

BONDS ARE SOLD
FOR GOOD ROADSFirst Half of Issue Disposed
Of—Surveys of First Road
Now Well Under Way.

Laurens, S. C., April 2, (Special)—Delivery of \$150,000 of the county's road bond issue was made to the original purchaser, Mr. N. B. Dial, by the county supervisor Saturday and the funds placed in the Enterprise National Bank subject to the disposition of the county highway commission, appointed under the act of the legislature when the bonds were authorized. This ends the litigation which had begun when the purchaser refused to take the bonds last fall and at the same time makes certain the improvement of a portion of the road system of the county. Under the resolution passed by the highway commission several weeks ago, when the matter was being discussed between the county board of commissioners and the county highway commission, the highway commission is pledged not to withdraw the money from the bank at a greater rate than \$25,000 per month. The remaining \$150,000 of the bonds are yet to be sold. By making this settlement of the bond matter without entailing the delay incident to further litigation, the county is enabled to secure a large proportion of federal aid which it might not have received at this time.

The survey of the road from Kinards through Clinton to Laurens is progressing rapidly. It is being made by surveyors of the state highway department. A preliminary route has already been laid out as far as the county farm between Clinton and Laurens. This survey may be changed later if it is thought advisable. By this survey, however, all railroad crossing, except at two places, has been avoided between the Newberry line and Laurens. The road run on the north side of the C. N. & L. railroad from the Newberry line as far as the Hunter place below Clinton and then crosses over to the south side on which it remains until the crossing is reached at the Clinton Hotel. From here it takes the north side of the railroad and runs to the Wham place where it turns towards Mr. P. B. Bailey's home. Just before reaching here it turns to the west behind Mr. Bailey's home and joins the old road again in front of the county home.

CHANGE IN FIRM.

Mr. J. K. Hatton, for several years past, manager of the local express office, has resigned his position to enter the automobile business. He will be associated with Mr. Geo. H. Ellis of the Ellis Motor Company, and the new business will be conducted under the firm name of Ellis-Hatton Motor Company. The old Methodist church property recently purchased by Mr. Ellis, is now being remodeled and will be converted into a modern building with general offices, show rooms, ladies rest room, a modern gasoline filling station; in short, a modern automobile building. They will also conduct a garage and repair department and have just contracted with a competent and experienced mechanic to head this department. Both of these young men are hustlers and very popular in the city. They hope to be in their new home in the next few weeks and will doubtless enjoy a successful and fast-growing business.

DARING TRAIN ROBBERY.

Masked Bandits Hold up Frisco Train and Get \$6,000 in Cash. Marion, Ark., March 27.—Two masked bandits tonight held up Frisco passenger train number 801 about two miles west of Bridge Junction and escaped with two packages containing about \$6,000 in currency taken from the express car. When warned by the engineer he was due to pass Frisco train number 108 at the junction, according to his story, they told him they had sent a man ahead to flag that train to prevent a wreck.

Miss Edna Clayton spent Monday in Columbia.

OVER 100,000 WATCH
PARADE IN COLUMBIA

Largest Crowd in History of Columbia Throng Main Street to Welcome Home-Coming Soldiers From France. Greatest Demonstration to Returning Army in State's History.

Columbia, April 1.—In the presence of a multitude, the like of which has never been seen in Columbia, under a white and blue sky, the beloved boys of the Thirtieth Division paraded through the streets yesterday afternoon, being greeted with an acclaim which was but a feeble expression of the pride and affection in which they are held and which must have warmed their hearts.

Crowned with martial honors, rewarded with the unstinted praise of their commanding officers, considered by military leaders as second to no soldiers in the world, they came home to their own and yesterday they nestled close to the warm heart of the people of South Carolina.

A happier occasion for the soldiers and for the people of the State could not be imagined. For months these boys in the devastated regions of France must have dreamed of the day when they would come home again; over and over again the vision of themselves marching through Main Street, cheered by the crowds, must have risen before their eyes tantalizingly; for weeks they had planned as to just what they would do, just how they would conduct themselves when in the homecoming parade. And yesterday, the dream all came true. Forgotten now the mud and the rain; faint memories the zing of the machine gun bullets and the whine of high explosives; as dim as a day old dream the blinding light of the star shells and the moan of the minnewerfer. All over now, and back again on their home soil.

