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COUNTY CLAIMS AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE PAID.

A citizen of the county, holding a claim against the County Commissioners for building a bridge, amounting to $170.00, tramped all over town one day last week offering the claim for sale. A neighbor had offered him eighty-five cents on the dollar for it, and after trying all the "brokers" around town he failed to get an advance on this offer and carried it back home with him. It the claim had been less than $100 he could not have received more than eighty cents on the dollar for it. The county of Abbeville can certainly pay more than eighty-five cents on the dollar upon its indebtedness, and the pride and position of our county justifies its citizens in demanding of its financial agents that this matter be improved.

Really it is not as much as 85 per cent. Every man who bids upon a contract for any work let out by the County Commissioners, if he is a man of ordinary shrewdness, adds to his bid the 15 per cent. that he will have to pay to the broker who buys his claim at a discount, and at least 5 or 10 per cent. in addition to cover all the incidental risks attaching to the collection of the amounts due. So that upon these contracts there is almost invariably a discount of at least 20 per cent., and this the county must pay. It is said that few men can live under a debt drawing ten per cent., then what becomes of them when they pay twenty or more? In the case of those whose remuneration for services to the county is regulated by laws, Trial Justices, Constables, Sheriffs, Clerks, Coroner, etc., if they are unable to hold the accounts until taxes are collected they are obliged to pay this exhorbitant interest imposed upon them by the financial policy of the county. The law allows them one hundred cents upon the dollar and yet they are compelled to accept eighty—men who are least able to bear such a burden.

After the first of January the brokers pay 90 cents on the dollar but the fall in discount is equalized in their favor by the shortness of time. On June 15th, for instance the claim is discounted at ten per cent., and the full amount is paid in four months. The laborer who is worthy of his hire in this case pays interest at the rate of nearly *thirty-three per cent!* These things ought not so to be, and if there is a remedy the people of this county have a right to demand it. It is a great deal better that the county should pay its indebtedness, dollar for dollar. It would be economy and justice. If the County Commissioners would make arrangements at the beginning of each fiscal year for money during that year at seven or even ten per cent., and pay off every claim as it was approved they would get better work, they would have it done cheaper, and they would be dealing out even handed and exact justice. If the County contracts to pay a certain amount for services, it is better that the people as a whole should pay the interest upon the money necessary to meet these demands, than that the loss should be centered upon him who performs the services. Not that the broker is to blame, for it is a money transaction with him, subject to considerable risk, but the financial policy of the county entrusted to the most important office in the county, should be conducted on business principles. Who would expect a Bank President or the Directors of a cotton factory to pursue a policy similar to that upon which the County is conducted?

The Tribute to Hampton.

One of the most beautiful episodes of the grand rally was the magnificent and soul stirring reception given to Senator Hampton as he stepped forward to make his address. Deafening cheers rent the air and for fully five minutes the noble Carolinian stood in speechless delight at the ovation of the people that he had redeemed. The people of Abbeville will never forget Wade Hampton and all that he has done for them. They honor themselves in honoring him. Through the war that sacrificed the flower of our land he stood by them tried and true, and through that greater, bloodless war it was to his unerring judgment that they owe their present and everlasting redemption.

It was due to this reception that the Senator made the most eloquent, effective speech that he has ever made in this county. His very soul was moved and proud telling words came pouring forth, the spontaneous outburst of a grateful heart to the people that he knew would be true even unto death.

An Ordinance Creating the Office of Clerk of Council, Regulating his Election, Defining his Duties and Providing for his compensation.

SECTION I. Be it ordained by the town council of the town of Abbeville in the state of South Carolina, and by the authority of the same, that at the organization of each town council now or hereafter elected or at some succeeding meeting it shall be their duty to elect some suitable person either in or out of the council, clerk of council to serve for the full term of the council by which he is lected, unless removed for good and sufficient cause to be determined by the council.

