

INFORMATION.

Subscription Price—Sent to any address for one year...

THE ADVERTISER, Edgefield, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 25, 1903.

Give thanks on to-morrow to the Great Giver of all good and perfect gifts.

The shibboleth of the Democratic party for 1904 will be: "Anything or anybody to beat Roosevelt."

The next annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans will be held at Nashville.

Saluda county had her usual weekly homicide on Thursday last. Lark Glover, colored, killed his brother about the foreclosure of a mortgage on a cow.

A Georgia town required the Standard Oil company to pay \$10 for a license to sell its products.

Where is the citizen of Edgefield who, as he stands and gazes upon the beautiful and imposing college building, does not experience a thrill of delight and pardonable pride?

The Calhoun county advocates had ill luck because they counted their chickens before they were hatched—named the baby county before it was born—and there is every reason to believe that the North Augustans will meet the same fate.

It is announced that ground cultural hall at Clemson. Wonder if the new building is going to prove a stimulant in making Clemson more of an agricultural college than it has been heretofore.

Hon. John Bell Towill, a member of the House of Representatives from Lexington and associate editor of the Batesburg Advocate, is an avowed candidate for a position on the board of dispensary directors.

Since arriving in London, in speaking of the next presidential election, Bryan said he thought he would not again be a candidate.

"Uncle Sam" has stood godfather for the young republic, Panama, and agrees to maintain its permanent independence.

Hon. Wm. P. Calhoun, in his second of a series of letters on the new county question...

The only thing we like or that appeals to us about the county, of which it is proposed to make North Augusta the county seat...

A few days ago the Augusta Chronicle consumed more than a column felicitating itself upon the fact that it has a subscriber who has been taking the paper for fifty years...

Mrs. Carrie Nation called at the "White House" a few days ago and "raised the nation" because the President of this great nation refused to allow her to interview him.

FACTS AND FIGURES. Concerning Hammond County, EDGEFIELD, S. C., Nov. 20, 1903.

EDITOR THE ADVERTISER: There is a well known saying among the negroes when speaking of settlements between his race and the white race which runs as follows:

The expenses of Edgefield county, lumped are: Salaries of officers, \$4,700.00; Court expenses, \$3,300.00; County commissioners, \$8,000.00...

A conservative estimate of the expenses of Hammond county has been made as follows: Sheriff, \$2,000.00; Auditor, \$400.00; Treasurer, \$400.00...

000.00; Magistrates courts, \$1,000.00; Post mortems, \$250.00; Court house, and jail, \$400.00...

The estimated value of the taxable property of the new county is \$2,555,300.00 and the rate of taxation would be practically:

State tax . . . . . 5 mills. County tax . . . . . 6 " School tax . . . . . 14 " Total . . . . . 25 "

My information is to the effect that all of the county seats established within the past ten years, have furnished a court house, jail and the like and so far as I can reach the expense of so doing has reached the sum of about twenty-five thousand dollars.

As stated, the North Augusta Land Company composed of G. G. and northern people principally, who have no interest in Hammond county except to increase the value of the stock...

Then, as the floating debt of Edgefield is about \$8,000.00 Hammond would have to assume her share, which would be about one thousand dollars, all a burden on the tax payer.

At every turn we meet with expense to the tax payer and in no instance do we run across any benefit that he is to receive.

It stands out as bright as day, however, that the North Augusta Land Company is in for the whole hog and will be the greatest beneficiary if the new county is established.

Now to go back again to the tax rate and expenses. Say that the county issues bond to the extent of seventeen thousand dollars to help build the court house, jail etc., the interest on that would be at six per cent. \$1020 annually.

Then say it will require \$3000.00 for chain gang equipment. That amount would have to be borrowed at six per cent. making \$180.00. Add that to the \$1020.00 and we have \$1200.00 to be used annually running the levy still higher.

Now, it seems that we make a very grave mistake at the outset in not consulting "Tom, Dick and Harry, residing at Edgefield and Aiken. Well, we thought we were abiding by the law that gave us a right to do as we did, and we thought we were twenty-one years old, therefore fully competent to manage our own affairs without asking that court house citizen or newspaper scribbler act as our guardians or counselors in the matter.

