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Why Brookland Should Annex.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The most important question before the people of Lexington county at present is: Shall Brookland and adjacent territory be annexed to Richland county? Those opposed to the proposition have discussed it at some length in your columns; those favoring it have so far remained silent.

SHOULD NOT ANNEX.

The reasons given by the Brookland annexationist to show why that town should go to Richland only proves that Brookland should remain a part and parcel of Lexington county.

The writer starts our with the admission that he is not directly interested in the matter and then proceeds to give advice to those people who are deeply interested in it. For over a quarter of a century we have been deeply interested in the welfare of every foot of ground in Lexington county and have time and again, both in the capacity of a public newspaper and private citizen, been called upon to advise our people affecting their material progress, and never once has that advice been found to be against their interests.

We are glad that our correspondent is anxious to consider conditions and we shall as briefly as we can consider them. Now, what are they? Only a few years ago, comparatively speaking, Brookland was but a pine forest with but four houses and confronted with that terrible drawback to her growth—a toll bridge.

A recent writer in the Dispatch says his bridge toll is from ten to twelve dollars per year. This is the lowest for foot passage alone. Then, is there any system of taxation that would take from the man worth from \$100 to \$500 the same amount? So, if the people of Brookland can be relieved of paying this toll by going into Richland county, who can blame them for desiring the change.

Suppose Brookland is annexed and Richland frees the bridge by levying an additional mill to the taxes, the man in Brookland and vicinity who pays \$5 tax would pay \$5.50, leaving a clear gain to the footman of \$11.50 per year—a neat sum.

The "Duck Mill" people built their operatives' houses on this side of the river to avoid the excessive taxation in Richland, finding that it was cheaper to pay the toll than the taxes. We submit that this is a strong reason why Brookland should remain as she now is.

In order that this question may be brought more fully before the people of Lexington county the writer—one who has taken no part and is not directly interested—desires to offer a few thoughts as suggested by hearing argument on both sides.

In the discussions of all questions, it is best to look at conditions as they really are, and never attempt to inject bitterness in the place of kindness or prejudice for argument. This writer is conscious of no bias on his part for or against any part of the county.

But, why this desire on the part of Brookland to be annexed to Richland county? In looking for an answer to this question, we must remember that these people are closely allied by kinship and in both business and social relations. Nearly everybody in Lexington county has close friends in Columbia.

For instance: All titles to real estate have to be examined at Lexington before sales can be made, Columbia attorneys do most of the work. The distance makes it expensive and the seller or buyer has to pay for the work.

Our correspondent argues that the nearness to Richland's county seat is an inducement. He seemingly forgets that a large part of legal business can and is being transacted through the mails and that but little legal business requires the personal presence of Columbia lawyers.

It has been said that three or four real estate owners are pushing this matter for personal gain. Those who favor it reply that they are not selfish in this matter, and that if by the change each of the four large real estate owners succeed in selling 20 lots each, that will mean the building of 80 houses which will give employment to a goodly number of workmen.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

LIKE MAGIC OUR BUSINESS GROWS.

Only a few weeks ago we had to more than double our room and today we need more room than ever.

Two buyers in New York City, one in Boston, one in Philadelphia and one in Baltimore are scanning the markets daily with greenbacks in their fingers, with orders from us to buy anything cheap in merchandise. Today we are shipping goods by freight and mail to several Southern States.

THINK OF

E E Homespun selling for 5c. per yard.

Think of 36 in. Fruit of the Loom Bleaching at 5c. per yard:

Both of these we have done as hundreds of well pleased customers will testify to the fact.

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GREATEST BARGAIN GIVING

ever attempted.

Our Boston Shoe buyer has just shipped us over 100 cases of Ladies' and Gent's Shoes. These he bought from under the Sheriff's hammer at 35c. on the dollar. We place this lot of merchandise on sale at once and offer Ladies' Shoes for 39c., and up for Ladies and Girls.

MILLINERY, MILLINERY!

Ladies' Trimmed Hats at 25c., 48c., and only \$5.00 for hats that some ask \$30.00 for. Cash and experience are the things that does the work.

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We are offering 3c., 7c., 14c., 19c. and 25c. Great drives in this department.

Men's, Youth's and Children's Clothing.

Our 69c. sale goes on. Just received 300 Fancy Black Worsted Suits for Men, the \$12.50 kind, at \$7.98. Only 100 pair of Men's Pants at 73c.; 100 pair at 98c.; 100 pair at \$1.48 and 100 pair at \$1.98. They are hard to equal at double the price.

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Wanted in this department 5,000 small boys to buy 25c. hats, and we would not object to 5,000 men to buy 25c. hats. Our \$2.00 hats for men are the finest hats manufactured.

