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MR. GRAYDON'S LAND BILL

Mr. Graydon Introduces A Land Bill—Would Encourage the Purchase of Farms and Develop Uncultivated Acres.

Representative Graydon, of Abbeville, has introduced a bill in the General Assembly "To Create a State Land Commission, Define Its Powers, and Prescribe Its Duties." The bill provides for the creation of a land commission consisting of the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Commissioner of Agriculture and a Land Commission to be elected by the General Assembly, the latter of whom shall be paid a salary of three thousand dollars per annum, shall give bond in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and who shall have an office in the City of Columbia.

It is provided that the Land Commission shall purchase lands in any portion of the State, improved or unimproved, not to exceed the price of twelve dollars per acre, after advertising in certain newspapers in the cities of Columbia, Charleston, and Greenville for bids, which bids must be under seal accompanied with abstracts of title.

Section six provides as follows: "Sec. 6. At the first meeting after said bids are advertised for, said Commission shall meet in the city of Columbia and proceed to open said bids and consider the same. If any lands are, in the judgment of the Commission, desirable lands for the purpose of said Commission, said Commission shall order the Land Commissioner to make a personal inspection of said lands, and report at the next meeting of said Land Commission, and in case the report should be favorable, the Commission shall notify the owner of the land that they will take said land, provided that the Attorney General shall pronounce the title to be good. Upon the title being pronounced good by the Attorney General, said Land Commission shall buy said land, and have the title made to the State of South Carolina.

It is provided that the Land Commission shall purchase lands as nearly as possible in all counties of the State and that when bought, the lands shall be divided into tracts of not less than twenty-five, nor more than one hundred acres per tract, and that when so divided, the same shall be offered for sale to bona fide citizens of the State, who are registered electors, and of good moral character who intend to buy said lands for a home.

The Land Commission is to issue to the purchaser a certificate of purchase upon payment of one year's interest in advance at six per cent, the balance is to be paid in ten annual installments of one tenth each at the same rate of interest. The certificate shall not be transferable, and said land shall not be mortgaged, pledged, or sold until the whole amount has been paid in full, or until the death; otherwise the purchaser forfeits all interest in the said lands. Upon his death, his wife and children, or his nearest relative have a right to complete the purchase upon the same terms and conditions, and if no one of them elects to do so, the land reverts to the State.

It is further provided that the lands shall be exempt from taxes for three years after the purchase except for the payment of the three mill school tax and any taxes for outstanding bonds. The Sinking Fund Commission is required to turn over to the Land Commission all moneys now in its hands, and to call in all outstanding loans, and to turn the same over to the Land Commission, which funds are to be deposited in the bank offering the best rate of interest, until the funds are needed for the purchase of land. The Land Commission is to pay to the Sinking Fund Commission interest on the sums so turned over, at the rate of four per cent per annum. When moneys are collected on the said lands for interest or principal, the same is to be paid to the State Treasurer, subject to the order of the Land Commission for the purpose of paying the interest due the Sinking Fund Commission, for the loans provided for, and after the same are paid, for the purpose of buying other lands to be sold.

Only lands capable of being cleared and cultivated, or which are already under cultivation, are to be purchased, and then upon a certificate from the Attorney General of the

State that the title is in fee and free from all incumbrances.

Section 18 provides that no member of the Land Commission shall purchase from, or sell to, the State any land, directly or indirectly, nor shall any relatives within the sixth degree, nor any corporation in which any of the parties are interested, down to the sixth degree, sell any lands to the said Commission. No member of the Commission is to act as agent for the purchase or sale of land for any person or corporation. A violation of this provision is made a misdemeanor.

The land is to be sold at the actual costs thereof, plus costs and expenses of sale, which shall not be less than five dollars nor more than twenty-five dollars.

The Land Commission shall pay the actual expenses of the Land Commission when inspecting land, and provision is made for a verified statement of such expenses, which is to be filed and paid by the Comptroller General. The sum of ten thousand dollars appropriated for the purpose of carrying the bill into effect, and the same goes into effect June first, 1915, and the Commission shall begin to purchase land as soon as the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is had.

