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ABOUT GRADE CROSSINGS.

Commenting on our remarks about
grade crossings, the State has the
following to say:

"Discussing a fatal grade-crossing
accident that occurred in Union a few
days ago, the Abbeville Press and
Banner agrees with the Greenville
Daily News that all grade-crossings
should be eliminated, saying that the
exercise of care by motorists is not
enough to prevent accidents. That is
true, but it is equally true that the
number of accidents would be
markedly reduced were motorists generally
to observe greater caution. On
few of our railroads are trains numerous.
Were railroad traffic heavier,
the collisions with motorcars would
be more frequent and one suspects
that in localities where trains pass
hourly or oftener the people are more
vigilant and that, relatively, accidents
are fewer than they are in
South Carolina.

"Every one is of opinion that grade
crossings should be eliminated, but
The State doubts if that would be so
easy an undertaking as The Press and
Banner fancies. "The railroads and
the public might each assume a part
of the cost and profit by the expenditure,"
but the cost would be tremendous.
For example, the grade-crossings
within the six miles of incorporated
area of Columbia probably
could not be eliminated for less than
millions of dollars. We have no means
of estimating the cost of removing
grade crossings from all the principal
thoroughfares in South Carolina but
the sum, at a conservative guess,
might be \$25,000,000 and it might be
greater.

"The policy of the state highway
commission in relocating roads is to
eliminate grade crossings wherever it
is possible. It would surprise The
Press and Banner to learn how much
already has been accomplished in this
direction. On the stretch of road, for
instance, between Columbia and Newberry,
in the last three or four years
the crossings have been reduced from
a dozen and a half to perhaps three
or four.

"The commission is working with
intelligence to accomplish the object
which our friends have in view and
is making progress. If the people
will support the commission and not
allow it to be harassed and hindered
by politicians, the perils of grade-
crossings will be reduced as rapidly
as financial resources available will
permit."

The Press and Banner has no way
to estimate the cost of eliminating
grade crossings. The figures given by
The State may be the result of a more
careful estimate than we can secure.
However, we know of no reason why
public roads about Columbia should
cross railroads in so many places as
The State suggests is the fact. Perhaps
the situation there is as it was
once in the upcountry. For instance,
going from Donalds to Greenville the
public road formerly crossed the
Southern Railway perhaps twenty
times. If there was ever a reason why
this should be so, we do not know
what the reason was. The building of
the highways, as stated by The State,
has eliminated most of these crossings,
showing that formerly there
were many crossings which need not
have existed. That is likely more true
about Columbia than about this section,
because the country there is
more level than here. Yet we dare say
that if the crossings there have not
been eliminated by the building of
new roads, the public roads cross and
re-cross the railroads many times
where there is no apparent necessity
for such crossings. Certainly the public
roads may be so built and re-located
as to get rid of many of these crossings.

The Press and Banner, in its remarks,
intended in no way to discount
the work being done, along the

line suggested by the Highway Commission.
We all appreciate what this body is doing.
When it has completed the work which it
can do, the legislature may step in and
eliminate may more crossings, if not all
of them, we are inclined to think
without so much cost as The State
fears.

And looking to that end, why may
we ask should every railroad entering
Columbia have a line of railway
circling the city? Why when there is
a union passenger station in the city,
(to which by the way all railroads
should be forced to run) should there
not be a union railroad track on
which all trains should enter and
depart from a city the size of Columbia?
If this were required, and it can
be legally required we think, there
would be fewer crossings in and near
Columbia, and these might be properly
flagged and protected to the end
that many lives might be saved.

The Press and Banner appreciates
the fact, and so stated, that many
accidents are caused from the negligence
of those operating vehicles on the
public roads, as opposed to the
negligence of the railroads, but that
does not help to prevent accidents
which are unavoidable, nor does it
lessen the loss to the public and to
the railroads when these occur, nor
does it relieve the distress and suffering
which such accidents entail.

INSURGENCY AGAIN TRIUMPHS.

