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Head Quarters, COLUMBIA, July 17, 1855.

WILLIAM G. KENNEDY, Esq., having been appointed and commissioned Aide-de-Camp to his Excellency, the Commander-in-Chief, (Vice Col. JNO. DUNNOVANT, having accepted a Commission in the United States Army) will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

By order: R. G. M. DUNNOVANT, Adjutant and Inspector General.

Our Agents. WILLIAM HILL and JOHN MCBRYDE, Esqs., of this village, are our agents, with whom all orders can be left with certainty of receiving prompt attention.

Explanatory. The obituary in another column would have appeared two weeks ago, but for an accidental misplacement.

Religious Notice. We are requested to state that the Rev. JAMES M. CHILES will preach the funeral sermon of Mr. ROBERT ELLIS, at the Union Camp Ground, near the Dead Fall, on the fifth Sabbath in this month.

The European News. THE most, and in fact about the only, important item in the late foreign advices, is the death of LORD RAGLAN, English commander in the Crimea, and the succession of Gen. SIMPSON. The aspect of the war is unchanged.

The Extra Term. THE extra term of the Court of Common Pleas, for this District, is now in session, Judge WARDLAW presiding. We have not been in the court room, but hear that some lengthy cases have been disposed of. Nothing however of very great importance. The business will probably take up the week.

Miraculous Escape. WE are informed, by a reliable gentleman, that a little son of Mrs. WATSON, who resides about ten miles below this place, near Lower Long Cane church, fell from the top to the bottom of a well fifty-eight feet deep, a few days ago, and was taken out in a few minutes after with scarcely any injury! A few bruises which kept him in-doors only two days, was all the harm resulting. The well was walled from bottom to top with stone, and had some six feet of water in it. The little hero of this fearful adventure is not quite eight years of age.

Railroad Notice. EXTRA trains will be run from Greenwood and all the points above on the Greenville Railroad on Wednesday, the 25th of July instant, for the accommodation of all who wish to attend the public dinner to be given at Anderson on that day in honor of Col. JAS. L. ORR. Persons therefore who desire it, can go and return the same day for one fare. The train will leave Greenwood at 6 o'clock, and will be met at Hodges by the train from this place. Those intending to go will do well to be at the points of starting as early as possible.

It is expected that several distinguished men of the State will make speeches on the occasion, in addition to the one to be made by Col. ORR himself, on the political topics of the day. We advise all to go.

Election of Colonel. WE are indebted to a friend, one of the Managers, for the following correct return of the late election for Colonel of the Eighth Regiment. We accidentally omitted, in our last, to mention the result.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Lowndsville (4), Speed's (7), Penny's creek (1), Warrenton (10), Abbeville C. H. (43), Calhoun's Mills (26), Parlow's company (7), Winter Seat (28), Edmond's (112), Robinson's (71).

Lamented Death. WE are informed that the wife of Rev. SAMUEL B. JONES died, at Anderson village, on the morning of the 11th instant, after an illness of a few hours. Our informant says truly of her:—

"Mrs. JONES was a daughter of the late Bishop CAPERS, and in the 24th year of her age. She was everything that constitutes an estimable lady.—Two children and a devoted husband are left to mourn her early death. I make no attempt to write an obituary; but merely to give the many friends she possessed in your District the melancholy news of her death."

A Challenge from Georgia. An advertising patron, at Lincolnton, Ga., closes a business letter to us with the following paragraph: "To interest you, I will state that a few days ago a lump of gold was taken from SALE's Mine weighing, by a test scale in Augusta, two hundred twenty-three and three-fourths pennyweights, of which you will see a notice in the Constitutionalist. Can Monsieur DORN beat it?"

Erskine Collegiate Recorder. This college magazine, edited by a committee from the senior class in Erskine College, is now issued from this office. The June number is now out, and we here take occasion to apologize for its late appearance. It should have been out a month sooner, but owing to the failure of several attempts to procure a few indispensable articles of use in its execution, we were unable to issue it sooner. The July number will also necessarily be delayed in consequence of this delay. It should be out even now. After that we shall be able to perform our part promptly, and we hope in every way satisfactorily to all concerned.

Allow us to commend the Erskine Recorder to the patronage of our friends, the friends of education, and to the public generally. It is, in our candid judgment, well worth the money asked for it, and moreover has claims upon the Southern people in that it is the enterprise of Southern students at a Southern college. The young men whose undertaking it is have a right to expect that their enterprise will be sustained. What will Abbeville District do, in addition to what she has already done, towards its permanent establishment? Address E. C. Recorder, Due West S. C.

