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G. M. HARMAN. Editor and Publisher.

LEXINGTON, S. C., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1900,

SHOULD NOT ANNEX.

The reasons given by the Brook land 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 have with pride and gratification watched the evolution of Brookland from a hamlet to the present thriving and prosperous town, and we are prepared to state, without fear of successful contradiction, that a town that has shown such marked improvements in so short a time as Brookland has done, the drawbacks of which our correspondent complains have been no drawbacks at all, but rather blessings in disguise. They have stood as bulwalks of protection to Brookland's business interests, consequently her prosperity.

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. This was once her condition. Reverse the picture and look at her condition to day. With the same drawback of a toll bridge she has grown to be the metropolis of the county and an important business town and is growing more prosperous each day. The conditions are favorable and prove that every consideration should in duce Brookland to remain with Lexington, and especially so since the advocates of annexation never have given a logical reason to show that her condition would be improved by going into Richland.

Our correspondent argues that th nearness to Richland's county's 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 pres ence of Columbia lawyers. Lexington has a number of local attorneys who are as well read in the law as those of any other place and to retain these will obviate the necessity of the presence of a Columbia law ver at all. So this is no argument to show any benefit which is to come

from the change. 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. Again our friend complains because the Brookland merchant has to pay 25 cents toll on every onehorse load of goods. In reply, we submit that it is a known fact that the Columbia merchants are paying the same toll and besides delivering goods free to their customers in Brookland and were it not for "those closed gates" the merchants of Brookland will find that instead of loosing a portion of the trade of the factory operatives by reason of having no toll to pay, that a large portion of the other trade will be lost for the same reason. But, then, the merchants of Brookland can avoid paying the toll by making Cayce their shipping point.

It is doubtful whether the four large real estate owners will be benefited by the proposed change. The inducements to purchase homes in Brookland are greater now than they would be by the change. The reference to the selling of 20 lots each is a matter of conjecture only which has foundation only in the writer's supposition. But even if the lots should be sold by reason of annextion, this change would increase the valuation upon the home of the poor man without increasing his wages one cent to pay the increased valuation. There is not one jot or title to show that the Board of Equalization of Richland will not raise the valuation of the lands on this side to correspond with those on the other Indeed this will be about the first official act done.

The territory proposed to be taken is too small to warrant Richland to burden herself with an additional mil to her taxes, to free the bridge and it is possible that if Brookland goes she will yet bave nofree bridge. We are not so much opposed to a free bridge as we are to the annexation of Brookland, and we contend that if the bridges are ever freed they will have to be made so by Lexington and Richland jointly.

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

it have so far remained silent. 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 hear-

length in your columns; those favor-

ing 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. Born and reared in Lexington county he feels a reasonable pride in her record, and has an abiding faith "that what 'ere befall; her citizenship "will be equal to it all."

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. And then, the nearness of Richland's county seat to Brookland is a very important factor; for all legal business and county affairs could be transacted in Columbia ir a few hours, whereas at Lexington it takes, on account of distance, a day.

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. In a place like Brookland there is a great deal of such work to be done, and no little trouble is caused by the inconvenience. Those favoring annexation

feel that Brookland and Columbia, lying side by side, and having similar interests should have uninterrupted intercourse. At present the business relations between the two places is hindered and retarded by a toll bridge, which is a heavy expense on the poor people of Brookland and 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.

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 em-

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ployment to a goodly number of workmen. This, they say, rould add a new impetus to the life of Brookland. It has become a maxim that in all enterprises capital and

In reply to the argument that a account of trade going to Columbia, they point to the fact that there are stores at Hyatt's Park and in the mill districts of Columbia. In fact, it is claimed that most of Brookland's It has been said that three or four | trade have at present free passage work in the "Duck Mill" have free passage (the mill pays the toll) and still they trade in Brookland. Yet, Brookland's merchants have to pay 25 cents for every one horse load of goods brought over. They are nearer the freight depot than many Columbia merchants, but the gates are shut

against them. 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 howl made in violent

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 L xington's hands—she doesn't ask 1896, do hereby order and election in the

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 By the Governor: the bridge is made free it will be free to everybody. Nothing of the kind is intended.

If af er the annexation of Brookland and adjucent 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 all 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 Lexin ton has any move to make, now is the time.