Insurgency triumphed again Monday
in the Republican primary with
the nomination of Smith W. Brookhart
in Iowa. The machine was routed
at the polls as it was in the Indiana
primary and in the Pennsylvania primary.

In Indiana the contest was for the
Senate nomination. New was the machine
candidate of the Republicans. Beveridge
ran in opposition to the machine candidate
and was nominated.

In Pennsylvania the chief contest
was for the gubernatorial nomination.
Alter was the machine candidate of
the Republicans. Pinchot ran in
opposition to the machine and was
nominated.

In Iowa the contest was for the
Senate nomination. Smith W. Brookhart
loomed large as a self-initiated
candidate. The machine had no use
for him and went out hard to beat
him. It employed tactics that under
ordinary conditions would have beaten
him, but the conditions were not
ordinary.

Political insurgency is the exact
antithesis of political reactionarism.
The contest was insurgency against
reactionarism, and insurgency won.
The political insurgency that to-day
honeycombs the country embodies the
substance for the making of a great
new political party.

The Democratic and Republican
parties were great parties in the days
when they had vital policies, vital
purposes. These great basic policies
on which the two parties divided,
these great basic policies that stirred
the people to deep feeling and deepest
interest, have long since passed into
history.

There are no great basic issues
between these two parties to-day. Except
for the color question in the South,
and that is purely sectional, the only
considerable difference in the issues
dividing them is the miserable, artificial
policies worked up by politicians to
satisfy their own political greed.

Every question that comes up in
Congress, every question that comes
up in the legislatures of the various
States, is considered on both sides of
the chamber chiefly with respect to
the political effect on their parties
and on their own political future.
This is a disheartening commentary
on the politics and politicians of to-day,
but unfortunately it is only too true.

With America's politics in this
condition insurgency is the logical
expression of the people. Whether it
ever takes on a party name and formulates
policies and announces principles,
or whether it captures one or the other
of the old parties, doesn't much matter.
It is now the dominant force in
American politics.—N. Y. Herald.

LAURENS TERM OF COURT

Judge Frank B. Gary will preside
over the June term of court in Laurens
which convenes June 12th and is
expected to last a week. A large
docket of criminal cases is being
prepared, the majority being for
violation of the prohibition law.

BASE BALL TEAM FOR ABBEVILLE

Wednesday afternoon a number
of citizens from Abbeville attended
a meeting in Greenwood with representatives
from Greenwood and Anderson present
and discussed the matter of organizing
a base ball league between the four
towns, Elberton, Greenwood, Anderson
and Abbeville.

The general plan is to play four
games a week, two at home and two
away from home, and the teams are
to consist of local players who reside
in their respective counties, such as
college, high school and other players
who may be found in the county to
be competent to play. It has also
been proposed that each town finance
its own team, that is when playing
on home grounds the gate receipts
are to go to the home team for
defraying the expenses of the club.

If Abbeville goes into this league
they have got to have uniforms,
balls, and equipment to play with
and to get this equipment it is going
to be necessary to have some money
to start on, and after they have
started to playing it will be self-
sustaining. In the way of getting
this money it is the idea of those
who are interested to solicit subscriptions
among the citizens and business
firms of the town and raise the
necessary amount of money to buy
this equipment.

All four towns who were represented
were enthused over the proposition
of having this base ball league and
are willing to go into it if the people
will support them. It is not the
idea to put anybody under obligation,
and it is not any money making
scheme for anybody, and it will
afford a little amusement for the
people during the summer months
and at the same time benefit the
town to a certain extent.

No salaries will be paid any of
the players, but after the expenses
of the club have been paid, the balance
will be divided among the players.

It is hoped that all who are interested
will give this matter all the publicity
possible, and if the other towns
can go into it, then Abbeville
should too.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

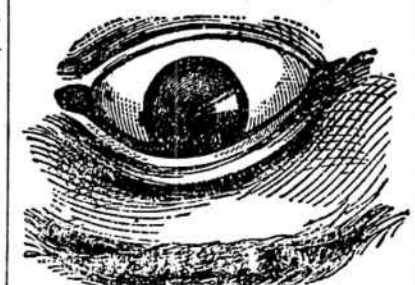
The pastor, Rev. Howard L. Weeks
will preach Sunday a. m. at 11 o'clock
on the subject, "The Sublime Enterprise."

