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HOSPITAL LOANED \$8,000 BY COUNCIL

Loan Made To Tide Management Over Present Emergency and Will Not Relieve People of Final Responsibility in Matter. Street Sweeper Bought.

At a meeting of the City Council Tuesday night \$8,000 was loaned to the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital to aid the management to complete the building and finish buying equipment. The Rev. Louis J. Bristow, Dr. G. A. Neuffer, Dr. J. C. Hill and D. H. Hill appeared before the aldermen and argued the case for the hospital. It was pointed out that the hospital would have to be abandoned unless financial aid was forthcoming immediately; the need of Abbeville and Abbeville county, the plans of the hospital and what had already been accomplished was discussed and without a dissenting vote Council voted to lend the hospital \$8,000 at 7 per cent, taking a first mortgage as security.

It was made perfectly clear to the members of Council that the management of the hospital would not let down in its effort to raise by subscription from the people of this city and county the funds necessary to build and maintain the hospital, and to liquidate the debt to the city at the earliest possible date.

The loan made by the city enables the management of the hospital to push the work at the hospital to completion and it is hoped by early Spring to be able to receive patients.

City Buys Sweeper.

The City Council invested in a street sweeper last night at the monthly meeting of that body. The machine will cost \$650 and will consist of sprinkler and sweeper and will be drawn by the city's mules. Thus Abbeville is promised a partial, at least, allayment of the dust on its newly paved streets.

The sweeper was bought from the Austin Western Road Machinery Co., Chicago, through C. M. Scott, agent, Charfotte.

ENROLLMENT GROWING.

The superintendent's report for the first week of school in this year shows a decided increase in enrollment over that of December. The total enrollment of whites in school is 645, with 105 in the high school grades. This is a larger attendance than that of any previous session for which reports are available.

It has become necessary to purchase fifty new desks to seat the new pupils and practically every room is taxed for space to place seats. At the present rate of increase in enrollment it will be inevitable that additions be made to the present school buildings or else a new building be erected.

It has been impossible to secure a suitable teacher for the second grade in the mill school as yet, and Miss Ruth Calvert has kindly consented to substitute until the superintendent can find a permanent teacher.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Rev. Eugene R. Pendleton, Pendleton, S. C., formerly connected with the Y. M. C. A. in France, and T. B. Lanham, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, Columbia, arrived in Abbeville last night. The former will give an illustrated lecture at the Baptist Church tonight, using stereopticon views of scenes on the battlefields of France. The lecture will be a discourse on the speaker's actual experience in France, when serving with the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Pendleton is accompanying Mr. Lanham on a lecture tour in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. The lecture is free and there will be a musical program accompanying the evening's program.

GLASS WARNS OF NEW LOAN IF MORE EXPENSES ARE MADE BY CONGRESS

Washington, Jan. 12.—Another liberty loan will be necessary if congress embarks on "new fields of large expenditure or reduces the aggregate volume of taxes," Secretary Glass declared in a statement last night, setting forth in detail the government's financial condition. If the present tax level is retained and new expenditures are kept down, the turn has come in the tide of government financing, the secretary asserted.

Barring the congressional action mentioned, Mr. Glass believed the treasury would be able to pay its own way from tax and war salvage receipts. Although further issues of treasury certificates of indebtedness may be expected, they will be redeemed from cash on hand rather than through the sale of new issues of certificates for the first time since late in 1917. The treasury secretary directed attention to statements made early in September in which he expressed the opinion that the strain had lessened and that after January 1 the government's financial problem would be more easily solved.

Indicative of the progress made by the treasury, in solution of these problems, Mr. Glass pointed to reductions between September 1 and January 1 in the nation's gross debt and in the two classes of certificates of indebtedness outstanding. The gross debt which on September 1 was \$26,596,701,648 was \$25,827,078,807 on January 1. Reduction in the floating debt unamortized treasury certificates of indebtedness of \$622,653,250 has been made since September 1, leaving the total outstanding obligations of this nature at \$3,578,385,800 on January 1. A reduction of \$685,726,500 was reported for the same period in the outstanding so-called loan certificates, leaving \$1,326,661,000 of these yet to be funded.

TRAVELING MEN TO RUSH HOTEL LAW

Columbia, Jan. 6.—In order to profit by the experiences which other states have gained in their efforts to standardize and sanitize hotels within their borders, the joint committee from the T. P. A. and U. C. T. which is engaged in drafting the hotel bill which will be introduced early in the approaching session of general assembly, has received copies of hotel laws, and will endeavor to incorporate their good points in the measure for South Carolina. While some of the features of hotel laws in other states are not applicable to conditions in this state, still hotels have much in common in all states, and many valuable suggestions will be received by careful perusal of laws of other states.