And the fathers and mothers! They came from everywhere, stood for hours in hot sunshine, and waited with never a sign of weariness for the swinging of the column around the corner of Gervais into Main Street.

For them no more agonizing search of the casualty lists; no more cliking fear when a messenger with a yellow envelope came up the front walk; no more throat clutching anxiety when they read in the papers of some great drive in France; no more pointing out the photograph on the family mantel of some sturdy youth to a visitor with the explanation, "He's in France now. We hope he will come back safely." All through and done with, for the boys were back and back with a record that makes the cheeks flush and the heart beat treble time.

And the folk were out to show the boys how glad and how happy and how proud they were of them.

The demonstration yesterday was unquestionably the greatest given to a returning army in the history of South Carolina. Never had such throngs assembled in the State to welcome home returning soldiers, and never was there such a stirring display of enthusiasm and joy.

It was an occasion which will long be remembered by every soldier in the parade and by the spectators that lined the route of march for blocks.

Long before the hour set for the parade to move, the crowds began to gather along the line of march. The Charleston delegation was at its booth, early in the day with a live marine band, and they had played only a few selections before one side of the street was blocked with people. By 11 o'clock the steps of the State House were speckled with scattered watchers who rapidly increased in number. Soon the windows facing or Main Street began to fill up. By 2 o'clock venturesome youths began to show their heads above the tops of buildings on Main street.

While the crowd was the greatest that ever gathered in Columbia, there was absolutely no disorder. The good order that was preserved was commented upon frequently. In front of the reviewing stand, the crowd began encroaching on the street.

When 3 o'clock arrived every point of vantage had been taken. Shortly afterwards a truck dashed through the streets at a high rate of speed and its inmates were giving a good imitation of the rebel yell. The crowd straightened up, and a moment later the mounted officers swung into Main Street. A cheer swept up the length of Main Street, and weariness was forgotten.

The crowds surged forward, but the police lines held firm and the way was

Let's Make Our Town the
Cleanest In the World

"Clean-Up" Campaign now on under auspices of the Civic Improvement Association and City Authorities. Everybody is asked to join in the Spring Cleaning. Put cleanliness First—Begin at your own door.

Join in and Clean-Up. Cleanliness is good life insurance.

NO FLIES
NO MOSQUITOES
GOOD HEALTH

kept clear. Soon the cheers were accompanied by an undertone of the tread of hundreds of hobnailed army shoes. General Tyson, when opposite the reviewing stand at the corner of Hampton and Main Streets, issued a quick order and the lines marked time. General Tyson, accompanied by his staff, mounted the reviewing stand. Still the lines stood motionless.

A corporal emerged from the lines and mounted the stand. The crowd stilled suddenly. The corporal advanced until he stood in the front of the reviewing stand beside General Tyson. Speaking with clearness, General Tyson said that this young corporal had been awarded the distinguished service cross for distinguished gallantry in action. He pinned the medal on the breast of Corp. George W. Batson of Greenville, saluted him and then congratulated him.

And then a striking scene was enacted. All down the line and around the corner of Gervais street, heels clicked together and hands came smartly to salute. General Tyson turned to the father of the young hero, Hugo Batson, and shook his hand, congratulating him, and the crowd broke into resounding cheers.

An order was given and again the lines moved forward, the corporal standing beside the general as the troops passed in review.

As the troops passed up Main Street scores of them were recognized by people standing along the curbing. Greetings were uttered in tones that could be heard above the tumult, but with eyes that looked dead ahead, the men marched on, only an occasional smile breaking out despite all military regulations.

There was no break in the line of spectators though fathers and mothers followed their sons for blocks with their eyes.

"If I'd known the whole State was going to turn out to see Dave when he came home, I don't think I would have objected to his going in," said one farmer. "And I don't believe I'll shoot the local board as I had about made up my mind to do," he concluded.

When the troops were passing and the eye was weary with seeing and the ears tired with hearing, a band came in view. Its drum major sighted the reviewing stand, and his baton waved vigorously.

There was a rattle from the drum, and then the opening notes of Dixie burst on the air. The crowd was electrified, and cheer after cheer rent the air that had become momentarily quiet. An old Confederate veteran, with his hat in his hand, said, "That tune, you can't beat it."

