

Does Taxation Bear Equally.

It has been said that taxation to build railroads is equitable in that it bears equally on all, according to the benefits derived. Does practical experience prove this to be true?

Takes for instance, the Georgia, Carolina and Northern road. A tax was voted in this township for the benefit of the road. Each citizen, then, will have to pay a pro rata share of the tax.

Personal property will not be in any way benefited. Only land and houses will be subject to improvement in price. Those who own no land can receive no benefit from the rise in lands and houses.

Some lands will be greatly enhanced in value, while others will receive but little enhancement.

One lot in town recently sold for four times its value before it was commenced on the road, while the great majority of lots have been sold at a considerable increase in value. Some lot owners gave the right of way, and the increase of market value will be offset by the damage to the lot.

Shut Down.

The Abbeville Mill shut down last night. It had a remarkable run since New Year, stopping only twice—once for seven minutes to keep up a loose pulley, and once for three hours on account of a lack of fire wood. It has run twelve hours, with the exception named, with results most satisfactory to the stockholders. The mill has ground seven hundred tons of seed, and the average of oil to the ton has been over thirty-eight gallons.

Big Load of Fodder.

Mr. John L. Kennedy, of Bellevue, brought to town yesterday an immense load of fodder. It consisted of thirteen hundred bundles, weighing perhaps 2,500 pounds. It was sold to Messrs. Wallingford & Russell at ninety-five cents per hundred pounds. From the size of his load of fodder we would guess that Mr. Kennedy is one of the most thrifty farmers in his neighborhood.

The Literary Club.

The Literary Club held its regular monthly meeting last Friday night at the home of Mr. J. D. DeLoach, Esq. Dr. M. F. Gane read an essay on Electricity, which was exceedingly interesting to all present. A lively discussion of the subject of the essay was then had, and the usual refreshments were served. Rev. L. F. Beatty is the next essayist.

Good Sidewalk.

Mr. Kirby is just finishing a splendid sidewalk on the street to the depot and oil mill, where a big gallery recently was completed. The sidewalk runs up to the Rutledge house to where the jumping-off place formerly was, and the walk is made a continuous one from the public square over the hill and far away. Shade trees are to be planted.

\$250 for Right of Way.

We learn that the G. & N. road has offered Mr. A. W. Jones \$250 for the right of way through his farm, for a distance of a mile and a half, including damages to the tenant houses. Mr. Jones claims \$500. Where the matter will end, or how it will end, we are not prepared to say, but we understand that Mr. Jones will not take the price offered.

The Sweet Singer of Hodge.

Dr. Magill, Esq., has published another delightful piece of music and song, entitled "Sally I Think of the Days that are Gone." Sentimentalists and lovers of good music will be glad to hear of this new composition. It is published by the National Music Co., of Chicago, Illinois.

The Lenten Season.

To-day is Ash-Wednesday. Services will be held this morning at 11 o'clock in the Episcopal church, and on every Wednesday morning during lent at the same hour. Religious services will be held on Friday evenings at five o'clock, during the lenten season.

The Pistol in Charleston.

Napoleon Laval, of Charleston, shot his wife Monday night, and then shot her uncle, B. Feldman. Neither were killed outright, but both are in a critical condition.

As Mr. Ed. Cater, and his sister, Mrs. S. A. Wilson, were coming to town Monday evening, a drunken woman jumped from the back of the car in front of their horse, throwing up her hands at the same time, which so frightened the horse that he stopped suddenly. Mrs. Wilson and her sister, Courtney Wilson, were thrown out of the buggy to the ground. The child has been very sick ever since. Mrs. Wilson is not much hurt, and yet it is said that licensed liquor stores do not contribute to drunkenness and injury to the innocent citizen.

Mr. John C. Hopewell, of Danville, the friend of our boyhood who has remained true to later years, was a welcome guest in the office of the *Press and Banner* for the past week. He knows where good printing may be had at cheap rates, and governs himself accordingly.

