

## LEGISLATURE IS IN SESSION

Columbia, January 11.—The second session of the seventy-third general assembly of South Carolina met at 10 o'clock yesterday for its annual forty-day session in Columbia. Junius T. Liles, Orangeburg, lieutenant governor, presided over the senate, while Thomas P. Cochran of Greenville, speaker, held the gavel in the lower house. Governor Robert A. Cooper delivered his annual message in person, at noon yesterday. The two houses meeting in joint session in the hall of the house. A synopsis of the governor's recommendations are given below.

With the coming together of the general assembly the annual question that will be done is being asked on both sides. It would be hard to predict a first class prophet to give a correct prognostication of the work that the legislature will do. Suffice it to say that there is plenty of work for the two most important questions that will likely come up for discussion this year will be good roads and woman suffrage. Active work will be done on the ratification of the federal amendment to the federal constitution enfranchising women has already begun and noses are being rubbed by both sides. The fight on the question is likely to call forth the old fashioned oratory and some hard work for and against.

In all probability the question of good roads is likely to come to the front early in the session. There is already on the house calendar a bill which passed the senate last year providing for good roads, but it was not passed on the last few days of the session of last year that the senate to have a clear idea of support. It may, however, be used as a basis on which to build a good bill. In addition to this there are bills for the reorganization of the highway department, and the reorganization of a constitutional convention is another important matter. The senate, the house now has in possession a bill providing for which passed the senate at the session.

Governor Cooper's Recommendations. Governor Cooper, in his annual message made a good many important recommendations, some of them being radical changes of policy. Among others the governor recommends the abolition of free scholarships and the creation of a loan fund for needy and worthy persons desiring college education, the beneficiary of the institution of his choice to be required to repay the loan. The governor compared the financial system of the State to that under which an average tenant farmer was forced to operate, where the crops of one year were used to pay the debts of the year and the income of the year was financed with borrowed money. He advocates the changing of the fiscal year to make it run from July to July instead of with the calendar year.

Another departure which the governor urges is the abolition of the city chairmans and the substitution of a state board. A central board for all educational institutions with a purchasing agent under their direction are also recommended.

Summary. Summary of the governor's recommendations in part is as follows: That county officials be required to submit a budget similar to the one sent by the State officials. That the work of the comptroller general's office be enlarged so as to require him to check all county officials.

That one central board be created to take the place of the state board of education be created, with power to determine the education policy of the State. The abolition of free scholarships and the creation of a loan fund instead. An increase of pay for teachers. That something be done to improve the roads of the state. Substitution of a state chairmans for the county system. A complete survey of the state to

## MR. CHAS. E. TAYLOR HAS SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Mr. Chas. E. Taylor, a prominent business man of Lexington, was seriously wounded Monday morning when a shotgun that he was attempting to shoot bursted. Mr. Taylor and a negro, Tom Suber, had driven out in an automobile a short distance from Mr. Taylor's home to shoot a hawk, and when he attempted to shoot both barrels of the gun bursted at the breach, in some mysterious way, a large piece of the metal striking the left arm, cutting a considerable gash and severing the muscles. The wound is a bad one and may partially disable his arm permanently. Dr. G. F. Roberts attended Mr. Taylor.

Tom Suber, a negro, was also hit on the knee and arm with pieces of flying metal, causing painful bruises, but neither piece penetrated the skin. Who caused the gun to burst is not known.

## MR. JOHN T. KAMINER WRITES OF GOOD ROADS

Editor Dispatch-News: A little warning to the public about this good roads question. I cannot agree with Dr. Ridgell on his plan. I think it is more of a political scheme than anything else. One part of his theory is all right—that about the machinery to keep up the road. That is what we need. But I cannot agree with him when he wants to have the supervisor appointed by the delegation and the commissioners appointed by circuit judge. If we are going to live under a king, let us have one and be done with it. I have not found a single man that agreed with him on that point. I think that the supervisor and the commissioners should be elected by the voters of Lexington county.

It looks like he is working a scheme to take the road question from the voters and give it to one man so that he can run it to suit himself and the State highway commission. I don't fancy the State highway commission. I think the automobile should be taxed, five dollars on small cars and six dollars on large ones, and it should be paid to the County treasurer, just the same as the commutation tax, and go direct to the upkeep of the roads. Now so much for that.

All we need on the road roads is machinery to scrape the roads at the proper time, and here is what I want to say: If Dr. Ridgell gets through his road program, when you want to get your road worked you will have to go to the State highway commission and get down on your knees and beg for it.

It will take about one thousand dollars to pay bookkeepers to run this business, and what we want is our money spent direct on the road. We will never have good roads as long as the road question stays in politics.

JOHN T. KAMINER.

