

Our Trip Continued.

We have stood the hardships and inconveniences of our joint through the county remarkably well. True, we have at times been considerably worried at being absent from the Dispatch office, which is "the apple of our eye" and "the darling of our heart," but upon the whole our trip has been one of pleasure and of surprises—of pleasure because everywhere we went we were treated with uniform kindness and courtesy by all we met, and of surprises because of the hopefulness of our people as regards the future of the county as well as the happy, contented and peaceful lives they are leading. On all sides, in every community and in nearly every home there are tangible evidences of improvement either completed or in the course of construction. The blessings of plenty have given a wonderful increase as a reward for the industry and labor of the husbandman. We are now more firmly convinced than ever before that Lexington county is the veritable garden spot of the universe indeed and in truth. The spirit of progress has begun to leaven and its workings will ultimate result in the increased prosperity of the people. We would that we had the time and space to give an account of the improvements we noticed in the different communities, but unfortunately neither will permit at this time, we may do so later when we again settle down to office work.

Our appointment for the week began at Edmund, and after traveling over the long, dusty and sandy road, we arrived at our destination and found only a few tax payers present to settle their obligations they owe the State for the privilege of having the "Stars and Stripes" to wave over them. They were waited on in "Get Rich Quick" style by the Treasurer, while the Editor's pocket was made a little heavier by the addition of a few large size "cart wheels." We then decided to break the "staff of life" with our old time friend, Mr. John McCartha, known throughout the Black Creek section as a man of sterling traits of character, great industry, and reached his hospitable home about sundown. After a refreshing night's rest, we started for our next appointment.

At Pelion we met a very large number of taxpayers, who kept the Treasurer busy until after nightfall while we hustled around to pick up a cart wheel here and there. The merchants wore happy smiles as if they were all enjoying a good trade, waxing rich and using those riches in developing the resources of the community and in lightening the burdens of the people of the community. The first on our list is D. F. Shumpert, who, together with his clerks Messrs. Hammond and Rawls, are ready at all times to see that the wants of customers are supplied with the best the market affords. Our next is D. B. Sphaler, with his masters of ceremony, Messrs. Wise and Hutto, whose invitation is come unto me ye naked and I will clothe thee, ye hungry and I will give you to eat, and so on down to the end of the beautiful beatitudes. Last, but by no means least, is Mr. Curtis Rish, who is the judicial magistrate of that bailiwick. He holds the scales of justice with an even hand and is a terror to evil doers, while the weak and oppressed and peace loving find in him a friend and a protector. Besides this he enjoys a good patronage in his mercantile business. Here we also found that public spirited citizen, Mr. J. C. Fort, known the county as the "Daddy of Pelion," who is as lively as a cricket and as smiling as a French dancing master. He deserves much of the credit for the progress of the town. He is the fortunate possessor of a fine water power that is capable of development at a very small outlay of capital, and one of the possibilities of the near future is that capitalists will utilize it for a cotton factory site. Dr. Kneese looks well after the health of the place and his skillful treatment has

caused many a heart to rejoice on account of the restored health of loved ones.

Tuesday afternoon we were at Mr. Jacob Williams, and there we were happy to meet the sturdy sons of toil of that community, and with them passed receipts for the cash, thus making us all happy.

Our next point was Steadman, where we met our numerous friends. Soon we were collared by that patriotic citizen, Mr. W. L. Quattlebaum, who wilfully and with malice (?) aforethought arrested and took us to his pleasant home and then and there treated us like as if we were a king. Our grateful thanks go out to him and his estimable family for their kindness to us. Steadman is quite a business little place, and is a good market for lumber, naval stores and cotton. The merchants are H. J. Burgess, Thurman Quattlebaum and B. B. Hall, while Messrs. Gunter and Gantt keep the turpentine interest booming.

Early Wednesday morning found the wandering pilgrims at Samaria. Here we found Mr. Westmoreland, who is known among his host of friends as simply "Bill," so well liked is he. His firm of Westmoreland & Son, is doing a tremendous business in buying and selling all kinds of commodities and utilities and is doing a wonderful work for the people of their community. As an instance of the volume of trade we mention the fact that they did a \$15,000 business the past season.

