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LET'S GET "DODE."

More and more each year athletics play a part in the success of the schools and colleges of the state. A college without a baseball and football team is not a college. And so it is becoming in the city schools over the state. The kind of work these schools are doing may in most instances be judged by the record of the baseball and football teams. This is caused partly by the fact that the boys who take an interest in athletics become interested in all the activities of the schools they attend, and are thus induced to do better work in the school rooms, and largely by the fact that in order to get a place on the team it is necessary to maintain a certain standard of scholarship in the classes. The teams give the schools "pep."

Just now we are making a forward step in the matter of better schools. The fact is that we have a school system that is the equal of anything in the state. Last year the school did better work than previously has been done in Abbeville in twenty-five years. And one of the most encouraging things about our schools is that the boys are becoming interested in finishing their courses in the local high school rather than deciding to drop out or to seek the preparatory training elsewhere. It is something greatly to be desired that this continue to be the case. That is true largely because of the great expense necessary to send a boy to a preparatory school, and because on that account a great many boys cannot attend these schools. A good preparatory school at home which will attract all our boys and which they, and the boys in the surrounding country, will want to attend, will be worth a great deal to the city.

No small part of the increased attendance upon the high school last year was due to the fact that we put out a good football team and a good baseball team. We may still increase interest of the boys and their attendance upon the high school class by having a better football team and a better baseball team. And we have a plan whereby this may be accomplished.

This is the plan. "Dode" Phillips, the great football star and baseball player of Erskine College, has just finished his college course. We need a principal for the present high school who could take charge of a section of the seventh grade. Experience has shown that men do better work with the seventh grade than do ladies, although we have had some fine seventh grade teachers here among the ladies. But it would greatly help if we could have one man to teach in the seventh grade and who could assume the principal's place in the present high school when Mr. Daniel is transferred to the new high school. If we can get a man who will serve in this capacity and at the same time act as director of athletics in the school much interest will be stimulated amongst the boys who attend the high school and many more will be brought into the class rooms. And "Dode" is the man. There are others of course who can do the work but we all know "Dode."

Can we secure him? We do not know, but we can make the effort. The chief obstacle to getting him or some other man to assume the work is the fact that we are short on finances. The income of the District barely pays the present pay-roll. Our plan is to supplement by private subscription the salary which the Board of Trustees is able to pay and get a man of this kind. We have placed the matter before the Superintendent of the schools, and he writes us that he believes it indispensable to the success of the schools that we have such a man. In his letter to the editor of this paper, he states that he

has learned since reaching Columbia that other schools have commenced this very thing. He is so much interested in the matter that he writes the editor to put him down for fifty dollars on a subscription list looking to the raising of the one thousand or fifteen hundred dollars necessary to get a man like this. The editor of the Press and Banner subscribes one hundred dollars for this purpose. There are others who, we believe, will be interested and the subscription should be voluntary. Will the men of Abbeville, and the ladies too, come to the assistance of the superintendent and of the schools, in getting a man of this kind? There are enough men sending boys to the high school now who should be interested in the physical development of these boys to raise the money. We hope that they will speak right out in the meeting.

We have been slow enough in Abbeville. Let everybody think over this proposition, and let us be alive in school matters and in every other matter. Perhaps the Chamber of Commerce may be induced to lead in the movement suggested. If not, some other good citizen may be induced to do so. But let the work proceed.

GOOD ROADS.

Supervisor Keller is doing so much and so good work on the public roads that we hesitate to make a suggestion to him for fear that he may think the work he has already done and is doing is not appreciated. This is not the case. But we are interested in seeing the roads made as good as possible, and we venture to suggest that if the Supervisor could put the "flying squadron" just behind the scraper forces, to smooth the roads after the scraper has done its work, in a little while we would have as good roads as anybody.

ANOTHER LAWSUIT

Judge McComb is trying to keep up with the hot weather and Thursday started another lawsuit. As we said before, it was not an action at law, nor was it a bill in equity, but an old-fashioned lawsuit just like they used to have. The lawsuit Tuesday was, as stated, concerning of a mule. The lawsuit Thursday was concerning of some chickens.

