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Our Columbia Letter.

Columbia, Feb. 3.—It would be exceedingly gratifying to the Confederate veterans if they could really know how deeply interested the members of the general assembly are in them. When the present pension act was passed at the last session of the legislature, providing more generously for the veterans, this act having been passed practically as it was drafted and presented by the veterans of the State themselves, it was not contemplated that the new act would work a hardship upon any veteran. However, as a result of a set of rules and regulations formulated by the pension commissioner, a great hardship and in some cases a positive injustice has been done some of the old veterans and widows of veterans, in that they have been required to prove again their claims, notwithstanding the fact that they have been recognized by the local pension boards for the past fifteen years as being entitled to receive a pension. Owing to this over exacting and arbitrary policy adopted by the pension commissioner, there is a growing sentiment here in favor of abolishing the new pension administration in toto, as recommended by the comptroller general in his annual report, and restoring the old system of distributing the pension funds. In fact, there is some legislation pending making that provision. It is altogether unwarranted and a positive injustice to old veterans and widows of veterans, in their infirmity, to require them to prove again their claims. In many instances the veterans who signed or attested the original claim 10 or 15 years ago are dead. If the original application was regularly executed and accepted without question by the local pension board, members of which, being veterans themselves, had some personal knowledge of the correctness of the claim, why should not the pension commissioner be willing to recognize the claim now? It would be better for a dozen unworthy men to receive a pension than for one needy, infirm, worthy veteran to have his name stricken from the pension roll by some exacting and arbitrary rule.

Notwithstanding the fact that it is the paramount issue, one that is causing every eye and ear over the State to be turned toward Columbia, good roads legislation has yet taken no definite form. The counties, at least many of them, Edgefield included, are waiting to see what will be done as a State-wide undertaking before definitely deciding upon what course to pursue with reference to their local road situation. If a satisfactory plan for the construction of the trunk lines of public roads of the State, those leading from county-seat to county-seat, can be agreed upon, then a number of the counties will enact local and supplementary legislation for building the lateral roads, those over which the majority of farmers travel in hauling.

It is probable that our delegation will increase the commutation or road tax just as many other counties have done. As a majority of Edgefield county's population is colored, and about the only tax, with the exception of the poll, that hundreds of colored men pay is the road tax, then with the tax and property increasing and the cost of road work increasing, why should not these men pay a larger road or commutation tax? How can the supervisor do any considerable amount of work on the roads of the county with the present commutation tax, when the sum paid by one man will not hire a day's work. If we are to have an increased property tax, for road building, then why in all justice, not have some increase in the road or commutation tax?

It augurs well for the State and for the future welfare of our people that the legislature is making generous provision for education through longer terms, better pay for teachers and more generous support of all institutions of learning. And yet, at

the same time there will be no lavish or unnecessary expenditure of money. Economy will be practiced. More next week.

J. L. MIMS.

Miss Florence Mims Writes of Visit to Seaman's Home.

Dear Advertiser:

I wanted to send a telegram home this afternoon saying how elated I was, but I could tell much more in this letter, and that seemed more practical. I had the pleasure of wending my way through the Italian quarter of the city through the snow, to a building known as the Marine's House where sailors are cared for and entertained. Here I was to read at three o'clock, but since I can never tell just how far I have to go, I left early and arrived at the place about two-fifteen.

Then I met the minister in charge, a certain Mr. Small, though he was not only large of stature, but large of heart and voice, as I soon found. Then he began to talk about Leland Powers, and immediately my attention was riveted to his every word. When he said at last that Mr. Powers was the greatest man in his line in the entire world, I of course, wasn't surprised, but only gratified to hear someone else who thought as I did, express himself.

In the audience were a large group of sailors, a wounded soldier, a professional humorist, the manager of a lyceum bureau, an English lecturer, five negro singers, a baritone, a cellist and myself, a motley crew.

The negroes with their accompanist called themselves the "Southland Quartet" and a very excellent quartet it was, breathing of the cotton fields and savouring of all the rhythm that the negroes' voices always contain.

If there is any one thing a Northern audience cares especially for, it is Southern negro dialect, so when my time on the program came I made my first attempt before an audience of reading a negro spiritual selection, which was called "The Glory Road."

We are all like ships on the ocean that take a new voyage every day, and each day we meet new people, but whether they be like the great ocean liners or only ordinary sail boats, they are interesting as were these sailors at the Mariner's House. They had touched far ports, intimately lived with wind and salt wave, and helped to carry on the work of the world in the great ships that touch our ports.

