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COURT HOUSE ELECTION.

We are a little surprised, and somewhat hurt, that several of our friends, both in city and country, have taken issue with us in our position on the Court house scheme.

In maintaining the position we have assumed, we want to say that we are acting in singleness of heart. It is a matter of small moment to us in the abstract whether we have a new Court House, or not, for the increase in our taxes would be too small for consideration.

Also, if the Act of the Legislature provided that the court house should be erected directly in front of the jail (the proper place for it) we would not have a word to say in opposition. According to one of our local papers, however, various sites are suggested; so if the court house is not to be erected on its proper site, we are dead set against it.

If a new court house is to be built, build it where in the natural order of things it belongs. If not, then let it stay where it is. It is idle for our friends to accuse us of non-progressiveness, for we have proved our progressiveness too often to deserve even a taint of that imputation, but we do think that the court house we have now is amenable for our needs, and connected as it is, by telephone, with every business house in town, we can see no crying need for another. As we said in our last issue, expend a thousand dollars on the old court house and, for all practical purposes, we will have all kinds of a court house.

In this matter we feel that we are talking against time, for the project is as sure to be defeated as that the sun rises and sets. What we set out to do in this editorial was to make our own position clear, and we hope we have done so.

Instead of a new court house we need a trolley line, so if our progressive citizens who have money will expend some of it in that direction, instead of harping on a new court house, they will be doing the general public and themselves much greater service.

DIFFERENCES IN OPINION.

Ever since Adam and Eve had their first scrap, differences of opinion as to certain matters, things and people have existed. This is as it should be, for if every one acted upon the same thought we would soon lapse into a state of barbarism, or the world become so highly ultra-cultured that aerial and deep sea habitation would become a necessity.

We mention this merely because of the fact that our opposition to the court house scheme has provoked comment in certain quarters, and among good friends of ours. It happens, however, that we know exactly what we are talking about, and we again advise our readers to at least this time vote against the court house bonds. We hope that we are as progressive a citizen as Kershaw county has ever produced, but there are some propositions advanced now and then which seem to pass the line, although bearing upon their surface all the hall marks of legitimacy.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Russia would be more impressive if she were to shoot more Japs and talk less of killing correspondents.

Uppap knows where to get quick results for her money, having ordered fifteen steel bridges from an American firm.

If the law of supply and demand holds good in war times, Russia will not lose many more battle-ships.

Senator Scott declares that the post-office scandals are of Democratic origin. But the McCull committee says there is no postal scandal.

In our humble opinion, there is less danger in admitting foreigners who compete with American labor than in admitting those who compete with Americans who refuse to labor.

Those who are criticizing Congress should remember that

there is one thing to the credit of that body. It always adjourns. When a man admits that he is going to the dogs, we somehow cannot help feeling sorry for the dogs.

A man has been sent to the penitentiary in Minnesota for stealing a locomotive, while in New York men steal whole railroads with impunity.

Russia now proposes to collect 500,000 troops before going into the next fight, and Japan will be accused of violating the international code if she butts in again before Russia is ready.

Japan shares the enthusiasm of the rest of the world for old China but she prefers it intact rather than broken.

Prof. Langley is quoted as having said that with \$50,000 he could fly to Canada. That feat has already been performed by defaulting cashiers for a much smaller sum.

Russian Barbarism.

The action of the Russian admiral in sinking the Japanese transport with a large number of men is severely criticized here, and is condemned as a piece of inexcusable barbarism. The humane and civilized methods of the Japanese are contrasted with the brutality and uncivilized methods employed by Russians in Manchuria and Korea ever since the war began.

Society Notes.

On last Thursday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 p. m. Mrs. K. G. Whistler welcomed in her usual easy, graceful manner the members of the Young Matrons Card Club, and a few friends still in a state of "single blessedness," at her home on Hobkirk Hill, and thereby added another long-to-be remembered event to the social calendar of the year. Mrs. Blake, of New York, was the honored guest, and her many friends are rejoiced to have her in our midst once more.

After several games of six-handed euchre, and a merry interval when delicious strawberries and ice cream were served, Miss Charlotte Shannon was declared the lucky contestant for the first prize, and Mrs. C. C. Whitaker made others envious by receiving the consolation prize, a unique violet stand.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Simonds and family, of Charleston, arrived Saturday for a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Anerson. Mr. Simonds will return on Monday, but Mrs. Simonds will remain some time longer in hope that the quiet and country air of Camden will restore her to her usual health and strength.

The Historical Association met at the High School building on Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, and much interest was shown in the reports of the different officers.

Camden is well represented at the Musical Festival in Spartanburg—Misses Leila Shannon, Emma Shannon, Maida Deas and Meta Boykin are all present enjoying the musical treat there, and are receiving many social attentions.

The members of the Acorn Club had quite a treat in store when Miss Minette Boykin invited them to meet at her home below Camden, rightly named Mt. Pleasant, on Wednesday afternoon to play their usual weekly games of euchre, and quite a gay party drove down for the occasion. The guests of honor were the Misses Valk and Mrs. Chas. Boykin, of Charleston, now visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Boykin at the Terrace, but each and every one came home feeling that she, indeed, had been the honored one.