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PROCLAMATION.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER. WHEREAS, A PETITION SIGNED by the qualified electors of a certain section of Lexington County has been filed with me, and from said petition and accompanying papers, it appears that one-third of the qualified electors of a certain section of Lexington County have signed said petition and proposed to be cut off and annexed to Richland County by said petition.

Brookland feels that nothing is to be expected from Lexington county, in face of the fact that several years ago when Columbia offered to pay two thirds to free the bridge and Brookland asked Lexington to pay the other third by taxes, prorated according to distance and use, there was a great hold made in violent opposition.

But, when Brookland grew in spirit of disadvantages and Columbia saw that a free bridge would greatly benefit Brookland, while her (Brookland's) taxes went to Lexington Columbia withdrew her offer. Brookland has never received a bounty at Lexington's hands—she doesn't ask for it, but she insists on fair play.

Here is an example at point: On account of her nearness to Columbia, Brookland has a good deal of legal business. There is not a week but what there is business to be transacted between the Magistrates of the two counties and, yet by an act Lexington's representative, cut Brookland entirely out. And when by amendment, Brookland was given a Magistrate, his salary was fixed at \$100—less than that of any other District in the county.

The idea seems prevalent that if the bridge is made free it will be free to everybody. Nothing of the kind is intended.

If after the annexation of Brookland and adjacent territory, Richland frees the bridge it will be free only to her own citizens. Others will have to pay until enough money is collected to pay for freeing same. This should understand.

Now, without any strong feeling in the matter we have given you the "other side." The point we want to make is this: In our opinion Brookland has made up her mind to go. If Lexington has any move to make, now is the time.

Sheriff's Sales.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LEXINGTON. In the Common Pleas Court. George W. Bowers, Assignee, Plaintiff, vs. James R. Watts, Rhoda Watts, Jacob F. Witt and Cornelia J. Witt, Defendants.

IN OBEEDIENCE TO THE DECREEAL orders of the court in this case, I will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, during the usual hours of sale, before the court house door at Lexington, S. C., on the first Monday in January next:

ALL that certain tract or parcel of land, containing 150 acres, more or less, composed of two tracts adjoining each other, situated, lying and being in the county and State aforesaid, on Pond Branch, waters of North Edisto river, bounded by lands of William P. Witt, Allen J. Jeffcoat and others and county lines between Orangeburg and Lexington counties.

TERMS—One-half cash; balance on a credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises sold, with option to pre-redeem to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers and revenues stamps.

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF AN execution issued out of the Court of Common Pleas for Lexington County, in the case of The Carolina National Bank of Columbia vs. J. A. Wolfe, and unto me directed, I have levied upon and will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, before the court house door at Lexington, S. C., during the usual hours of sale, on the first Monday in January next:

All the right, title and interest of J. A. Wolfe in and to all the lands of which his wife, Mrs. F. A. Wolfe, died seized and possessed, consisting of about twenty-two hundred and thirty acres, more or less, situate in Sandy Run township, in the county of Lexington and State of South Carolina, on Congaree River and the Old State Road and on the waters of Savannah River and Sandy Run creeks, and bounded by lands now or formerly of George Knight, A. H. Wolfe, Wesley Harvey, Walker, Evans & Cogswell and John A. Geiger.

Also, all that tract of land now owned by the said J. A. Wolfe, situate in Sandy Run township, in the county of Lexington and State of South Carolina, containing (350) acres, more or less, and bounded by lands late of Sidney Stoudermeire or Stoudermeire Estate, G. F. Feltner, A. L. Sumner, H. B. Clark and others, and known as the Epitaph lands.

TERMS Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers and revenues stamps. T. H. CAUGHMAN, S. C. Attorney for Plaintiff, Columbia, S. C., December 17, 1900.

Land Sale.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTITION the lands here described among the heirs of E. H. Donnick, deceased, I will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder, before the court house door at Lexington, S. C., during the usual hours of sale, on the first Monday in January next:

All that tract of land situate in the county of Lexington and State of South Carolina, containing thirty nine and one-half (39 1/2) acres, more or less, bounded by lands of Sidney Stoudermeire or Stoudermeire Estate, G. F. Feltner, A. L. Sumner, H. B. Clark and others, and known as the Epitaph lands.

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Notice. Notice, Trespassers.

ALL PARTIES INDEBTED TO THE Estate of Mrs. Eliza A. Fox, deceased, are notified that they must make payment on or before the 1st day of January, 1901, and those having claims against the said Estate must present them, properly attested to the undersigned on or before said date. ALFRED A. FOX, Executor. December 19, 1900. Discontinued cocoanut, already prepared for making pies, custards and cakes, at the Bazaar.