of Lexington county what it will cost them on their taxes to raise it, and then take a vote. "Free Bridge" or "No Free Bridge," and I am satisfied that three to one will go for the free bridges. If anyone responds to this article, opposing it, please sign your name in full and oblige. Yours truly,
P. J. ROCKER.

Voodooism in Georgia.
Macon, March 14.—News of the wholesale poisoning of a family reached the city to-day from Milledgeville. The particulars are strange, but from them are gathered the following facts: A few miles from Milledgeville is a plantation owned by a negro named Charlie Morris. Morris has a family of twelve or thirteen children. To-day Coroner W. S. Scott was summoned to the plantation to hold an inquest over the body of the youngest child. The circumstances as developed were suspicious and led to a closer examination, when it was discovered that the death had been produced from poisoning, the exact manner of which was not discovered. It is strongly presumed that the poisoning was malicious, as all the other members of his family are in a critical condition, the effects being similar to those which produced the death of the child. It is supposed that the poisoning took place on Friday, and that it is the ongrowth of voodooism recently practiced among the negroes living on that plantation and in the neighborhood. The affair is causing much excitement and will be investigated thoroughly. It may develop some interesting facts.

Robert H. Cochran has a gourd which will hold five gallons of water and is six feet high. It has been in possession of the family for more than forty years; in fact ever since Sheriff Gilmore held that office in this county.—Abbeville Advertiser.

arrived here. Some were and some colored. In the afternoon one of them—a woman—preached on the street. Last night they went to the colored churches, when the most extraordinary scenes occurred. The Evangelists told the negro that all jewelry must be given up. They took earrings from the ears of negro women, and took also their jewelry. They kept this and have not returned it. To-day the negroes are greatly excited about this matter and have made complaint to the Mayor. One of the evangelists is reported as having pulled down pictures in the colored church, saying they must be burned. Mayor Dox issued orders this afternoon that hereafter neither these evangelists nor the Salvation Army shall be allowed to conduct services on the streets. These evangelists are said to be the same who were ordered out of Columbia, S. C., by a vigilance committee.

March 11.—A fresh shock of earthquake was felt here at 125 this morning and created a panic among the people. The vibration traveled from Northeast to Southwest.

London, March 11.—A slight shock of earthquake was felt at Cannes at 10 o'clock this afternoon. More violent shocks were experienced at Ventimiglia and Diano Marignano.

An incendiary fire destroyed half the town of Oxford, N. C., loss \$10,000.

BROWN'S IRON BITTERS

FOR THE BLOOD

Combining IRON with PURE VEGETABLE FOODS, it is the most valuable tonic for the system, and the most effective for the blood. It is the only medicine that does not harm the system, and is the only one that is pure and safe. It is the only one that is pure and safe. It is the only one that is pure and safe.

OF MY CAMPAIGN AGAINST HIGH PRICES. The clothing Emporium of Fashion take the lead and hold it. The clothing campaign grows livelier as the weather grows colder, but I am, as usual, far in the van of the contest. I announce my phenomenal platform of Finest Tailor-made Garments and Low prices. My chief competitors, the merchant tailors' establishments, are overwhelmed by my starting schedule of bargains, yet they continue to charge from 25 to 50 per cent more than I do for similar goods. As inspection will prove, there is no cheapness about these Goods. They are first-class in every respect and of the highest quality in all the market. The material is good and made and trimmed in the latest style.

IN THE MEN'S DEPARTMENT you can save money easily. Buy one of these \$10 suits. You cannot secure its equal elsewhere for less than \$14. I have a great many patterns in this line. The material is good and made and trimmed in the latest style.

BOY'S DEPARTMENT. How to save money easily by clothing your boys here. You can save money on every suit you buy. I make a specialty of this class of goods, and put the best and most substantial work into them. The same care as to trimmings and linings is taken as with men's suits.