There are other minor provisions, but this covers the general scope of the bill.

Fairfield

Mr. T. F. Langley made a business trip to McCormick Saturday. There was a game of ball at Fairfield Friday. Troy school against Fairfield school, the game ended in favor of Fairfield.

Mr. J. A. Young went to Abbeville Monday on business. Miss Mary Spence celebrated her birthday one day last week. She gave the young folks a pound party that was enjoyed by all. We wish her many more happy birthdays.

Dear little Sarah Brown and little sister, Emma Kate, spent the day Saturday with Irene and May Belle Young.

Mr. W. P. Long and Mr. John Henry Young spent Saturday night with Mr. David Young, after making a call near Pricketts. We won't tell on all of the boys this time.

Mrs. J. C. Leard and little ones spent Saturday with Mrs. J. W. Young. Miss Eva Young celebrated her birthday Friday. Dr. L. W. Sheppard, of Troy, and grandma Creswell and T. F. Langley dined with her.

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Young celebrated their thirtieth anniversary last Friday. All the children and grand children were present on this happy occasion. Mr. Young is sick at this writing. We hope he will soon be well again.

Miss Annie Lee Talbert, teacher of Fairfield school, and Miss Lola Brown spent one night last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Young.

Miss Alma Young spent Saturday with her aunt, Mrs. Fannie McCaslan. Miss A. Z. and Lena Spence spent Saturday night and Sabbath with their grandpa, Mr. J. H. Langley. "Brown Eyes."

Contest for Medals Offered by the Abbeville Chapter U. D. C.

The Abbeville Chapter U. D. C. wishing to stimulate an interest in the study of Southern History are again offering two medals to be contested for by the girls and boys in the schools of Abbeville county. The subject of the girls essay: "Privations and Sacrifices of the Southern Women in the 60's." The subject of the boys essay: "The Part Abbeville County Played in the War Between the States." The medals will be awarded and the essays read by the winners during Field Day exercises in April.

Rules of the contest: 1. The contest is open to any Abbeville County girl and boy between the age of twelve the age of twelve and eighteen. 2. The essay must contain not more than twenty-five thousand (25,000) words. 3. The essay must be accompanied with a signed statement from the teacher, testifying that the work has been done by the pupil under his or her supervision. 4. The essay must be signed with a fictitious name and the true name and fictitious name of the contestant must be sent in a separate sealed envelope with the essay. 5. The essay must be sent to Mrs. E. R. Thomson, Cor. Sec., Abbeville Chapter, U. D. C., Abbeville, S. C., by April 1st. No essay will be accepted after that date.

MRS. HENRY A. TENANT DEAD.

Mrs. Henry A. Tenant of Lowndesville, died at her home Sunday, Jan. 31, 1915 and was buried Monday. She was a sister of Mr. John R. Blake, formerly of this place and Mr. R. P. Blake of Greenwood.

WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE

Under a special order the senate will take up the three measures requiring school attendance. One of these bills is by Senator Carlisle for state-wide compulsory attendance without exemption, and Senator Lee's bill is the same as that introduced in the House by Mr. Harper.

Senator Graydon's bill to create a State land commission has been made a special order in the House for today.

Senator McCown, of Florence, has introduced in the senate a bill to require railroad companies to transport any sheriff or deputy sheriff when on official business within this State free of charge.

Senator Christensen, of Beaufort, has introduced a bill to create a state tax commission and to define its powers and duties.

Senator Nicholson's bill putting the rules of the Democratic primary into law has been favorably reported to the senate by the judiciary committee.

The House has passed the prohibition referendum bill allowing the people to vote on prohibition next September.

The House bill to repeal the cotton acreage reduction law has passed second reading in the senate. It seems a certainty that this law will be repealed.

A bill has been introduced in the senate defining the liability of railroads for injuries to employees.

Senator Verner's bill to prohibit the loaning of money at a greater rate of interest than that allowed by law has been discussed in the senate.