I suspect we have as good calculators within the bounds of the proposed new county as are to be found in some other places I might mention. So when we want any "figgering" done we will do it among ourselves and to suit ourselves. It is all bush for outsiders to be eternally harping on "high taxes" and the "cost of court houses" etc. We expect to lessen our taxes and if we do not, one thing is

certain, they will not be any higher than we are paying now, without a row.

One other point, and I am done, as the preacher say; we serve notice in time that around the new court house will be a mighty poor place for speculators in county claims to get rich at that business as they have at some of the older court houses.

Report of the Grand Jury. To His Honor, Joseph A. McCullough, Presiding at November Term of Court, 1903.

We the Grand Jury beg to make the following report and embody the reports of our Special Committees as follows:

The Committee to examine County offices and books, consisting of J. B. Adams, E. J. Norris and N. M. Jones, report to the Grand Jury as follows: At the August Term of Court we reported on all County offices except that of County Treasurer.

Disbursements: Amt. on Error Sheet, \$78.25, Auditors total levy corrected: Paid Jury and Witnesses, \$44.20; Paid Roads, \$72.53; Paid Past Indebtedness, \$1,097.45; Paid School Expenses, \$6,084.49; Paid Sewer Levy, \$16,111.57; Paid Ord. by County Purposes, \$27,423.50; Dues, \$6.63; Paid on K. & B. Bonds, \$2,466.50; School Bldg. Bonds, \$90.00; Reimburse Tax Payers, \$27.70; Cash in Bank, \$4,205.96.

The Special Committee on Poor House and Jail, report to us. That they visited the Poor House and find 20 inmates, 10 white and 10 colored. There were 220 deaths in the County Home this year.

Now to go back again to the tax rate and expenses. Say that the county issues bond to the extent of seventeen thousand dollars to help build the court house, jail etc., the interest on that would be at six per cent. \$1020 annually.

A VINDICATION Of the Advocates of the New County. POVERTY HILL, S. C., Nov. 21st, 1903.

MR. EDITOR: Times change and sometimes in its changing develops some remarkable things, to say the least of it; for instance, some of the representative citizens living along the Savannah Valley held a mass meeting at North Augusta and for purposes of our convenience and for the furtherance of our own individual, and collective interest, resolved that we would endeavor to form a new county, in full accordance with the law regulating the formation of new counties.

Now, it seems that we make a very grave mistake at the outset in not consulting "Tom, Dick and Harry, residing at Edgefield and Aiken. Well, we thought we were abiding by the law that gave us a right to do as we did, and we thought we were twenty-one years old, therefore fully competent to manage our own affairs without asking that court house citizen or newspaper scribbler act as our guardians or counselors in the matter.

I am glad to see so many loving friends are solicitors for our welfare and are so strenuously exerting themselves to save us from the destructive paws of Mr. Jackson, in spite of ourselves.

thence in an easterly direction along said road to Four Mile Creek, Barnwell County, seven and one-half miles; thence along said Four Mile Creek to Savannah River about seven miles; thence up the Savannah River to Scott's Ferry, Edgefield County, the point of beginning, have been filed with me in accordance with law, asking that said portions of these counties be permitted to vote on the establishment of a new county.

And whereas the boundaries of the proposed new county, the proposed name, the number of inhabitants, the area, the taxable property, as shown by the last tax returns, and that the proposed lines do not run nearer than eight miles to any Court House now established, are set forth in said petition.

Now, therefore, I, D. C. Heyward, Governor of the State of South Carolina, in compliance with the requirements of Section 575 of Volume One, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1902, do hereby order an election in the territory to be cut off for the new county, on the fifteenth day of December, 1903, to be held in accordance with the requirements of law, at which election the electors shall vote "yes" or "no" upon the question of creating a new county and upon the name and county seat of the proposed county.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed at Columbia, this 22nd day of November, 1903, and in the 128th year of the Independence of the United States.

By the Governor: J. T. GANTT, Secretary of State. Pursuant to the foregoing Proclamation of his Excellency, Governor Heyward, there will be an election on the question of a new county within the territory designated in the foregoing Proclamation on the 15th day of December, 1903.

JOHNSTON. JOHNSTON, S. C., Nov. 24, 1903. Correspondence to the ADVERTISER.

