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SWAMP LANDS WILL SOON BE RECLAIMED Work Is Soon To Be Under Way. THE COST IS SMALL Plans Are Now Being Finished by an Engineer and Work Will Soon Start.

In a statement made to a reporter the intelligent engineer said that he is to be able to start work on the drainage of swamp lands on Rocky River, Cox's Creek, Big and Little Coves creeks within the next few weeks. The engineer said that he had practically completed all his plans and estimates for the work and furnished very important information that it would probably cost about \$22.50 per acre to put these swamps in shape. He said that this figure might vary a bit in accordance with the bids of contractors, but that he expected it to be in this immediate range.

The first step taken in this direction was when a meeting of those holding property in this section was held. At this meeting it was determined that some step was necessary and it was decided to raise enough money to employ an engineer to make the survey of the swamps. Mr. Sanders was selected for this important undertaking and he has been engaged in the work for some time. To show what a stupendous undertaking it was, the blueprint of the swamp measures 34 feet. Something would have been done about this swamp long ago, had it not been for the fact that South Carolina drainage law did not apply to Anderson county and it was through the efforts of the local representatives in the last general assembly that it was made possible to undertake this work.

Mr. Sanders said yesterday that he had practically completed his report of investigations and would present it to the interested property holders some day next week. There is little doubt but that the work of draining this swamp will shortly be begun. In connection with the work in Anderson county, the statement of T. G. Eason, drainage engineer for South Carolina, relative to this problem will be of interest. This statement was issued by the engineer some days ago and shows why the drainage work has not been undertaken by more counties.

While there seems to be an increased activity along the drainage line in this state, the progress is not so rapid as it could be, especially along construction lines. There seems to be a considerable amount of interest shown in the work, but concrete examples are few. This is due no doubt to an untimeliness with the law and a general attitude of waiting. The people in different sections of the state seem to take up projects under the drainage law until it has been thoroughly tried and the money and boggy swamps drainage districts in Hampton and Jasper counties, has progressed farther along this year than any other in this state. They have however not yet sold their bonds or commenced construction. An appeal from the decision of the court of appeals in the case of the county of court favorable to the district was made to the circuit court, and while this has been heard, the decision has not yet been rendered in regard to it.

Mr. Eason would have the drainage law made applicable and applicable to every county in the state. "This is an important question," he says, "during the past year I have had numerous calls for assistance from counties throughout the state which are exempt. This applies especially to the Piedmont section, where the people desire to reclaim overflowed bottom lands along the creeks and rivers. This of course is impossible at the present time, as most of the counties are not under the workings of the drainage law, and all of the projects have been held up until the law could be made applicable to their respective counties."

Mr. Eason says of the projects handled in the state during the year 1913: Rocky River, Anderson county—A preliminary examination was made of the overflowed lands along Rocky River in Anderson county, and it was desired to form a drainage district here, but Anderson county being exempt from the drainage law this could not be done. A survey of the project is now being made by local engineers and a drainage district will be formed just as soon as the law is applicable to Anderson county.

Lessons by Thelma Stinking. London, Feb. 28.—The new White Star liner Britannic was launched today, three years and three months having been spent in her construction. This is more than a year longer than the time required for the building of the Olympic. The delay was due largely to the alterations made necessary by the sinking of the Titanic. The chief improvement in the latter ship, three feet above the inner hull, from the outer shell, while the plating of the latter ship had been carried, so as to make it watertight. Internally the vessel will be a big improvement on the Olympic.

LEBANON SCHOOL. Mr. Copeland states that over \$1,200 is to be spent. Mr. W. L. Copeland, Lebanon, who was here yesterday stated that he and Mr. J. E. Smith in one and a quarter days had secured over \$1,500 of the \$2,000 they wish to raise to build a new school. The Lebanon Brothers gave \$400 and Mr. Walters \$200. They will use every person in the school district.

AN APPEAL FOR SIMPLIFICATION COURT PROCEDURE TO FACILITATE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

COURT PROCEDURE TO FACILITATE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

BY NOTED LAWYERS Urge Passage of the Clayton Bill, Now Pending in National Congress.

Washington, Feb. 28.—An appeal for simplification of court procedure to facilitate the administration of justice today was made to the house judiciary committee by a delegation of noted lawyers, headed by former President Taft.

Speaking as president of the American Bar Association, Mr. Taft said lawyers of the country were practically a unit in believing simple rules of practice should govern in all courts, federal and state, and he strongly urged passage of a pending bill introduced by Representative Clayton, chairman of the committee. The Clayton bill would empower the supreme court of the United States to lay down rules for the conduct of common law practice in federal district courts, as it has already done in equity procedure. The procedure of states where these courts are located now governs them and today it was pointed out that usages and rules of procedure built up by the legislators of the various states have obscured the purpose of law in intricate mazes of technicalities that have served particularly to protect men of wealth from prosecution.

