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MORE TWO DOLLAR WORK.

Word comes to us that the city's property has again been given away. Sometime ago, we do not know when, the city council, or the water and light committee, we are not informed which, decided that the city needed a transit, or surveying instrument for the purpose of laying sewerage and other pipes, grading streets, and perhaps doing work about the power house.

The authorities duly took the money of the taxpayers of this city and purchased the instrument. We have no doubt that it was absolutely necessary that the city have this instrument as without it the superintendent of the streets would be at a great disadvantage. In fact it is impossible for him to lay sewerage lines properly without the instrument. He needs the instrument frequently.

A few days ago the superintendent again needed the instrument, but a still search for it at the council offices, the water and light plant, the office of the water and light plant, and other places where it might be, failed to locate it. It finally leaked out that E. M. Anderson, formerly the superintendent of the plant here, packed it up and carried it away with him. And it then was stated that certain city officials gave it to Anderson as a present when he was leaving.

Just who gave it to him has not yet developed. One member of the water and light plant, when asked about the matter, as we are informed, did the Peoples stunt as described by Pollock, he swallowed and he didn't swallow, he turned red and then turned pale, his Adam's apple jumped up and then jumped down and then stood still, and finally he could not remember anything about the matter. Another councilman stated that he had a "faint recollection" about the matter but was not able to give any satisfactory information.

We are not informed who is responsible for this misappropriation of property, because such it is. We have warned the present city council before against appropriating money for political campaigns and to hire men to abuse taxpayers who are forced to foot the bills. It is the plain duty of the present council to ferrit out the true state of facts with regard to this matter and give it to the public. A matter of a hundred or two dollars, perhaps less, may be involved, we do not know. But we do know that no man, not even the whole council, has any right to give away a single dollar of the city's money to any individual for a present or for a keepsake or for what-not. They have no more right to give away a transit belonging to this city than they have to give away the city hall or the water works plant or to write a check for a present.

The money which buys the city property is the money of the taxpayers of the city of Abbeville, and

the members of the city council and of the committees of that institution are trustees of the public, and it is their duty to protect and preserve public property and they have no right to squander it.

The members of the city council and the members of its committees have a perfect right as individuals to go down into their pockets and give anybody they desire a present, but they have no right, under the thin guise of taxes, to put their hands into the pocket of the editor of this paper and of other citizens and take their money and give it to Anderson. Although he had made a personal canvass of this town to save his head, appealing to church affiliations and to fraternal orders in a manner which seemed to right-thinking men as utterly unworthy of a self-respecting man, the people of this city told Anderson in no uncertain terms that they were tired of him. He took his pay and should have been satisfied with it.

We do not say that the men who gave to Anderson the city's property were dishonest, we do not believe that they are. We prefer to believe that they were ignorant, but with all that when a man is right he is "as bold as a lion" we are told, and it is passing strange that somebody does not remember just who it was that gave away city property.

For Anderson we must say that he took property away from this city which was not his, and which he knew as any honest man should have known was not his, and which was not the property of anybody to give away. He pretended to be a man with enough sense to run a one hundred and fifty thousand dollar business, and we take it, that he knew when property was not his, and when it belonged to somebody else.

It is up to the city council to recover this property. Anderson has no right to keep it, and it should be recovered if it costs twice the amount involved. If the instrument cannot be recovered the men who authorized Anderson to carry it away from here should as honest men pay for it. Having made Anderson a present they should go down into their own pockets and pay the bill and not take it out of the public treasury. If they refuse to do so then the city of Abbeville should commence an action against them for the conversion of property and we guarantee that there is not a court of justice in the land which will not make them foot the bill.

We have told the people before that there is nothing to expect from two-dollar-a-meeting councilmen. The time has come to abolish salaries for councilmen and mayor, and perhaps then we may be able to get men with enough judgment and good sense not to give away the hard earned money of the people extorted from them in the shape of taxes.

SENATORIAL CANDIDATES
ASSAIL LOYALTY OF BLEASE
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them back again if it is possible. In other words, his platform is the whole-hearted support of President Wilson in the war.

Now as to the short term, Senator Benet had reason to believe that he could fill it most satisfactorily at the present time. He had been City Solicitor of Columbia, a member of the Board of Regents of the Hospital for the Insane, Vice-chairman of the State Council of National Defense, State Custodian of Enemy Property. Upon going to Washington, he went to the White House and was greeted cordially by President Wilson as an old friend. He knows personally the Secretary of War, Mr. Baker, the Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Daniels, the head of the Reserve Board, Mr. Harding, and the head of the War Industries Board, Mr. Baruch. In the Senate itself, Senator Benet was assigned to the committee on appropriations, the most important committee in the Senate. He was made chairman of the committee on banking and assigned to five other committees. In addition, he has been called upon to preside over the Senate several times.