We reached Batesburg and found the place aglow with her new innovation. The vacant lot opposite the depot was dotted with tents of various shapes and forms, Ferris wheels, balloon ascensions, "she eats 'em alive" and other attractions of a like nature. The town was alive with moving humanity, who were on pleasure bent and seemed to be enjoying that pleasure to its full extent, and there was certainly great activity in trading circles. The merchants were all smiles, their faces looking like a ray of sunshine breaking through a dark cloud. The city fathers are putting in their electric and water plants, which will be of inestimable value to the place. We found the Racket Store truly alive with busy people securing bargains that Mr. Whitten is giving. Capt. E. Jones had his hands full in his attempt to wait upon the vast crowd that thronged his store. The secret of his success, like Mr. Whitten's, is that he carries a line of goods suitable for the town and country trade, and advertises what he has to sell. Mr. J. C. Glover, also enjoys a good share of business, because he sells goods at rock bottom prices. Mr. W. A. Cooner, known to the readers of the Dispatch as the "Batesburg clothing and shoe house," carries a line of goods, which are the best and his prices the lowest. He is bound to succeed because he misrepresents nothing. The other merchants are carrying a nice line of goods and are enjoying good trades. We were pleased to meet Prof. J. R. T. Major, who faithfully looks after the educational interest of the town.

At Leesville it was our good fortune to fall into the hands of Dr. D. M. Crosson, who took charge of us, body and soul and conveyed us to his elegant home. Dr. Crosson is among our most distinguished physicians and patriotic citizens. He is popular with the masses on account of his kindness of heart and his attention to the poor and needy. He has a fine orchard in which are planted numerous varieties of fruits. His farming interest is large. The tax payers were prompt. Leesville has fine stores and the merchants all carry a really pretty line of goods. Matthews & Bouknight carries the largest stocks of any merchant in the county. Their low prices have attracted customers from Lexington, Aiken and Saluda counties. Mr. C. D. Barr is conducting a live business and is greatly improving his store. His coffin and furniture factory is quite a success. The Oil Mill, under the management of W. Aug. Shealy, is doing a great work for the place. The Bank building is going up rapidly and its doors will soon be thrown open to the public when Henry Meetze's face will light up with a smile, as he handles the velvety bills of our Uncle Sam.

The educational interests of Leesville is the best in the State. Prof. Haynes, who by the way is a self made man, his father having been an employee in the Glendale Mill, near Spartanburg, and the Professor worked a while and used his income to pay his tuition through Wofford. He has done a wonderful work for Lexington county in general and Leesville in particular.

Friday night we spent with Mrs. Shealy, the venerable mother of the County Treasurer, where we were wooed to sleep in the feathery down of one of her clean and sweet beds.

After waiting upon the few people that met us at Summit we drove to Gilbert, formerly Lewiedale, there we found the live and progressive merchants: W. H. Donly, T. S. Senee and R. L. Keisler, and about 2 p. m. we pulled lines for home.

The Treasurer's collections were good, the Editor's fairly so. Some met us like men and others gave us the dodge.

Last Monday found us on the road to Irmo with the hope of meeting a large number of our friends.

Christmas Goods.

- Military Sets, Clothes Brushes, Toilet Sets, Combs and Brushes, Jewelry Boxes, Mirrors, Writing Sets, Smoking Sets, View Holders, Card Receivers, Lamps, Child's C. and B. Sets, Shaving Sets, Manicure Pieces, Wrist Bags, Album Games, Books, Testaments, Bibles, Jewelry of every description, Gold Watches form \$10 to \$30, China Cups and Saucers, Mugs, Tooth Picks, China Novelities, 4 Piece Table Sets, Fruit Baskets, Fruit Bowls, Comb and Brush Trays, Tea, Sugar and Cream Chocolate Sets, Water Sets, Best Figured Vases, Toy Tea Sets, Dolls of every description, Scissor Sets, Manicure Cases, Knife, Thimble and Scissors Sets, Cologne of every kind, in price from 25c. to \$5.00.

Crosson Drug Co., LEESVILLE, S. C.

New Store.

NEW GOODS AND NEW PRICES.

Fine Feed, Flour, Meal, Grist, Rice, Lard, Bacon, Sugar, Coffee, Butter, Sausage, Cheap Hardware, Tin, Enamelled and Glassware, all at low cut prices.

ENTERPRISE SAUSAGE MILLS

LARD MILLS at REDUCED PRICES. Cabbage, Turnips, Onions, Irish Potatoes, Cocoanuts and apples at prices that cannot be beat. Country Produce exchanged for goods

M. D. HARMAN,

DEALER IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE, LEXINGTON, S. C. Corner opposite Court House Square.

