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DISCUSS NEW ROAD ANDERSON-AUGUSTA

CITIZENS OF CALHOUN FALLS MEET AND PASS RESOLUTIONS CALLING ON ABBEVILLE COMMISSION TO ASK IMPROVEMENT.

The first step in the direction of an Anderson-Augusta highway was taken Thursday night at Calhoun Falls, where a representative gathering of Abbeville and Anderson county citizens discussed the proposed route from every angle and then agreed, without a dissenting vote, that it was to the interest of the two counties that the people of each unite in one great effort to secure a highway that will connect Anderson with Augusta, in the meantime opening up an improved road for the many rural sections in between.

The meeting was held in the town hall, Jos. Hicks, a member of the Abbeville county highway commission, presiding. These citizens went on record as favoring the proposed highway commission, presiding. These citizens went on record as favoring the proposed highway, and a resolution was unanimously adopted, asking the Abbeville county commission to petition the state commission to make the road through Abbeville county a part of the state highway system. A discussion of a highway system. A discussion of a highway that would connect Cheraw, S. C., and Athens, Ga., via Calhoun Falls, lasted for a short time, but interest centered largely around the highway which Augusta, McCormick and Calhoun Falls and Anderson hope will be built sometime in the near future, connecting these towns and providing an outlet for the rural communities surrounding the many small towns along the proposed route.

Anderson citizens took an active part in the meeting. A. P. Fant, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and F. R. Sweeney, civil engineer of the Anderson county highway commission, addressed the meeting, Mr. Fant offering the support and cooperation of the people of Anderson in securing the highway. W. Frank McGee and W. L. Brissey also attended.

The meeting was very enthusiastic. The business men of Calhoun Falls are anxious for the Anderson-Augusta highway and will exert their united efforts in securing the adoption of the road through that county into the state highway system, as well as assisting in improving the route once the actual work of road builders has begun.—Daily Mail.

EIGHT SCHOOL DISTRICTS RECEIVE STATE AID

Abbeville County has received \$4,502 as its share of the \$384,432 fund in the bonds of the state superintendent of education for state aid to school districts that meet certain conditions in providing a seven months school term.

The legislature of 1921 appropriated \$400,000 under the equalizing law. Districts participating in this fund must, first, levy a special local tax of eight mills to pay teachers' salaries, must enroll not fewer than 25 nor more than 50 pupils under each teacher in each class room and must maintain under each teacher and in each class room a regular monthly attendance of not less than 15 pupils.

Eight districts in Abbeville county qualified for aid under this state provision.

ELECT COUNCILMAN

Mr. E. R. Thomson was yesterday chosen councilman from ward 4, in the general election. Only 12 votes were cast, the small poll being due to lack of opposition. Mr. Thomson had no opposition in the primary, only about 20 votes being cast then.

CALLISON ORDERS LYNCHING PROBE

CALLISON ORDERS CORONER TO INVESTIGATE DEATH OF HERBERT QUARLES—TOM SMITH CLEARED OF CLINKSCALES MURDER CHARGE.

McCormick, June 21.—Solicitor T. C. Callison, who arrived here last night for the purpose of representing the state in the cases to be tried at the regular June term of the court of general sessions for McCormick county, upon learning of the lynching of Herbert Quarles yesterday issued the following statement this afternoon:

"I have ordered the coroner of McCormick county to make a full and complete investigation of the lynching which took place yesterday and report the results of his investigation to me as soon as practicable. I regret that in view of the fact of the opening of court here today Herbert Quarles could not have been tried and convicted under the laws of our state."

"Court in session here today took up the trial of the case of the State against J. Tom Smith, charged with the murder of Lang Clinkscales on September 19, 1920. This was the second trial, the first held in February resulting in a mistrial when it is understood that the jury voted 11 for acquittal and one for conviction. With deliberation of less than one hour the jury today found the defendant guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and not guilty of either manslaughter or murder.

The case of the State against J. Press Blackwell, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law and partner in business on the 14th day of last February, in the town of Parksville, was called and a trial demanded by the defense. After a conference with attorneys assisting the solicitor in the prosecution he announced that the case would be ready for trial Wednesday afternoon. This case is expected to take up the remainder of the term of the court and has created wide interest throughout this section of the state.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Abbeville Chamber of Commerce will be held in the court house Tuesday afternoon, June 28, at 4 o'clock, at which time the report of the present officers will be heard and new officials elected for the coming year. It is expected that the membership committee which is now making a canvass of the city will be ready to report a hundred per cent. membership among the business men of Abbeville.

Mr. G. T. Barnes, secretary of the chamber in speaking yesterday of the value of such a body to any city said that the chamber of commerce provides a place for business men to meet and discuss their problems in a spirit of mutual helpfulness and cooperation, and that in the exchange of ideas and remedies for ills a way is more easily found to solve difficult problems. "A town or a business," he said, "may look dead and be about dead but so long as it continues to protest that it is alive no one will believe it is fit for burial. And so long as it is above ground there is hope for its complete rehabilitation and final return to normal growth."

