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CONCERNING ROADS

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 7, 1920.

Mr. William P. Greene,
Abbeville, S. C.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 6th instant, would say, the top-soil roads in Greenville county have on a whole, in my judgment, been eminently satisfactory, provided they are scraped when required, certainly every two months, and the top-soil replaced where it has disappeared. The objection to top-soil roads is the lack of top-soil within a reasonable distance of the roads that can be used for replacement, as the immediate supply is soon exhausted; and replacements are absolutely necessary. This is the difficulty and danger I see ahead as to the maintenance of our top-soil roads.

The greatest enemy to the top-soil roads is the cut-out on automobiles, trucks and particularly autocycles. These cut-outs are low down to the ground, and act as a high powered fan in blowing the top-soil away from the road bed and creating a great cloud of dust, which finds lodgement in adjoining fields.

The ordinary use of automobile vehicles would not be so injurious but on our country roads I find that trucks and autocycles almost habitually are running with their cut-out wide open.

Any permanent road improvement will deteriorate, and needs constant repairs, as we have found in Greenville County with the use of macadam covered with tarvia, even when built on a concrete foundation.

Good roads are like Liberty, and need constant vigilance to insure their usefulness and efficiency.

Yours truly,
Ellison A. Smyth.

KING SONDELEY OF SETBACK

Col. Dick Sondley made it four out of five in the game Saturday night against Corp. Kerr and Col. McMillan, of Dyson, S. C. In order to intimidate Col. Sondley his opponents had the game arranged for Greenville Street, but this had no effect whatever on his pitching. In

order to make a close finish, Colonel Sondley allowed his opponents get two games ahead and stay there until a half hour before quitting time, when he put spurs to his partner and went ahead just before reaching the wire.

This series of five game was arranged sometime ago by Col. Sondley and Corp. Kerr, the Corp. offering to give a big dinner party if Col. Sondley should win four out of five games of the series. Col. Sondley says he could have won all five of the games, but that it would have made one game less to play, and the later games would not have been so interesting.

The arrangements for the dinner are that Corp. Kerr is to furnish the ingredients, but Col. Sondley is to do the inviting of the guests. The dinner will not take place for a little while as Col. Sondley wishes to have the invitations engraved, and wants the flu situation to clear up. He fears that Col. Pat Roche and Uncle Jim would not venture out to dinner in the midst of so much pestilence.

At the dinner Col. Sondley will be crowned as King of Setback. A crown has been ordered by Eugene Johnson, and at the dinner this will be placed on the head of the king-to-be after a speech has been made by the Corp. who claims the right to do the speaking in his own house, he says.

COUNTY AGENT GIVES SCHEDULE OF WORK

Schedule of work for week Feb. 16-21, 1920:

Monday: Reorganize Boys and Girls canning and poultry clubs—Little Mountain.

Edgewood—Office work.

Tuesday: Reorganize Boys and Girls canning and poultry clubs, Midway Hall—meet Ladies Diamond Hill subject—Garden.

Wednesday: Reorganize Boys and Girls clubs. Sharon—meet with Ladies club South Side. Subject gardening.

Thursday: Reorganize Boys and girls clubs, Due West, Donalds, Vertonville—meet with

Friday: Reorganize Boys and Girls clubs Antreville—meet with Ladies club at Antreville.

Saturday—Office: I will be glad to give any information possible to any caller.

Ruth Crowther,
Co. Home. Dem. Agt.

BROWNLEE HEADS POST

Due West, Feb. 14.—Thursday night the local post of American Legion gave an oyster supper for the purpose of official organization. All the members were present, as were also a number of students of Erskine college. After supper the chairman R. G. Ellis, announced James N. Bonner as toastmaster for the evening, an office which he filled with grace and ease. Toasts were given by Edgar Long, L. G. Moffatt, A. B. Love, D. M. Baldwin and Dr. R. H. Brice. After these the organization was entered into and the following officers were elected: Commander, Lawrence Brownlee; vice-commander, D. M. Baldwin; adjutant, Dr. R. H. Brice, and finance officer, R. G. Ellis. It was decided that permanent quarters be rented for the purpose of the post. Much interest was evinced throughout the meeting and 15 ex-soldiers filed out applications for membership.

AGED MINISTER GOES TO REWARD

Honea Path, Feb. 15.—The Rev. Richard W. Burts, widely beloved Baptist minister died at his home near here this morning after an illness of several weeks. The Rev. Mr. Burts was 87 years of age and had not been in the best of health for some time past. He was one of the oldest ministers in the Piedmont section and his death has caused sorrow among hundreds of friends throughout this section.

Mr. Burts was born in 1833 at Cold Point, Laurens county, the son of Michael Burts and Mrs. Amanda Grant Burts. Mr. Burts' father, Michael Burts, was born in 1806. His grandfather was Frederick Burts, who settled in Newberry county before the Revolutionary war. Mr. Burts' mother died when he was a small boy.