## COUNTY AGENT SHEELY OPENS LEXINGTON OFFICE

County Demonstration Agent J. W. Sheely is this week opening his office in Lexington, in Home National Bank building, second floor. Hereafter Mr. Sheely will be in his office every Saturday, at which time he wishes the farmers and business men of this section to confer with him on matters pertaining to better and more profitable farming. He will have at his office bulletins of all kinds for free distribution, which will be of general interest to the farmers.

While Mr. Sheely will only be in his office on Saturdays, the place will be kept open and the people of this section are invited to make it their headquarters while in town.

## PICNIC AT A. TAYLOR'S.

A picnic will be given at A. Taylor's home on January 13, to which everybody is invited and asked to bring baskets and enjoy the day.

ascertain amount of property escaping taxation.

Erection of a state administrative building.

A central purchasing agent for the State.

Authority to report from 50 to 75 constables to enforce the game laws, liquor laws and other laws, with an appropriation of from \$75,000 to \$100,000 for their maintenance.

Liberal support for the National Guard.

Creation of a board of censors for moving pictures, to serve without pay.

Enlargement of the duties of the board of public service commissioners.

## BOLL WEEVIL MEET JAN. 22

The boll weevil conference to be held in Lexington Thursday, January 22, under the auspices of the extension department of Clemson college, will be one of interest and doubtless lasting benefit to the farmers of this section. The weevil has already invaded a great portion of South Carolina, and they have been found in several sections of Lexington, and the purpose of this meeting is to enlighten the people of this community as to how best to combat the pests. The methods to be used and the best crops to plant will be told by men of experience, who have seen the work of the weevil and who have had wide experience in this line of work.

All the citizens of Lexington should avail themselves of this opportunity to learn from the experience of others just what this insect has done and will do again unless he is checked, or unless some precautions are taken in the way of substituting some other crop for cotton, to a more or less degree at least.

The meeting will be held in the county court house here on Thursday, January 22.

## MR. MONTS ON GOOD ROADS.

Editor The Dispatch-News:

A great deal is being said about good roads now and how to build them. How can you build good roads and keep them when the county truck never makes a trip on the clay roads until they are in such a soggy and wet shape that they will not hold up a wagon, let alone a five ton truck.

Now, Mr. Ridgell, how about that? Can you build a road that will stand when it is used that way? I say no, do not care a snap what you say.

As to building and maintaining them, that is out of the question, for there are no three miles of clay road in a stretch that can be worked and maintained alike. There are places that will be no trouble to build and keep up and others that you cannot keep up at all. Take, for instance, Pinder Ridge: there is but one way to build a road through there that will stand, and that will be to grade it out about eighteen inches or two feet deep and fill with rock and cement.

With best wishes to Mr. Ridgell, Supervisor Corley and Commissioner Derrick.

ED F. MONTS.

## NORRIS-WINGARD.

Miss Marie Norris and Mr. Herman Wingard, both of Lexington, were married on Sunday afternoon at the home of the Rev. J. A. Cromer, who performed the ceremony. The marriage was witnessed by a large congregation of friends and relatives, all going out in automobiles.

The bride, a beautiful young woman, was never more lovely than in her wedding dress of field mouse with accessories to match.

Immediately after the ceremony, accompanied by a few close friends, the bride and groom drove to the home of the groom's father, Mr. W. Sanders Wingard, where a most delightful repast was served.

Mrs. Wingard, as Miss Norris, was one of this town's most popular and attractive young women, and her legion of friends wish for her a life of unalloyed happiness and bliss. Mr. Wingard is one of the most successful young farmers of this section, and he and his lovely bride will be at home to their friends in their handsome new home near town.

## DANCING CLASSES TWICE A WEEK

A dancing class has been organized in Lexington with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Poat, of Columbia, as instructors. Regular dancing will be held every Tuesday and Friday nights in the big hall upstairs in the Corley building. It is expected that much interest will be shown by the young people of the town and the entire community. Mr. and Mrs. Poat are expert dancers and experienced teachers. The larger the class the smaller will be the charges for each individual dancer.

## A HOT SUPPER AT SUNNY SOUTH SCHOOL

The School Improvement League of Sunny South School will give a hot supper on Saturday, January 31, for the benefit of the school. Everybody is invited to attend, and help a good cause.

