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BRIDGE CONTRACT NULL AND VOID.

Messrs. Efrid & Dreher State That the County Cannot Legally Build Bridge Across Saluda River—Have So Notified the Carolina Engineering Company.

Messrs. Efrid & Dreher, the attorneys for County Supervisor Langford, on Saturday wrote the following letter to The Carolina Engineering Co., of Burlington, N. C., who were awarded the contract for the construction of the steel bridge across Saluda river several months ago:

Carolina Engineering Co., Burlington, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

We had hoped all the while that some way would be found by which the county authorities could agree for you to prosecute the bridge contract made last year with the Supervisor of Lexington County, but we are sorry to say, after a very careful investigation of the whole subject, that the contract is such that it cannot be enforced against the county, and although the present county authorities, as we are informed, are anxious to have the bridge erected across the river, they are in no condition to do so, for the reason that they have not now the funds, and so far as the outlook now is they will not have them during this year. We have so advised the Supervisor and he instructs us to say to you that his intention is to build a bridge across Saluda river during his term of office and that he will bend every energy to commence the work at the earliest possible date. He instructs us further to say that whenever he gets ready to build the bridge, if agreeable to you, he would be glad to make some contract with you by which you could be compensated in part, if not in whole, for the work you have already done on the bridge.

Yours very truly,
Efrid & Dreher,
Attorneys for County Supervisor.

At a meeting held between the representatives of the bridge company, Supervisor Langford and his attorneys about ten days ago, Mr. Langford authorized Messrs. Efrid & Dreher to make a thorough investigation of the bridge contract and see if there was any possible way in which the county could legally accept the compromise offered by the company for the completion of the work. After making a thorough examination of the contract and the law governing the building of bridges, the attorneys have reached the conclusion that there is no way in which the county can legally accept the compromise.

While making this investigation it was revealed that at the time the contract was awarded there was not one dollar in the treasury. The funds in hand, even for ordinary county purposes, were totally exhausted, and no appropriation or special levy for the payment of the amount covered by the contract had been made; nor had any act of the General Assembly been passed authorizing the county commissioners to borrow money for such purposes, and that there is now no law allowing the commissioners of this county to borrow money, and under Section 377 of the criminal code it is a felony for a county official to contract beyond the funds in hand.

The next move in the case will be awaited with increased interest.

Suit Against C. N. & L.

We learn that Dr. Geo. R. Harding, the celebrated painless dentist of Hyatt's Park, (Columbia, S. C.) has recently entered suit against the C. N. & L. Railroad, to recover damages for being crippled in a collision, on the 15th day of March, 1907, near Prosperity, S. C., from which the doctor has been a great sufferer and said to have caused him loss of time and money. Claim and damages \$25,000. Melton & Boeser, Columbia, are his attorneys.

Communion Services.

There will be communion services at Pisgah next Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 11 a. m.

W. H. F. Rast Passes Away.

Lexington county was shocked and grieved on Sunday morning when it became known that Mr. W. H. F. Rast had died suddenly at his home in Swansea, on Saturday night, at 10 o'clock. It had been known for some time that his health was failing, but no one dreamed that he would so soon be called upon to answer the final summons. Several months ago he went to Florida in the hope that his health might be restored, and his friends thought that he had been very much benefited. He was on the streets of Swansea, Saturday afternoon and was apparently as well as usual.

Mr. Rast was about 55 years of age. He represented Lexington county in the State Legislature for three terms from 1890 to 1896. Honest in his convictions, with an ever earnest desire to serve the whole people, he made an ideal representative and soon endeared himself to the people of the entire county. Retiring from public life, he gave his entire time to his farm and mercantile business at Swansea. In it he was highly successful, but few men standing higher in the business world.

He was a high-toned Christian gentleman, a prominent layman of the Methodist church. His remains were laid to rest at Calvary church, about five miles east of Swansea, on Sunday in the presence of a large assemblage of sorrowing relatives and friends. He is survived by his widow, who was a Miss Vana of Colleton county, and a niece of the late Rev. E. A. Wingard, of Columbia; three children, two brothers and two sisters; also by his aged mother, Mrs. Louis W. Rast.

He was a good man and certainly will be missed at Swansea; devoted to his family, true to his friends. In his death the county has lost one of her noblest sons, and a substantial citizen. Peace to his ashes.

Corley-Roof.

This evening at 6:30 o'clock the beautiful new home of Sheriff and Mrs. P. H. Corley, in east Lexington, will be the scene of a pretty wedding, when their youngest daughter, Miss Lila Mae, will become the bride of Mr. Carl Anderson Roof. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. J. A. Cromer, and a brilliant reception will follow the ceremony.

The bride-elect is a young woman of unusual beauty, and has always been a favorite among Lexington's young social set. Mr. Roof is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Belton Roof and is one of the most popular young men ever reared here. He is a graduate of the Citadel and is at present holding

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Before tearing down my building am obliged to move some of the goods. So here are the cuts to last for TEN DAYS ONLY:

20 Taylor-Cannady Top Buggies was \$75.00 now only \$50.00.

15 K. P. Guano Distributors was \$9.00 now \$5.00.

10 Dow Law Cotton Planters was \$3.50 now \$2.50.

10 Howard Guano Distributors was \$5.50 now \$3.50.

10 Texas Middle Bursters was \$6.50 now \$4.00.

5 Moline Cotton and Corn Planters was \$15.00 now only \$10.00.

You will make a big mistake if you let this chance slip to buy goods for less than factory cost.

Don't forget your live stock in spring time they need a tonic. Hesses and Pratts Food will help them. Also Lice Killer and Poultry Food for your chickens.

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