Savannah, a dusky looking lady on the plantation of Mr. George S. Wilson, lost six fine hens, four of them red hens, one black game hen, and one gray or blue hen. Later this number of hens was found at the home of Scott and Emma Thomas and Savannah swore that the hens which were in a coop were hers. Her principal witness was Marshall Gray. Marshall had passed by the home of Savannah the night the chickens were stolen and told her he would "drap" back about 11 o'clock. He declared that as he was on the return trip and was passing the hen-house somebody ran out with a sack full of chickens. It was suggested to Marshall that the man he saw might have been himself, but Marshall didn't think so. He didn't deal with chickens, he swore, had never eaten one and didn't know how it tasted. He didn't say but he sought to make the impression that if he saw a chicken he would run from it, while plaintiff's attorney seemed to think he might run after it.

Savannah said she saw three of her chickens at Scott's house and she knew one of them was hers because it had a top-knot, and another because it had a ring around its neck and another because it was a little black hen and they all came to her when she called them "D. D." (Doctor of Divinity) she thought this stood for. She said she had heard other people call chickens and say "P. P." and "She-She" but nobody said "D. D." in that country when calling chickens except her own proper person.

Scott and Emma had witnesses to prove that they had bought chickens resembling the ones in their possession from other parties and that the chickens were not Savannah's. Scott also established through witnesses, an alibi for the date on which the chickens were alleged, in the warrant, to have been stolen, but Savannah switched the night in her testimony, and this caused confusion.

The upshot of the whole matter was that the jury found Emma not guilty, but the jury was not agreed as to Scott and therefore a verdict

was rendered as to Emma but no verdict as to Scott, the judge declaring a mistrial so far as he is concerned.

At the conclusion of the case each of the parties, prosecutor and prosecuted, took charge of the box of chickens which she and he had brought into court and departed for home to await a better day.

The mule traders were not in evidence but there were more people hungry for fried chicken in evidence than at the mule trial.

A DOG TALE

There are fish tales and other kinds of tales, but what is so rare as a dog tale? Up Chester way, it is said, there are reports of a dog tale what is a tale. This dog, so the friend of a friend of the owner reports, has, like the small boy, mastered the technique of the automobile motor to such degree that whenever his master's Essex drives up the dog greets him hilariously. Or if the aforesaid Essex is away from home the dog sits on the curbing (if they have curbing in Chester) and when a car of the same label passes, whether it bears his master or not, sets out in pursuit, showing that this remarkable dog knows the hum of the Essex motor.

This friend of the friend of the owner of this educated pup did not say whether the canine also had mastered the rattle of other motor engines, but it is reasonable to suppose that so intelligent an animal could not be so narrow as to confine his perceptive powers only to the Essex motor. It is probable that this tale of a dog could as well be extended to the identification of other cars, indicating, for example, the approach of a Franklin by holding up the right front foot, a Dodge by raising the right rear branch, and if a Maxwell should happen along he might wag his tail in a pleased manner. Should the princely Pierce-Arrow pass it is reasonable to assume that this dog would stand on his hind feet, with head bowed, and proceed with the business of salaaming. Or if, perchance, the lowly Ford should pass his master's cottage, this hummer probably sticks out his tongue in token of derision and rolls carelessly in the dust. This last method of demonstrating his cyclopedic knowledge is what makes Bruno a dirty dog and makes this a muddy dog tale.

THE KILLING OF A LAD

The State.

Some day or other the people of South Carolina will be aroused about scandalous and criminal abuses of public highways and streets by motorcar speeders.

The day will come when tragedies of the kind described in yesterday's dispatch from Greenville will be extraordinarily uncommon if not impossible. Already it has been suggested that mechanical governors be placed on motorcars that will limit their speed to 25 miles an hour or less, and when the moment arrives that the legislature concludes that the life of a child is of more value than the pleasure of scorching, a statute of that description will be enacted.