## COURT MEETS NEXT MONDAY

The regular term of the court of general sessions for Lexington county will convene next Monday, January 19. There is a very heavy docket set for this term, including several important cases. Judge George E. Prince of Anderson will preside, and the following jurors have been drawn for this term:

J. B. Adams, James W. Lever, J. H. Hite, Ollie O. Sumner, C. Abner Long, Samuel E. Taylor, Morgan I. Bickley, Job J. Chapman, I. Jeremiah Spires, Carroll A. Shealy, M. Luther Lybrand, Otis A. Kirkland, J. Collins Price, Henry N. Sharps, D. Leonard Jefcoat, Grover P. Geiger, John W. Ricad, John A. Roberts, J. R. Senterfeit, W. Lawrence Smith, J. R. Hester, Joseph E. Hite, Lewis T. Camalander, C. W. Smith, C. C. Sumner, G. W. Watts, R. Lester Price, C. E. Weisinger, Sidney O. Hook, John H. Amick, Emanuel L. Taylor, C. C. Cannon, R. L. Harmon, J. Keith Haltiwanger, J. Lomas Lindler, Reed E. Kyzer.

## HAS RETURNED FROM BOLL WEEVIL SECTIONS

Mr. W. Noah Spires, one of the largest planters of the Gaston section, was here last Friday. Mr. Spires has just returned from an inspection trip to the boll weevil sections of Georgia and Alabama, and was very enthusiastic over what he saw and learned about the weevil. Mr. Spires says that the destruction wrought by the pests is certain and sure. He does not think that the appearance of the weevil in this State, will do a great deal of damage this year, but now is the time, he says, to make preparations for the future. He would advise all farmers to start to experiment with other crops this year, and above all, to plant enough foodstuffs for man and beast, so that cotton will become altogether a surplus crop.

## BLIZZARD COMING SOON, SAYS UNCLE JAKE

Mr. Jake Snelgrove, Lexington's well known weather prophet, has sent the following reply to "Uncle Henry," who had something to say about Uncle Jake's predictions in last week's Dispatch-News: "In reply to Uncle Henry of last week, who said it was getting so cold that he wishes I would stop, let me say that the winter has just started. A blizzard will sweep over this entire section within the next few days. Uncle Henry, just stop; I will give it to you later so hot that you will whistle for a cool breeze and run for a shade. Watch this paper for my February calendar. "JAKE"

## JOSEPH MEETZE

Mr. Joseph Meetze, well known farmer, died at his home near Irmo on yesterday afternoon, following a long and painful illness. Mr. Meetze was one of the oldest and highly respected citizens in his community and his death has caused a pall of sorrow throughout the community.

The remains will be buried this afternoon, with Masonic honors, many persons, from Lexington having gone over for the ceremony.

## OYSTER SUPPER AT NORTH EDISTO SCHOOL

The School Improvement League will give an oyster supper at the North Edisto school house, district No. 37, on Saturday night, January 24, for the benefit of the school. The ladies are going to make an effort to serve the supper in the new building. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## BOX PARTY AT GASTON.

There will be a box party, cake walk and chicken stew at Gaston school house on January 17th. Everybody is invited to be present and the ladies are asked to bring baskets. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school.

## A. S. FRICK DEAD.

Abraham Simeon Frick, aged 73 years, died at his home near Chapin on January 6. He leaves a wife and seven children, four brothers and one sister. He was a faithful member and officer of St. Peters (Piney Woods) congregation. Mr. Frick was a Confederate veteran. His funeral was attended by a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

## TEACHERS OF COUNTY MET HERE SATURDAY

Dr. J. E. Mills, professor of chemistry at the University of South Carolina, addressed the meeting of the County Teacher's Association on last Saturday, January 10. Doctor Mills was a major in overseas chemical service in the army and came back determined to do everything possible to better educational conditions in the State. He has made a study of conditions since his return has advanced some very interesting statistics showing that only three per cent. of the people in our state ever enter college and only six per cent. enter high school. He also stressed the fact that the common unskilled and illiterate laborer is paid higher wages than the trained teachers required to teach the great majority of our people. He urged the teachers to work for an educational reawakening which will produce higher salaries for teachers and thus check the present drift of prepared and qualified persons away from the profession.

Previous to the address an interesting discussion on the subject of spelling was held.

A resolution endorsing a better system of examination, a higher standard of general requirements and higher salaries for teachers was introduced and passed. The resolutions being in rough draft it was suggested that a committee be appointed to revise and expand upon them. Prof. W. E. Black, Miss Ethel Dreher, and J. S. Schneider were appointed on this committee. The resolutions will be ready for publication at an early date.

The next meeting of the association will be held in the court house at Lexington on the second Saturday in February.

## MR. R. W. SHULL DIED ON SATURDAY.

Death has claimed another gallant warrior in the person of Ransom W. Shull, who died at his home four miles from Lexington on Saturday at the advanced age of 84 years. Mr. Shull had been in ill health for several years, but not until a short while ago did his condition become alarming.

Mr. Shull was a gallant soldier in the War Between the States, serving throughout the entire conflict. He was a man of the highest type, and numbered his friends by the score.

The deceased leaves surviving his aged widow, two daughters and two sons in his immediate family.