PROCLAMATION.

HEREAS, A PETITION SIGNED by the qualified electors of a certain section of Lexington County has been filed labor must work together for success. | with me. and from said petition and accompanying papers, it appears that one-third of the qualified electors residing within the free bridge would ruin Brookland on area of the section of the said Lexington County proposed to be cut off and annexed to Richland County have signed said petition. Said section containing 5 64-100 square miles and bounded as follows: All that part of Lexington County that lies within the following lines: Beginning at the point where Double Branch empties in Saluda River; thence the said Branch to be the line as far as a point upon the said Branch, which is six (6) Chains in a northover the bridge. The families who eastwardly direction from the corner of the tracts of lands belonging to J. D. Senn and Adam Ehrhardt; thence in a straight line six (6) chains S. 16 degrees W. to the said corner of the said Senn and Ehrhardt tracts of land; thence in a straight line 15.83

chains S. 29 degrees E. to a stake near Double Branch Church; thence in a straight line running west of said Church 50.80 chains S. 271 degree: E. an old ditch being the line to the Augusta public road; thence continuing said line in the same direction, 163, 5 chains to a stake upon the line which separates the tracts of land belonging to W. J. Cayce and A. R. Taylor; thence continuing in a straight line 79 chains, N. 63 degrees E to a stake upon side of hill on lands of Mrs. Carrie Cayce, west of Cayce's Mill Pond; thence in a straight line trossing said Pond, 31 chains, N. 574 degrees E. to the point where the new Government Road and the State Road intersec; thence along said line of the new Government Road and continuing in the same direction to a point upon the Congaree River; thence to the point of be-

ginning, Congaree and Saluda Rivers being And, whereas, it appears that Lexington County would still meet all the Constitu tional requirements as to area, property But, when Brookland grew in spite and population, etc., as required by the Constitution and Statutes:

And, whereas, the requirements as to distance from the Court House at Lexington are complied with. NOW, THEREFORE, I, M B McSwad ney, Governor of the State of South Caro lina, in compliance with the requirements of the Act of the General Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the formation of territory as above described proposed to be cut off from the County of Lexington on Wednesday, the 2nd day of January, 19:1. to be held in accordance with the require

ments of said Act, at which election the electors shall vote "yes" or "no" upon the question of incorporating the above described section of Lexington County within the limits of Richland County The voting place to be at the polling place or places as provided in general elections. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed, at Co-

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The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LEXINGTON. In the Common Pleas Court. George W. Bowers, Assignee, Plaintiff,

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court house door at Lexington, S. C., on the first Monday in January next; All that certain tract or parcel of land, entaining 150 acre, more or less, comsed of two tracts adjoining each other, ituated, 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 Jefcoat and others and county lines between Orangeburg and Lexington counties. Said lands were conveted by H H Geiger, S L C, to J. R. Watts, on the 6th day of April, A. D 1874. For more particular description of said lands, reference must be had to said convevance on record in the Clerk of Cour.'s office for Lexington county. Said lands

will be sold in two separte tracts. TERMS-One-balf cash; balance on a credit of twelve n.onths. with interest from day of sale, secured by bond of purcheser and moregage of the premises sold, with option to purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for capers and revenue stamps.
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December 17, 19:0. T. S. Moorman, E.q., Columbia., S. C., Plaintiff's Attorney.

INDER AND BY VIRTUE OF AN execution issued cut of the Court of ommon Pleas for Lexington County, in the case of The Carolina National Bink of Celambia vs J A. Wolfe, and unto me directed, I have levied upon and will sell at ublic cutery to the highest bidder, before he court house d or at Lexington, S. C. during the usual hours of sale, on the first Monday in January next;

All the right, title and interests of J. A. Wolfe in and to all the lands of which his wife, Mrs. F. A. Wolfe, died seized and ssessed, consisting of about twenty-two hundred an Itwelve (2212) 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 Savanna Hunt and Sandy Run creeks and bounded by lands now or formerly of George Kaigler, H. Wolfe, Wesley Harsey. 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 now or formerly of Wesley Harsey, Walker, Evans & Cogswell, Estate lands of John A.

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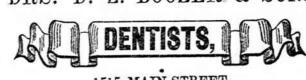
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