The night service will be omitted
and the church and congregation
will join in the memorial service
at the opera house held by the order
of Locomotive Engineers. The memorial
address will be delivered by Mr. Weeks.
This service will begin promptly
at 8:00 o'clock.

The Sunday School was 71 short
of its 300 mark last Sunday. All
those interested in a larger Sunday
School and a better Sunday School
are urged to help get out a full
attendance of the pupils, officers and
teachers for next Sunday.

The prayermeeting of the church
is appealing to all of the members
to be present. This service begins
each Wednesday evening at 8:30
and closes within forty minutes.
The pastor is seeking to lead the
church into a deeper and better
understanding of the meaning and
privilege of prayer. The subject
for Wednesday evening, June 14th
will be "The Power of Prayer."

The whole church rejoices in the
return of so many of the young
people who have been away in college
and teaching. A splendid B. Y. P. U.
has been organized and it is confidently
believed that this organization
will prove a means by which the
young people of the church shall be
trained for greater usefulness in
the church life. The next meeting
of the Young People's Union will
be held at the church Sunday evening
at 7:15. All the young people of
the church are urged to be present.



EYES CAREFULLY EXAMINED
and GLASSES Accurately Fitted.
DR. L. T. HILL, Abbeville.

GOING TO SPARTANBURG

Misses Maria Neuffer, Elizabeth
Thomson and Celia Chalmers went
to Spartanburg Wednesday to visit
Miss Mary Louise Dargan and to
see her graduate from the High
School. They made the trip through
the country with Mr. Joe Everett
and Miss Mary Quarles Link.

GRADUATES AT UNIVERSITY

Mrs. R. C. Philson and Misses
Adelaide and Josephine Philson
accompanied Mrs. Philson's brother,
Thad Horton back to Columbia by
automobile this morning. They go
to attend the commencement exercises
of the University of South Carolina
where Mr. Horton is a member of
the graduating class.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
County of Abbeville
To His Honor Judge Frank B. Gary,
Presiding Judge

The Grand Jury of Abbeville
County at their second term of
service for the year, 1922, would
respectfully beg to make the following
presentment:

We have passed upon all bills
given us by the solicitor finding true
bill or no bill as in our judgment
the testimony adduced before us
warranted.

We have made a partial examination
of the officers' books and find
same in a satisfactory condition,
a more complete examination will
be made at a future time. The
attention of the Sheriff and his
deputies has been called to collect
delinquent auto licenses, also to
the delinquent dog taxes.

We have also recommended to
the Supervisor that the necessary
repairs be made on the Court House
and jail at once.

We also recommend that the
Sheriff and his deputies do what
they can to suppress the sale of
gasoline on Sunday and suppress
all other violation of Sunday laws.

We also recommend that the
office of game warden in Abbeville
County be abolished.

Thanking your Honor, the Solicitor
and the officers of the court for
courtesies extended.

Respectfully Submitted,
T. S. Ellis, Foreman.

DYNAMITE PLACED ON COLUMBIA CAR TRACKS

Columbia, June 8.—Dynamite,
placed on the tracks of the Columbia
Railway, Gas and Electric company,
by unknown persons, exploded
under a street car in a suburb
this morning derailing the car and
damaging both the car and rails.

The car was carrying no passenger
and no one was hurt by the explosion
despite the fact that the

entire force of the blast was spent
directly under the left front wheels
of the car, a few feet from the spot
where both the conductor and motorman
were standing. Both county and
city officers are working on the case
but as yet no arrests have been
made in connection with the explosion.

Maybe country people are isolated;
but a bird symphony is better than
a jazz orchestra, and a glorious
sunset is more to be admired than
a movie thriller.

A tip to Mr. Farmer. If you really
want to give Mrs. Farmer a square
deal, remember that running water
and other labor-saving conveniences
are no more important in the barn
than in the kitchen.

Watch the label on your paper.

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