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WHY SO GREAT DIFFERENCE?

We were interested in reading the following paragraph in the report of the proceedings of the South Carolina Lutheran synod recently held in Prosperity.

"Professor James C. Kinard, treasurer of the faculty, presented the annual report for the year ending June 1, 1922. The total income was \$35,495.67; the total expenditures \$34,065.20, leaving a balance on hand June 1, 1922, of \$1,430.47."

It is that the income at Newberry could not be doubted. The faculty should be increased and the pay of those now of the faculty should also be increased.

There were last year at Newberry college some 234 boys and girls, and this year around three hundred. The statement above of course is by the treasurer of Newberry college and is a showing of expenditures for the last session of 1921-1922.

We do not like to make comparisons, but we can not help thinking about comparing the expenditures of the University of South Carolina with the expenditures of Newberry college. The maintenance fund at the university of the same session was just around \$250,000. Of course you will say this is a university and a state institution, and of course it takes more money to run a state institution than a private college. That is true. But at the university there were only around 400 students during the same college year. And the work at the two institutions is very much the same. And the graduates of the two institutions compare about the same. It does not seem to us that there should be such a great difference in the cost of operating the two institutions. It costs the state about \$600 per year for each student at the university in addition to what it costs the student, while at Newberry it costs only about \$125 per student, a part of which is paid by the student and a part comes from the meagre endowment which the people have gone down in their jeans and provided.

This is not written in any spirit of opposition to the university nor to any of the state institutions, but it has seemed to us that there might be a little more economy in the administration of our state institutions of higher learning. At least it has appeared that it might be looked into and see if there is any place where there might be a little economy practiced. The state appropriation for the common schools amounts to only six or seven dollars per child. The proportion is out of joint, it has appeared to us. We are not unmindful of the fact that in order to have a good system of common schools the state must maintain a system of higher institutions of learning, or that has been the history of education. Education seems to come from the top down and not from bottom up. The expenditure on the common schools from all sources is only around forty dollars per white child. And of course the greater part of that comes from the local tax on the property in the school districts. The ratio of expenditure at the other state colleges is about the same as at the university.

The educational problem that will face the next legislature is to adjust expenditures so that the common schools will not be neglected and a sufficient amount provided to give to each child in the state at least a term of eight months so that there may be at least a semblance of equality of opportunity.

We are inclined to agree with Senator Johnson of Allendale, if the state is to launch a campaign for the building of a state system of roads on a big scale that we start with a tax or an appropriation, however the money may be provided, equal to the amount that it will take to pay the interest on a bond issue of fifty million dollars. That would be about all we could spend in one year and it would be better to do that than to have the handling of such a big sum of money all at one time when it would take several years to spend it. Better take it as we can use it.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

I have made it a rule for many years, in fact all my life, to spend at least one day or part of the day during the Christmas time if not Christmas day, with the old folk at home. I believe every one who has a family, and especially if there are children in the family, should spend the Christmas day in his own home with the children and enjoy Santa Claus with them. Then if they have the

old folk still at the old home at least a part of the Christmas time should be given to them. I may be wrong, but that is my notion and I have tried to follow it for the time that I have been away from the old home and that numbers a good many years.

This Christmas day being such a beautiful day, and all my folk having gone or not having come, except the three little Americans and their mother, and they having received Santa Claus in the morning, I decided that I would drive over to the old home and take a little of the Christmas with us. We did not leave Newberry until half past 12 o'clock, and after an hour and a half we drove up to the old home, and what do you think, the house was locked and barred, no one at home. Well, really I was glad because I knew that meant they were all well and able to be out and about. They had gone over to a neighbor's, Mr. Bryant's, to spend the day and take dinner. That was only a short way from home, so I drove by to let them know I had come, and of course they wanted to go back at once, but I said, no, we will return to Newberry and not disturb the pleasure of your visit.

As we started back I said to myself, I believe I will stop and see my friend Henry Williamson and Miss Mattie, that is what I always called Mrs. Williamson, I know she has some good fruit cake, she always has something good to eat, and it is always such a pleasure for her and Mr. Williamson to have you share what they have, and so we drove up and they were home and glad to see us, and we were just in time for dinner and there was the fruit cake and the other things that are good and go with it, and before it, and we had a real good dinner, just such a one as I enjoy eating, and then they were so glad to have us that the dinner was really so much better on that account.