The legislature has repealed the law passed by the special session in October, limiting cotton acreage.

The legislature has invited Congressman A. F. Lever, and Profs. W. M. Riggs and B. H. Rawl to address that body on February 3rd.

The House has passed a bill giving the judges the right to refuse appeals to the supreme court in all cases where in the opinion of said judges the errors alleged are not of a nature that will work substantial injustice, even though the commission of such errors be conceded.

A bill has been offered in the house to provide a method of medical inspection for school children in this State.

The anti-tipping bill has passed to third reading in the senate. This bill caused a spirited debate between the author, Senator Carlisle and Senator Sinker.

Senator Carlisle has introduced in the senate a bill to make it a misdemeanor to advertise the sale or keeping for sale of alcoholic liquors.

The Cary-Cothran bill, which if enacted into law will put the Torrens system of land registration into effect in South Carolina, has been reported favorably by the house judiciary committee.

Long Cane.

Miss Clara Beauford of the city spent the week-end with her home folks.

Mrs. J. M. McKellar, of the city, spent a few days of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Beauford.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson King spent Saturday in the city with relatives. Mrs. J. M. McKellar, of the city, spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Finley.

Mrs. W. D. Beauford spent Wednesday evening with Mrs. Tom Hawthorne.

Miss Nina Beauford was shopping in the city Friday.

Mrs. J. M. McKellar spent Thursday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bosler. Misses Maud and Carrie Hawthorne were the guests of Misses Allie and Clara Beauford Saturday.

Mr. Dave Cromer was a business visitor to the city Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stewart and their little ones spent Monday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ellis.

Mr. Ralph Syfan, who has charge of the Rock Spring school attended the teachers' meeting which was held in

the Court House Saturday of last week.

Mrs. W. D. Beauford and daughters, Mrs. J. M. McKellar and Miss Nina dined with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bosler Friday.

Mr. Ralph Syfan spent the week-end in the city with his home people.

Mr. Robert Hawthorne spent Saturday in Cold Spring community with Mr. T. O. Fant.

Mrs. L. F. Finley spent Thursday of last week with Miss Eppie Beauford.

During the few days of pretty weather last week the farmers were all very busy finishing picking cotton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bosler and little son, William, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Finley.

Mr. M. M. Ellis was a visitor to the city Saturday of last week.

Mr. Louis Erwin, of Abbeville, spent Saturday night with Mr. Thompson Beauford.

Messrs Ernest and Walter McCord, of Abbeville, spent Sunday with Mr. O. Stevenson.

Mr. M. L. Williams was a visitor to the city Saturday.

Quite a crowd of friends and relatives of this community attended the burial of Mr Tom Eakin which took place at Long Cane cemetery Friday, Jan. 29, 1915. The bereaved family have our deepest sympathy.

Mr. Tom Hawthorne spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. J. A. Ellis.

Mr. W. D. Beauford spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Finley.

Monday, February the first being a holiday quite a crowd of the farmers of this community were in the city.

Mr. J. B. Beauford dined with Miss Eppie Beauford Sunday of last week. Nancy.

Santee.

Mr. L. T. Uldrick, of Iva, has recently moved into our community. Mr. Uldrick is well known to the people here having been raised with us. Their many friends welcome them and wish for them much happiness in their new home.

Mrs. W. J. Milford and Mrs. Lindsay Link and children spent Tuesday with Mrs. Tom Stevenson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Strawhorn and children spent several days of last week in Greenwood with relatives.

Mrs. J. S. Simpson and Mrs. J. H. Sharpe were the guests of Miss Maud Davis Thursday.

Mrs. Jim Sharpe and Masters William and John Henry, spent Tuesday with Mrs. W. R. Ellis.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Mundy spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Strawhorn.

Mr. Carl Sharpe and sister, Miss Elizabeth, spent Thursday night with their sister, Mrs. R. S. Gordon.

Miss Ozella Loftis, of Iva, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. L. T. Uldrick.

Master J. C. Milford spent Saturday with Masters Earl and Frank Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Sharpe spent Sunday night with Mrs. B. A. Uldrick.