The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground, near the late home of the deceased, on Sunday afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of sorrowing relatives and friends. The funeral services were conducted from the home by the Rev. J. A. Cromer, pastor and lifelong friend of the deceased.

## SWANSEA NEWS.

The Swansea Epworth League, will meet as usual on Wednesday night Jan. 14th and again on Jan. 21st. Everybody invited to attend.

Mr. T. W. Cooley the popular carrier on route 1 made a brief business trip to Lexington one day last week.

Mr. B. T. Rish from over on route 2 has moved near town.

Miss Lilla King was the guest of Miss Mary Jefcoat Sunday evening.

Mr. Jacob Arant visited his father and brother Messrs. A. A. and M. M. Arant on Sunday.

Messrs. W. C. Williams and George Sturkie, who have been to Detroit Mich., returned home Monday.

Mr. G. D. Hooker and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hooker on Sunday.

Wonder what has become of the crowd that used to linger around the store of Rubin & Peskin? Thanks, awfully, listen! someone has just informed me that they have been seen farther up street, well business will be sure to "pick up" at Riley & Haigler's. Ha! ha!

Mrs. N. W. King visited Miss Mary Jefcoat Sunday.

Wonder if a "cough" is contagious over a telephone? if it is we're all goners. Ha! ha!

Mrs. A. M. Kirkland and son of Charleston are visiting relatives and friends in the Swansea section.

Mr. A. A. Arant, one of the oldest and best citizens of this section is sick at this writing. His many friends wish for his speedy recovery.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed a social at Mr. Albert Williams' on Saturday night last.

Best wishes to the Dispatch-News and it's many readers.

## MINSTREL BY LEGION ON 22D

Much interest is being centered in the approaching minstrel to be given on the 22nd of this month by the local Post of the American Legion. The main object of the boys in giving this show is to raise a fund with which to buy furniture for their club rooms in the Corley building and at the same time to give the people of the town and community good wholesome amusement. In addition to members of the Legion the cast is composed of old minstrel stars who are renewing their youth in the merry songs and fancy steps and dances of the present time and in joke-telling in such premier style as would do credit to the combined qualities of Billy Beard, Bert Swor, Lasses White, and Sugar Foot Gaffney, all of national minstrel fame. In fact, one of the shining lights on the local program has been for years an understudy of these famous comedians and by general consent of those who best knew his ability, he has a decided edge on these arch performers in most of the features entrusted to his correct interpretation. Although intimately known to everybody in the community, he is being run in as a dark horse until the night of the show, when those who witness the exhibition will have no trouble in solving his identity. Then there are boys unknown generally to the community who will have a large part in the production, especially in the music and fun-making. From bull frobbars to lyric tenor the whole range is comprehensively covered and the new songs and ensembles selected for rendition will be heard here for the first time. The costumes will be bright and snappy and the action will be fast and full of "pep," just as the boys were taught in the army to do things. The cast is made up of thirteen men which, though usually considered an unlucky number, the boys propose to show is just the contrary this (leap) year.

The curtain will rise promptly at eight o'clock and all those not in their seats by that time will be held at the door until after the opening act so that those who are there on time may not be annoyed by people passing and fro between them and the performers, so it is respectfully suggested by the management that those who intend to patronize the boys in their laudable undertaking be in their seats before the hour set and not held up at the door for being late.

The success of the show is quite evident and those who are helping to put it on have been so highly gratified at the progress made by the whole cast that they have answered the call for wholesome amusement in other parts of the county, which is especially appropriate since the Lexington Post takes all of the county, and have consented to give a performance in at least two other towns, which in all probability will be Chapin and Swansea, during the week following the performance here. From the three performances the boys expect to realize a tidy sum for the furnishing of their club.

If you want to see the best show that's been in these parts for many a moon be on hand at the Lexington school auditorium, Thursday, the 22nd, before eight o'clock. No seats reserved, first come, first served.

The seating capacity at the school auditorium is limited, so in order to be sure of seeing the show be on hand early. Prices: Adults 50 cents, children 25 cents.

## JUDGE DRAFTS ILL.

The many friends of Hon. Geo. S. Drafts, the veteran Judge of Probate, will regret to learn of his illness. The popular county officer has been confined to his room for the past several days suffering from a severe cold. His condition at this time, however, is very much improved, and the Judge hopes to be back at his office in the court house within the next couple days.

## FISH FRY AND OYSTERS AT MACEDON SCHOOL

There will be a chicken stew, oyster supper and fish-fry and other amusements at Macedon school house Friday, January 23. Everybody come and have a good time.

## THE BON HEUR CLUB.

Mrs. S. J. Leaphart will entertain the Bon Heur club Friday afternoon at four o'clock.