All the family was home, or coming that day, and there were several young ladies visiting, Mr. Williamson and Miss Mattie are never away except when they have a house full of young people. And they have the most magnificent and grand old country place in all the country. It was built by Captain Dyson away back before the war, and its broad piazzas and wide halls and great big rooms with big log fire places makes an ideal country place, and if I had such a place I would be glad to have all the young people, and the older ones too if they would be young when they came, to visit me at such times as Christmas, and at all other times. It makes life worth while, even if people will talk sometimes about the boll weevil, but what do we care about the boll weevil when we can make all we need for life, even if we do not grow cotton, but we can grow cotton even with the boll weevil. We spent an hour or more in this hospitable home and then on back to Newberry.

The road from Chappells to the river is still under construction but passable, that is you can go over it if you have a good car and know how to drive. There are two very bad places in the portion of road that is not yet part of the highway, and then one of the highway was in bad condition and some of it very fine. The highway that has the right sort of top soil and has the proper drainage was fine, and where there was not the right sort of top soil and the water stood in the road of course it was bad, but passable. There is only a short mile of the road from Chappells to the river that has not been finished or that is not even started, it will probably be some two or three months before it is finished. There should be a concrete bridge across the bottom of the river, and then across the river. But that would cost a lot of money but when you got it you would have something worth having and it would not be a continuous expense for upkeep. But it is difficult to keep up a new road when the rains come and then when it is too heavy they say they can't work it. Newberry has done mighty well in the matter of building and the up keep since we began only a couple years ago.

The Prosperity road seems the most difficult to keep in good condition but then there is so much travel that it will be always hard to keep in good repair all the time. The new road out to St. Lukes that was built by the chaingang needs some top soil and it needs it new. I had no idea there was so much red mud in that section. If the county had a rock crusher and could utilize some of the rock in this section it seems that there might be some road built that would hold. The road out as far as Mr. Gary Hawkins was certainly a easy the other day, when I drove down there with Mr. Miller but it had been with rain and at the time that we are making great headway in the matter of better roads and it will

not be so long before we will have a fine net work of good roads all over the county.

E. H. A.

ORDERED TO TAKE A REST

Mr. R. H. Grenaker who has been with The Herald and News for many years and who is one of the best local reporters for a country newspaper who ever wrote for one, has been ordered by his physician to take a complete rest. He leaves on Saturday for Greenville where he will be for several weeks until he recovers sufficiently to resume his work. Mr. Grenaker has had a hard time for the past two years owing to the continuing illness in his family but amidst it all he continued his work so long as he possibly could.

The Herald and News hopes for a change of scene may soon restore him to his accustomed good health and that he may be able before very long to take up his letters again. In the meantime we hope to make some arrangement at an early date to take care of and cover the local field as has been the habit of this newspaper during the past thirty-five years and more.

DIVIDEND TIME

The institutions of Newberry will declare their usual dividends on the 31st and The Herald and News will print them in the next paper. We have hardly got back to work since the holidays but after the first we hope to have our forces well organized for a good year in this good old town.

Most of the institutions with whom officers we have talked are optimistic and say that the year closing was one of the best they have had.

The Commercial bank will pay a semi-annual dividend of 6 per cent and carry a good amount to the surplus. The Exchange bank pays a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent and carries a very substantial amount to the surplus and the National bank pays a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent and a large amount to the surplus. And so it goes and it is the same with the other institutions a few of which have been well managed and are paying good interest to the people who have money invested in them and they are serving the community in that they are helping the wheels of trade go round and round.

Advertisements are rather scarce in this issue as we suspected they would be. They always are scarce in this community in the paper just after Christmas, and sometimes the run by for a few issues in the early part of the year. We hope the merchants and business men will not let it be the case this good year or year.

A paper looks better with a good balanced number of good advertisements, and it looks better for the business of the town to see some ads in the local papers.

The legislature will be in session in about two weeks and then we will have the new laws and the old law changed. It has always been so and will continue to the end. The sum of all taxes of high taxes and a reduction of taxes will be told, and at the end of the story the taxes will be about the same, and they should be, because it takes money to run the government and our government is run very economically. And very few persons are tax burdened.

PROTESTS AGAINST USE OF PUBLIC SQUARE AS A PARK

Much is being said about converting the public square below the old court house into a city park. I love to see anything beautified that is of material interest either to towns or the country.

That old wagon yard is about the only spot that is left for the country man to stop and exhibit what he has to sell in the city. He can drive his wagon there and have some police protection while he goes to sell his product that he may grow on his farm.

Everything that is brought into the town from the country and sold means more profit to the towns than the one who grows it. When a town denies the country man the privilege of stopping his vehicle upon the public square to offer whatever he may have to sell, and forces him to go into the background, you may talk my word, that man is going to hunt another market. Why? Because there is always a set of thieves or people who are seeking the opportunity of getting something for nothing, planted around each town. And just as soon as the man leaves his vehicle to hunt a buyer for whatever he may have to sell they will steal what he leaves before he gets back. I have known farmers who hitch their back on the back of the grounds of Newberry to have the bridle, reins, lines and harness stolen off their stock.

