

## ERROR IN SURVEY DELAYS ELECTION.

### Petitions Circulated Last Week Asking for a Slight Amendment to the New County Lines. Too Much Territory Left in the Old County and not Enough in New County. Mistake Will delay the Election Probably a Month.

If it had not been for a slight mistake in running the division line which left too much territory in the old county and not enough in the new county the election on the question of forming a new county out of the upper portion of Marion would have been held, no doubt, within the next 60 days. As it is the people will not have an opportunity to say whether or not they want a new county until the latter part of April or maybe May. The mistake was made by the surveyor who ran the cut-off or division line. He started at a point higher up on the Marlboro line than he was told to start and the result was that his calculations refused to balance with the calculations of the surveyors who ran the lines around the county. The error was detected when the official surveyors were checking up for a final report to the New and Old County Commissioners. There was a difference of several miles and it was found that the territory of the proposed New County contained less than the constitutional 400 miles. Of course, there was nothing to do but amend the original petition and petitions asking for the amendment were industriously circulated last week. It was a big job but the work was systematically handled and in 24 hours after the petitions had been given out there were secured something like a thousand signatures. The petitions were taken then to Mr. A. R. Oliver, chairman of board of registration, who certified to their correctness and Saturday they were taken to Columbia by M. T. A. Dillon and filed with the governor. The governor has not yet fixed a date for the hearing but he told Mr. Dillon that both sides would have a hearing within two weeks.

This does not mean that Marion county contains less than 900 square miles and the new county advocates need feel no alarm over the delay. There are considerably more than 900 square miles in the county and there will be no difficulty in meeting the constitutional requirements on that point. The error was made in not leaving enough territory in the area to be cut off for a new county as the constitution requires.

The territory to be taken back forms a part of that given back the Pages Mills section some weeks ago. About half of this territory will be taken back into the new county. It will be remembered that several weeks ago the governor was petitioned by new county advocates for authority to give some territory back to the old county as there is more territory in the new county than was needed. The governor consented to this amendment to the original lines and about 14 miles of territory was taken back to the old county. The territory lies at the extreme end of the proposed new county below the Pages Mills line. Now about half of this territory will be taken in and will disadvantage the new county people suffer the delay of the election. The delay is a great loss to the people and the delay is annoying.

However, this seems to be the only obstacle in the way and once this is removed the surveyors will be ready to make their report to the commissioners, who in turn will make their report to the governor and there is no reason why the election should not be ordered within the 80 days immediately following.

### Tax Returns.

The Auditor's office will be open for taking tax returns from January 1st. to February 20th. 1909.

The law requires a tax on all notes, mortgages and moneys, also an income tax on gross income of \$2,500 00 and upwards.

There shall be capitation tax of 50 cents on all dogs, the proceeds to be expended for school purposes. Dogs not returned for taxation shall not be held to be property in any of the courts in this state.

All males between the age of 21 and 60 years, except Confederate soldiers or those persons incapable of earning a support by being maimed or from any other cause are liable to poll tax.

All property must be assessed at "its true value in money" which is construed to mean "the sum at which the said property under ordinary circumstances would sell for cash."

Don't ask that your property be taken from the books the same as last year. All property must be listed on proper blanks and sworn to. Township and number of district given.

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places at the dates mentioned to take tax returns.

Judson Thursday Feb. 4th.  
Centerville, Friday Feb. 5th.  
Bingham, Saturday Feb. 6th.  
Fore, Monday Feb. 8th.  
Bermuda, Thursday Feb. 11th.  
Gaddy, Friday Feb. 12th.

It is hoped that all will meet the Auditor promptly and make their returns and thereby avoid the 50 per cent. penalty.

Respectfully,  
F. T. McLELLAN,  
County Auditor.

### FELLS WOMAN WITH CLUB

Gupper Curry, Jealous of the Woman he Loves, Strikes Her Down with a Club and then Slashes Her Garments with a Knife. An Old Offender.

One of the quietest residence sections of Dillon was disturbed Sunday night at 7 o'clock by screams of a woman and upon investigation it was found that Gupper Curry had struck Emma Grant a blow with a club which felled the woman and almost fractured her skull. After knocking the woman down Curry slashed at her with a knife and succeeded in cutting her garments in several places. Both parties are colored. Curry is infatuated with the Grant woman and Sunday night when he met her on the street with another man he became so enraged that he fell upon her with a club and it is likely he would have beaten her to death if other persons had not interfered. As it was the woman escaped with a fearful blow over the forehead which laid bare the bone.

Curry is an old offender against the laws of the town. Some weeks ago he was up before the town authorities upon the charge of snapping a pistol in another negro's face and paid a fine of \$25. His infatuation for the woman which seems to border on mania has led him into other trouble which has cost him lots of money. After striking the woman he fled to Darlington where his parents live.