Misses Mattie and Dessie Strawhorn spent Friday night and Saturday with Misses Sarah and Ruby Mundy.

Miss Addie May Uldrick spent the week-end with home people.

The people of our community were sorry to hear of the sad death of Mr. Tom Eakin which occurred at his home near Due West on Thursday night after an illness of two weeks with pneumonia. Mr. Eakin is well known to our people, having lived here for a number of years. This family is sorely afflicted, Mrs. Eakin and four other members of the family being confined to their beds with the same disease. We extend to the bereaved family our sympathy.

Mrs. B. A. Uldrick spent Friday with Mrs. L. T. Uldrick.

Mrs. A. M. Milford and children spent the week-end with Mrs. J. B. Sharpe.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Gordon were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Strawhorn Sunday.

Mrs. Ada Milford and son, Albert, and little Miss Nannie May, spent Saturday with Mrs. Tom Stevenson.

Miss Euphemia Uldrick spent Sunday with Miss Eva Strawhorn.

Miss Elizabeth Sharpe entertained a number of her nieces and nephews at a candy pulling on Friday night. The large-ones had lots of fun pulling the candy while the little ones played games and patiently waited for their time to come to eat. They all enjoyed the evening very much and went home wishing every Friday night could be spent like this one.

Miss Dessie Simpson spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Nannie Mae Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sharpe spent last Thursday with Mrs. J. B. Sharpe. Betsy.

GINNERS REPORT

According to the report just issued by Census Director Harris Abbeville county has ginned the 1914 cotton crop, up to January the 16th 32,410 bales. To the same period last year 33,308 bales had been ginned, or 898 more bales in 1913 than in 1914. Anderson county shows a loss of about 16,000 bales, while Marlboro has ginned about 8,000 more this year.

The ginnings by counties for 1913 and 1914 follow:

County	1913	1914
Abbeville	32,410	33,308
Anderson	54,265	70,588
Barnwell	59,683	56,554
Calhoun	30,610	27,031
Chester	33,672	32,022
Chesterfield	33,526	29,822
Clarendon	48,462	40,073
Darlington	44,768	37,440
Edgefield	32,059	32,476
Florence	46,515	43,480
Greenville	43,446	41,710
Greenwood	30,761	31,698
Hampton	21,505	19,443
Kershaw	30,408	28,861
Lancaster	23,980	24,188
Laurens	36,876	43,273
Lexington	27,578	25,509
Marion	14,705	17,698
Marlboro	60,348	52,410
Newberry	32,748	38,904
Oconee	18,842	19,794
Orangeburg	85,636	77,811
Pickens	19,942	17,935
Spartanburg	68,790	69,889
Sumter	51,706	40,533
Union	18,602	20,398
Williamsburg	34,934	26,491
York	38,122	39,980
Total	1,424,950	1,368,774

PUBLIC SALES.

Yesterday was Salesday and on account of the rain there were not a great many people in the city. Judge Hill sold a number of tracts as follows:

In the case of W. D. Barksdale vs. Andrew Enright, 2 1-2 acres was bought by W. P. Greene, attorney, for \$200.

In the suit of W. D. Barksdale vs. Geo. Tenant and others, was bought by Geo. Tenant for \$500.

A number of tracts were sold in the case of S. J. Hester against Mrs. K. H. Porter as follows, Mr. Hester buying all: 33 acres for \$200; tract No. 2, 42 acres \$700; tract No. 3, one acre \$800; tract No. 4 8-2 and storehouse \$300;

Mr. Hester bought all the tracts in his suit against I. L. Porter, as follows: Tract No. 1, 96 acres \$2,000; tract No. 2, 104 acres \$2,000; tract No. 3, 51 1-2 acres \$500; tract No. 4, 17 acres for \$300.

In the suit of Joe Weems against Martha Lomax and others, 69 acres was bought by Judge R. E. Hill for \$225.

