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WEDNESDAY DEC 24, 1902.

Merry Christmas to all.

SEASON OF PROSPERITY

That the people of every section of our state are unusually prosperous is evidenced by the fact that all of the large cities and many of the small towns have this fall held bazaars, fairs or carnivals. Every one of these gala occasions have been a signal success. Large crowds have attended them, spending their money freely. The carnival association of Orangeburg had \$1200. in the treasury after paying all expenses of the occasion. When crops are short and money scarce people stay pretty close at home for they can live cheaper there than elsewhere. During this fall however the merry laugh of the merry-makers has drowned the wail of a few croakers who have cried "hard times" from habit.

A BANKRUPT POLICY.

It being true that our county is now paying 15 per cent for money to meet current expenses is proof positive that the finances of the county are in a deplorable condition. The supervisor and county commissioners have during the year borrowed money from the banks at a reasonable rate of interest to meet the demand upon them. The banks, however, could safely lend only a certain per cent of the amount estimated to be raised by the levy fixed by the legislature, consequently the time came when no more money could be had from the banks. Despite the fact that their funds have become exhausted, with no means of raising more, the county authorities have certain demands upon them that must be met, such as bridge work, furnishing supplies for the poor house and chain gang, etc. In order to meet these demands the county authorities are of necessity forced to add to these accounts or claims a sufficient sum to net the holder the amount due him. To illustrate: A merchant furnishing \$100. worth of supplies to the chaingang, at cash prices, cannot afford to wait a year or more for the money, consequently the supervisor is compelled to add to his account the amount that the merchant would sacrifice in selling the claim. As 85 cents is the highest price paid for these claims 15 per cent must be added so as to net the merchant the \$100. due him. From the foregoing it is evident that the county pays \$115. for what \$100. would buy if the cash could be paid; which is 15 per cent on money.

In these days of sharp competition that is met with in every walk or avocation in life where is the individual who can, to use an every day expression, make both ends meet and pay 15 per cent on money? If an individual cannot afford it how, in the name of reason, can an aggregation of individuals, the county, afford it? If it is ruinous to the individual why not ruinous to the aggregation of individuals? We have been reliably informed that the county has within recent years paid as high as 20 and even 25 per cent. That being the case there is no longer any wonder why the county is so badly behind, having many unpaid claims outstanding as past indebtedness. Where does the fault lie? Certainly not with the merchants or bridge builders for they are entitled to the amount due them on a cash basis; certainly not the man who buys the claim for if he waits two years for his money he has only realized 75 per cent per annum on the investment; certainly not the supervisor for he can only act as empowered by the legislature, being powerless to change the conditions. Then where does the fault lie? The echo answers, where? A remedy can be found and it should be applied. Every tax payer in the county pays his proportion of this high rate of interest, hence every one should be interested in a change of financial policy.

Some of the editors of the state, poor fellows, are evidently leading very strenuous lives or, to say the least of it, they are very busy men. In making clippings from the columns of others they seem not to have time to create them. See?

The banking feature of the postal service, that of issuing money orders, is conducted at a considerable loss to the government. After paying the money order clerks of the large city offices and defraying other expenses incident to this department the government sustains annually a loss of more than half a million dollars.

We are reminded by the following from the Newberry Observer, which, by the way, we endorse, that the season has arrived for the "yaller dawg" to get his annual write-up: The new legislature cannot serve their constituents better in any other way than by passing a dog law which will rid the state of 99 per cent. of the worthless curs that stand in the way of sheep-raising.

Nearly all of the wood within a radius of several miles of Edgefield has been consumed. Not only individuals find it difficult to get wood for the winter but the cotton and oil mills are said to have only a limited supply and find it difficult to secure contracts for the delivery of wood. If it is so hard to get now while the roads are good, certainly the supply will be more limited when the roads become almost impassable. Not many more winters will come and go before coal will supplant wood in these parts as a fuel.

Summons for Relief.

(Complaint not served.) State of South Carolina, County of Edgefield, Court of Common Pleas. Henry W. Landrum, N. K. Butler, and J. M. Price, as Administrators of Robert Price, deceased, vs. Plaintiffs, A. C. Morgan, Defendant. TO THE DEFENDANT, A. C. Morgan: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which is filed in the office of Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for the said county, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office—Edgefield, S. C.,—within twenty days after the service hereof; exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid; the plaintiffs in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. SHEPPARD BROS., Plaintiffs' Attys. Edgefield, S. C., Dec. 6, A. D. 1902. W. B. Cogburn, (Seal.) Clk. C. C. P. & G. S. To A. C. Morgan—non-resident Defendant: You will now take notice that the complaint in the above stated action—together with the Summons—are now on file in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas, in and for the County of Edgefield, and State aforesaid. SHEPPARD BROS., Plaintiffs' Attys. Dec. 6th, 1902. 17