On my way home, I saw the frozen Charles river for just a flash between the tall buildings. It is always beautiful, but at night it is especially so with the myriads of lights along the bridge, and the domes of the Boston School of Technology silhouetted against the grey and rose of the sky.

One can pass the same route thousands of times and still see something interesting, for in the winter the snow so disguises the landscape as to make it almost unrecognizable. It is not what lies along our walk to office or school that makes them fascinating or otherwise, but rather what we see into them or fail to see into them that makes the disguise.

To-night as I passed the public gardens the grey statues of New England's statesmen and soldiers were conspicuously alone in the snow, some with cold, stone capes, or military uniforms and each with the snow protectingly against him.

Over on the Boston Common the foreign workmen were shovelling the snow into huge wagons preparatory to hauling it away. For snow is a thing of beauty, for a long time, only in the primeval forests where there is no traffic for it to mar or be marred by.

As I think it over, I know it is a good thing to read to an audience of sturdy mariners because they call up in the speaker a certain rugged sincerity, which they understand better than any exterior finesse.

FLORENCE MIMS.

142 Hemenway St., Boston, Mass.

EGGS FOR HATCHING

Pure bred White Leghorn (Barron and Wyckoff strain) \$1.50 per setting.

MRS. GEO. F. MIMS, Edgefield, S. C.

Bids Wanted.

Sealed bids will be received on February 22, by the supervisor for a loan of approximately \$75,000 to the county of Edgefield to defray ordinary county expenses for the year 1920. A lien on the taxes to be levied for the said year will be given to secure same. Notes are to be made monthly to meet the current expenses. The money which is collected by the county treasurer for taxes will be deposited with the bank making the lowest bid.

R. N. BROADWATER, Supervisor Edgefield County.

S. B. TOWNES WRITES

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trees tame squirrels and birds have made themselves their homes.

On the summit of this slope rests our nation's capitol.

"Jove, what an imposing pile," remarked Admiral Lord Jellicoe of the British Admiralty when he first saw the Capitol a few weeks ago. Imposing is the word.

Standing on the esplanade and looking at the east front, before you rears three colonnades of fluted Corinthian columns and above the centre portico springing from a peristyle of like columns towers the mighty dome, surmounted by the Statue of Armed Liberty.

Sandstone and marble are the main materials of the building, which covers over three acres.

In the right wing is the Senate Chamber and in the left wing the Hall of Representatives. The Rotunda, the Hall of Statuary and the Supreme Court occupy the centre.

The mind expands with magnificent impressiveness as one views the whole and it makes you feel a little out of place to enter the Rotunda and view the wonder-works of man, structural and legislative, too. Yes, you see your congressmen and senators, very astute and austere in sober, long debates.

I shall endeavor to "show you through" the Capitol next week.

Washington and Baltimore are becoming painfully dry, my brother. "Ship me somewhere east of Suez."

S. B. TOWNES.

Box 100 Indian Head, Md.

Statement of the Ownership, Management, Circulation, etc., Required by the Act of Congress of August 24, 1912.

Of Edgefield Advertiser published weekly at Edgefield, S. C., for October 1, 1920.

State of South Carolina, } ss.
County of Edgefield. }

Before me, a notary public in and for the State and county aforesaid, personally appeared J. L. Mims, who, having been duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he is the editor and publisher of the Edgefield Advertiser and that the following is, to the best of his knowledge and belief, a true statement of the ownership management (and if a daily paper, the circulation), etc., of the aforesaid publication for the date shown in the above caption, required by the Act of August 24, 1912, embodied in section 443, Postal Laws and Regulations, printed on the reverse side of this form, to wit:

1. That the names and addresses of the publisher, editor, managing editor and business managers are:

Publisher J. L. Mims, Edgefield, S. C.
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J. L. Mims, Edgefield, S. C.

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J. L. MIMS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of February, 1920.

E. J. MIMS, Not. Pub. for S. C. (My commission expires at pleasure of Governor.)

FOR RENT: A two-horse farm, sand-clay land. Will farm on shares or rent.

S. B. MAYS, Edgefield, S. C.

For This Week

WE ARE HAVING A

\$ ONE DOLLAR WINDOW \$

and it will pay you to take notice of the items therein, as we are closing out quite a few items of broken stock at 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 in order to make room for some spring goods that are on the way now. There is only one way to bring down the high cost of living, which can only be done by practicing economy and getting to work and make production fill some of the needs that we are so short of these days.

There is plenty of cold weather left in February and March, and plenty of time yet before you need your spring clothes. Why not call in and see if we can't save you money on anything you may need for immediate needs.

The Corner Store

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