"The draft of the bill is not yet complete, it was announced yesterday, but steady progress is being made in its preparation, and it will be ready for introduction into the general assembly soon after it convenes. The main features of the bill will have to do with adequate sanitation, clean lines, screens, fire escapes, individual cakes of soap, and such like items which, though small in themselves, perhaps, contribute in the aggregate largely to the comfort or discomfort.

"There will be no attempt whatever to legislate as to whether or not hotels shall be operated on the American or European plans, it was said yesterday. Nor will there be any attempt to say what prices should be charged. The whole subject of the measure is to standardize and sanitize the hotels in South Carolina by providing guests with protection against disease and by furnishing them with cleanly articles."

Preach at Cokesbury.

The Rev. J. L. Martin, D. D., will preach at Cokesbury Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

MANY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED IN CLERK'S OFFICE

The County Clerk's office is busy at this time recording deeds, and mortgages of real estate. More papers of this character have been recorded in the last thirty days than ever before in the history of the county. The list of real estate transfers follows:

J. A. Moore to Neta Simmons, three lots in Lowndesville, \$100.

Mrs. L. C. Agnew to Joe Young, lot in Due West, \$75.00.

Thomas Heard to I. O. Simmons, 10 lots in Lowndesville, \$100.

O. Z. Campbell to H. T. Taylor, 57 acres Diamond Hill Township, \$1,320.00

W. J. E. Scott to W. S. Martin, 129 acres Cedar Springs Township, \$4,000.

P. A. Roche to L. C. Parker 88 acres, Magnolia township, \$800.00.

C. L. Drennan to W. F. Nickles, 70 acres, Long Cane township \$550.00.

Gertrude Thomson to Jos. Jackson 18 acres, Magnolia township \$286.00.

P. L. Blanchett to J. E. Hunter 4 1-2 acres Abbeville township \$286.00.

H. A. and M. L. Ellis two-thirds interest in 131 acres Long Cane township to J. A. Ellis \$1,975.00

J. A. Ellis to above, one-third interest in 138 acres Long Cane township \$1,756.00.

T. S. Ellis to Roddy S. Ellis 18 acres Due West township \$2,300.

Same to Ralph G. Ellis, 12 acres Due West township \$3,700.

J. H. Hill and L. W. Rice 56 acres Diamond Hill township \$1,400.

Julia Erwin to T. H. Finley 47 feet Walnut Street, Abbeville \$550.00.

M. P. McCalla to J. W. McCalla 100 acres, Lowndesville township \$6,000.

W. D. Barksdale to A. P. Campbell lot in Abbeville, \$900.00

J. A. Smith to W. C. Preshler, 85 acres Lowndesville township, \$2,103.00

Mrs. Eunice Agnew to W. M. Agnew lot in Donalds, \$1,000.

Willnam Thomas to Neat Simmons 2 lots in Lowndesville, \$75.00.

S. J. Wakefield to J. C. Campbell, 85 acres, Diamond Hill Township, \$21,500,000.

J. B. Ashley to S. W. McLain, 92 acres, Abbeville township, \$2,086.00.

Same to G. A. McLain, 44 acres \$1,210.00.

J. E. Moore to Isaac Ellis 3 acres in Due West, \$150.00.

Jas. T. Baskin to J. C. Rampey, 100 acres, Lowndesville township, \$5,000.

W. C. Prince to J. J. Crant, 41 acres, Diamond Hill, \$1,580.00.

S. H. Adams to G. W. Syfan 1-2 acre in Abbeville \$475.00.

J. A. Smith to D. J. Banister, 36 acres Diamond Hill township \$2,750.

J. A. Smith to W. D. Wilkinson, N. S. Swetenburg, R. E. Cox and C. H. Pennell, 60 acres, Cedar Springs township, \$1,500.

J. E. McClinton to Ike Pruitt 2 lots in Due West \$65.00.

J. C. Campbell to L. M. Patterson, 94 acres, Diamond Hill township, \$10,000.00.

J. A. Smith to J. R. Preshler, 80 acres \$3,000.

T. L. Ferguson to W. T. Campbell 70 acres, Diamond Hill township, \$4,800.00.

B. L. Smith to J. H. Hopper, 1-4 acre, Abbeville, \$550.00.

J. W. Latimer to O. Y. and W. L. Brownlee, 79 acres, Due West township, \$5 and other consideration.

W. J. Bryson to J. W. Latimer, 79 acres, Due West township, \$2,750.00.

A. S. Kennedy to W. L. Brownlee lot in Due West, \$2,500.

Mrs. M. E. Kennedy to J. E. and W. A. Hunter, 290 acres Cedar Springs township, \$1,500.