SECTION II. That it shall be the duty of the said clerk of council within ten days after written notice of his appointment to file with the intendant of the town of Abbeville a bond signed by two sureties in the penal sum of one thousand dollars, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of all duties that are or may hereafter be required of him. The sufficiency of the said bond to be determined by the town council in meeting assembled.

SECTION III. That it shall be the duty of the said clerk of council to keep a full record of all the proceedings of the council in a book of minutes to be preserved by him and turned over to his successor in office. To take all returns made by citizens liable to taxation in the town of Abbeville, transfer them alphabetically upon the tax book and to collect all taxes that may be due thereon. To collect all fines, licenses and penalties imposed by the council. To pay out the funds so received only upon the order of the town council and retain vouchers for the same. To provide a book in which he shall make regular entries of all cases containing the names of all offenders who shall be summoned to appear before council for the violation of any ordinance now in force or which may hereafter be ordained by the authority aforesaid with the specifications of the offence charged and the time and result of the trial. To submit to the Intendant by him to be laid before the town council on the fourth Tuesday in August of each year a full exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of the year preceding. To turn over to the succeeding council within thirty days after the expiration of his office all moneys in his hands belonging to the corporation and deliver up all books papers and other records incident to his office.

SECTION IV. That for such services the clerk of council shall receive 2½ per cent. for receiving and 2½ per cent. for paying out the funds that may come to his hands as said clerk.

That all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistant with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed.

J. S. HAMMOND, Intendant.
H. P. McILWAIN,
JONES F. MILLER,
T. P. COTHRAN,
G. A. DOUGLASS,
Wardens.

JONES F. MILLER, Clerk of Council.

MASTER'S SALE.

William Anderson vs. John M. Leith and George M. Trenholm & Son—Foreclosure.

By virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case by the Hon. J. B. Kershaw, judge 5th circuit, on 27th day of October, 1883, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville c. h., s. c., on the 3rd day of November, 1884, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, known as the Williams place and containing

EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of William C. Barrett, George Nickles, Robert Dunn, William Dunn and others.

Terms of sale—One-half cash, balance in twelve months with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of premises; with leave to purchaser to pay all cash; purchaser to pay for papers.

M. L. BONHAM, JR.
MASTER, A. C.

MASTER'S SALE.

Dowie & Moise vs. J. W. Calhoun.

BY virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case by the Hon. T. B. Fraser, Judge Third circuit, on day of June, 1884, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville c. h. s. c., on 3rd day of November, 1884, that being sale day, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, known as

A LOT IN THE TOWN OF TROY,

and containing thirty feet by one hundred and fifty front, more or less, bounded by lands of J. M. Dendy, fronting on Main street and lying on the corner of Main and Augusta sts.

Terms of sale—cash; purchaser to pay for papers.

M. L. BONHAM, Jr., Master.

MASTER'S SALE.

J. T. Horton vs. J. T. Harris, et. al.

BY virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case by the Hon. J. S. Cothran, Judge of the 8th Circuit, on 3rd day of October, 1884, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on the 3rd day of November 1884, that being Sale Day, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and County, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, known as The Homestead Tract and containing

ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of A. T. Wideman, E. Cowan, M. A. Hanvy and J. T. Horton.

Terms of Sale—Cash—Purchaser to pay for Papers.

M. L. BONHAM, Jr., Master.

MASTER'S SALE.

Wm. P. Wideman vs. J. T. Harris, et al.

BY Virtue of an Order of Sale made in the above stated case by the Hon. J. S. Cothran, Judge of the 8th Circuit, on 3rd day of October, 1884, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on the 3rd day of November, 1884, that being Sale Day, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and County, to wit: All that Tract or Parcel of Land Containing

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of Dr. A. T. Wideman, W. P. Wideman, J. T. Horton and Estate of A. S. McFarlan.

Terms of Sale—Cash—Purchaser to pay for Papers.

M. L. BONHAM, Jr., Master.

MASTER'S SALE.

Benson D. Glymph vs. Celestia Rowlett, et. al.