Dr. J. H. Jones did not get to the depot on schedule time last Monday, and got left. He went the same evening by private conveyance to Greenville. He is now in the city. Ninety-six in time to finish up the work for that town.

Dick, in Shreveport, La., on the 10th inst., after an illness of several days, died, leaving six months, third child of Mr. and Mrs. R. Adger Calhoun. His remains were sent to Greenville.

ABBEVILLE never before sold as many mules in one year as has been sold this year. It seems to us that enough mules have been sold to Abbeville this season to make many a bale of cotton.

Town property is high. If you want to secure a lot owner real bad, just offer him twice as much for his house as he has been asking, and see if he doesn't raise another thousand dollars.

If you want to buy a lot of personal property, go to the sale of James Edward Calhoun's estate, which takes place at the time and place, as advertised.

We have now a full line of school books, slates, school bags, and every thing pertaining to school supplies. Lee & Bailey, Druggists, Greenwood, S. C.

Messrs. Wallingford & Russell have received a splendid lot of mules, which they are offering to the people at fair figures, for cash or good paper.

The *Press and Banner* office force are nearly all sick, or unable to work. They have the old fashioned cold—the worst they ever had in their life.

Dr. Sloan was in town Monday. He is actively preparing for the centennial at Long Cane, which commences next Monday.

Mr. F. M. MITCHELL, of the Savannah office, has been here on business, and is now on his way back to the bank.

MAJ. J. K. YANCEY, of Troy, an old gentleman of Abbeville, was in town yesterday, trading old horses and mules.

Contributed Locals.

Several cases of grippe on the Magazine Hill.

Miss S. De M. Marshall has been spending some time in Greenville. She has returned home.

Mrs. Nina S. Smith, of the city, is coming to Chester where she will probably make her home for some time.

Miss Kate M. Marshall, one of the most charming young ladies of Abbeville, is off to the Mountain City, where she will spend some time visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. D. H. Gosselt, of Easley, was visiting our town last week in the interest of "Sinner's Sons" publishing house of New York. This is an old fashioned house, and they have a good man to represent them.

Our depot is a lively place of trade from early in the morning.

Last Sunday was the first time "M" was absent from church in a number of years. The gripe laid him down, but with proper treatment he hopes to conquer.

Have you made your tax return? The time will be out on the 25th inst.

The oil mill will close in a day or two possibly by the time you read this.

Miss Lillian Jones, from the Saluda side, is spending some time with her cousin Miss Anna Jones.

The many friends of Dr. T. J. Mabry will be glad to learn he is quite sick. We wish for his speedy recovery.

Persons subscribing for Stanley's latest edition of Africa, and the finding of Exim Pasha, are not getting that work, as it is not ready for publication. It will be ready, however, in a few days.

Mr. J. H. Latimer and wife are visiting in the Mountain City.

Doctors Carlin and Burch, of the Valley town, were in Abbeville last week on business.

A law there is a bill now before Congress to prohibit the manipulation of cotton seed into lard. Should this bill pass, it will favor the Western pork raisers, but will work to the disadvantage of the millers, now one of the leading industries of this day and time.

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PLUMS FROM VERDERY.

A Map of the Busy Life in and Around the City.

VERDERY, Feb. 18th, 1890. On Thursday night we had quite a storm of wind and rain, verging close upon the heels of a cyclone.

A North wind through freight, while lacking of the switch here, run off the track and blocked the mainline. Capt. W. L. Melton, the efficient section foreman, was ordered, and arrived promptly with his hands and soon cleared the road, and a car of lumber, lumber, and other goods, was sent Thursday morning and placed back on its trucks, the following Monday, and soon shipped back to Anderson.

Mrs. R. F. Miller has been quite sick, but at this writing she is much improved.

Dr. John B. Hill read quite a pleasant visit to the home of his childhood last week. His bright and handsome face was very much missed.

Miss Mattie Lee Lipscomb accompanied her sister Mrs. Twigg home in Augusta, and is still residing in that beautiful city.