The Greenville Railroad. WE recur to this subject again, as the convention of stockholders had not completed its session at the hour the Press was issued last week, and we could therefore give but a meagre outline of only a portion of its proceedings.

This week we have the pleasure of publishing the Report of the President and Directors, which is the best exposition of the affairs of the Company that could be given. It will be found an interesting paper, written in a style eminently suited to the popular taste and understanding, and cannot fail to meet the commendation of the public as it did that of the stockholders before whom it was read. It would be useless to say more of it, yet we cannot pass it without expressing our hearty approval of the high tribute passed upon the worth of the running engineers and others on the Road, and of the motive which prompted it—a disposition to give honor where honor is due. We always honor the man whose high position does not raise him above a cognizance of worth and merit in those below him.

It was resolved in the convention that bonds of the Company to the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, if necessary, should be issued and sold for the payment of the floating debts of the Company. The issue of bonds for the refunding of assessments was disagreed to, on taking a stock vote. It appeared to us that a majority of the stockholders were in favor of the measure, but those who voted negatively represented the largest stock. We thought the decision a wise one.

The amalgamation of the Laurens Road with the Greenville Road provoked a somewhat excited and interesting debate. There were some warm advocates of the proposed union, the most prominent of whom was Judge O'NEALL, who urged it with considerable force of argument. It was of such a kind, however, as appealed more to the neighborly sentiment of the stockholders than to their pockets. Judge WARDLAW spoke rather in favor of the union, though he had not investigated the subject enough to decide entirely either way, and it was at his moving the question was postponed. Messrs. THOMPSON, of Abbeville, ELDFORD, of Greenville, and several others, opposed with much earnestness and reason. The whole matter was finally referred to a committee of nine, of which the President of the Company is chairman, to be reported on at the next annual meeting in May next, which is to be held in Columbia.

The subject of building the Ninety-Six connection, and of the extension of the Road from Greenville across the mountains to Asheville, North Carolina, was referred to the Direction for consideration and management. We presume, therefore, the surveys of both projects will be prosecuted. They are both certainly very important to the Company, or will be in certain contingencies.

THOMAS O. PERRIN was re-elected President; and V. MCBEE, THOMAS M. COX, J. P. REED, J. N. WHITNER, JAMES GILHAM, CHARLES SARGE, J. B. O'NEALL, S. FAIR, D. NANCE, J. M. ALLEN, W. M. LAWTON, and D. BLAKE, Directors.

The fiscal year was changed to date from the first of January instead of the first of June as heretofore. Complimentary resolutions were passed to the President, Treasurer, and Book-keeper for the ability with which their respective duties were discharged.

Annual Report of the President and Directors of the G. & C. R. R. Company. OFFICE G. & C. R. R. Co., ABBEVILLE, July 10, 1855.

To the Stockholders of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad Company:

The President and Directors submit the following Report for the year ending the 31st May last:

It will not be expected, however interesting it might be, that we should, in a Report of this kind, give a minute and detailed account of all the workings of the Road; the Reports herewith submitted of the General Superintendent and of the Auditor and Treasurer will furnish you with as much of these details as we can in this form give. We will, however, call your attention specially to some of the most important of these matters, and invite your action upon some subjects that seem to involve the permanent interests of the Company.

To sustain a good character for the Road, and maintain its credit unimpaired, have ever been objects of great solicitude to the Direction. The ability to do, without delay, all the business offering, the success which has attended the running of the Road, and the promptness with which all our liabilities have been met during a protracted money crisis, that has no precedent in our memory, afford the highest evidence that we can offer of the full attainment of these objects.

The past year has been unbroken by disaster. Not a day of miscarriage—not a mail lost—not a passenger injured during its whole round. This success challenges comparison with any other Road.

The Report of the General Superintendent will show what additions and improvements have been made during the year, and the works that are still in progress. The fire proof building for the Offices, and the joint passenger house at Columbia, are handsome buildings, well arranged for the dispatch of business. The heavy works at Broadway, in the neighborhood of Newberry, upon the Abbeville Branch, and in the valley of Broad River, have given great value and strength to the Road; so that we no longer hear the calumny that this is a rickety Road, exposed constantly to the danger of being swept away by freshets. We trust that clamors like this are forever put to rest. These improvements and additions have cost the Company a large sum of money, not less than one hundred thousand dollars, which has been carried into the accounts of the Treasurer. We think that this is money well invested. The recommendations of the Superintendent as to further improvements are worthy of consideration; and as soon as the means of the Company are sufficient to defray the expense, it would be well to take order on the subject.

