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G. M. HARMAN, Editor and Publisher.

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## OPTIONS REDEEMED.

The option on several very eligible sites for the development of water power on Saluda river in the neighborhood of Amick's ferry, were closed by the purchase of the property and paying spot cash for the same. In the recent past over three or four thousand dollars have been paid to persons owning property bordering on the river in that vicinity. While the titles to these properties have been taken in the name of single individuals, yet it is generally understood that these properties are bought with a view of eventually becoming a part and parcel of the plant of the Lexington and Columbia Electric Railway. While not wishing to be understood as speaking authoritatively, yet we cannot but help expressing the opinion that the building of this road is now a certainty, and that the road will not stop at this place but will be extended to Saluda Court House and from thence to Greenwood, taking the route already suggested by the Dispatch some years ago. All the movements of the projectors of the enterprise point in this direction at least and this conclusion is entirely reasonable. There is no question about this route being the most practicable one that could possibly be adopted. The country through which it passes is already sufficiently developed as to give assurance that the road will be a paying investment from the very beginning. The people in that section, so we understand are favorably disposed toward the enterprise and are willing to contribute liberally toward its construction should they be given a reasonable assurance that the road will be extended through their section. In the purchase of these water power properties this assurance has been amply and satisfactorily given.

The building of the Lexington and Columbia Electric Railway means a great deal for Saluda, Lexington and Columbia—more so, perhaps, than is thought by the general public. To Columbia, beside other advantages too obvious to mention, it means a vast increase in the volume of its business, the amount of which is almost inconceivable at this writing; to Lexington it means the development of her inexhaustible water powers and the establishment of cotton factories and other manufacturing enterprises of various kinds, and to Saluda the opening up of transportation facilities to the capital city where all the conveniences of modern traffic and commerce can be had by those people who are now bottled up by reason of a lack of transportation facilities to cheaply move the products of its people. These, of course, are only a few of the advantages which will accrue to the sections of country through which this contemplated road is to be built, but they clearly demonstrate the great possibilities in the development of our resources, the accomplishment of which will make us the most progressive, the most prosperous, the wealthiest and the happiest people on earth.

## The Editor on the Roads.

Our next point was the coming city of the Fork—the ambitious town of Hilton. On arriving there we found Mr. Bob Hiller, and his industrious and wide awake clerk, Johnnie Green, "on the trot" behind the counters, supplying the wants of their numerous customers in consideration for the exchange of the common currency of the country. Bob enjoys a good trade, is public spirited and a "hail fellow well met."

We broke the staff of life with our old friend, D. A. Richardson, at White Rock. He has increased his stock of general merchandise and enjoys a good trade and now occupies his old stand with a fresh and clean stock. Our old war comrade and friend, J. B. Shealy, also carries a nice assortment of general merchandise and has a fair trade. Winding up our work there we soon found ourself at the home of our friend, Walter F. Derrick who said it was an unwise thing for us to drive right over the puddings and sausages waiting our pleasure. We enjoyed his company and the kindness of his family.

While at White Rock we had the pleasure of shaking hands with the Rev. S. C. Ballentine. This faithful ambassador of God is greatly beloved by the members of his immediate congregations as well as the community at large for his high Christian character, his open hearted charity and his genial and sunshiny disposition. Not alone is he a leader in spiritual affairs but in the social department of life he takes an active and leading part. Prof. Ernest U. Shealy is the head of a flourishing school at that place. He is a rising statesman and has a brilliant future before him with the laudable ambition of climbing the ladder of fame and plucking the laurel wreath.

Saturday morning, re-joined by Mr. Hiller, who had spent the night at his own home, we resumed our journey over sloppy and disagreeable roads or rather what was mud where the road ought to have been. We arrived safely at Mrs. Mary Busby's, our next stopping place. Here we found pretty near all the taxpayers of that vicinity awaiting us and who were turned away rejoicing. It was with sharp appetites that we promptly responded to the call of dinner, and we did full justice to the smoking food placed before us.

The next and last place for the week was at Ballentine, which we made in the pouring rain and having crossed swollen streams. Mr. Jas. S. Boozer carries a nice stock and is doing a fair business. Mr. Richter has returned to the place and opened up in his old stand with a stock of goods.

This completed the labors of the week, but alas for the poor Editor, the mad rushing waters of the angry Saluda flowed between him and home "so near and yet so far", we realized that we were water bound, and felt like saying something more expressive than polite, but didn't. We, however, accepted the situation with what grace we could and yielded to the solicitations of Mr. Banks Hiller to spend Sunday with him, and, if the rain did pour and the clouds hung low in the heavens we had a delightful time and the day, though gloomy, was pleasantly spent in the sunshine of the happiness which finds a perpetual lodgement in this home.

Monday we reluctantly turned our face towards Irmo where we arrived in due time and was taken in charge by good old Elias Metz who has never been known to go back on a good friend. We took dinner, supper and spent the night and ate breakfast with him and then left for our next appointment at Capt. Hooks. Captain Hook is a gallant survivor of the Civil War and it was our good fortune to serve with him in that memorable contest. He made a soldier, and is a patriotic, and peace-loving citizen as well as a kind neighbor and a Christian gentleman. Here we found that on account of the swollen condition of the river, we could not reach home by the usual route of travel, so we left the Deputy to serve the people and put out for Broad river bridge which we crossed and found the famous Broad river road in Richland county, the excellency of which has recently been

extolled to the high heavens as a model for other counties to imitate, to be in as bad, if not a worse condition as the roads in Lexington over which we had just travelled. We passed through Columbia without stopping, crossed the Congaree river, and lo! McGregor was on his native heath again.

Our trip is finished and we are now confined indoors where no vision of turkey and trimmings, of pork ribs and sausage, passes before our mind's eye, and no bad roads and inclement weather disturbs the peacefulness of our midnight dreams.