In 1854 Mr. Burts was married to Miss Cornelia Johnson of Abbeville

and soon thereafter moved to Florida, where he engaged in farming. At the outbreak of the Confederate war he enlisted in Company E, Florida cavalry, serving with credit with this command until the close of the struggle. During the war his wife and small son both died.

After the struggle Mr. Burts moved to Abbeville, where he remained for a short time. He married Mrs. Amanda Acker Latimer in 1865 and settled at Honea Path. In 1891 his second wife died. He married Miss Sarah Latimer in 1892.

The Rev. Mr. Burts was ordained into the ministry in 1870 and retired in 1910 after having served faithfully for over 40 years. He was a man of deep convictions and piety. His labor brought forth fruit for the Master at all times. He was a man who had read much and he kept abreast of the times.

During his 40 years of service he had been pastor of Turkey Creek, Fork Shoals, Big Creek, Union, Shady Grove, Little River, Dorchester, Pelzer, Eureka, Barker's Creek, Broadmouth and Honea Path churches, having been pastor there for 36 years.

He is survived by several well known sons and daughters. The sons are: The Rev. Charles E. Burts, D. D., general secretary of the Baptist state convention and until recently pastor of the First Baptist church of Columbia; R. C. Burts, superintendent of the Rock Hill city schools; R. M. Burts, sheriff of Abbeville county; G. L. Burts and W. L. Burts, Honea Path; S. L. Burts, Atlanta; T. H. Burts, Laurens. The daughters are: Miss Amanda Burts of Honea Path, Mrs. J. B. Watkins of Belton, Mrs. A. G. Wood of Williamston. He also leaves one brother S. J. Burts, of Honea Path.

Funeral services will be conducted at Broadmouth Baptist church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in the churchyard.

News of the death of the Rev. Mr. Burts was received in Abbeville with much sorrow. He has many friends in Abbeville and Abbeville County, where much of his work as preacher has been done. On a number of occasions he has visited his son, Sheriff

R. M. Burts. Sheriff Burts, as well as other members of the family, has many friends here who extend their sympathy in the loss of his father.

Prohibition and Proprietaries

"Patent medicines, which their own makers more properly term 'proprietary,' since practically none of them are patented or patentable, have often been mentioned in connection with the fight for prohibition. It has been charged that many of them were used more freely as beverages than as medicines, and it even has been said of late that some so framed as to favor this use. Against these statements the makers

of 'proprietary' have always protested. Mr. E. T. Kemp, representing 'The Proprietary Association,' with headquarters at Chicago, and editor of Standard Remedies, asserts that only about one so-called 'patent medicine' in four contains alcohol at all, and if any of those which do, contain alcohol are 'fit for beverage purposes' they become, automatically, intoxicating liquors under the definition of the Prohibition

enforcement Act, and their manufacture and sale are prohibited. As the prohibition law is to be enforced by the Revenue Department, by whom permits for the use of non-beverage alcohol are granted, the probability of the misuse of medicines as substitute for alcoholic liquors is very remote, Mr. Kemp thinks, and likely to be followed by the immediate revocation of permits. The Proprietary Association, representing about 80 per cent of the output of so-called 'patent medicines' in the United States is on record, he says, as in accord with the strictest enforcement of the prohibition enforcement law, and its attitude on that subject has been communicated to the Prohibition Commissioner. Mr. Kemp writes further:

"No prohibition law, State or national, has been written by, for, or the interests of the manufacturers of 'patent medicines.' Any statement to the contrary is false and ridiculous. It is well known that the prohibition enforcement bills have been written by the Anti-Saloon League,

whose sole purpose is to destroy the lawful manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, in which purpose it has succeeded. It is up to the Revenue Department to destroy the illicit manufacture and sale.

"The National Prohibition Enforcement Act contains a definition of 'intoxicating liquor,' as do most State laws, and these definitions are of approximate uniformity. The National Act, in its definition, among other articles (including beer, wine, whiskey, etc.,) mentions: 'Liquids or compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented or not, and by whatever name called, containing one half of one per centum or more of alcohol by volume which is fit for beverage purposes.'

"If a product, of any kind, character, or nature, contains more than one-half of one per cent, of alcohol and is 'fit for beverage purposes' it is an intoxicating liquor and can not be made or sold in the channels of trade. The definition is certainly no concession to any one.—Literary Digest.

GOMPERS ATTACKS CONGRESS

Speaking last night at Springfield, Mass., Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, made a severe attack on Congress. He said in part:

"Speaker Gillette said that the Congress made a fight upon the trusts. That kind of fight seems to the people of the United States to be more of a burlesque. Ask any citizen of our country, ask any housewife, what they feel as the result of the 'fight on the trusts,' and the answer will be readily forthcoming. Congress has utterly failed to protect the people of the United States from the trusts and the profiteers. As for the charge that labor in a menace to the business of the country, it is absolutely unfounded and an unwarranted attack upon the workers of our Republic, who are trying to ob-

afford then and their dependents the opportunity to subsist despite the piracy of the trusts and the profiteers."

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