Miss Lela Williams, principal of the Smithville Academy, spent Saturday and Sunday at her home with her mother and sister.

Messrs. John Herr and George Prossy, two handsome young men of Lufkin, were in town Wednesday last.

Mrs. J. W. Lipscomb and son have been visiting relatives in town, but have returned to their home in the city.

Mrs. E. M. Everett, after a pleasant visit to her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Henderson, returned to her home in the city.

Mr. Signal, traveling salesman for Mrs. McGinnis, of Anderson, was in town Tuesday selling dry goods. Mr. Signal is quite a welcome visitor in our little city, and never fails to make many sales.

Mr. Bob Kemmer, a handsome young man from Hunters, spent Friday night in town with friends at the City Hotel.

The Verdy baby (J. W. Scott, Jr.) has been quite sick. We are glad to state at this writing, the following for all right.

As we observed him the other day at his reviewing stand, the front window, inspecting the ground of the children, now one of the leading industries of this day and time.

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LODIMONT BRIDGE.

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Specifications made known at that time and place.

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Notice.

A CHANGE having been made to us to change the location of a portion of the Due West road, at or near the eight mile post, this is to notify all persons "IN THE SETTLEMENT" through which said road passes, to file with the Clerk of this Board any objections they may have to said change within three months of the date hereof. By order of the Board of County Commissioners.

J. F. C. DUPRE, Clerk.

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L. W. SIGN & CO.

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FOR my pen, two red spotted barrow dogs, and a small black and white dog, and give me information will be rewarded. These dogs were purchased of Roger Williams, and will weigh about 125 pounds.

CHARLES & BURNS.

THE BOARDS OF ASSESSORS.

Who They are, and What is Expected of Them.

The Township Board of Assessors for the various townships in Abbeville County will hold their meetings between the 1st and 10th day of March. On the 20th day of March the County Board of Equalization will meet at Abbeville, C. H. It is clearly the duty of the Boards of Equalization to canvass carefully each and every return of property made in their respective townships, in order that individual returns may be equalized as near as possible, and in every instance where a material change in the return of any individual is made, notice to taxpayer must be given in order that he may have the opportunity to appeal before the County Board which meets the 20th day of March.

The following free holders are hereby appointed Boards for the various townships:

Ninety-Six—J. D. Watson, J. N. Lipscomb, J. P. Pison.

Greenwood—C. A. C. Waller, J. W. Green, H. F. Fuller.

Cokesbury—Dr. Willie T. Jones, W. R. Dunn, T. J. Ellis.

Donaldville—J. W. Mattison, E. B. Rasor, J. R. Latimer.

Due West—M. B. Clunkscates, J. E. Todd, J. R. G. Dunn.

Long Cane—Benj. Eakin, A. F. Calvert, R. H. Cochrane.

Smithville—W. A. Lomax, J. L. White, T. K. Langley.

White Hall—D. W. Jay, T. J. Hearst, J. M. Pruitt.

Indian Hill—J. H. Chiles, R. J. Robinson, J. P. Wildman.

Cedar Springs—Dr. J. L. Pressley, Jno. Lyon, J. E. Bradley.

Abbeville—J. Allen Smith, Jno. G. Edwards, T. P. Millford.

Diamond Hill—Dr. J. H. Bell, J. E. Wakefield, G. W. Millford.

Lowndesville—I. H. McCalla, Massillon Bell, Dr. B. A. Henry.

Magnolia—Dr. Wm. M. Taggart, B. A. Boyd, J. S. Norwood.

Calhoun's Kills—Jno. H. Morrish, S. S. McBride, J. H. Latimer.

Bordeaux—Dr. O. A. Taylor, D. J. Wardlaw, T. J. Jennings.

The various boards will meet and organize by electing a chairman and notify this office.

A. W. JONES, Auditor A. C.

OVERSEERS.

TAKE NOTICE!

OVERSEERS OF ROADS WILL CALL out their hands at once, and proceed to put at least three WORK on all roads under their charge.

By order of County Commissioners.

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