THE SECURITY MUTUAL BENEFIT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK, INCORPORATED, DECEMBER, 1881.

ONLY TWELVE ASSESSMENTS

Have been levied from 1881 to 1886, averaging three a year, and making the cost for Assessments to a member forty years of age, LESS THAN FIVE DOLLARS A YEAR, for each Thousand Dollars of Insurance.

C. S. BRADFORD & Co., Agts.,
COLUMBIA, S. C.

CAUTION.

Consumers should not confuse our Specific with the numerous imitations, substitutes, and inferior mixtures which are often put up to sell on their own merit, but in the name of our remedy. An imitation is always a fraud and a cheat, and they thrive only as they can steal from the article imitated. Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free. For sale by all Druggists.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO.,
Druggers, 3, Atlanta, Ga.

S. S. S. vs. POTASH.

I have had blood poison for ten years. I know I have taken one hundred bottles of S. S. S. and it has done me more good than all other medicines I have taken. My face, body and neck are perfectly clear and clean, and my rheumatism is entirely gone. I weighed 116 pounds when I began the medicine, and I now weigh 152 pounds. My first bottle helped me greatly, and gave me an appetite like a strong man. I would not be without S. S. S. for several times its weight in gold.

C. E. MITCHELL, W. 252 St. Ferry, New York.

ANNUAL Clearance Sales.

FOR THE NEXT SIX WEEKS WE OFFER OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF WINTER Goods regardless of cost in order to convert goods into cash and make room for spring stock. We offer our entire stock at a sacrifice; no reserve. We begin in fine Dress Goods; here we make a reduction of 33 per cent; 34-inch Homespun, 75c, now reduced to 50c; 34-inch All-Wool Flannel, 75c, now reduced to 50c; 34-inch Trites, \$1, now reduced to 82c. Our Stock of 40c Goods, at 25c.

BLACK SILK AND SATINS.

Black Silk 75c, reduced to 60c; \$1, reduced to 82c; \$1.25, reduced to 95c; \$1.50, reduced to \$1.25; \$2, reduced to \$1.60; Velvet, all new colors, 50c, now 35c; Silk Velvets, all colors, \$1, \$1.25, now 90c; Silk Plushes, good colors, \$1.50, now \$1.15. In Striped and Fancy Velvets we take 50 per cent off.

Table Linen and White Goods.

Turkey Towels, 25c, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 8.50, 9.00, 9.50, 10.00, 10.50, 11.00, 11.50, 12.00, 12.50, 13.00, 13.50, 14.00, 14.50, 15.00, 15.50, 16.00, 16.50, 17.00, 17.50, 18.00, 18.50, 19.00, 19.50, 20.00, 20.50, 21.00, 21.50, 22.00, 22.50, 23.00, 23.50, 24.00, 24.50, 25.00, 25.50, 26.00, 26.50, 27.00, 27.50, 28.00, 28.50, 29.00, 29.50, 30.00, 30.50, 31.00, 31.50, 32.00, 32.50, 33.00, 33.50, 34.00, 34.50, 35.00, 35.50, 36.00, 36.50, 37.00, 37.50, 38.00, 38.50, 39.00, 39.50, 40.00, 40.50, 41.00, 41.50, 42.00, 42.50, 43.00, 43.50, 44.00, 44.50, 45.00, 45.50, 46.00, 46.50, 47.00, 47.50, 48.00, 48.50, 49.00, 49.50, 50.00, 50.50, 51.00, 51.50, 52.00, 52.50, 53.00, 53.50, 54.00, 54.50, 55.00, 55.50, 56.00, 56.50, 57.00, 57.50, 58.00, 58.50, 59.00, 59.50, 60.00, 60.50, 61.00, 61.50, 62.00, 62.50, 63.00, 63.50, 64.00, 64.50, 65.00, 65.50, 66.00, 66.50, 67.00, 67.50, 68.00, 68.50, 69.00, 69.50, 70.00, 70.50, 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