However, the question of this man or that one is a minor one. Loyalty is the main issue. Speaking of a telegram he had received from the Charleston American, protesting against his questioning the loyalty of the editorial staff, he stated that

he referred only to J. P. Grace, editor when the paper was denied the privilege of the mails for pro-Germanism, Paul Wierse, now in a federal prison, and John K. Aull, who tried to sell out the State to the Republicans a couple of years ago. As for the rest, he will not positively call them disloyal until he has proof of it. But they are with a bad bunch. Any paper with editors like those mentioned ought not to be listened to by decent, Democratic South Carolinians. Yet Blease urges all people to read this "fine" paper.

In casting your vote, think of some one boy over there, a son or friend, and think what he is fighting for, also how your vote may affect him. "Let's make a Loyal Legion in South Carolina." And all over the United States will go the message, "All is well with South Carolina."

J. F. Rice for One Poor Man at Least
James Francis Rice, candidate for the long term, was the last speaker. Due to the hour, many people left the room and speaking was rendered difficult. The Pomaria and Filbert speeches of Blease disqualify that candidate, said Mr. Rice. This leaves only Dial. The Bible says that it is harder for a rich man to enter heaven than for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle. Our history has shown that it is just as hard for a rich man to go to the U. S. Senate. Dial is a rich man and is therefore debarred. If elected, he could never get his mind off "business." long enough to attend to public affairs. The inference was that Mr. Rice had plenty of leisure to devote to the people.

The next meeting takes place today in McCormick.

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We want to acknowledge the receipt of \$57.00 from the Antreville Chapter, \$20.00 from the Ray District and \$37.00 from Antreville. This is the second sum sent us recently by Antreville. It is fine. Keep the good work up.

J. S. Morse, Chairman.
Abbeville Chapter A. R. C.

HE LOVES US STILL.

Dr. James H. Austin was in town for a short while this week seeing his old friends. He likes the people of Bennettsville and says the country down there is full of pretty girls, but he just has to come to Abbeville now and then. Everybody is glad to see him.

ORR'S REUNION.

The reunion of Orr's regiment will be held on the 14th and 15th of this month at Honea Path. The people of Abbeville are interested in Orr's Regiment and no doubt many will attend. Mrs. D. A. Rogers will attend and will have a place on the program.

COLD SPRING PICNIC.

The annual Cold Spring picnic will be held on Thursday, Aug. 15th. Several speakers will be present. The public is cordially invited to come and bring well filled baskets.

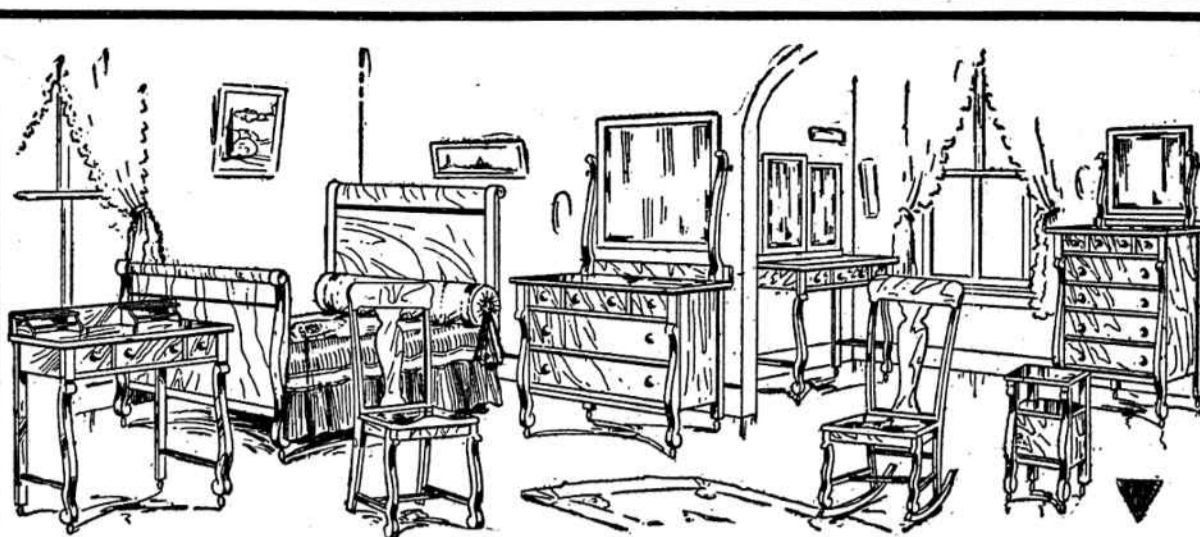
ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

The illustrated lecture at the Presbyterian Church Wednesday night by the pastor, will be on "Palestine." This is one of the most interesting lectures yet given.