It seems that Newberry is begin-

ning to act like it is a disgrace to the town to allow the poor old country man to stop his wagon and old man in the main part of the town.

Speaking of a place to erect a monument in honor of our young heroes who laid down their lives over the town to protect the government of America, where could there be a more beautiful and appropriate place than down at the new court house? Wouldn't it be beautiful to move the old monument of the Confederate soldiers around and place it on one side of the new court house, and have the new monument of the World War soldiers erected on the other side? Newberry county has already paid a large sum for that beautiful new court house, and why not spend a little more time and money to beautify it?

I notice that all the lawyers of the city have volunteered their services to protect the good ladies in their effort to stop the old donkey from beating on the public square, except lawyer Green who promised to test the legality of the subject in favor of the country man. Whether Green wins his case or loses it, he certainly has a strong tide of public sentiment in his favor. And if you don't believe what I say you may just let the people vote upon the matter as you did in the case of moving the old court house.

T. J. W.

Dec. 28, 1922.

Wilson's Birthday

Washington, Dec. 27.—Woodrow Wilson is expected to spend the greater part of his 66th birthday tomorrow quietly in his S street home, though it is understood he probably will receive a delegation during the afternoon.

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation, it was announced tonight, will send a delegation to the former president at 12 o'clock to extend birthday greetings and inform him of progress in its efforts to raise a million dollar fund to promote the ideals enunciated by Mr. Wilson while president.

POMARIA NEWS

Rev. J. B. Haigler preached a very impressive Christmas sermon Sunday afternoon in the Lutheran church. The choir rendered appropriate Christmas music.

So many college girls and boys and Christmas visitors are in town till I think the "flu" has fled away. Dr. and Mrs. Breaker Setzler of Virginia are spending the holidays with Dr. Setzler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Setzler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wootan of Columbia are spending a part of the holidays with Mrs. Wootan's sisters, Mesdames P. Setzler and Jno. C. Aull.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Minson have as their guest Mr. Minson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Minson of Richmond, Va. They arrived Saturday from Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Margaret Boggett of Columbia college is making her first visit to her parents since they moved here about a month ago. She will be with them through the holidays.

Miss Lois Hentz who teaches at Greenville is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Jordan of Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Abell of Greenville are the guests for the holidays of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Setzler.

Miss Blanche Wyndham, teacher at Central school, left Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents at Georgetown.

Mr. Owen Koon is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Koon.

Mrs. Z. T. Pinner and son Brannon will leave Tuesday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. A. Johnson at Bossessee, N. C.

Prof. G. H. Aull and Cadel J. C. Aull, Jr., arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Aull.

Mrs. P. S. Connor who stopped over a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. L. Bedenbaugh, left Friday for Newberry, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bedenbaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson of Whiteville are visiting Mrs. Williamson's sister, Mrs. Jno. Hentz.

Mr. Johnnie Hoar of Columbia is spending Christmas with his father, Mr. J. B. Koon.

Mr. William Aull of North Carolina and Miss Lurline Aull, teacher at Mullins, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Aull.

Miss Myrtle Ewing who teaches at Fairfax is home with her father, Mr. J. Ewing, for the holidays.

Mr. J. H. Hope of Columbia spent last week with his mother who has been sick but we are glad to report he is some better.

Carlisle John William Kibler is with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kibler, for the holidays.

Mr. W. W. Roney has bought a tractor, he's getting ready to farm on in a business way.

Mr. Henry Merritt visited friends at town Saturday.

Mr. Maxey Boland and E. A. Hentz

Education, Prosperity

Education with character accomplishes great and noble ends.

Every man is the architect of his own character; therefore, be careful. Cultivate broadmindedness.

Try to possess graciousness. Have no petty jealousies.

As rapidly as we eliminate illiteracy, just so rapidly will all our people and institutions prosper.

The NATIONAL BANK OF NEWBERRY

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President	Vice President	Cashier	Asst. Cashier

MEMBER FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

have been nominated for mayor of the town.

Mr. H. W. Lominack and Mrs. Kinnard were Christmas shoppers in Newberry Thursday.

Mr. Henry Hentz is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hentz.

Little Miss Annie Josephine Berley arrived Friday to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Berley at her grandparents', Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Beely. She is a very welcome guest. It has been more than a hundred years since a girl was born in the direct family of W. W. Beely.

