

# BELTON PAGE

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### Budget of News

#### From Busy Belton

**Special Correspondence.**  
Belton, Feb. 24.—The G. S. & A. Music Company, with M. I. Willis, a well known piano man of Anderson as manager, has opened up in Belton and will sell pianos here. Miss Eva Patterson of Anderson, arrived here yesterday and will be in charge of the business here. This company is occupying part of the Anderson Intelligence Job Office.

Mayor Ross Mitchell had business in the city of Anderson yesterday.

Hugh Mahoney, of Williamston, was a business visitor to Belton yesterday.

Leon L. Rice of Anderson, was among the visitors to our city yesterday.

Wayne Maddox of Long Branch, spent a few hours in town with friends yesterday en route to Greenville.

Mitchell-Cox Lumber Company, contractors, are busily engaged at this time erecting a modern and up-to-date Baptist church in Edgemoor. About a year ago the First Baptist church of Edgemoor was destroyed by fire and this handsome building which is being put up by Belton contractors will be known as the First Baptist church. When completed this church will cost about \$25,000.

W. N. Cox of Triangle, was among those in town yesterday.

The following traveling men were in town yesterday and registered at Hotel Geer: C. D. Major, Louisville; Paul Martin, Knoxville; R. L. Reed, Louisville; J. S. Stanley, South Carolina; Richmond; A. L. James, South Carolina; A. P. Woodruff, South Carolina; B. P. Broderick, New York; H. L. Drake, Atlanta; Chas. E. Buckle, Greenville; M. M. Addison, S. C.; Thomas, H. Lewis, South Carolina.

The Belton lodge No. 111, Knights of Pythias, met last night with a fairly good attendance. Much interest is being manifested by the members and the meetings are good.

Mayor Ross Mitchell returned Saturday from a business trip to Edgemoor.

Miss Blackman of Hobbs Park, spent yesterday afternoon with Mrs. J. B. Harvey, on Brown street.

Miss Mildred Drayton of Shady Grove, and Miss Lee Roloff, of Grove, were in town shopping yesterday.

**EUREKA NEWS.**

#### Special Correspondence.

A nice cold rain in our section. Missie Della and Nellie Gentry of Anderson spent Sunday at home.

Mr. L. P. Smith of Anderson was the guest of Mr. P. B. Gentry Sunday.

Mr. L. A. Cochran and family were the guests of Mrs. W. L. Anderson Sunday.

Miss Walter Gambrell has been sick for several days, but is improving slowly.

Mrs. Jas. W. Martin came home from the hospital last Wednesday. She is much improved and is desirous to be home again.

Mrs. Eva Edwards is spending a while with Mrs. Dewitt Masters.

Valentine's night at Mr. Z. C. Ballentine's was quite a success, despite the inclement weather. The young folks came and the old folks, too. Our people don't mind the weather. The association realized a nice little sum of money.

A committee of five was appointed to investigate the advisability of enlarging the church and improving it. They will hold their second meeting Wednesday afternoon at 4 p. m. at the church.

Miss Valeria Crowther and Mrs. J. W. Shirley spent the week-end with relatives near First Creek church.

Mr. Kyle Shirley spent Saturday night at home.

The Y. W. A.'s met with the Misses Shaw Saturday afternoon. The young ladies are doing fine work.

The Rural Improvement association meets at the school house Friday afternoon at 3:30 p. m. It is hoped that all the parents will be present. Business of importance to come up.

**BELTON HIGH SCHOOL.**

**Special Correspondence.**  
Tuesday morning at the close of chapel exercises Mr. Watkins called Sara Culbreath and Mildred Harris to the platform. He announced that last fall the girls of Ivy Mattison Co. had offered a pair of shoes to the boy and girl in the fourth grade that should make the highest general average for the first four months of school. Mildred Harris had won the prize offered to the boys. At the end of the fourth month Sara Culbreath and Mary Clement were tied for the girls' prize, and the contest was continued another month, and at the end of the fifth month the tie was broken and Sara Culbreath was the winner.

A few well chosen remarks Mr. Watkins presented the prizes to Sara and Mildred, with the best wishes of their teachers and classmates.

On Tuesday at chapel the fifth grade entertained the school very pleasantly with several recitations. We were entertained again on Thursday by the sixth grade.

The following officers were elected for the sixth grade Literary society: Margaret Clinckaltes, president; Jim Haynie, vice president; Sarah Harris, secretary and treasurer; Nancy Bluke, critic. The society meets every other Friday.

On Wednesday Prof. Hand made a talk, which was greatly enjoyed by the teachers and pupils. We shall be very glad if he will come again.

The Farm Folks, a very interesting play, will be given in the opera house Friday, February 27.

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This week we will give to our customers free on every purchase a Ladies' Home Journal pattern. This applies to every purchase.

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**GREAT IS VETCH.**

Success of C. M. Duncan of Newberry.