Messrs. J. D. Watson and W. D. Ready received, each a car load of cattle during the past week.

Mr. Luther Oxner has the nicest garden in town. He has recently bought Mr. George Peanos' place, a mile from Johnston, and if the garden is a specimen of his ability, will make a most successful farmer.

Mr. J. S. Richardson is at Red Springs North Carolina helping put up machinery for an oil mill, for the D. A. Tompkins Company.

Proclamation. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA EXECUTIVE CHAMBER.

WHEREAS information has been received at this Department that on the 22nd day of October A. D. 1903. The barn, corn, fodder and other produce with three mules and one horse belonging to Mrs. E. N. Blocker, in the County of Edgefield, were burned, and there being reason to believe that the burning was an act of incendiarism.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, D. C. Heyward Governor of the State of South Carolina, in order that justice may be done and the majesty of the law vindicated, do hereby offer a reward of One Hundred Dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the person or persons who committed said act of incendiarism.

Loss of Flesh

When you can't eat breakfast, take Scott's Emulsion. When you can't eat bread and butter, take Scott's Emulsion. When you have been living on a milk diet and want something a little more nourishing, take Scott's Emulsion.

To get fat you must eat fat. Scott's Emulsion is a great fattener, a great strength giver. Those who have lost flesh want to increase all body tissues, not only fat. Scott's Emulsion increases them all, bone, flesh, blood and nerve.

For invalids, for convalescents, for consumptives, for weak children, for all who need flesh, Scott's Emulsion is a rich and comfortable food, and a natural tonic.



Programme of the Union Meeting of 1st Division of Edgefield Association, which meets with the Berea Baptist Church Saturday before the 5th Sunday in November at 10 o'clock.

1st Query—Explain the preaching of Christ to the Spirits in prison. Speakers—Rev. C. E. Burts, Rev. W. E. Johnson, Rev. G. H. Burton.

2nd.—Will the Heathen be lost without the Gospel. Speakers—Rev. C. E. Burts, Rev. P. P. Blacklock.

3rd.—Is the pulpit losing its power. Speakers—W. A. Strom, O. Sheppard, Jas. P. Bean, F. N. K. Bailey.

4th.—Why is there so much apathy among church members. Speakers—Rev. J. H. Burton, A. S. Tompkins, F. N. K. Bailey.

5th.—Is it the duty of Church members to come to Sunday school and bring their children. Speakers—R. T. Strom, J. J. Griffin.

6th.—What qualifications should the Superintendent of the Sunday school possess. Speakers—F. N. K. Bailey, S. N. Timmerman, F. P. Walker.

7th.—What is the duty of the church to her young members? Speakers—J. C. Morgan, P. R. Waits, Dr. D. A. J. Bell.

THE CORNER STORE'S THE CORNER STORE, W. H. TURNER, Proprietor. Will inaugurate the most LIBERAL prices known to modern merchandising on SILK WAISTING.

FALL MILLINERY. I am now displaying the most beautiful line of MILLINERY ever shown in Edgefield. INFANTS CAPS, MISSES HATS and a large assortment of LADIES UNTRIMMED HATS, READY-TO-WEAR HATS, PATTERN HATS are now DISPLAYED.

OUT PRICE SALE AT NEW YORK RACKET STORE. For the next ten days we will offer the greatest bargains ever given in Edgefield. Our entire STOCK of CLOTHING, SHOES, HATS, UNDERWEAR, DRESS GOODS, and full line of Dry Goods and Notions will be put upon the Bargain Counter at greatly reduced prices.

7 Bales of Homespun. 200 Dozen Hose, 300 Pair of Pants, 3000 Pairs Shoes, 300 Boy's and Men's Suits, 200 Ladies' Skirts and Jackets, 100 Dozen Ladies' Gents' and Childrens Undervests, 150 Pieces Outings and Flannelets.

DIXIE BLANKETS Our November Shipment of Elkin Blankets is here. They are made in the South, of Southern Wool by honorable Southern men for SOUTHERN PEOPLE.

THE AUGUSTA SAVINGS BANK. 805 Broad Street. We are opening NEW GOODS in all lines this week. Yours Truly, JAS. E. HART.

Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c.