A pretty and well equipped house will soon replace the one Mr. Allen Boykin was unfortunate enough to lose by fire a few months ago.

Rev. Mr. Gordon and Messrs. A. D. Kennedy, P. T. Villepique, E. S. Vaux and Capt. Bradford left Monday afternoon for Florence, S. C., where they will represent Grace Episcopal church at the meeting of the Diocesan Council.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lipscomb, of Columbia, who have been visiting Mrs. W. Jordan, returned home on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Shattock, of Boston, Mass., who have wintered at Hobkirk Inn for several winters, returned home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Krumbholz and Miss Clara Krumbholz and Mr. Armstrong left for the north this week. Mr. Douglas McDowell and family have moved into the cottage nearest the hotel and have assumed charge of the place.

Mrs. Chas. Shannon, Sr., returned home this week after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. Albert Heyward in Columbia.

The many new friends of Miss Caroline Hunter, sister of Mrs. R. M. Kennedy, will be sorry to hear that she brings her visit here to a close next week, and will leave for Norfolk, Va.

From Rail.

Rev. J. J. Myers having been called to the pastorate of DeKalb Baptist Church has accepted, and will preach here at 4 p. m. on the second and fourth Sundays in each month. The church is to be congratulated on securing the services of this good man. We trust that much good will be accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. T. Young, accompanied by their niece, Miss Bessie Munn, left on the 25th ult. for Whittier, Cal. We regretted to see them go, but hope they arrived safely, and will prosper in their new far away home.

Mrs. J. W. Rodgers is at home after a pleasant visit to Sumter. Mrs. Dr. Clyburn, of Camden, has been visiting friends and relatives in this community.

GRADED SCHOOL COMPOSITIONS.

A LETTER.

The Kirkwood.

Camden S. C., March 11, '04.
Dear Mother: The little town of Camden is very dry and warm, while I am sure you would like it. I am also sure that you would enjoy the little scenes around here; of course, they cannot compare with those around New York. Yesterday we rode on horseback up to Knight's hill, about eight miles from here. It is inhabited mostly by the black race, and is very hilly. On our way back we stopped at a little negro cabin, where we received corn bread and cabbage, which was thought to be a feast by them. It began to rain, and we had to wait for it to subside, before proceeding homeward. I was astounded to find it so dry after a large rain, and we were not muddy at all by the time we reached home.

About a week ago we went to Mulberry, an old place previously owned by the Chesuts. The road has recently been fixed, therefore a very nice trip was anticipated. The rest of the time has been spent in playing golf, watching polo, and taking part in the paper chases every Thursday.

Jas. W. Blakeney.
To Mrs. Blakeney,
Irvington-on-the-Hudson,
New York.

AN ANECDOTE.

When General Washington was in command of the American forces in the Revolution, on one occasion he was in need of horses, so he sent one of his soldiers to ask some one for two strong horses. The man went, and he saw the very horses his general had said he wanted, in a field being plowed by an old darkey. He asked for the horses, but was told to go and ask the mistress of the house.

He went, and at his knock a tall, stern-looking woman appeared. He asked her for the horses, but was refused. "I am sorry, Madam, but my General said that I must get them," and "And who is your General?" asked the lady.

The soldier stood proudly erect, straightened his shoulders, and said, "General George Washington." A smile softened her cold features as she answered: "Tell General George Washington that his mother refuses to give the horses to him."

The man was taken completely by surprise, and meekly admitted that he would have to give them up, and went to tell his General.

Hattie Carrison.
Age 13, grade 7.

AN ANECDOTE.

During the reign of Queen Elizabeth, one day the queen was walking through the streets of London, when she came to a muddy place in the road. A young man named Walter Raleigh saw her and wondered how she would get across, so he took off his new plush coat and spread it over the water so that the queen and her maids could pass.

The queen then questioned her maids who he was and sent for him to come and see her and he became known as "Sir Walter Raleigh."

He was the first man who planted the potato in Ireland and the first man who used tobacco in England. It is said that when his servant first saw him smoking he poured a pitcher of ale over him because he thought him to be on fire.

Sir Walter Raleigh was a statesman, seaman, a soldier, a poet, and a historian. King James I kept him imprisoned in the tower for twelve years and in 1618 the same king had him put to death to please the King of Spain.

Elizabeth S. DuBose.
Age 11 Grade 6.

AN ANECDOTE.

Josephine, who *after* became the wife of Napoleon Bonaparte, was imprisoned during the French Revolution, when the peasants rebelled against the nobility.

Josephine was not at that time an empress, but she married a Frenchman of noble rank.

While in prison, she saw her husband hauled off among the guillotined, and she did not know but what she too would share the same fate.

There happened to be a Madame de Fontenay in the same cell with Josephine. The former had a lover who was not in prison, and who came to see her every day, although it was against the law for the prisoners to converse with the outer world.