But as a fertilizing value vetch probably has its greatest value. Like other legumes, it is able to use free nitrogen of the air through the aid of bacteria which live in its nodules on the roots. A ton of hairy vetch contains about 50 pounds of nitrogen, while the roots and stubble, including the nodules, contain approximately one-fourth as much more. This makes a yield of 62 1/2 pounds of nitrogen in a ton of vetch, with a value of \$10 to \$12 per ton for the spot.

The nitrogen vetch furnishes organic matter which is valuable in improving the physical condition of the soil.

South Carolina seems to be making the most rapid strides in the cultivation of vetch. Twenty-five farmers in the vicinity of Sumter entered a contest for growing vetch. Of the 18 reported success, none making less than two tons to the acre. It is estimated that at least 15,000 pounds of vetch seed were sold during the year, and will be planted in this section.

One farmer near West Pelzer, S. C., planted 15 acres of oats and vetch in one plot, during the past year. The yield was about 150 bushels of oats and a vetch seed and about two tons of hay to the acre. Next year this farmer intends to use a larger acreage for the cultivation of vetch.

Mr. S. M. Duncan of Newberry, S. C., a successful grower of vetch. In describing his efforts in cultivation of this legume Mr. Duncan says:

"I planted crimson clover, oats and vetch together on a sandy loam soil, and under the deep red clasp. I find the mixture to be a fine feed, and, in my opinion, equals the best hay that we have shipped here from the West."

Mr. Duncan on his demonstration plot obtained three cuttings, the first netting 5,000 pounds, the second 2,000 pounds and the third 1,000. The cost of all fertilizer, cultivating and harvesting was \$61.95. Mr. Duncan sold four tons of hay at \$25 a ton, leaving a profit of \$38.05 for the one acre.

Mr. Duncan will run this hay demonstration during two years, and then will turn the land over to the cultivation of cotton and corn.

Dry vetch hay contains a large percent of protein. It contains practically the same nitrogen as wheat straw, and often has been found to be superior for feeding. The stems of hairy vetch are soft and fibrous, and are eaten readily by all animals. The hay is properly cured. The seed is too expensive to be used for feeding purposes.

Mr. A. G. Smith, agriculturist, of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture, in writing on the growth of vetch in the southeast, says:

"Vetch should occupy an important place in the agriculture of these (southeastern) States. Vetch is high in protein content, is a good hay, pasture and soil-building crop and its more general growth would aid in the development of the live stock industry and remove much of the existing necessity for buying hay outside the State. Vetch is used as a cover crop to prevent the leaching and washing of the soil. Like all legumes, it improves land by adding nitrogen and organic matter to the soil. As it grows through the winter and spring and may be harvested in time to plant corn, cowpeas and some times cotton on the same land, it should be used in building up impoverished soils and in maintaining the productivity of the land."

### GOV. BLEASE GOES ON RECORD

**Warm Advocate of the Two-Cent Railroad Rate Bill.**

**QUESTIONS THOSE WHO OPPOSE IT**

**Thinks It But Just That Rate Should Be Reduced to Two Cents Per Mile.**

Columbia, Feb. 24.—Gov. Blease sent a message to the general assembly urging the passage of the 2-cent rate bill, and in a way putting himself on record with reference to a different view given out by Senator Tillman at Greenville Saturday. The governor says:

"I am very much interested in the 2-cent rate bill. I am particularly anxious that it shall become a law—not so much that it would help me individually, or that it would help me politically, or that it would be of any special credit to me in having it passed, and not because some might say it was an administration measure, but because I am particularly interested in the people of my State who are not able to buy mileage books, and thereby become favorites of the railroads. And I am anxious for the poor man who needs help in this matter—the poor man who has to travel with his wife and sometimes with his wife and children; and who is not able to buy 1,000 mile books."

"Now, gentlemen, I have heard some senators on your floor make statements which do not seem to me they could possibly have been so thoroughly posted on unless they had received their information from some particular source. For instance, the argument as to rate: 'What have passenger rates to do with freight rates? Some have said that to reduce passenger rate would injure the railroads so seriously that it would cripple them. Evidently these forget the exorbitant freight rates that are charged; they forget the money that the passenger pays for getting to the United States mail; they forget the excess baggage money, which amounts to a large sum; that is collected by the railroads; they forget the express business that the railroads do for which they receive pay. When they say that the passenger rate reduction will create a serious injury they must forget that nearly every passenger train hauls the United States mail, handles the Southern Express company's business, and carries express baggage. Therefore, you see that every passenger train that runs is not entirely dependent upon the number of passengers that are on board, and this argument is very fallacious. Very often the poor man, whom I am trying to get you to help, does not pay any direct freight, and even though you were to reduce freight rates you would be of no benefit to him. The only freight he pays for is in the purchase of his wares and merchandise, and this is a small amount, and he reduces it by freight rates it is very doubtful if there is to sell him his wares and merchandise would make any reduction in the prices of those commodities to him. The railroads do not make their money out of the passenger service. I have never heard of any of them which claimed it. On the contrary, I have actually heard them say that if they did no passenger business at all they would not be seriously injured. So, now, why all this hue and cry about raising the railroads?"