Mr. Barnes has just returned from Atlanta where he attended the meeting of the "ad" clubs. He reports an entirely enjoyable and profitable trip. He says the ad men fully realize the value of idea swapping and were not slow to talk of their problems and make suggestions to the other fellow.

PIRATES AT WORK IN NORTH ATLANTIC

SHIPS THAT HAVE MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED NOW BELIEVED TO HAVE MET WITH FOUL PLAY—MESSAGE FOUND IN BOTTLE.

Portland, Maine, June 21.—The theory that pirates are afloat in the North Atlantic has found credence here. Belief in this and of the fate of the recently missing ships, has grown with establishment of the fact that the message in a bottle picked up two months ago north of Cape Hatteras, purporting to explain the disappearance of the crew of the five-masted Bath schooner Carroll A. Deering, mystery ship of Diamond Shoals, was written by Henry Bates, of Isleboro, Maine, a member of the crew. Question of its genuineness was settled today by handwriting experts who compared it with letters written by Bates. The unsigned note stated that the schooner had been captured by an oil-burning craft, something like a sub-chaser, that the members of the crew who were hiding all over the ship with no chance of escape, were being handcuffed and that everything was being taken off.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Willis B. Wormell, of this city, wife of the captain of the Deering and friends, the investigation was started by the State Department, the Department of Commerce, the coast guard and other government agencies to establish the fate of the missing crew, which consisted of 12 men besides the captain.

The mystery is being investigated by the Department of Justice and the Department of Commerce as is also the unexplained disappearance of the American steel freighter Hewitt, out of Sabine Pass, Texas, for Boston. This craft disappeared at about the same time that the Deering came ashore.

The summary of the history of the Deering case as sent to consuls by the State Department discloses that when the Deering passed Cape Lookout Lightship, North Carolina on January 29, while bound from Rio de Janeiro for Norfolk, a man other than the master reported that the vessel had lost both anchors and asked to be reported to its owners.

Two days later the vessel was found on the beach on what the State Department describes as "in such condition that there is every suspicion of foul play having occurred."

NORTH CAROLINA WINS FREIGHT RATES CASE

Washington, June 21.—A reduction in freight rates ranging from 4 to 49 cents per hundred pounds between North Carolina cities and points in southeastern states, and between North Carolina and northern centers was provided in an order issued today by the interstate commerce commission, to become effective September 15.

While the record is not sufficiently complete to enable specific findings as to commodity rates, the commission said, "it is sufficient to warrant conclusions that a prejudicial situation exists which should be corrected and that the carriers should revise their commodity rate adjustment promptly, using as a guide the class relationships prescribed in the order issued today."

The order comprises a revision of tariff schedules approved by the commission May 18, 1920 which were protested by many North Carolina jobbers, individually and through state and private organizations. The corporation commission of North Carolina and the Raleigh chamber of commerce filed briefs appealing from the former order which, they

WHITE CRIMINALS OUTNUMBER NEGRO

NEARLY FOUR TIMES AS MANY IN STATE PENITENTIARY. MOSTLY YOUNG MEN—SIXTY-TWO ADDED TO POPULATION SINCE LAST YEAR.

Columbia, June 16.—White men in the state penitentiary outnumber negro men early four to one, there being 151 white men and only 42 negro men nearly four to one, there white men are also young men. Last year about this time there were 89 white men and 146 negro men, making an addition of 62 more white men to the population in only one year.

These figures are according to Secretary G. Croft Williams of the state board of public welfare, who made an unofficial visit to the state penitentiary this week.

There are also five white women and 43 negro women in the state penitentiary at the present time. Last year there were 25 negro women and three white women.

Negro men are shifted from the penitentiary to the state farms when crop conditions demand it, but the white men are kept at the penitentiary.

Mr. Williams says that he was particularly struck with the number of young men in the prison. These young men are healthy and appear to be of normal intelligence, Mr. Williams says. "At the time of life when they should be building up businesses and homes and in other ways doing their part in the affairs of their communities, they are serving time in a state prison for stealing, killing or some other grave offenses," he says. "Many have been started at the idea of a crime wave going over the country. However, there can be no doubt that for the last year crime has increased in South Carolina and this increase has been much larger among the whites than among the negroes."

"As there are thousands of youthful soldiers at Camp Jackson and as these are drawn from all parts of the country and have a certain per cent. of anti-social characters among them, it might be expected that some would find their way to the penitentiary. Yet the growth of the white population of the penitentiary cannot be attributed entirely to the proximity of the camp as there are a number of South Carolinians in it."

PEOPLE BANKRUPT AND CONGRESS IDLE

SENATOR SMITH PROPOSES INVESTIGATION OF REDISCOUNT RATE AND POWER OF FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO RESTRICT LOANS.

Washington, June 21.—Investigation of the Federal Reserve Board's regulation of rediscount rates was suggested in the Senate today by Senator Smith, Democrat, South Carolina.