## MAKING PROGRESS ON RIGHT-OF-WAY.

### The Committee Actively at Work on Railroad Right-of-Way. Have Received Encouragement from a Number of Land Owners. People on the Route by way of Little Rock Anxious for the New Railroad and are Co-Operating with the Committee. The New Road Seems Highly Probable.

The committee appointed at a business men's meeting some time ago to secure a right-of-way for the new railroad are meeting with much encouragement. They are not yet ready to make a report but they are making mighty good progress in their work and the indications are that the right-of-way will be secured without much difficulty. The land owners along the route of the proposed new road are co-operating with the committee and seem to be as anxious for the road as are the Dillon people. This is quite natural as the Dillon people already have good railroad facilities and could get along without additional railroads, but they have found out that railroads are great developers of a country's natural resources and will welcome the coming of a hundred railroads to their town.

One route of the proposed new road runs in an air line from Clio to Dillon and another route makes a slight curve and comes by Judson and Gallavon. Which of the two routes will be adopted has not yet been decided, but it is likely that the route on which the property owners grant a right-of-way will be the one selected. The air line route runs through the middle of Little Rock and traverses the lands of E. R. Hamer, R. P. Hamer, J. S. Thompson, J. W. Hamer, M. S. Britt, Jno. Hargrove, Brooks Hamer, T. C. Sherwood, and J. L. Bennett on to Judson. The committee has not gone beyond Judson, but it is not unlikely that the property owners along the route beyond that point will refuse to give the right-of-way.

Mr. W. R. Bonsall, the promoter of the new road, asked for a right-of-way from two miles this side of Clio into Dillon, a depot site at Dillon 300 feet long and 160 wide, and two miles of right-of-way out of town. The right-of-way out of town indicates that the road is making for Pages Mills, Fork or Kemper and will likely touch at one of these points. The committee has gone far enough in the matter of securing the right-of-way and the depot site to feel very hopeful that the road will be built and while they refuse to give out anything definite it seems to be pretty well understood that Dillon will have another railroad at no distant date.

### NEW RAILROAD TO CLIO.

### A Large Crowd was Present to Witness the Arrival of the First Train on the N. & S. C.

Clio, Feb. 10.—The first train over the new railroad, the North and South Carolina, came in yesterday at 11:30. A large crowd of citizens had gathered to see it come in.

The schedule for the present is: Leave Gibson, N. C., at 10:15 a. m.; arrive Clio 11:10 a. m.; leave Clio 3 p. m.; arrive Gibson 3:55 p. m.

Last week we sent out a number of statements to subscribers whose subscription has expired or is about to expire, and we sincerely trust that those who received such notices will respond promptly. We have recently added a lot of new material to our office and its physical condition has been greatly improved. Our patrons get the benefit of those improvements and we trust that they will show their appreciation of our efforts to give them an up-to-date weekly paper by settling the small amounts they owe us. The man who thinks there is no labor and expense involved in the publication of a paper is laboring under a misapprehension. There is labor and plenty of it, and as to expense it seems never to end. In addition to the gathering of news and keeping in touch with various things that have happened, are happening and will happen, scanning a hundred or more newspapers every week, looking after the business of the office and the anxiety and suspense incident thereto, the newspaper man never has a moment to spare and if any man on earth earns what he gets the publisher certainly does. Then again there is the daily expense. It takes money and lots of it to keep an office going and few people will believe that the daily expenses of The Herald are from \$8 to \$10 every day in the year, month in and month out. This expense money has to come every day and if the subscriber fails to do his part the money must be raised from some other source. We trust our readers will pardon our rather lengthy talk on "shop" but we want them to take a peep behind the curtain and see the amount of labor and money it takes to produce the paper that comes to them every Thursday morning without apparent effort.

### A NARROW ESCAPE.

"Bud" Hamilton is Fired at by Unknown Assassin and Escapes Serious and Probably Fatal Injury by a Hair's Breadth.

Sunday night a week ago as Mr. Whit Hamilton, better known as "Bud," was returning from his father's stables where he had been to feed the stock some one fired at him with a pistol at close range and the bullet narrowly missed his abdomen. As it was the little messenger of death passed through his waist coat without touching the skin. The man who fired the shot was standing behind a tree near the lot gate and had evidently selected his hiding place with great care as he knew that Mr. Hamilton must pass within a few feet of the tree on his return to the house. The flash and report of the pistol startled Mr. Hamilton for the moment and when he fell backward a few feet he would be assassin ran away in the darkness. Mr. Hamilton did not recognize the man but saw enough of him to convince him that the party was white. He is at a loss to understand why any one should make an attempt upon his life.

Those Kara Linen envelopes at The Herald Book Store are more popular than ever with buyers who know good stationery when they see it.