Two hundred tons of Railroad iron of the T pattern have been purchased. It is now in Columbia ready for use, and will be laid down near Columbia in the place of the flange rail, which is much worn and needs replacing. As our means will allow, the work of replacing the flange rail with a good T rail, should be continued, until all of the flange rail now on our Road has been taken up.

The income for the year is \$270,042 48 The income for the previous year was 214,865 13

Showing an increase of \$55,177 33 This increase has been principally in the freights. The accounts show also an increase in the receipts from passengers, for although there were not as many persons travelling on the Road last year as the year previous, they traveled farther. A diminution in the number of travelers was doubtless owing to the great scarcity of money. With good crops and more plentiful circulation of money, we confidently expect an increase from both freight and passengers for the ensuing year.

Of the income \$270,042 48 There have been paid on account of expenses 192,241 19

Leaving a balance of income of \$77,801 27 The current expenses have been greatly increased by the extensive repairs above mentioned, most of which with great propriety might have been carried to the construction account; a large portion, also, of these disbursements was on account of balances due for the previous year. The balance on this account due is considerably less than it was this time last year—the difference being in fact a debt of the Company in this way paid. The balance above shown has been applied to the payment of interest on the Bonds, and to other debts of the Company.

The Report of the Auditor and Treasurer shows that there have been received of capital stock the sum of \$1,193,410 78 Of assessment on stock 150,089 00

Making an aggregate of \$1,343,499 78 Received from income of the Road 688,973 74

Making the sum of \$2,032,473 52

And that there have been paid out 3,076,665 00

Balance debts \$1,050,222 48 Amount of Coupon Bonds sold 785,000 00

Balance in favor of the Treasury \$265,222 48 This balance is due upon Bonds at short dates, notes of the Company, and drafts accepted.

All of this indebtedness except about 16,388 93 is payable before the first of January next, \$248,833 55

Besides the above the Company owes debts, not fully ascertained, which will be increased by the first of January next to at least 130,000 00

Twenty-six thousand dollars have been paid of our subscription to the capital stock of the Spartanburg and Union R. R. Company, leaving a balance still due of 24,000 00

Amount of debts \$402,833 55 To meet this liability the Company have the following available assets: Coupon Bonds unsold \$ 15,000 00

Notes due in Treasurer's hands 22,730 75 Old iron sold and to be sold 10,000 00

Income of Road up to 1st January next, including balance now due for freight 150,000 00 Debts due the Company in C. J. ELDFORD'S hands 4,900 00 \$202,720 75

Balance of debt to be provided for \$200,112 80 In the above indebtedness is included the debt of \$73,500 due to the Bank of the State, originally created on the faith of the assessment upon the State stock, which it was supposed would be paid, but which has not yet been paid, and should now be provided for. Application was made to the Legislature, at its last sitting, asking that this assessment might be paid by the State; but unfavorable indications induced a withdrawal of the application before any decision on it was had. The matter now stands as it did before. The interest on this debt has been regularly paid. The debts of the Company might be paid from the income of the Road; but this would necessarily require a continued application for several years of all the earnings, with the consequent loss of immediate profits to the stockholders, and of that credit to the Company which the payment of dividends is well understood to produce. If this debt could be funded, there is a fair prospect for the payment of dividends at an early day. The Board, therefore, propose to issue 7 per cent. Coupon Bonds to the amount of \$250,000, if needed, to fund the indebtedness of the Company. If the Stockholders would themselves, according to their respective means, take of these Bonds at par, they would turn their money to more advantageous account than they could do by employing it in planting operations, and would render their present investment in the Road more valuable by defeating the arts which stock-jobbers use to depreciate the Bonds before they purchase them.

Under the powers conferred upon us by the last Convention, we have declared a large number of shares of the capital stock of the Company forfeited, because of non-payment. Upon some of these shares partial payments have been made and upon others no payments at all. A list of the stock thus forfeited is herewith submitted for your inspection; to which is appended a list of stock not fully paid, but which it is hoped will be paid, and as to which no forfeiture as yet has been declared.

Mr. H. T. PEAKE, who was our General Superintendent at the time of your last meeting, was invited in December last to take the position of General Superintendent on the South Carolina Road. He accepted the invitation, and left our employment the latter part of that month. It was with much regret that we parted with him. To fill the place vacated by him, Mr. E. F. RAWORTH, who had for a considerable time been in the employment of our Company, as master of machinery at the work shops, was advanced, and he is now the General Superintendent of the Road.

