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The Annexation Again.

To the Editor of The Dispatch: I have read with much interest the articles in The Dispatch on the annexation question, and with your permission I will add something to what has been said.

"I believe in discontent. I believe in that discontent which makes a man, if he is a farmer, strive to be the best farmer in the country; I believe in that discontent which makes a man, if he is a doctor, strive to be the leading doctor in his profession; I believe in that discontent which makes a man, if he is a merchant, strive to be the leading merchant of his town."

The above is an extract of a speech of Hon. A. F. Lever which was delivered at the closing of a school in the Dutch Fork. If he stood at that place today I think he would say: "I believe in discontent when you live in the poorest county in the State, but why this discontent when, financially, you are in the best—old Lexington?"

As the little word tax seems to create more discontent among men than any word of its size in our language, I shall say something on taxation first. "Taxes will be lower when the Fork people go to Richland." Everybody has heard that, I think, from some of those who favor annexation. Turn over one page and look on the other side of Broad river. A Columbia man (his name if you want it) said to a strong advocate of annexation: "Don't you know your taxes will be higher if you annex to Richland?" "I WOULD RATHER PAY MORE TAX and be near the court house," was his reply. A former Lexingtonian who now lives in Richland and represented that county in the legislature last year, can give you some facts in regard to taxes in Lexington and Richland. Property across Broad river is assessed at about double the valuation of property in the Fork. Is there a man who believes that Richland board of assessors will leave the valuation of property lower in the annexed territory than property is assessed across the river? The higher the valuation of property the lower the mills and vice versa.

The people of the Fork have been tax-burdened, but a railroad tax is the cause and not Lexington county. The sheriff of Newberry county says we derive much benefit from "our road," but his people are paying tax on an imaginary railroad through the air, which may never be built. (Newberry is the county some of the Fork people think of joining, hoping to find low taxes.

How were we led to believe that the time had come for us to vote a railroad tax? By leaders who knew (?) that the tax on each would be SO SMALL that we would not feel it, and the railroad would pay more tax into the county than we paid out. Here they caught us with the "tax bait." Do you remember one of those railroad orators from the Lower Fork who said we could not have good schools because we had no railroads? Prof. D. B. Busby had gone to Leesville where there was a good school on a railroad; Prof. C. W. Welch had gone to Texas; Prof. _____ had gone to Virginia, all because we had no railroad and, therefore, no good schools in the Fork. Here a leader caught some with the "school bait." We voted that railroad tax and have not seen those fine schools spring up, and now annexation leaders tell the people of the Fork that they must go to Richland to have good schools. Is that the way to get good schools? Wait till Richland gets ahead of us and then get on the banks of Broad river and look across at her schools and decide to go over?

What is meant by the term, "better schools?" If reference is made to the buildings, they can be had by using more money. If better teachers is meant, they can be secured by offering larger salaries, and if longer terms make better schools, then that calls for more money; so more money makes better schools in Lexington as well as in Richland. How many farmers can spare their children more than six months in the year in the school room? Suppose the Fork people go to Richland and have nine months schools who would get the benefit of a nine months term? The men who are able to send their children the whole term. Most of the schools in this county have more money than they are using because the children's help is needed on the farm, this being true, how will the Fork people be benefitted by going to Richland? Did an annexation leader tell the people of White Rock that they would get a lot of money for schools from the poll tax of all those factory people if they would annex to Richland? If a school trustee does not know that the poll tax of a district goes to the school of that district, I hope some one will inform him before he makes another misleading speech to the good people of White Rock. I am slow to believe that he does not know it.

Another argument the leaders of annexation use is: We will have good roads when we go to Richland. Have they told the people that those roads and bridges in Richland cost over thirty-one thousand dollars last year and thirty-five thousand has been appropriated for this year? Have any of the leaders informed the people that it cost money to move dirt in Richland just the same as in the

Dutch Fork? But a writer to The State from the lower Fork, under the non de plume of Fair Play, says nothing is being done to improve the roads of the Fork, while the sand roads are being clayed around Lexington. Is Fair Play aware of the fact that a private citizen had a pair of mules and a hand on the road eighteen days hauling clay on that road near Lexington? Does Fair Play know that a private citizen above Lexington rode till he secured three hundred dollars for claying a road? Does Fair Play know that the old Augusta road above Lexington was clayed by private citizens who received aid from the county? Does Fair Play know that five hundred dollars was raised by subscription to clay the road from Lexington to Red Bank?

"The hills have been high for man's counting, The woods have been dense for his axe, The stars have been thick for his counting, The sands have been wide for his tracks, The sea has been deep for his diving, The poles have been broad for his sway, But bravely he's proved by his striving, That 'Where there's a WILL there's a way.'"

I venture the assertion that not one road overseer out of ten in the Fork has worked the time the law requires and not one man out of fifty has insisted that the law be carried out, yet we hear enough about wanting good roads to make a man sick. How are we to get them when citizens do not want to labor on public highways, nor do a number of them want their mules to work on the road? How are we to get them when people object to the changing keeping so many mules and so much machinery? How are we to get them except by taxation, to which they object again. A lot of people are like some of the candidates, who sought high places, were last summer; in favor of better schools, better roads, better everything, but opposed to any more taxation.

Another argument for an annexation used by the citizens of the Lower Fork is: They hope to get a free bridge to Columbia. I do not censure them for wanting a free bridge, but would that free bridge benefit anybody much except those near Columbia? Fair play finds fault with the location of the steel bridge at Wyse's and I see where he is right. One bridge can not meet the demands of the traveling public, but if we had had a supervisor with better judgment, and not so much "back bone" of which he boasted on the stand at Irmo last summer, the bridge would have been built as near Lexington as was possible to get a suitable place on the river to locate a bridge, which would have accommodated more people than any place that it could have been built.

But why argue about the steel bridge to the annexation people who hope to get rid of this tax when they go to Richland. If annexation will cancel the steel bridge debt, then I have been misinformed. For the sake of argument let us suppose that it would; let us suppose that annexation would mean no more railroad tax. I hear that some believe this—no tax of any kind when the Fork people go to Richland? I ask you as reasonable



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State Renews Lease Of Saluda Canal.

Messrs. G. A. Guignard and L. I. Guion have renewed their rental of the old Saluda canal in Lexington county, a few miles west of Columbia. An arrangement was made with the State sinking fund commission four years ago by which the water could be rented for a term of four years, provided a certain amount of improvements were made. The time expired a few days ago and an annual fee of \$200 was again contracted with the State for four years under the same conditions. It is understood that land will be secured near the canal and the power developed by Mr. Guignard and his assistants.—The State.

Wounded Wife's Heroic Deed.

Albany, Ga., March 13.—Desperately wounded in an automobile accident 10 miles from here and almost blinded by blood streaming from two long, deep wounds in her scalp, Mrs. J. T. Donalds of Blakely, Ga., rushed her husband, seriously injured, to this city for medical treatment late this afternoon, after lifting the car from his unconscious form and repairing the mechanism so the machine would make the trip.

In the accident Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson were hurled beneath the car, but the woman managed to extricate herself. She lifted the machine from her husband by the use of a fence rail.

Has Put In Sky Light.

The Lexington Savings Bank has just put in a large sky light, which is quite an improvement. The interior is being freshly painted which adds greatly to the appearance of this popular institution.

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