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Edgefield, S. C. This office will be open to receive returns of personal property for taxation from the 1st day of January to the 30th of February following. All transfers of Real Estate made since last year's assessment must be noted on the return—stating number of acres, from whom bought, or to whom sold. The Township Assessors are respectfully requested to meet me at the appointments for taking tax returns in their respective townships, and they are also required to make tax returns for all those who fail to make their own within the time prescribed by law, that the legal 50 per cent. penalty be added for their failure to do so. All male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years, except ex-Confederate soldiers over 50 years of age, and those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from any other cause are deemed taxable polls. All persons owning property or having control of such as husband, guardian, executor, administrator, or in any fiduciary capacity are required to return the same for taxation, and upon their failure to do so 50 per cent. penalty will be added to the valuation of all such property. For the convenience of tax-payers I will be at the following places on the dates mentioned to receive tax returns. Please meet me: Trenton, Thursday, Jan. 29th. Arthur M. Herring's store, Friday, Jan. 30th. Johnston, Saturday, Jan. 31st. Elmwood, Monday, Feb. 2nd. Pleasant Lane, Tuesday, Feb. 3rd. S. Chestnut's store, Wednesday, Feb. 4th. W. Y. Quarles', Thursday, Feb. 5th. Longmires, Friday, Feb. 6th. Plum Branch, Saturday, Feb. 7th. Parksville, Monday, Feb. 9th. Modoc, Tuesday, Feb. 10th. Clark's Hill, Wednesday, Feb. 11th. W. Cheatham's, Thursday, Feb. 12th. Roper's X Roads, Friday, Feb. 13th. Collier's, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Red Hill, Monday, Feb. 16th. At Edgefield C. H. from Feb. 17th to Feb. 20 inclusive. J. B. HALTIWANGER, County Auditor.

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W. E. PRESCOTT.

**MASTER'S SALE.**  
State of South Carolina—County of Edgefield—Court of Common Pleas—Mrs. J. M. Dwelle, et al, against  
Coline H. Henry, et al.  
Pursuant to the decree in this cause I will offer for sale at public outcry before the court house, town of Edgefield, and State of South Carolina, on Saturday in January, 1903, (the same being the 5th day of said month) the following described realty, to wit:  
• All and singular that tract of land, situated in the county of Edgefield State of South Carolina near the Town of Plum Branch, containing two hundred and fifty (250) acres, more or less and bounded on the north by A. L. Talbert, east by Mrs. M. E. Talbert, south by J. W. Talbert, and west by A. S. J. Talbert, same more fully appearing by a plot of same made by John M. Bussey D. S. Nov. 30, 1895.  
Terms of sale—One-half cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years, with interest from the day of sale. Purchaser to give bond and a mortgage of the premises sold to secure the payment of the credit portion or all cash at the purchaser's option.  
Purchaser to pay for papers.  
W. F. ROATH,  
Master Edgefield County.  
Dec. 10, 1902.

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Pursuant to the decree in this cause I will offer for sale at public outcry before the court house, town of Edgefield, and state of South Carolina, on Saturday in January, 1903, the same being the 5th day of said month, the following described realty, to wit:  
All that lot, piece, parcel or tract of land, situate in the county of Edgefield, and the state aforesaid, on the Columbia road, about one and one-fourth (1 1/4) miles from Edgefield court house, containing four acres three rods and twenty perches, more or less, and bounded on the north by the Columbia road and lands formerly belonging to W. F. Durison; on the south by lands formerly belonging to J. A. Christian, and on the west by land belonging to Gen. M. C. Butler.  
Terms of Sale—Cash.  
Purchaser to comply with terms of sale or give satisfaction to Master or the Master is authorized to resell within one hour thereafter at the risk of the former purchaser.  
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD. Court of Common Pleas.—John Curry, et al, against Mary Gray, et al.  
Pursuant to the decree in this cause I will offer for sale at public outcry before the court house, town of Edgefield, and state of South Carolina, on Saturday in January, 1903, the same being the 5th day of said month, the following described realty, to wit:  
All that tract of land, situate in the county of Edgefield and state of South Carolina, containing one hundred and three (103) acres more or less, and bounded by lands of Henry Hart, Archey Lewis, the Long Cane Road and Williams Hart.  
Terms of sale—Cash.  
If terms of sale are not complied or satisfaction to the Master he is authorized to resell the same within one hour afterwards.  
Purchaser to pay for papers.  
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**MASTER'S SALE.**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD. Court of Common Pleas—J. C. Sheppard, against Mrs. E. R. Penn, et al.  
Pursuant to the decree in this cause I will offer for sale at public outcry before the court house, town of Edgefield, and State of South Carolina, on Saturday in January, 1903, (the same being the 5th day of said month) the following described realty, to wit:  
All that tract of land, situate in the said county and state, containing one hundred and fifty (150) acres, more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of R. C. Mayson, and on the east, south and west by lands of the estate of J. H. Strom.  
Terms of Sale—Cash.  
If terms are not complied with or satisfaction given to Master he is authorized to resell within one hour afterward at the risk of the former purchaser.  
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W. F. ROATH,  
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