"The people of the country are going bankrupt and starving," Senator Smith asserted, "while we sit here calmly, knowing that we have placed the entire financial power of the country in the hands of the seven members of the Federal Reserve Board. In that board have we created a Frankenstein to destroy us."

Senator Smith attacked the board's recent statement that gold reserves were greater than in history, declaring that "while the nation is burning up we boast that there is more water in the tank than ever before."

A bill providing for loans of two hundred million dollars by the Treasury to the federal farm loan board for loans to farmers on approved applications was introduced by Senator Harris, Democrat, Georgia. The bill directs that no federal land bank shall loan the money at more than six per cent and that five percent interest shall be paid to the Treasury for the sum borrowed.

Senator Hefflin, Democrat, Alabama, joined with Senator Smith and urged relief through credit extension to the cotton growers of the south. The Alabama Senator said the price of cotton "has been beaten down fifteen dollars a bale in the last few days by speculators without a pound of cotton on hand."

Senator Hefflin suggested that the cotton exchanges be closed "to stop this gambling."

DIVIDENDS DECLARED FOR INSURANCE HOLDERS

Bureau of War Risk Pays First Profits to Policyholders With More to Come.

Veterans of the World War who kept their United States government War Risk Insurance after their discharge and who later had this term insurance converted into some one of the six forms of permanent insurance are now receiving federal treasury checks in payment of the first dividend declared on this converted insurance.

The amounts of the dividends vary with the nature of the policy held, the age of the insured, etc., but in no case is the dividend less than one dollar per thousand of insurance. For example, a government check for \$10.70 is paid a former service man on an "ordinary life" policy for \$10,000, whose age is around 32 years.

United States government insurance is the cheapest form of insurance procurable. The converted insurance is both life insurance and disability feature is included in all forms of policies and does not cost anything additional. If at any time for any cause, a former service man becomes totally disabled, the payment of premiums on his insurance ceases automatically and he begins drawing the insurance himself. Payments are made monthly so long as the former soldier remains disabled or lives and the settlements will continue even after the full amount of the policy has been paid the insured.

Dividends on converted war risk insurance are to be paid regularly hereafter on each anniversary of the policy, according to an announcement from the bureau of war risk insurance.

THIEVES DUMP CARS INTO EAST RIVER

STOLEN MACHINES DISPOSED OF QUICKLY WHEN PURSUIT COMES TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT—PARTS OF AUTOMOBILES RECOVERED

New York, June 21.—Some time today a crew of divers will aid the police in discovering just what kind of a mystery was uncovered yesterday when an attempt to raise a motor truck that was seen to topple into East River at Hallett's Cove several days ago resulted in the finding of a big touring car and parts of several other automobiles, all mud covered and encrusted with rust.

The cove apparently has been used as a dumping ground for stolen cars that could not be disposed of, according to the Astoria police. The police also regard it possible that persons interested in disposing of their automobiles for the sake of obtaining the insurance against theft have turned them over to a gang that makes a business of dumping automobiles into the river.

The big car that was hauled out of the water when the grappling irons were dropped into the river for the truck was stolen from a man named Giuseppe Maarduza. At the time of the theft, the police records show, he was living at the Commodore. The police were trying to locate him last night to have him examine the machine they recovered. It was explained that there was no connection between the disappearance of this car and the insurance collecting scheme.

Adjacent to Hallett's Cove, where the mystery cache is located, is a public dock. The dock is open day and night and seldom is guarded.

Several days ago, it was reported to the Astoria police yesterday, a man was seen to drive a motor truck out on the dock and halt it near the edge. He looked around carefully, as if to make sure no one was watching. Then he started the truck and jumped off. The truck lurched over the edge of the dock and dropped into the river. Before it had disappeared the man was seen to run in the direction from which he had come.

OFFICE OF TREASURER TRANSFERRED MONDAY

All the necessary balances and accounts in the county treasurer's office were transferred Monday to the new treasurer, Maj. R. B. Cheat-ham. The comptroller general's office is understood, did not order a checking of the late Treasurer Jones' books, but simply authorized the transfer of the accounts, "after proper bond had been made and approved by the county commissioners and the Comptroller's office and fled with the clerk of court. Major Cheat-ham's commission arrived from the secretary of state last Wednesday night. An official accountant was in the office of the treasury Monday for about two hours, arranging the accounts of the county carried in local banks. After investigating the matter of the bonding, he transferred the bank balances to the new officer who is now prepared to attend to the county's financial affairs.

LAND CHANGES HANDS

Mr. Charles Shrine has sold ten acres of land, part of the Richey place, on the Snake Road, to B. A. Bellringer. The price paid was \$600, \$60 an acre. Mr. Bellringer has recently moved to this county from Virginia. He expects to erect a residence on his newly acquired land during the summer.

Sixty-two indictments have been made in Atlanta in connection with the "bunco" graft gang. Most of the accused are police officers and detectives.