NOTICE OF MASTER'S SALE.

By virtue of an Order of the Court of Common Pleas in the case of Lee & Blake, Plaintiffs, against J. F. Riley, et al, defendants, I will sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, within the legal hours of sale, at Abbeville Court House, on Monday, the second day of September, 1918, the following described property, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in County of Abbeville, State of South Carolina, containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres, more or less, bounded by lands of David Romans, Mrs. Dora Lomax, Mrs. Savannah McCord, Joseph Lomax and others and being the land devised to J. P. Riley by W. C. Riley.

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T. P. THOMSON,
Aug. 12, 1918.
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THE WAR DEPARTMENT'S EMPHASIS ON COLLEGE TRAINING

Early in the war President Wilson said, 'It would seriously impair America's prospects of success in this war if the supply of highly trained men were unnecessarily diminished. I have, therefore, no hesitation in urging colleges and technical schools to maintain their courses as far as possible on the usual basis.' Mr. Balfour, of the English commission, "made it clear that the regretted that the greatest error on the part of England and France that they had allowed students of their institutions for higher education to volunteer in such large numbers at the opening of the war." In view of the importance of these statements the committee on Education and Special Training of the War Department has started a campaign for the enlistment in the United States' Army of the male students in our colleges and universities. The object of this campaign is to induce as many young men as possible to attend the colleges in their respective states. If eighteen to twenty-one they are urged to enlist, if under eighteen, to enroll, in the Students' Army Training Corps (S. A. T. C.) Enlisted students will also be members of the army of the United States. Students so enlisted and enrolled will be provided, as far as practicable, with uniforms and equipment, including hats, shoes and overcoats—all furnished by the Government. Students neither enlisted nor enrolled will not be entitled to enter the training units or receive the military instruction offered by the War Department. The members of the S. A. T. C. will have the opportunity to attend a six weeks camp in the summer for rigid and intensive military instruction with privates' pay. Mileage each way will be paid. These students will not be called into active service except in cases of special emergency. The policy of the Government will be to keep members of the S. A. T. C. in college until their draft age is reached. The War Department may permit such men to continue in college even after their draft age is reached whenever they

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are taking medical, technical, scientific or other courses important to the prosecution of the war.
Competent officers and non-commissioned officers will be assigned to the various institutions to carry on the work of military instruction. Every enlisted student must register with his local board after he has reached the draft age. Upon stating in his questionnaire that he is in the S. A. T. C., and, therefore, already in the military service of the United States, he will be placed automatically by the local draft board in Class 5-D. The draft board will not call him into service as long as he remains a member of the S. A. T. C. However, when he does reach the draft age the president of the college and the commanding officer of the S. A. T. C. will report to the committee of education and special training of the War Department the form of service for which the drafted student is best qualified. He may be called into the service as a private just as he would be if he were not in the S. A. T. C., but will be likely to be sent to an officers' training camp or allowed to continue in the college until he has finished his education. If congress should lower the draft age men of the new ages not already enlisted in college training units, will be able to enter the military service only as privates and through the local draft board. It is, therefore, highly important for as many young men as possible to attend college and enlist or enrol in the S. A. T. C.
College education at the present crisis has become not only a personal privilege, but a patriotic duty. If the war closes before a member of the S. A. T. C. reaches the draft age no one can accuse him of being a slacker because he will have the status of a United States soldier. Never in the history of our country has there been such a demand for college trained minds, trained muscles, and forearms of all, for men trained in instant, implicit and cheerful obedience to lawful constituted authority.
For the solution of the many problems that will arise during the reconstruction period following peace the demand for college trained men will be even more urgent. We therefore, call upon all members of the State Council of National Defense and upon all other organizations in the State to carry out the request of the War Department and fill our colleges with young men who will render the most important service to their country within the college walls. In this appeal it is not the interest of our colleges, but the Nation that are at stake.
W. S. CURRELL,
State Director for the Campaign of Student Enlistment