

# The Herald and News

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## IMPORTANT NOTICE.

We are sending statements to all our subscribers in arrears and will be glad to hear from them. If there are any mistakes in these statements we will be very glad to make correction. It would be a little remarkable if there should be no mistakes, but we are always pleased to make correction. We hope our friends will respond promptly to this appeal.

## FOR GOOD ROADS.

The Rock Hill Journal is another enthusiastic advocate of good roads and a property tax as the right and proper method of securing the money. It should add that this would not be a tax in the ordinary sense, but an investment that would pay good dividends to those who would be called upon to pay it. In fact they would get all back each year as it was paid. We are glad the Journal is on the right side of this question. Keep up the agitation and we will hasten the glad day when we will have good roads and the rural districts made desirable as residence.

The Journal quotes the following from the Atlanta Journal which will bear copying here:

Good roads, and it is improvement of the roads which the act is primarily designed to bring about, are necessary to the people of a commonwealth as are good houses. If the arteries are the life of the body, its highways are the life of a State. Remove its means of intercourse with the outside world and any community would become insular in all the manifold meanings of the word. Improve them, and so make material, intellectual and social breadth.

Of what use are schools, churches and other institutions which stand for the symbols of enlightenment if they are not accessible? Good roads are the cords which bind together the mental, material and social life of the country side. Without them, prosperity languishes, advancement halts, and the hardships of primitive conditions make narrow the environments of the people.

The increased value of property which they touch; the acceleration of business and trades of all kinds, the facilities for expansion along all lines, these and countless other benefits prove good roads outweigh any possible plea that might be urged against them. The entering wedge has been placed, and the blow struck. We say that, although there is a system of roads for Mr. Gonzales to pass on the outside, he cannot get to the other side.

What has become of the retail grocers association which was to be organized here some time ago?

The verdict in the Tillman case was reached in Lexington at 10.30 a. m. yesterday and at 10.40 a. m. just ten minutes later The Herald and News had it posted on the bulletin. The story of the announcement is published in another column. The Herald and News has been to some expense in furnishing an account of this trial specially written for this paper, but when it comes to giving the news that is what The Herald and News is printed for.

## THE SPEECHES

The Arguments In the Now Famous Tillman Case.

Lexington, S. C., October 14.—The arguments in the now famous and soon to be historic case of the State against James H. Tillman, the slayer of N. G. Gonzales, began on Monday morning and were concluded shortly after noon today. Judge Gary began his charge at about half-past twelve o'clock, and the case was given to the jury at 1.40.

Nine arguments were made, five for the prosecution and four for the defense, and for more than sixteen hours the walls of Lexington court house rang with the eloquence of South Carolina's leading attorneys and foremost orators.

## LARGE CROWDS IN ATTENDANCE.

During the progress of the arguments the court house has been crowded. Large crowds have come over from Columbia and there has been a large attendance of the people of this county.

## SENATOR TILLMAN PRESENT.

Senator Tillman arrived in Lexington this morning and heard the arguments and the charge of the judge.

## THE ARGUMENTS.

The opening argument on Monday morning was made by Solicitor Thurmond, who devoted himself largely to a discussion of legal phases of the question, and who made a strong and clear presentation of the State's case.

Solicitor Thurmond was followed by Mr. Geo. R. Albert, one of the attorneys for the defense, who made a strong and clear presentation of the defense's case.

## TWO ATTORNEYS ARRESTED.

Asbill and Sturkie Attorneys for the State in the Tillman Case Under Bond.

Lexington, S. C., October 14.—Two of the attorneys for the State in the Tillman case are tonight under \$200 bond each, one on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and the other on the charge of trespass after notice, and among the much extraneous matter which had already come into this case there has now been injected the charge of attempt to bribe witnesses.

Several days ago the report was circulated on the streets of Lexington that E. L. Asbill, one of the State's attorneys and a member of the Lexington bar, had offered to pay \$2.00 to M. C. Lorick, a witness for the defense and a resident of Irmo, if he would say that he was too sick to come to Lexington to testify in the case. Mr. Asbill heard the report and that it was originated by a brother of Lorick and Geiger, also of Lexington. Mr. Asbill, accompanied by Mr. T. C. Sturkie, also a member of the Lexington bar and an attorney for the State in this case, and who was a partner of Mr. Muller who died just before the beginning of the trial, went to Irmo two days ago to see Lorick and Geiger and to investigate the report and its origin. Mr. Asbill says he went for the sole purpose of inquiring into the report. Messrs. Asbill and Sturkie saw Lorick and Geiger, who said they had said something about the matter, but that they had not circulated this report, that if they had it was incorrect, in the words of the gentlemen who went to see about the matter, they "eat their words."

Today Geiger and Lorick came to Lexington and swore out before Magistrate Jackson a warrant charging Asbill with carrying concealed weapons and Sturkie with trespass after notice—entering upon the grounds of Lorick or Geiger after warned not to do so.

After court adjourned today Messrs. Asbill and Sturkie were arrested and gave bond each in the sum of \$200.

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## AN IMPORTANT DECISION.

Attorney General Gunter Decides that Children May Attend School in Districts

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