One evening when he was at the window, Madame de Fontenay wrote a brief note and dropped it out to him. It read:

"If you love me, deliver me from this miserable place."

The young man was puzzled; how could he free her? Until Robespierre, the leader of the rebellion, was out of the way, there was no hope.

After a lapse of about two hours, as Josephine and Madame de Fontenay were standing at the window, they noticed a peasant woman who seemed to be making signs to them. They watched closely and saw the anxious expression on her face. She kept fidgeting her dress, and at last Josephine said, "robo." Then the woman picked up a stone, which in French is *pierre*, and Josephine said "Robespierre." Next the woman made a motion as if cutting off her head. "Guillotined!" The woman showed delight at their understanding.

Just then the jailer passed through the corridor shouting: "Robespierre is guillotined." The young lover had completed his purpose.

Nan Trantham.
Age 12, grade 7.

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Malvern Hill Items.

Mr. Editor: We come again with another little chat for the people. Owing to the dry weather, farm work is progressing slowly. Cotton planting is still going on, but it is coming up very slowly. Spring Branch vegetable farm is on a boom under the careful hand of Walter and Pard Dicky. Corn is looking well considering the cool weather.

Messrs. J. E. L. Brannon and H. S. Campbell, of this place, went to the river fishing recently, and Mr. Brannon, as usual, caught one of those monsters, weighing 15 pounds. This was Stoney's first attempt to fish for the carp and when he hung one of those big ones, it was pull Dick, pull devil for a few minutes, but Stoney succeeded in landing the fish after slipping up and falling down. As the joke runs, it is not certain whether he slipped up or fainted.

Mrs. F. D. Campbell, of this place, left Sunday for Columbia. She was called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Levvie McCane, who is very ill.

Messrs. H. L. and Parker Watkins, of Sandy Grove, visited this section last week.

Prof. H. McCoy visited this place last week. We are glad to welcome him in our midst.

Miss Sarah Coleman, of Ridge-way, who will teach the next term of Miss Leila Brown's school at this place, arrived here last night. The school will open to-day, May 3.

We close with best wishes for The People.

BUFFALO BILL.

NORTHWESTERN RAILROAD OF S. C.

Time Table No. 6. To take effect Sunday, January 10, 1904, at 12:01 a. m. Superseding Time Table No. 4, dated November 2, 1903.

BETWEEN SUMTER & CAMDEN.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

No. 65	No. 70
Lv Camden	4:15 p m 7:00 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	4:25 p m 7:10 a m
Ar Ellerbe	4:35 p m 7:20 a m
Ar Borden	4:45 p m 7:30 a m
Ar Borden	4:45 p m 7:40 a m
Ar Datzell	5:13 p m 8:25 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	5:43 p m 8:58 a m
Ar Sumter	6:45 p m 9:00 a m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 69	No. 71
Lv Sumter	6:25 p m 9:36 a m
N. W. Junction	6:27 p m 9:38 a m
Datzell	6:47 p m 9:50 a m
Borden	7:05 p m 10:10 a m
Rumberts	7:25 p m 10:21 a m
Ellerbe	7:30 p m 10:31 a m
Sou. Ry. Junction	7:50 p m 11:00 a m
Ar Camden	8:00 p m 11:10 a m

BETWEEN WILSON'S MILL & SUMTER.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

No. 72	No. 73
Lv Sumter	4:50 p m 3:30 p m
Lv N. W. Junction	4:53 p m 3:33 p m
Lv Tindal	5:20 p m 3:47 p m
Lv Parksville	5:50 p m 4:00 p m
Lv Silver	6:25 p m 4:35 p m
Lv Millard	6:40 p m 4:50 p m
Lv Millard	5:00 p m
Lv Summerton	6:50 p m 5:15 p m
Lv Davis	7:15 p m 5:55 p m
Lv Jordan	7:30 p m 6:15 p m
Ar Wilson's Mill	8:00 p m 7:00 p m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 74	No. 75
Lv Wilson's Mill	8:40 a m 6:00 a m
Ar Jordan	9:00 a m 6:20 a m
Ar Davis Station	9:45 a m 6:55 a m
Ar Summerton	10:15 a m 7:15 a m
Ar Millard	10:20 a m 7:20 a m
Ar Millard	10:45 a m
Ar Silver	11:00 a m 7:45 a m
Ar Tindal	11:30 a m 8:15 a m
Ar Parksville	11:55 a m 8:40 a m
Ar N. W. Junction	12:25 p m 9:12 a m
Ar Sumter	12:30 p m 9:15 a m

BETWEEN MILLARD & ST. PAUL.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

No. 76	No. 77
Lv Millard	4:25 p m 10:25 a m
Ar St. Paul	4:40 p m 10:30 a m

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

No. 78	No. 79
Lv St. Paul	10:35 a m 4:50 p m
Ar Millard	10:45 a m 5:00 p m

No. 66 leaves Camden Mon., Wed. and Friday at 1 p. m., ar. Sumter 3:10.

No. 67 leaves Sumter Tues., Thurs. Sat. 11:00 a. m., ar. Camden 2:00 p. m.

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