R. E. Hill to W. J. Lomax, 1 acre Abbeville, \$250.

S. J. Wakefield to J. P. Anderson, 5 acres Diamond Hill township, \$1,500.

ASKS LEGISLATION FOR RECLAIMING SOUTH'S SWAMPS

Washington, Jan. 12.—Legislation authorizing an appropriation of \$250,000,000 for use in reclaiming swamp, overflow and irrigable lands, was proposed today by D. W. Ross, of Louisiana, at a conference of representatives of southern governors, held here under the joint auspices of the Southern House of Governors and Southern Commercial congress.

This capital sum, the plan provided, would be repaid over a period of twenty-five years through a sinking fund created by the sale of collateral bonds issued on the reclaimed lands by the federal farm loan board. The amount is one-half of the appropriation authorized for reclamation projects of the Smoot-Mondell bill introduced at the last session of congress.

While the plan was designed to be national in its scope, Mr. Ross declared it to be of special interest in the south, in that about 70,000,000 of the 80,000,000 acres of swamp and overflow land in the United States are located in the southern states.

"The south now contains the nation's great reserve of agricultural lands," Mr. Ross said. "The hundreds of millions of acres of free agricultural land of our western domain has all been appropriated and is today worth from \$150 to \$500 per acre. The great western frontier, the development of which during the past fifty years has established our national wealth and power, is no longer a frontier. The frontier has shifted to the south."

In the settlement of the lands under the proposal of Mr. Ross, preference would be given those who served in the military and naval forces during the war.

CLOTHING PRICES TO ADVANCE AGAIN

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Clothing prices next spring will be from 25 to 40 per cent higher than at present, according to H. R. King of Seattle, who addressed the National Retail Clothiers association today.

Mr. King said that the increase would come from a complexity of causes, chief of which was increased pay to workers. Labor had gone up 275 per cent since 1914, he said. Mr. King also cited the decrease of Australian wool prices from \$1.15 a pound in 1914 to \$4.10.

"The coming year will be a crucial one for clothing merchants," he said. "It will not so much be a question of making money as to keep the business from going to rocks."

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS

Marion, Jan. 13.—Special: The county superintendents of the State will hold a conference in Columbia on January 20 to consider school legislation of the State. A meeting of this kind has always proven to be beneficial to the county superintendents in many ways.

The officers of the association are: S. J. Wall, of Marion, president; and H. H. McCarley, of Charleston, secretary.

Play Ground Money

Mrs. Frank Welsh who has been selling sandwiches and chocolate to the school children, turned over \$3.00 to the play ground fund last week.

J. R. Glenn to J. S. Bowie, 2 stores in Abbeville, \$10,000.

J. A. Smith to Drayton Nance, 1 acre Abbeville township, \$500.

Kittie Bonner and others to L. A. Ritchie, lot in Abbeville, \$10 and other consideration.

F. D. Sorrow to J. H. Finley, lot in Abbeville \$850.00.

Mary M. Gambrell to J. T. Chatham, Jr., house and lot in Abbeville, \$5,000.

DESCENT OF VICTORIA FALLS IS MADE BY 2 DARING AMERICANS

Victoria Falls, South Africa—Two daring Americans have performed a world-beating feat—the descent of Victoria Falls!

Scaling a precipice of 369 feet with a rope, they accomplished a hazardous climb down the remaining rocks to the waters' edge at the extreme bottom of the great pit—a total of more than 400 feet—and stood where no human foot has ever trod.

First to penetrate the pit were Pliny W. Horne and William Stowell both of Los Angeles.

Horne is a camera man and Stowell a film director. They are members of the Smithsonian African expedition, a party of scientists and motion picture men touring Africa.

Never in history, since the missionary-explorer Dr. Livingston discovered Victoria falls in 1855, has any living thing been at the bottom of the chasm, save baboons and birds.

Hole With One Outlet

To appreciate what the Americans did: imagine a cleft in the earth 400 feet deep and of a width varying from 250 to 400 feet; sheer, perpendicular cliffs, absolutely without footholds; the chasm at right angles to the Zambesi river, which cascades over the one long side of the narrow, longitudinal pit, leaving the opposite cliff bare, mist-bathed and for bidding; imagine the chasm a hole in the earth, with only one narrow outlet near one end, a gateway with rocky sides falling vertically into a swirling pool of water, a maelstrom aptly called the Boiling Pot.