Among those present on the reviewing stand were: Brig. Gen. W. E. Cole, commander of Camp Jackson; Brig. Gen. L. D. Tyson and wife, Corp. G. W. Batson, Lieut. J. C. Dozier, Sergt. Gary E. Foster, Lieut. Col. T. B. Spratt, Mr. and Mrs. Christie Benet, Capt. E. W. Springs, Senator E. D. Smith, Governor Cooper and Mrs. Cooper, Adj. Gen. W. W. Moore, Senator and Mrs. N. B. Dial of Laurens, Congressman A. F. Lever, Congressman F. H. Dominick, Capt. Morris Lumpkin, Colonel Booker and Mrs. Booker, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Munsell, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Robertson, W. A. Coleman, T. B. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barron, C. O. Hearon, W. A. Cormack, Rion McKissick, William Banks, Joe Sparks.

Directly behind the last company came the wounded soldiers from Camp Jackson in automobiles driven by members of the Red Cross motor corps. The men received a rousing recep-

TAX ON STOCKINGS
AND EVERYTHING

After May 1st Price of Fancy Hosiery Will be Higher.

The old and popular song, "They Are Wearing 'Em Higher," will probably be changed to "They Are Wearing 'Em Longer," after May 1. Because on this date the cost of wearing silk stockings is going up and it will be necessary for single girls, and married ones too, to wear each pair longer or have their pocketbooks suffer a terrible jolt every time a hole wears in the heel or they begin to run.

Uncle Sam says that silk stockings are a luxury. Every pair retailing for \$2 or more will be taxed after May 1. The amount of this tax is to be 10 per cent. in addition to the retail price.

And men and boys who gratify the desire for creature comforts, by wearing silk socks costing more than \$1 per pair are also to be required to pay 10 per cent. tax on the amount in excess of the \$1.

Pajamas also drop in the luxury class according to the latest ruling, and after May 1 men, women, misses and boys who court Morpheus in a garment be it a pair of pajamas or an old time night gown, costing more than \$5 will be required to pay 10 per cent. on the excess over \$5.

Uncle Sam has not been so rigid in his ruling on kimono, petticoats and waists, holding that when they cost less than \$15 the wearer will be let off scot free, but if the cost is over \$15 then 10 per cent. of the excess goes to pay war expenses.

Apparently Uncle Sam thinks that \$15 is a sufficient amount for a woman or miss to pay for a hat, bonnet or hood, for he has ruled that when these articles cost more than \$15, then 10 per cent. must be paid for the privilege of indulging the appetite for expensive headgear.

A hat for a man or boy, according to Uncle Sam, costing more than \$5 is more or less of a luxury and as such must be paid for, the same 10 per cent. being required after May 1. Umbrellas, parasols and sun shades costing more than \$4 each are also regarded as a luxury, and 10 per cent. is to be paid for using them. Purses, pocketbooks, valises, suit cases, picture frames, trunks, men's and boys' caps and shoes, and a vast amount of other articles costing over a certain amount are included in the list on which a tax will be collected after May 1.

Of course, the seller of the goods will have to fix the tax, but the consumer will have to pay it, consciously or unconsciously, and in the course of a year's business it will amount to no small sum.

One section of the new tax act that will effect hundreds of the small country stores over the state has to do with the tax of one cent for each 25 cents or fraction thereof paid for perfumes, essences, extracts, toilet waters, cosmetics, hair oils, pomades, and mouth washes and various other articles.

Pills, tablets, powders, syrups, tinctures, cordials or bitters, tonics, liniments, spirits, oils, ointments and a vast array of other articles used are included in the list.

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Chewing gum is to be taxed 3 per cent. of the price charged, candy five per cent, firearms, shells and cartridges 10 per cent; dirk knives, daggers, brass knuckles, 100 per cent, and cigar and cigarette holders composed wholly or in part of meerschaum or amber, 10 per cent.

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SOLDIERS MAY KEEP
THEIR UNIFORMS

Act of Congress Passed February 28th Is the Final Word on Subject.