We take this occasion to return our warm and sincere thanks to our numerous friends throughout the county for the many and varied kindness bestowed upon us, not only during this trip, but whenever it has been our lot in life to be thrown upon their generosity and hospitality. We like to get out among the people to mingle with them in their homes and learn their views upon matters interesting alike to town and country life. Our heart was made to rejoice with exceeding great joy to find the people in as prosperous condition as they are the beginning of the planting season, as a rule, finds them in more favorable circumstances than for years before. The majority part of them are well provided with provender and the other necessities of life for man and beast. But few of them comparatively speaking, will have to purchase supplies to any considerable amount. They are more hopeful of the future and consequently in a happier and more contented frame of mind.

We were glad to learn that the laborious efforts of our efficient Auditor, G. A. Derrick, to accommodate the taxpayers in every way possible is duly appreciated by them. He is growing more popular every day as his faithfulness in the discharge of his duties is being more fully understood.

## Chief of Police Killed.

Chief of Police, J. B. King, was shot and killed by Joe Davis at the home of the latter on Factory Hill, in Bamberg, on February 4th. The incidents which led up to the deplorable tragedy are about as follows:

Davis and his wife had been having a row that morning and Davis had threatened her with punishment of a summary kind, she reported the circumstances to Sheriff Hunter, with the purpose of having her husband placed under a peace bond. The Sheriff sent the Chief of Police up to the house to try and settle the matter. When Mr. King arrived at the house and ascended the steps, Davis, who was in the front room, called to him to stop, King continued to advance to the front door, on which he tapped. Whether he pushed the door open, or whether it was opened from the inside, will never be known but it is certain as the door opened, Davis, who was standing just inside, fired on the officer, using a double-barrelled shot gun loaded with small shot. King reeled from the piazza and expired a few minutes later. Davis surrendered:

Mr. King was well and favorably known to a large number of the people of Lexington county, he having done business in Columbia as proprietor of the King's Racket Store, and was generally esteemed for his high business qualities, his gentlemanly deportment and his affable and genial disposition. After his business misfortune in Columbia, which arose from having his stock of goods consumed by fire, he went to Batesburg and lived there quite a time and then went to Charleston and from thence to Bamberg to take charge of the dry goods business of John A. Spann. He was elected to his present office on the and took charge on January 1st.

## Candidates for Town Election.

We, the undersigned, hereby announce ourselves as candidates for Intendant and Wardens of the Town of Lexington:

For Intendant—Alfred J. Fox.

For Wardens—Q. E. Caughman, J. J. Bickley, G. Mally Harman and Simon Smith. 16

The weather for the latter days of last week was remarkable for its mildness.

## Visit to the Legislature.

Last Friday business called us to Columbia and while there we visited the night session of the House of Representatives to see what the members of that august body were doing for their constituents in return for the \$4 per diem, and we must confess that our observation leads us to the conclusion that they earn every cent of it.

It is certainly a fine body of men, representing every section of the grand old Palmetto State, who seemed to be impressed with a correct view of their great responsibilities. We were glad to notice the entire absence of all factional feelings, which characterized former sessions of the Legislature in recent years. This is an omen that factionalism is indeed dead and buried in this State and hereafter the Democracy of South Carolina will devote its influence and energies to promote the industrial interest of the State or, in other words, in the impressive, if not classic, language of Representative Holman, they will vote like Carolinians, trust in God, stand by their guns and keep their powder dry.

We were pleasantly impressed with the dignity, fairness and courteous manner with which Speaker Smith presided over the proceedings of the House. He is certainly the right man in the right place.

Our own delegation will compare favorably with that of any other county in the State, without a single exception.

Hon. D. F. Eird has large experience in legislative matters and is thus able to cope with the shrewdest politician and most astute parliamentarian. On most questions of public interest he is sound. He is devoted to the interest of his constituents in particular and the people of the State in general. He is one of the most prominent leaders of the House and his judgment is accredited and his opinions received with thoughtful consideration. Lexington is proud of his record.

Hon. John Bell Towill has served a part of a term, having been elected to fill the unexpired term of Congressman A. F. Lever and is now entering upon the full term having been returned by a very flattering vote of his people in the last primary. His manly form is a prominent and conspicuous figure upon the floor of the House. So for he has been faithful to every pledge made during the campaign and his vote has always been consistent with his views expressed on the hustings. He is making an enviable reputation for himself and is recognized as one of the leaders. He is an able debater, eloquent in speech and convincing in argument and is making a host of friends for himself.

Col. J. Brooks Wingard is serving his first term and is therefore laboring under the disadvantages, which besets the pathway of every new member, nevertheless, his trained mind, his attractive personality and courteous bearing are having a very perceptible influence upon his contemporaries and by the next session his merits and ability will be fully recognized and appreciated and he will take the position to which he is justly entitled by reason of his culture and attainments.

In the Senate, Lexington county is ably represented in the person of Hon. W. H. Sharpe. He has a logical mind, clear conceptions and sound judgment on all political questions. As a Senator he has been very successful and has been such as to mark him as a man of ability and prominence.

On the whole we have no fault to find with our delegation and can conscientiously write in commendation of each one "Well done good and faithful servant."

Mr. J. K. Derrick, the popular telegraph operator at Little Mountain, and Miss Lavinia, the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. J. S. Wessinger, were happily married in the Lutheran church at Chapin. On Thursday, February 12th, 1903, Rev. J. K. Eird performed the ceremony and was assisted by the Rev. O. B. Shearouse. May their lives be spent in the garden of happiness and their cup of pleasure perpetually overflowing.

# HAPPY AND HEALTHY.

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F. E. KENAH.

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