Traffic accidents will occur even in the best of circumstances and with completest enforcement of the best laws. For speeding no excuses can be offered. If a man step into Main street and empty his pistol, it may be proved that he is insane or drunk. He is guilty of criminal carelessness and that is manslaughter, if through it, he kill one. If a man drive recklessly through Main street and injure a fellowman and then continue on his way in the effort to escape arrest, the inference is that he was neither insane nor drunk, and was moved by wicked malice against mankind.

The indifference to law and to the rights of men is more widespread at this time than it has been in many a long year. The people of South Carolina are paying an enormous price for it. Criminality is rampant. An end will not be put to it by leniency. It will go on so long as juries are soft-hearted. It will multiply if punishments are not made to fit the crimes. It would be encouraged by generous and loose exercise of the pardoning and commuting power.

Notice Of Election

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to a Petition filed with the Board of Trustees of Abbeville Public School District No. 22 of Abbeville County, known as The School District of The Town of Abbeville, hereinafter described, (a plat of which is filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court,) which petition is signed by more than one-third of the Resident Electors and more than one-third of the Resident Freeholders of the said District, over the age of twenty-one years, and by virtue of a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees of said school District, held at Abbeville, South Carolina, June 13, 1921, an election will be held at Abbeville Court House, South Carolina, at the usual voting place in said District, in the City Hall, in the City of Abbeville within the hours provided by law, June 28, 1921, to determine whether or not the said school district shall issue and sell bonds of the said district in a sum not exceeding One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000.00) Dollars, payable twenty years from the date thereof, bearing interest at the rate of not exceeding six per cent per annum, payable semi-annually, at such dates and place as the Trustees may designate, the proceeds of said bonds to be used for the purpose of erecting buildings and for equipment for maintaining public schools in said district. At such election all persons qualified under the constitution and laws of the State of South Carolina as electors, will be allowed to vote. The territory covered by said School District is that included in the following lines:

Commence at a point about two and one-half miles southeast of the town of Abbeville in road twenty-five yards Northwest of the fork of Cedar Springs and Verdery roads, South of and near Lem Jackson's house, run thence N31E, crossing Norris' Creek and Seaboard Air Line Railroad, 150:33 to corner near John Douglass' house in old road; thence N16.7W, crossing Greenwood road and road to Morton's Mill, a distance of 115 chains to corner on north end of W. F. McCord's house;

thence N24.2W, 90:49 chains to corner in McCord's Creek, at old ford, about one-fifth of a mile South of Luther Clamp's house; thence N69:75W, 76:88 chains to corner in road to Hodges, fifty yards South of Sam Burton's house; thence N78.5W, 66:61 chains to Walnut on North side of old Noble house; thence S69W crossing Due West road, 118:10 chains to large Post Oak, near residence of George Mann; thence S38W, 14:97 chains to corner under W. D. Leslie's house; thence S67:25W, 42:32 chains to corner in road; thence S10E, crossing road 176:67 chains to corner in road near Poor house, at forks of road; thence Southeastern along road crossing Seaboard Air Line Railroad, 85 chains to corner in road adjoining lands of L. C. Parker; thence S62:75W, 22:40 chains to stake corner, adjoining lands of S. C. Link; thence S30E, 10:84 chains to corner

in Mt. Carmel Road; thence N64.75E along Mt. Carmel Road, 21:81 chains to corner; thence S41E, 96:63 chains to corner in old Snake Road; thence N77E, crossing branch and tributaries, 146 chains to beginning point.

At such election those in favor of issuing and selling said bonds, shall vote a ballot, on which shall be written or printed, the words "For Bonds" and those opposed to issuing and selling bonds shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words, "Against Bonds." The following shall act as managers of such election: W. C. Sherard, J. C. Clark, and T. C. Seal.

W. M. Barnwell, Chairman,
J. C. Thomson, Secretary,
June 15, 1921. 6-28

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