All the officers and operatives in our employment, with few exceptions, are prompt and faithful in the discharge of duty. The success (sometimes called engineers) are deserving of special commendation. To

their skill, caution and prudence we are indebted in a great measure for the freedom from accident, and the success with which the trains have been run. They are men worthy of our confidence and high regard, and they honor the station that they fill. Having failed in raising the subscription to the capital stock of the Company to the sum required for building a road to connect our Road with the South Carolina Railroad at Aiken, an application was made to the Legislature at its last sitting for an extension of the time allowed to open and close books of subscription, which was granted; and two years were allowed for that purpose. Under the amended charter the further privilege was granted to our Company to extend our Road by a railroad from Greenville to the North Carolina line, and ten years allowed for the completion of that work. With a view to maintain the important position which our Road occupies, and to guard it from detriment from other similar enterprises of the day, we would earnestly recommend to your serious consideration the building of these two Roads. The country will not be satisfied without them, or substitutes for them, and our interests manifestly urge us to the work. By delay we may lose that which no time can restore.

The Legislature of North Carolina last winter granted a charter for a Railroad along the French Broad to connect with the South Carolina roads. This matter is now commanding the attention of different portions of our State. It is of great importance to our Road that the connection should be made with it. Some effectual move should be made by you in this Convention upon these subjects. The wisdom of the Convention must direct what is to be done. Into your hands we would commit the whole subject, with the remark that if it is the intention of our Company to build these Roads, or either of them, no time should be lost in making a movement forward; but if it is not the intention to build them, then you should unequivocally abandon them altogether, and leave the matter to others unimpeded by our interference.

The Board has recently appointed a corps of Engineers, of which Mr. Geo. E. WALKER is the chief, to survey the routes of these two Roads. They have entered upon their duty, and with industry and diligence have pressed forward with their work. As yet, however, only a partial survey has been made from Greenwood to Aiken. Estimates of the cost, with a profile of the Road, as far as the survey has been made, are herewith submitted, to which your attention is invited. Other routes will yet be surveyed. Enough has been done to show that this connection is not only practicable, but easy and inviting. As soon as the surveys in this quarter have been completed it is contemplated to survey the route above Greenville; and, unless by your action this survey shall be rendered useless, it will be made.

We cannot consistently with our feelings close this Report without rendering some tribute, however feeble, to the memory of our late associate, Mr. JOEL SMITH, who departed this life, at Stoney Point, on the nineteenth of February last. From the first organization of the Company he was one of the most enthusiastic friends of the enterprise, and one of the most active, useful and influential members of the Board of Direction. By word and by act he gave encouragement and substantial aid upon all suitable occasions. In the darkest hours, when many were disposed and almost ready to abandon the undertaking, he faltered not, but by his sanguine temperament, active exertions and liberal risk of money cheered on the friends of the Road to success. His worth, general intelligence and extensive influence were all the fruit of his honest industry, sound judgment, unquestioned probity and untiring energy, and were all freely employed to advance the interests of the Company, even amidst the embarrassments of disease. The benefit of his counsels we can no longer share; and for the general loss which his death has occasioned we feel that we are especially called upon to join our lamentations.

All which is respectfully submitted, THOS. C. PERRIN, President.

DIED. The 28th June, ANNA T. COCHRAN, youngest child of James N. and Celestia A. Cochran, aged one year and ten days.

This was a tender plant which grew And promising appeared, It watered was with heavenly dew, And nourished by the Lord.

It seemed to promise much of good, But ah! alas! how soon Death came, and on its white brow stood It withered, ere 'twas noon.

Oh times we fondly thought to look Upon the blooming rose, But this high joy was from us took, The bud did ne'er unclose.

A worm unseen lay at the root, And smote the lovely stem; And ere we got the promised fruit, The precious plant was slain.

Why is it thus that we should rear Up things on earth to wither, And bid our hearts to them so near, Then give them up forever?

But to God's ways we must submit, He has ordained it so; He bids us to His bank by him, We should prepare to go.

CONSIGNEES.

The following persons have a Depot at Abbeville:— Gen. McGowan, D. L. Wardlaw, W. C. Moore, N. Knox, W. H. Smith, H. A. Jones, J. M. Perrin, Haskell, Puckett & Wilson, Wardlaw, H. S. Kerr, R. H. Wardlaw, A. Wier, R. M. Palmer, Dr. I. Brown, Mason, Jamison & Co., Dr. J. J. Wardlaw, J. A. Porcher, G. W. Gant, J. F. Livingston, Mrs. A. Mantz.