Don't fail to attend the entertainment at the Little Rock school tomorrow (Friday) evening. There is an evening of pleasure awaiting you.

### WASHINGTON LETTER

#### News From Our Busy Capital

An inventor announces that he has perfected an air ship that cannot tip. Still we have all had experiences in those places which announce, "no tips".

Western legislators are agitating a reform to decrease the length of hat pins but for us let them wear the hat pins as long as they like if they will but shorten the hat bills.

A prominent physician advises us to accept the demands of our appetites and eat what we want. Patrons of the free soup kitchen and followers in the bread line should take notice and act accordingly.

Marcel Prevost, the famous French writer, declares that alcohol and the corset are ruining the human race. It is rather odd isn't it that the prevalence of both is due to man's taste.

A College education, says Representative Tawney, makes a life more finished. But as the last thing most of us desire is a life finished we presume Mr. Tawney does not approve of a college education.

The handsomest men in Congress are to be selected for the personal escort of Mr. Taft at the Inaugural ball, and the scramble for the places would seem to indicate that Congressmen are just like other people in not seeing themselves as others see them.

The Kaiser and Von Beulow have kissed on both cheeks and made up to the delight of the German Empire. Now if Roosevelt and the Ananias Club were to have a love feast we should feel that the era of peace on earth, good will, etc., had at last dawned.

Congress has decided that the suitable vehicle for Mr. Taft is the automobile. If they needed any more confirmatory testimony to reach that decision they should have brought forward the Chinese coolies who used to carry him in a sedan chair on their shoulders through the narrow streets of Canton, or the ricksha men who dragged him about Yokohama and Tokio.

One of the most noble efforts which have enlisted the activities of President Roosevelt during his administration is his recent appeal for greater care and consideration for the dependent children of the country. It is probable that as a people we have been too easily satisfied that we have fulfilled our whole duty in providing asylums and institutions for orphans. We take a vast amount of self congratulation in our public school system and it has not occurred to some of us that there is disadvantage in the herding of children in institutions of any kind. Any child that misses individual study and love is missing the most precious gift to which it is entitled and the President is responsible for the humane and elevated idea that dependent children should as far as possible be placed in homes rather than in asylums. Unfortunately the millennium of kindness and unselfishness has not arrived and by placing orphans in private homes we should still have many cases in which the little dependents would be treated as the "bound out apprentices" of an ear-

lier generation were treated but it must be admitted that the altruistic sentiment has developed of late years under the improved and easier conditions of life and that there are good women to be found in every neighborhood whose hearts are broad and deep enough to admit the little children if the pocketbook could be stretched to cover their absolute needs. Love is the natural right of every child but we agree with the President in believing that it is to be found in the family oftener than in the asylum and that even without it the influences of a home are better than those of crowded institutions. Just as contagion and disease are more easily managed in a household than in a school so the germs of evil that children spread may be more easily held in check where there are only a few children sequestered in a home than where they are herded in great numbers under one roof. The further suggestion that mothers left destitute with young children should be aided by the state in keeping and supporting them must make a strong appeal to all humanic people. When we reach the spiritual development which compels us to provide a tax on all men capable of begetting children to cover the cost of rearing and educating all illegitimate children we may feel that we have cause for satisfaction in modern humanity and charity.

### Notice of Sale

By virtue of authority vested in me as agent under a distress warrant for rent issued and directed to me by W. T. Bethea and J. B. Gibson, as Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Hugh P. Price, deceased, against the Bennett Live Stock Company, a corporation of Dillon, S. C., and as agent of The People's Bank under a chattel mortgage given by Bennett Live Stock Company to the said Bank, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, before the stables formerly occupied by the Bennett Live Stock Company in the town of Dillon, on Saturday, February 27th, 1909, at three o'clock P. M. 9 New Buggies, 9 Old Buggies, several sets new harness, collars, 1 Iron Safe, Several Halters, Bridles, Horse Blankets, Buggy Poles, Whips, 1 One-Horse Wagon and other personal property.

J. F. West, Agent.  
Dillon, S. C., Feb. 10th., 1909.  
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### NOTICE

Is hereby given that the Spring Term of Court of General Sessions for Marion County will convene at Marion on Monday, February 22nd, 1909 at 10 a. m.

D. F. MILES,  
C. C. G. S.

We appreciate the many kind words from our friends complimenting us on the last issue of The Herald. One of our oldest subscribers said "it was the newest issue of The Herald I have ever seen." Another said "it was one of the best printed papers you ever issued." Still another said "a paper like that every week is worth twice the subscription price." A veteran newspaper man who stands at the top notch of the profession in South Carolina said "it is one of the best and newest weekly papers in the state." We appreciate these kind words. Nothing stimulates more than to know that your efforts are appreciated.