Soldiers may retain their uniforms. This is the final word. An act passed February 28th says so in these words:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person who served in the United States army, navy, or Marine Corps in the present war may, upon honorable discharge and return to civil life, permanently retain one complete suit of outer uniform clothing, including the overcoat and such articles of personal apparel and equipment as may be authorized, respectively, by the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, and may wear such uniform clothing after such discharge: Provided, That the uniform above referred to shall include some distinctive mark or insignia to be prescribed, respectively, the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy, such mark or insignia to be issued, respectively, by the War Department or Navy Department to all enlisted personnel so discharged. The word "Navy" shall include the officers and enlisted personnel of the Coast Guard who have served with the Navy during the present war.

Sec. 2. That the provisions of this Act shall apply to all persons who served in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps during the present war honorably discharged since April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen. And in cases where such clothing and uniforms have been restored to the government on their discharge the same or similar clothing in kind and value as near as may be shall be returned and given to such soldiers, sailors and marines.

Sec. 3. That section one hundred and twenty-six of the Act entitled "An Act for making further and more effective provision for the national defense, and for other purposes," approved June third, nineteen hundred and sixteen, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 126. That an enlisted man honorably discharged from the Army, Navy or Marine Corps since November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eight, or who may hereafter be honorably discharged, shall receive five cents per mile from the place of his discharge to his actual bona fide home, or residence, or original muster into the service, at his option: Provided, That for sea travel or discharge, transportation and subsistence, only shall be furnished to enlisted men.

WITH M. S. BAILEY & SONS.

Frank Estes, a member of last year's graduating class at the college, has accepted a position with M. S. Bailey & Sons as assistant book-keeper and entered upon his few duties last Monday. Mr. Estes has recently been discharged from the navy and has a number of friends in the city who will be interested in knowing that he has located here.

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COLLEGE CLOSES
FIRST OF JUNE

Baccalaureate Sermon by Dr. Graham and Y. M. C. A. Address by the Rev. J. P. Marion of Sumter.

The commencement exercises of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina begin this year on the first Sunday in June, and will continue through three days, as usual. President D. M. Douglas announced yesterday that the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class will be preached by Dr. H. Tucker Graham, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Florence, S. C.

The annual sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association will be preached in the evening by the Rev. J. P. Marion, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Sumter.

The annual Orator's contest will be held in the college auditorium on Monday evening, and the Declaimers contest at the same hour on the following evening.

The graduating exercises will be held Wednesday morning but Dr. Douglas stated to a representative of The Chronicle yesterday that he had not yet succeeded in securing the speaker for this occasion.

Announcement is also made by the president that Dr. William E. Roy, Ph. D., of Princeton University, formerly professor in Rochester University, Rochester, N. Y., has been secured by the college for next year to head the department of Biology.

SHIPMENT OF HOGS
TO BE MADE MONDAY

Farmers of the County Urged to Bring Hogs for Market Next Monday.

Laurens, S. C., April 2, (Special)—A few days ago Farm Demonstrator M. D. Moore addressed a circular letter to about 600 farmers of Laurens county in reference to a cooperative shipment of hogs to market. Replies to this circular letter indicate that there are enough surplus hogs in the county to insure the success of the plan. Accordingly Mr. Moore has arranged to have the hogs assembled at Laurens next Monday, April 7, at 11 o'clock, at which time a live stock expert from Clemson College will be on hand to grade the hogs and assist in making the shipment. Similar shipments from other counties in the state this winter and spring have been very successful financially.

Mr. Moore urgently requests that every farmer of the county who has one or more hogs for market, weighing over 125 lbs. each, to bring them to Laurens Monday and include them in this shipment. He also requests that all farmers who are interested in hog raising come to town and witness the grading of the hogs and other details of the shipment. It has been the experience in other counties where hogs are being marketed in carload shipments that high grade and even pure-bred sows are offered. It is not to the best interest of the hog industry of the county that such animals be shipped out, consequently Mr. Moore desires that farmers who want additional breeding stock be on hand to take such animals by private sale.

It is the intention of the farm demonstrator, as soon as this shipment is made, to address another circular letter to the farmers of the county, and especially to the boys, asking for pledges to grow hogs for marketing in cooperative shipments early next winter. Adjoining counties are adopting this plan and it is the plan of the county agents of the upper part of the state to ship a solid train load of hogs to northern markets next winter.

In the meantime it is hoped to make salesday in April the first real hog day in Laurens. Come to town Monday and bring a shoat!

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