

The Lexington Dispatch

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THE RURAL FREE DELIVERY.

The rural free mail delivery inaugurated by Congressman Stokes, of this district, and adopted by the Post Office Department of the government, has met with popular favor wherever the system has been put in operation and continues to become more popular as the people in the rural districts begin to experience and realize the great convenience and benefits of the system.

While the government is doing all that it can consistently do and can be reasonably expected of it, yet it expects the communities in which the system is to be put in operation to do their part to facilitate the prompt delivery of mail matter. In the first place it requires that there shall be good roads. Communities seeking the conveniences of the free rural mail delivery must satisfy the department that the territory covered by the route is traversed by good roads, either macadamized, gravel or what not, so long as they are in good travelling condition.

Through courtesy we publish an article in this issue taken from the editorial columns of the Colleton Press and Standard, nominating one Capt. D. C. Heyward of Walterboro for Governor. It is too early in the campaign to commit ourselves to the support of any particular candidate for this office. In fact the weather has been so changeable, the crop prospects so gloomy and business so dull that we have given this important matter but little thought and no consideration. There is time enough to bring out candidates for State offices and our people should be given a rest from politics this "off" year.

We publish on our outside the position of Senator McLaurin on national issues and wherein he differs with the policies of the Republican party. We publish it for the reason that it is the fullest and clearest explanation of his views which has yet been published and for the further reason that it is due to him that his defense should be as widely circulated as possible. Our readers should read it and draw their own conclusions.

LEXINGTON BOYS ABROAD.

As announced in the Dispatch of Jun 12, our party left Lexington, in the pouring rain, for Buffalo, on the 5:20 p. m. Southern train, and after an all night's ride we arrived at the Capital of these glorious United States on Thursday morning about 9 a. m.

The Southern Railway certainly has a fine roadbed between home and Washington, the schedule is fast and its service is elegant bordering on the luxury. Our trip, so far, was made without a mishap or incident to throw a damper upon the buoyant spirits of the Lexington boys abroad. After refreshing the inner man with the refreshments elegantly served at "The St. James," and brushing the dust and stains of travel from our persons we started out to "take in" the sights of this "city of magnificent distances."

In Baltimore our party was met by Brother Rice, who took us under his brotherly care and we were soon pleasantly domiciled in the home where he is boarding. Baltimore enjoys the distinction of being the distributing point of the vast southern trade and its commercial interests are very great. On every hand signs of business activity and the hum and bustle of traffic is to be heard. Baltimore, like Washington, contains innumerable commodious business houses and beautiful private residences.

On our arrival at the metropolis of the United States we put up at the Clarendon Hotel, which is located on the corner of 4th Avenue and 18th street, where we are faring sumptuously every day. It was our good fortune to meet up with a college chum of Sammie Roof, who attended Clemson with him. We are certainly having a "Fourth of July" time, and are making the best of our opportunity to take in as much of the wonders of the historic old city as possible. We have gone through Central park, a place where the teeming thousands of the city congregate for recreation and pleasure, and will visit Coney Island, the land of sausages, and other places, ere we leave for Buffalo. The houses here are packed closer than sardines in a box, and the streets are constantly thronged with struggling humanity who push and elbow each other without leave or license in their frantic efforts to make headway through the serging throng of individuals.

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Solicitor Thurmond Explains.

To the Editor of the Dispatch: I see in your issue of the 12th instant, a criticism on the court officials for the short term of court for your county this week.

If blame is attributable to any one for said short term, I alone should be the victim, for I am solely responsible for it. In advance of court, I wrote your Clerk that only jail cases would be tried, and I wrote and telegraphed parties litigant and their witnesses to same effect—the Clerk extended the notice I gave him, and the result was that only a few witnesses, except those against parties in jail, attended and being present I handed out bills in the cases they had appeared in.

Fairness, no doubt, would have dissuaded you from writing said criticism if you had known the facts, which were: 1. The cases for trial were of a trivial character, that is, those on bond; principally assault and battery cases, and therefore, public peace and order could not suffer by a postponement until September.

2. There were six parties in jail, the cases against four of them were disposed of, the witnesses against the other two when last heard of were in Georgetown, and of course I would not keep the jury a week, perhaps, and then possibly not get the witnesses, besides I thought they would be bailed, and one of them is out, so I am informed, and the other will be pretty soon I think.

In the discharge of my duties I endeavor to protect the interest of the State and litigants and also the interest of the jurors and witnesses, when the interest of the latter are not inconsistent or at the expense of the former.

At said term of court jurors appealed to me to execute my plans to try only jail cases and stated what I already knew was desired and which reasonable desire prompted my action in the premises, to wit: to allow the jurors and witnesses to get back to their farms which were grassy and needed work very much on account of the frequent rains; and I knew full well the importance of several days work on the farm at that time, and I knew that the absence of a small farmer from his crop for several days under the circumstances might result in great damage to him, hence feeling assured that no harm financially or otherwise would result to the county and that great damage to the jurors and witnesses would be averted thereby, I restricted the trial of cases to parties in jail and allowed jurors and other persons in attendance to go to their homes on Monday when cases against parties in jail had been disposed of. I may say further, that it is no unusual occurrence to try only jail cases at the spring term, for same reasons that prompted me at said term to which you refer.

Very truly yours, J. Wm. Thurmond. Edgefield, S. C., June 14, 1901.

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Sheriff's Sale. The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LEXINGTON, Court of Common Pleas. George S. Drafts, Plaintiff, against W. J. Cayce, and R. W. Cayce, defendants.