"I would not for a moment instigate anything against any member of your body, but if I were on the floor of the senate, hearing some arguments there, and seeing the extraordinary knowledge that some gentlemen display in reference to these matters, I would be forced to ask five questions—

1. Do you understand me distinctly, without any reflection upon anybody—and these five questions would be asked of those who are making this fearfully strenuous fight against this assistance to the poor man:

1. Are you employed by any railroad company, in any capacity?

2. Do you hold a railroad pass or passes?

3. If so, what consideration do you give for it?

4. Have you held private meetings with any railroad attorneys or agents during this session of the general assembly?

5. Do you now hold such conference with any railroad agent or attorney?"

"Now, as I say, gentlemen, not for anything on earth would I repeat upon the integrity of any man in the state unless I had proof, and if I had it, you all know me well enough to know that I would make the charge directly, and if the demand was made the proof would immediately be furnished."

"The charge has been made, I believe, that your honor were controlled by some influences, and a resolution was passed by the house demanding an investigation, but for some reason the senate does not seem to be desirous of making these charges that he furnished his proof. As to that, I have no comment to make. It is a matter for you. But most assuredly I do not make any such charges, and those who so easily suggest the charge are because of the extraordinary information displayed in the argument of this question by some people who, if they are not in the employ of some railroad company, most assuredly display the knowledge which it has taken them some one else long hours of patient and tedious study to ascertain."

"I am glad to see you again, and beg of you, to give the people of South Carolina this 2-cent rate. Do not let your people at home be told that any man or any few men can hold up the senate of South Carolina because of the majority's ignorance of parliamentary law. They will not have it, even if it should be true, because no man can see, in this democratic government of ours, how a few in the minority can defeat the will of the majority if the will or the majority be based upon righteousness."

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ceive this to be true, and, in fact, I presume that you gentlemen realize that you have at this session of the general assembly passed bills consolidating—or, possibly, I had better say, giving short lines to the larger roads. For instance, you gave the Atlantic Coast Line road, or at least gave it the power to take over the road from Spartanburg to Augusta, from Augusta to Peachfort, as I understand it, and the branch running from Anderson down to where it connects with the other line. You have also passed another bill making a consolidation with another large system. So you see that if these large systems do not already own all of the smaller roads, in the majority of instances, they control them, and the same people, as a general rule, that own the stock in the larger railroads also have large or controlling interest in the smaller ones. I suppose you remember how long the coast line handled the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens. It might be that you should exempt the little road from Pickens to Enley, the little road from Enley to...

possibly the little road from Chesterfield to Cheraw. But if you had that all roads under 75 miles in length should be exempt from the provisions of this act, that is all right—except them; but do not kill the whole bill just under the pretense that it will injure the smaller roads. I think the bill that the house passed is in the proper shape, and I would like to see you adopt it just as it is, and I am satisfied that no railroads will be injured by it and that the poor people will be much benefited."

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**SEPTUS NEWS**  
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Considering the bad weather for last Thursday, the educational rally was well attended at Lebanon and we feel safe to say that the meeting was a success. Our people are agreed that Lebanon needs a modern school building, still we are somewhat divided as to the best and safest way of raising the money for this building. However, we have faith in our people to believe that they will all come to see this question alike and will not fail to do their duty in this undertaking that means so much for the community for they have always gotten together for that which stands for the best interest of the community.

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Washington, Feb. 24.—Members of the House Judiciary committee that heard charges of Federal Judge Speer today met and agreed to proceed immediately to the reading of the Georgia jurist's brief. Several weeks will be required to read that and the testimony taken at recent hearings.

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Mrs. L. R. Thompson is at present visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ota Cromer at Batesburg.

Miss Alma Cole of Pendleton spent the week end with Mr. Nanna Duncworth. Miss Cole is a former Lebanon teacher and has many friends here who are always glad to see her.

First Septuans—Can you imagine anything worse than marrying for money?  
Second Septuans—Oh, yes, having to work for it.

The man who is a knocker isn't always the one who makes the greatest impression.

Messrs. Willie Robbins and Sam Smith of Greenwood were last Sunday with home folks here.

Mr. S. A. Harts of Greenville visited at the home of Mr. O. W. Cason last Sunday.

Every woman likes to look at a well dressed woman if she is in the woman's line. You frequently walk on the street because the usual have scribbled his moustache.

Our merchants, Messrs. A. T. Crossley and M. A. Hummick are handling almost everything to be found in a first class country store and friend Tom informs us that he is again receiving written orders for his fine fruits, candies and chewing gum.

If the tongues of some women could be made into sewing needles their husbands would have a fortune.

Mrs. W. L. and Miss Ada B. Casey were shopping in Anderson last week.

Togethe with the other speakers from Anderson the Lebanon last Thursday was the editor of The Intelligencer. Come again Mr. Editor for you have many friends in here who are always glad to see you.

Most of these mother-in-law jokes are composed by men who never enjoyed that blessing.

Mrs. H. J. Crouch of Elko was visiting friends here last week.

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