D. R. SONDELEY, Agt.

Head Quarters, S. C. Militia.

PURSUANT to an order from General J. R. Weaver, the Sixth Regiment South Carolina Militia will Parade at Lomax's, on Wednesday the 15th August next, by 10 o'clock A. M. The Commissioned and non-Commissioned officers will attend the day previous for Drill and instruction.

Captains commanding Btst Companies will order out the Pioneers in their respective commands. The Jocassee Band will attend at Lomax's on the 15th August. Lieutenant Colonel Clinkscales and Major Hodges are charged with the extension of this order throughout their respective Battalions. By order of Col T. J. Roberts. J. J. ADAMS, Adjutant.

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Committed to Jail.

ON the 14th instant, a negro girl, of black complexion, smart and intelligent, about twenty years old, and weighing about one hundred and fifty or sixty pounds, who gives her name as Patience.

Also, another negro girl, of black complexion, smart and intelligent, apparently aged about sixteen, and weighing about one hundred and fifteen or twenty pounds, who gives her name as Fanny.

Said girls say they both belong to John Smith, of Laurens District, and that they ran away on Monday the 9th instant. The owner or owners of said runaway slaves is hereby notified to come forward and prove property, pay charges, and take them away; otherwise they will be dealt with in manner and form as directed by the law in such cases made and provided. S. G. W. DILL, Jailor. Abbeville C. H., S. C. July 18, 1855. 11

Committed to Jail.

ON the 19th instant, a negro man who says his name is YARR. YARR was caught in the neighborhood of Ninety-Six, and says that he belongs to Benjamin Holland, who resides in Edgefield District, near Hamburg. He is of black complexion, and says he is sixty-five or seventy years of age; is about five feet four or five inches high, weighing about one hundred and thirty-five or forty pounds.

The owner of said boy is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away; otherwise he will be disposed of in manner and form as directed by the law in such cases made and provided. S. G. W. DILL, Jailor. Abbeville C. H., S. C., July 19, 1855. 11

Lincoln Land for Sale.

THE undersigned is now offering for sale that desirable tract of Land, known as the TATUM PLACE, lying on the Forks of the Roads leading from Lincolnton to Washington, and from Barksdale's Ferry to Washington. Said Tract contains 512 Acres

more or less, Ninety or One Hundred of which is Woodland, Eighty Fresh, and the greater portion of the remainder in good state of cultivation; adjoins lands of Sims, Tellars and others, and is distant from Lincolnton five miles, from Frazier's Mine one and a half, and Sale's Mine two and a half miles.

Directly in the Forks stands a very large and commodious Dwelling; there is also, a good GIN HOUSE, SREWE, BARNS and all necessary out houses, fane Orchards, a school house within half a mile, and for health the place cannot be surpassed in Georgia. Persons wishing to purchase may inquire of H. J. Lang, Esq., at Lincolnton, or the undersigned on the premises. If not disposed of previous to 1st Tuesday in December next, will offer the same at public outcry upon that day. Terms to suit purchasers. JOHN H. TATUM, Jun. Lincolnton, Georgia. July 20, 1855. 11

Sheriff's Sales.

BY virtue of sundry Writs of Fieri Facias to me directed, I will sell at Abbeville Court House, on the first Monday in August next, within the legal hours of sale, the following property, to wit:— 22 Acres of Land, more or less, bounded by A. A. Laramore, Hague Lawton and others, as the property of B. E. Gibert, ada. Sale & Lark and others.

277 Acres more or less, bounded by Wm. Tennant, Edward Calhoun and others, as the property of the same, ada. Balchier & Hollingsworth and others.

50 Acres more or less, (on which there are a fine set of Merchant Mills), bounded by Peter Guillebeau, J. P. Graves and others, as the property of the same, ada. Gould, Bulkeley & Co. and others.

277 Acres more or less, bounded by Samuel Morrish, John Gray and others, as the property of Isham Mouchett, ada. Washington Gilbert and others.

160 Acres of Land, more or less, bounded by Wm. Ware, W. T. Jones and others, as the property of Jas. Killingsworth, ada. Charles Murphy and others.

100 Acres, more or less, bounded by Widow Webster, W. Bigby and others, as the property of Henson Posey ada. Charles Murphy and others.

250 Acres, more or less, bounded by A. F. Conner, P. C. McCaslin and others as the property of W. G. Neel, ada. Harrington & Guy and others.