Mrs. R. E. Bedenbaugh has as her guests her son, Dr. A. J. Bedenbaugh, her daughter, Miss Leola Bedenbaugh, and grandchildren, Miss Eleanor and Clarence Richards, all of Columbia.

Dr. W. L. Kibler of Charlotte is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kibler.

Miss Daisy Young of Winthrop is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Young, for the holidays.

The following students are home for Christmas from Summerland college: Sara Setzler, Mary Hentz, Estelle Boland, Olive Stack, Carrie Folk, Eva Kinnard and Elizabeth and T. L. Miller.

The friends of Mr. J. H. Livingston will be sorry to learn he is ill.

SILVERSTREET

Christmas has come and gone. To some it brought joy and gladness, to others pain and sorrow.

On Christmas eve a very pleasing cantata was given at the Lutheran church.

On the night of Dec. 26th, at the M. E. Chapel there were exercises by the Sunday school and a community Christmas tree. The children all did their parts well, and the tree was well filled, and altogether it seemed a happy occasion.

Rev. W. Glenn Smith and family took supper with Mr. and Mrs. Vance Bearell, and attended the Christmas exercises.

Mr. Jake Crouch is slowly improving.

Miss Della Ray Brown of Newberry is the guest of her cousin, Miss Louisa Pearson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lake of near Augusta are spending the holidays at the home of Mr. Lake's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Martin of Chappells are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Blair of Newberry spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Blair's father, E. B. Martin. Miss Gladys Stillwell who teaches in Newberry is with home folk.

Miss Elsie of Newberry college is home for the holidays.

Miss Helen Nichols who is teaching at Prosperity is spending the week at home.

Mrs. W. Eldredge of Helena visited her sister, Mrs. Matt Berry Tuesday. Mr. Richard Martin, a traveling salesman, is at home for a few days.

Isaac Berry of Chappells is visiting relatives here this week.

Mrs. Sallie Golden entertained a few friends with Christmas dinner Tuesday.

BUFORD WRITES ON PENSION LAW

Would Discontinue Policy of Graduation

To the Editor of The Herald and News:

I would not like to bore your readers, but I again ask for space enough to make some suggestions to the legislature on the subject of pensions. I have passed many a mile post since I saw Johnson surrender, and the older I grow the more deeply I sympathize with the few survivors of the Confederate army.

The present pension law is unsatisfactory, and could easily be made simple and just. There should be no grades; they lead to dissatisfaction. The law should give to each veteran at least \$100 a year and to each widow at least \$50 a year. The appropriation should be flat and straight. And there is no need to spend any of the money on county boards of pensions. Let the money be paid out by the judge of probate or the clerk of court, free of charge. Any man who is worthy to fill either of these offices would gladly do this much for the old soldiers as a patriotic duty.

Florida pays her Confederate veterans \$200 each, North Carolina does better than our state, and even pays 800 funeral expenses. Last year our legislature instead of increasing pensions, cut the appropriation law from \$100,000. For shame, gentlemen. And that provision should be cut out that forbids the granting of pensions

to a veteran who has an income of \$1,000. The veterans who have been fortunate enough to accumulate a little property pay taxes to enable the state to pay pensions, and no distinction should be made. The legislature should recognize the service that the old men have rendered, and should let them say whether they will accept the pensions. In all conscience, the amount is small enough. And it is pitiful that the legislature should try to protect the taxpayers by putting the knife into this small appropriation that represents the gratitude of our state for a splendid service.

And a word as to negro pensions. Since I suggested two years ago that the survivors of the negroes who were with their masters in the war should receive pensions, Tennessee has passed a law giving the negro survivors of that state \$10 a month—more than South Carolina gives her white veterans. Very few of these old negroes are left, and they are in need. During the war they were at the front with their masters; they cooked for them, foraged for them, waited on them when they were sick; and braved Yankee bullets to bring them to a place of safety when they were wounded or killed in battle. We owe it not only to these negroes, we owe it to ourselves, to our civilization, to simple gratitude and self respect, that we do something for these devoted old negroes in their day of need. Two years ago a bill to pension these negroes, introduced by Senator Alan Johnstone, passed the senate, Representative Geo. S. Mower introduced it in the house, but it was continued. And the last legislature killed the bill. They even refused to adopt an amendment, offered by Representative E. S. Blease, making the pension for each negro veteran only \$15 a year. All honor to the Newberry delegation!

Gentlemen of the legislature, I am not making a selfish appeal, I am not speaking for myself. If you intend ever to show full appreciation of the service rendered by these survivors, white and black, you must act quickly. I honor the men who served that cause. It is right to build monuments in honor of those who fell at the front, but gentlemen of the legislature, let us not give a stone to those who ask for bread.

M. M. Buford, Newberry.