BY Virtue of an Order of Sale made in the above stated case by the Hon. T. B. Fraser, Judge of the 3rd Circuit, on the 1st day of June, 1884, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville C. H., S. C., on 3rd day of November, 1884, that being Sale Day, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and County, to wit: All that Tract or Parcel of Land, in the Town of Hodges and containing

TWO ROODS MORE OR LESS, WITH DWELLING, STONE HOUSE AND OTHER BUILDINGS THEREON,

now or formerly owned by Roberts & Adams, by lands now or formerly owned by J. L. Clark and by the C. & G. R. R.

Terms of Sale—Cash—Purchaser to pay for Papers.

M. L. BONHAM, Jr., Master.

MASTER'S SALE.

F. W. Wagener & Co. vs. T. W. Mars.

BY virtue of an order of sale made in the above stated case by the Hon. T. B. Fraser, Judge Eighth circuit, on 3rd day of June, 1884, I will sell at public outcry at Abbeville c. h., s. c., on 3rd day of November, 1884, that being sale day, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, situate in said State and county, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land, containing

ONE HUNDRED & EIGHTY-FIVE ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of estate of Josiah Wells, S. B. Moriah, J. E. Caldwell and others.

Also that tract or parcel of land, containing

ONE HUNDRED ACRES,

more or less, bounded by lands of James McCaslan, said T. W. Mars and others.

Also, that tract or parcel of land, containing

TWO HUNDRED ACRES,

more or less, and bounded by lands of James McCaslan, A. B. C. Lindsay and others.

Terms of sale—One-half cash, balance in twelve months, with interest, and secured by bond and mortgage of the premises; purchaser to pay for papers.

M. L. BONHAM, Jr., Master.

WARNING TO TRESPASSERS.

ALL persons are hereby forbidden to enter upon our several lands for the purpose of hunting game, either by night or day, or netting partridges. The law will be enforced against all trespassers.

THOS. L. MOORE,
L. M. MOORE,
T. S. BLAKE,
J. W. FOUCHE,
J. POOLE,
HENRY HILL,
H. R. TURNER,
WM. JOHNSON.

Oct 8-tf.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.
ABBEVILLE COUNTY.

Probate Court.—Citation for letters of administration. By J. FULLER LYON, Esq., Probate Judge:

WHEREAS, W. P. M. Cason, has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the estate and effects of J. Frank Cason, late of Abbeville county, deceased.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said J. Frank Cason, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the court of probate, to be held at Abbeville C. H., on Monday the 20th day of October, 1884, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal, this 6th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-four, and in the 109th year of American Independence.

(seal)

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J. FULLER LYON,
oct 8-6w Judge Probate Court.

Annual Meeting.

NOTICE is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Board of County Commissioners for Abbeville County, will be held on Tuesday, November 4th, 1884. All persons holding bills, accounts or demands of any kind against said County which have not been before presented to the Board of County Commissioners at special meetings held during the year, are hereby required to deposit the same, duly sworn to, with the Clerk of the Board, on or before the first day of November, so that they may be examined and ordered to be paid at the annual meeting.

JAMES C. KLUGH,
Clerk B. C. C.

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Administrator's Notice.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of Miss Rosa E. Mosely, deceased, must make immediate payment to the undersigned and all holding claims against said estate are hereby notified that settlement of the same will be made in probate judge's office on Saturday, October 18th, 1884.

M. G. ZEIGLER, Adm'r.

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Bridges to be Let.

THE contract to re-build PATTERSON'S BRIDGE will be let to the lowest responsible bidder at the bridge site on Monday, September 29th 1884, at 12 o'clock, m.

Also the contract to rebuild SEARLES' BRIDGE will be let to the lowest responsible bidder at the bridge site on Tuesday, September 30th, 1884, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Specifications of each bridge will be furnished on day of letting. Bond with two approved sureties will be required in each case, to be given on the spot. The right is reserved to reject any or all bidgs.

JOHN R. BULLOCK,
sep 3-4t County Commissioner.