Warning. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons not to trespass in any manner upon our lands, lying in Gilbert Hollow and Chinguepin townships, either by hunting, cutting trees, night or day. All violators of this notice will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 6pd HARTLEY BROS.

Trespass Notice. ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY notified not to trespass in any manner whatever, upon my lands. The law will be enforced against all persons so doing. 6pd DAVIS GANTT.

Trespass Notice. ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY forbidden to hunt, fish, haul wood or trespass in any manner whatever, upon our lands. The law will be vigorously enforced. 6pd D. H. WHEELER, L. G. WHEELER, J. V. AMICK, JAS. A. AMICK, J. H. KOON.

For Sale. I WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT public auction on the 29th day of November, 1904, at my place on Hollow Creek, corn, fodder, farming implements, buggy, wagon, cow and calf, mare, work mule and mule colt and other articles to the highest bidder. 1/26pd. WALTER SHEALY.

Final Discharge. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL persons interested that I will apply to the Hon George S. Dratts, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Lexington, S. C. of South Carolina, on the 3rd day of Dec., 1904, for a final discharge as Executor of the estate of A. J. Lorick, deceased. JAS. K. SWYGERT, Executor. 4w6pd

FARMS FOR SALE.

- 500 acre farm, with three small dwellings, barn, etc., three miles from Gilbert, S. C., for \$2,500. 220 acre farm, with new four-room dwelling, small tenant house, good barn, tobacco barn, one and a half miles from Gilbert, for \$1,250. 145 acre farm, rich land, with dwelling, tenant houses, barn, three and a half miles from Leesville, S. C., for \$3,000. 146 acres of woodland, three miles from Steadman, S. C., for \$300. Three quarter acre lot, with nice five-room dwelling at Gilbert, S. C., for \$500. 10 acre lot, with nice two story dwelling, barn, etc., at Gilbert, for \$1,750. 90 acre farm, with small house, barn, etc., one mile from Gilbert, for \$700.

GOOD TERMS. CHAS. L. KELLY, REAL ESTATE AGENT, 1408 Main Street, COLUMBIA, - - S. C.

Warning. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO all persons not to hunt, haul wood, or trespass in any manner whatever, upon the lands of the undersigned. The law will be enforced against all trespassers. S. E. BERRY, Estate ELIZA BERRY. Oct. 31, 1904. 4w4pd.

Danger of a Cough. Pneumonia, grippe, cold, bronchitis and nearly every other dangerous sickness of this kind is usually the development of a slight cough. Too many people are laid up and too many die from diseases where they could so easily knock that first cough in the head. Murray's Horehound, Mullein and Tar cures colds. It just drops the bottom out of a cough. Every druggist has it for 25c. a bottle. Remember "Murray's" and take no other. Regular 50c size.

Trespass Notice. ALL PERSONS ARE HEREBY positively forbidden to trespass in any manner whatever upon our lands. We will certainly prosecute each and every individual caught on our lands after this notice. J. T. LAIRD, N. W. KING, W. N. KING, H. F. CAMPBELL. November 16, 1904. 4w5 pd.

THE HOME BANK LEXINGTON, S. C. CAPITAL, \$30,000.00. FOUR PER CENT. TWO PER CENT, per annum, payable quarterly on Savings Deposits. } per annum, payable quarterly on Checking deposits on minimum amount of \$200. COUNTY AND TOWN DEPOSITORY. PROMPT AND COURTEOUS ATTENTION GUARANTEED.

WE HAVE JUST OPENED UP OUR BUGGY AND WAGON REPOSITORY. and now have on hand a full line of up-to-date makes in these goods which we are offering at Rock Bottom Prices. We invite the People of Lexington County to call and inspect our stock before making their purchases. We study to please. CAUCHMAN BROS., 1311-1313 ASSEMBLY STREET, COLUMBIA, S. C. P. S. We are looking for a large shipment of the finest Horses and Mules ever seen in South Carolina. This shipment is expected to arrive at any time between the 15th of December, 1904, and the 1st of January, 1905. CAUCHMAN BROS.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic has stood the test 25 years. Average Annual Sales over One and a Half Million bottles. Does this record of merit appeal to you? No Cure, No Pay. 50c. Enclosed with every bottle is a Ten Cent package of Grove's Black Root Liver Pills.