FERTILIZER AND ECONOMY

We had an idea that it was Fertilizer vs. Economy; but County demonstrator, J. E. Cheatham assures us we are mistaken, and he promises to prove it to us on "Fertilizer and Economy Day," which is February 13. On that day the farmers of the State will meet in the several court house towns and discuss these two subjects so vital to their interests. Each subject will be discussed by a speaker appointed for that purpose, one who is qualified from experience to talk on the subject assigned. The discussion then is expected to be general. "The wives of the farmers will attend the meetings and there will be a general exchange of ideas and plans.

The meeting at Abbeville will be under the direction of Mr. Cheatham who will be glad to furnish all necessary information. Mr. Cheatham is a man of parts, full of energy and enthusiasm, and the meeting at Abbeville will be a success. Prepare now to attend.

MERIT WINS

Dr. A. H. Harvin is soon to leave Abbeville. His departure will be a distinct loss to the city. No young man in recent years has come to live with us has made a more favorable impression on the public. He is the master of his business, and gives it the closest attention. He has built up a lucrative practice, and his customers would be glad for him to stay.

Dr. Harvin goes to Washington, D. C., where he has formed a partnership with a prominent dentist of that city. He will go to his new home about Feb. 1.

Abbeville society regrets to lose Dr. Harvin and his charming wife, who before her marriage was Miss Margaret Sondley, but we wish for them every good thing in their new home.

Our Church Societies

The first week in each month in Abbeville is devoted to the women to the work of the church societies. Each church has one or more strong bodies of working women who do much good.

The Presbyterian church which is the oldest church in town has four organized societies.

The Missionary Society meets the first Monday in every month in the Sunday school rooms of the church. The officers for the ensuing year are President, Mrs. J. C. Thomson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Laura Loye.

The Ladies' Aid society meets from house to house and some time is devoted to the social life. Mrs. Wyatt Alken will entertain this society on Thursday afternoon.

The officers are, President, Mrs. T. G. White; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Thomson.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society meets Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock with the Misses Morse.

The officers are, President, Miss Oney Morse; Secretary, Miss Mary Hill; Treasurer, Miss Ione Smith.

The Junior Missionary Society has competent officers in Miss Nelle Harden, Miss Sarah Haigler and Miss Amelia Anderson.

The Associate Reformed Presbyterian church has only one society, which meets the first Thursday. The officers are, President, Mrs. Fannie Haddon; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Magill.

The meeting will be with Mrs. D. A. Rogers at half past twelve.

The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church met on Monday with Mrs. P. B. Speed. The officers are, President, Mrs. C. C. Gambrell; Secretary, Mrs. A. M. Stone.

The Ladies' Working society met with Mrs. A. M. Stone Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock.

The officers are, President, Mrs. J. C. Ellis; Secretary, Mrs. Henry Gilliam; Treasurer, Mrs. M. C. Owens.

The Baptist church has two large societies. The Missionary society meets the third Friday in the month in the church. Mrs. L. J. Bristow is President; Mrs. Lucie Cochran, Secretary.

The Ladies' Aid society meets the first Monday and its affairs are looked after by Mrs. E. C. Horton, President, and Mrs. E. M. Anderson, Secretary.

The Episcopal church has only one society which meets on Mondays. Miss May Robertson is President and Mrs. William Barnwell, Secretary.

Death of Thomas B. Eakin. Thomas B. Eakin died at his home near Honea Path on last Thursday. His body was laid to rest in Long Cane cemetery on Friday. Mr. Eakin had not been in good health for some years, but lately his health was improving. But on last Sunday night an attack of grippe developed into pneumonia, from which he died on Thursday as stated.

Tom Eakin, as he was known among his friends, was a son of the late Benj. H. Eakin, one of the best men that ever lived in Abbeville county. Tom was born and reared on the old Eakin homestead, in Long Cane township, near Gilgal church where his ancestors had lived for more than a century. He was an only son, and at his father's death became the owner of the old home. The house was burned some years later, and a new home erected. But like many another, Tom sought another home where he might do better. He sold the old place and bought more fertile lands in the northern part of the county. There he farmed until his death.