Had the ropebroken there would have been no escape for Stowell or Horne from the bottom of the pit. They couldn't scale the sides. They couldn't swim the whirlpool current. There was just a narrow ledge to stand on, no path along the bottom's edge to the gateway from the chasm into the gorge.

And Stowell and Horne made not one descent—but two. Previous to penetrating the full distance, they first went over the cliff of Cataract Island to the bottom of Devil's Cataract, the most westerly cascade of Victoria Falls, a distance of 260 feet.

ANOTHER BRIDGE ACROSS SAVANNAH

It is stated on good authority that plans originating in South Carolina for the erection of a toll bridge across Savannah river, at Sanders Ferry, in Gaines district, are rapidly maturing. It is said the necessary one hundred thousand dollars has been subscribed by people living on the South Carolina side, and that the stock is considered worth more than par. The building of the bridge is not considered in the light of the public benefaction, but more as a private snap.—Elberton Star.

STORMY SCENE OVER WAR DECORATIONS

Washington, Jan. 13.—The movement for congressional investigation into awards of army decorations produced a stormy scene in the House today during which a resolution by Representative Gallivan, Democrat, Massachusetts, calling on Secretary Baker for a report on the awards, was adopted.

The fight centered largely about Mr. Gallivan's attack on Gen. March, chief of staff, and other officers assigned to duty in Washington during the war. The chief of staff and other officers attacked were defended by other members.

Paving Greenville Street

Work preparatory to paving has begun on Greenville street, the hands being busy shaving down the embankment in front of the high school. The road way will be elevated about a foot and a half.

PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR LOCAL BANKS

Two New Banks in 1919—All Of the Banks Have Large Increase in Deposits—Stockholders and Directors Meetings Are Held.

The year 1919 was a most successful one for the banks of the city. Two new banks, the Planters and the County Savings, were organized and are now doing business and both new banks have shown a wonderful increase in deposits since the first day's business. The older institutions also show a marked increase in business.

The National Bank

The National Bank held its annual stockholders meeting Tuesday and re-elected the same board of directors, J. Allen Smith, Sr., W. M. Barwell, A. M. Smith, J. S. Morse and Lewis Ferrin. The deposits of this bank at the close of business December 31, 1918 were \$380,129.97 and on December 31, 1919, the deposits were \$597,507.02, an increase of \$156,377.05. The directors of the National Bank will meet in the next few days to elect officers.

The Farmers Bank

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers Bank held at noon today the following board of directors were re-elected: Dr. F. E. Harrison, P. B. Speed, J. Foster Barnwell, S. D. Brown, James F. Clinkscapes, W. H. White and Dr. C. C. Gambrell. At a meeting of the directors, which followed, the same officers of the bank were re-elected. The directors also passed a motion raising the salaries of the officers and employes of the bank from 15 to 25 per cent. The deposits of the Farmers Bank December 31, 1918, were \$281,719.00 and December 31, 1919, were \$449,489.00, an increase of \$167,770.00.

Peoples Bank.

The Peoples Bank will hold its stockholders meeting sometime in the spring. An inspection of the books of this bank show that on December 31, 1918, the deposits were \$385,442.32, and on December 31, 1919, were \$674,912.79, an increase of \$289,470.49.

Planters Bank.

The Planters Bank has been opened since October 31. At the close of business on the first day this bank had on deposit \$36,715.66 and today the deposits were \$223,325.97, an increase of \$186,610.31.

County Savings Bank.

The County Savings Bank had on deposit at the end of the first day on which it opened for business \$37,356.42. Today the deposits of this bank were close to \$100,000.

STUDENTS FAVOR LEAGUE OF NATIONS

New York, Jan. 13.—Ratification of the peace treaty by compromise polled the heaviest vote in 32 colleges and universities throughout the country which had reported complete returns tonight in the intercollegiate referendum voted upon today by the student bodies of 400 institutions of higher learning. In the 32 colleges, which included the great eastern universities of Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Columbia, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania, a total of 29,910 votes were cast. Of these 11,182 were in favor of ratification by compromise in the next highest vote cast, 9,002, was for ratification without reservations or amendments.

COTTON MARKET.

January 14.	
Spot Cotton	40.50
January	37.85
March	35.92
May	34.25
July	32.80
October	30.24