Mr. Taft said to the committee that there was nothing in the constitution to prevent administration of justice in the United States with the same dispatch that marked English court business. During the discussion, the former President departed from specific consideration of the bill, and dealt with the popular outcry against the judiciary, as it is now constituted. He believes that the federal court system was the bulwark of American liberty, and that appointment for life was fundamental in maintaining that system, but he admitted that defects had arisen, all of which he thought could be cured by proper legislative work. Referring to the investigations of several federal judges, now in progress, Mr. Taft declared it was a troublesome thing for congress to have this power.

"I think it is an admirable thing," he said, "for these judges to understand that they are being watched." "One of the troubles with life appointments for judges and judges who are appointed for life, is that the temptation for them to build up about them judicial families. Lawyers know that it was often a dangerous thing to make charges against a court clerk before the judge who appointed him. This temptation could be removed by congress, and the courts as they are now constituted could be vindicated without resort to the recall measure, which he believed harmful. Judge Taft said he would have this extend even to appointment of receivers by federal judges, requiring the court to give from a list furnished by the interstate commerce commission.

Judge Taft urged passage of the pending bill in the name of the American Bar Association, adding that later it would be advisable to provide for examination of the rules of procedure by a commission with a view to harmonizing and administering together with the two sides of the federal court work. For the present, he thought the authorization contained in the bill was all that should be attempted. The speakers included in the list were Judge Alton B. Parker, Senator Root, Louis Brandeis, Frank B. Kellogg and Thomas W. Shelton, chairman of the Uniform Judicial Procedure committee of the American Bar Association.

Judge Parker also dwelt upon the need of uniformity. He said there was an ideal in view as suggested by Mr. Taft of complete uniformity in procedure through out the federal courts and perhaps even the state courts. Senator Root declared legislators had built up under the pressure of individual interests, codes of procedure which prevented the courts from administering justice. In his own state, he said, a man might be compelled to try twenty suits to reach a decision on a simple claim.

Corps of acute, expert code lawyers had grown up under this abuse, he said, who were able to elude the wheels of justice with technical evasions. The man of small means soon became discouraged or even ruined, he said, while men of wealth secured immunity from being brought to justice.

REV. N. G. WRIGHT. His Church's 10th Year Are Very Fruitful. Baptist Courier. We were honored with a visit from Rev. N. G. Wright, of Belton, on Monday of this week. Brother Wright is pastor of two of our good country churches, Sileam in the Saluda Association and Friendship in the Piedmont. At Sileam extensive improvements are under way. For some time the house has not been equal to the congregations and the trouble is being remedied by the addition of wings to each side. These will soon be completed and will also serve Sunday school purposes. Pastor Wright has two Sundays that he could give to some church or churches contiguous to Belton. He is entirely too good a man, preacher and pastor, to be allowed any regular rest Sundays.

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Columbia, Feb. 28.—It is said on good authority that 38 members of the house and some senators have formed a caucus and have agreed to stand by every vote of the governor. They have been doing it in the house. The six Anderson representatives were among the 38. The governor has vetoed a number of local acts which have been passed for the sake of a two-thirds majority against his veto.

SON OF DR. BRODUS. Baptist Courier.

Mr. S. S. Brodus, of Decatur, Ala., spent a day or two in Greenville last week and we greatly enjoyed a visit from him to The Courier rooms. He is the only living son of Dr. John A. Brodus and is very much like his greatly beloved father. The times have called Mr. Brodus "a pleasant place." He is the president of 17 banks or of the bank that has 44 branches. This bank started in 1894 with \$2,500 deposits and on January 1, 1914, these had grown to \$1,501,450.

Ban on Bichloride. New York, Feb. 28.—After an investigation of the epidemic of poisoning by bichloride of mercury, the board of health has adopted the following resolution, which will be enforced after tomorrow:

"Bichloride of mercury, otherwise known as corrosive sublimate, shall not be sold, kept, sold or offered for sale at retail in the dry form except in colored tablets individually wrapped in the wrapper to have the word 'poison' in plain letters conspicuously placed, and dispensed in sealed containers of glass, conspicuously labeled 'poison' in red letters."

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Vital Statistics Still Has Easy Passing in Senate. Special Correspondence.

Columbia, Feb. 28.—Without debate and without any opposition of any consequence the senate this morning passed the Lawton-Harper vital statistics bill and it was sent to the house with a minor amendment making the secretary of the county medical association registrar.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS. January 26, 1914.

Senate: Amended postal bill to increase rural mail carrier salaries to \$1,200 a year on standard routes. Passed a postage appropriation bill carrying \$12,500,000, containing all efforts to limit postmaster general's power to regulate parcel post. House: Representative Itell introduced resolution to investigate old age pension systems. Took up a general appropriation bill. Five Parks Farmer Bill. J. C. Wallace, a prominent farmer who lives just one mile this side of Five Parks, is very ill and may have to be brought to the Anderson Hospital for operation. His little son who has been ill with pneumonia is better.

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spoken of by well known art critics as one of the most actively evil pictures ever painted. At least three men have committed suicide before the haunting smile of the "unknown lady of Florence". Florence, Italy, Feb. 28.—Vincent Perugina, who stole the famous da Vinci "Mona Lisa" from the Paris Louvre, is on trial. This picture has been