Mr. Eakin married a Miss McKinney, of Greenwood, a daughter of "Bill" McKinney, whom everyone hereabout knew. His wife and several children survive him, as does his sisters, Mrs. Mary Greene, of Greenwood; Mrs. James L. McCombs, of Greenwood county; Mrs. James Evans, Mrs. John Ashley, Mrs. A. B. Robinson, Mrs. Thos. W. McCord, and Misses Lella and Jane Eakin, of this county. His mother, before her marriage, was a Miss Nickles, of the Douglas Mill section of the county, and through her he was related to a very large number of people of that section.

There will be a registration fee of one dollar for each delegate who attends. This fee can be made to cover the cost of the supper as well as the other expenses, there will be no further charge, otherwise the supper will be a small amount per plate. The registration fee should be mailed in advance to the Treasurer, J. H. Ballory, P. O. Box 504, Columbia, S. C.

The clergy and the delegates will be entertained by the church people of Columbia.

All inquiries should be addressed to either Edmund B. Heyward, Chairman of the Executive Committee, or J. LaBruce Ward, Secretary. The Executive Committee consists of Edmund B. Heyward, Chairman; Rev. Walter Mitchell, Vice-Chairman; J. H. Ballory, Treasurer; J. LaBruce Ward, Secretary; L. A. Emerson, Allen Jones, Jr., George B. Eaves, Julius H. Taylor, Jno. T. Seabolt, T. L. Moore, Jr. W. Anderson Clarkson, W. A. Thayer, J. H. Spann, C. W. Jacobs, Jr., LeGrand Guerry, A. F. Brown, J. B. Rodgers and J. R. Abrams.

Convention headquarters have been opened in the Y. M. C. A. building in Columbia, and Registration Committees are canvassing every male attendant in the local parishes. Trinity Church has pledged one hundred delegates. Any male attendant of an Episcopal Church in South Carolina may be a delegate upon payment of the registration fee of one dollar.

Death of a Child. Jacob, the little five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Seawright, died last Tuesday, January 26, 1915. His death was caused by a fall, which he received several days before.

Jacob was a bright, sweet little boy, loved by all who knew him. He will be sadly missed in the home. A place is vacant there that can never be filled.

Call not back our precious darling, Anchored safe where storms are o'er, On the border land we leave him, Soon to meet and part no more.

Far beyond this world of changes, Far beyond this world of care, We shall find our precious darling, In our Father's Mansion fair.

The bereaved family have the sympathy of host of friends in their great loss. An Aunt.

West End.

Mrs. Mary Kennedy was called to the home of her mother, Mrs. George Hanvey Monday.

Mrs. Hanvey received a fall Sunday morning, and has been confined to bed since.

Mrs. J. T. McCaw and little baby J. T. have returned to their home in Columbia after an extended visit at the home of Rev. and Mrs. James Lawson.

Miss Florence Bradford, who is teaching the Sharon school spent the week-end with Mrs. J. A. Dickson.

Willie and Tommy Lyon, of Anderson spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lyon.

W. R. Bradley spent the week-end with his family. Mr. Bradley's quarters have been moved to Abbeville, which will enable him to be in Abbeville every week.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. H. Gilliam will regret to learn that he has been found necessary to take a former to New York for treatment. Gilliam has been confined to his bed for several months.

The Ladies' Aid society of the R. P. church will meet with Mrs. D. Rogers Thursday afternoon at four o'clock.

Mr. Sheppard, of Elberton, Sunday in the city at the home of Mr. and Mrs. McCleary.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Manthey, of Abbeville, have returned to Bennettsville.

Miss Margaret Cochran, of Long College, has been home to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Cochran.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Brown leave a few days for Florida. Mr. Brown has been sick for some time and his friends hope he will return fully stored to health.

The Tuesday morning Bridge Club met with Mrs. T. H. Turman last week.

W. C. McNeill, a prosperous farmer of the county attended the land sale on Monday.

Mr. S. J. Hester, of Calhoun, was a visitor to the city Monday.