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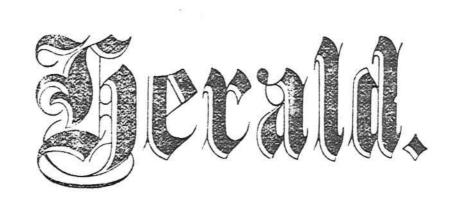
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Look to the east, where up the lucid sky

The morning climbs! The day shall yet -Celia Thaxter, in Scribner.

Miscellaneous.

THE GREENWOOD & AUGUS-TAR. R. AND THE PENI-TENTIARY CONVICTS.

The correspondence below has appeared in the Abbeville papers. DEFENSE OF THE RAIL ROAD DIREC-

STOCKADE No. 5, ON GREENWOOD & AUGUSTA R. R., EDGEFIELD COUNTY, S. C.,

Oct. 22, 1879. Railroad, have lately been publishundersigned board of directors of said road feel it due to the public, to themselves and to the employees of the road, to make the fol-

lowing plain statement of facts: It is sadly true that during the victs have been at work on our road, about half of those we had in charge have died, but it is also deaths occurred the five next succeeding months of the present year, dating from 20th April, 1879, when we received our last batch of convicts from the Penitentiary, and we are sorry to have to add that we now believe most of them died of scurvy, although undoubtedly very many of the dead con-

but they have also had potatoes. onions, sugar, molasses, turnips, collards, &c., by the barrel or wagon load, and lemons by the box, and other delicacies have been

to finish particular jobs of work, foot by our president, Gen. P. H. them the day before they started der us to surrender the convicts but ordinarily they have not been Bradley, and at our own expense. for Columbia, were also included overworked and have oftener This the superintendent of the in the twenty-five before mention- this course, because a medical worked less than ten hours a day Penitentiary, Gen. T. J. Lipscomb, ed, while four or five obviously committee, consisting of three than they have worked the full admits in his report to the board feeble ones were left on our hands. well-known and skilful physicians ten hours. As a rule they have of directors, of the Penitentiary, One of those twenty-five convicts of Edgefield, to wit: Hon. H. A. never had less than an hour for giving an account, of his first vis- sent to Columbia died on the road Shaw, now a member of the Legdinner and rest in winter, and it to our stockade on the 21st of and another one shortly after ar- islature, E. M. Burkhalter and G. from two to four hours in summer, August last. In that report, which riving in Columbia, but if they S. Merriwether, have this day reaccording to length of the day or bears date 2d of September, 1879, were too feeble to be removed ported, after careful investigation, the heat of the weather. The su- he says he came to inspect our thither, it was no fault of our corn- that the health of our convicts perintendent, overseers and guards | convicts, in consequence of "hav- | pany, as Dr. Pope, who represent- | has much improved of late, and have never abused the convicts ing received a letter from Gen. ed the Penitentiary, when remon- that the whole of them are capahabitually or even in particular P. H. Bradley, president of the G. strated with, said carry them, no ble of performing the ordinary lainstances to our collective or in & A. R. R., stating that a great deal matter if they should die on the bor required of the ordinary ladividual knowledge, and some one of mortality and sickness existed road, he would take the responsi- borer-except six who are resting or more of the directors, who re- among the convicts leased to that bility. side at short intervals all along company." the line of road, have almost daily, and frequently several times a ry, Dr. Trezevant, never visited Penitentiary we hoped our trouday, either visited the stockade our convicts until the 25th day of bles were over and that we should on the Edgefield and Trenton where the convicts were kept for August, when he was ordered to be permitted to proceed with our Railroad, whence he was returned the time or the railroad where do so by Superintendent Lipscomb, road prosperously, especially as to the Penitentiary as worthless. they were at work. No one but | yet both of these officers, if we are | appropriate treatment for scurvy | but was deemed good enough to the superintendent or head over- correctly informed, had been com- had not only improved the health be sent to our road. We feel conseer has been permitted to inflict manded by an order of the board and strength of the remaining fident that the harrowing experipunishment, and then only with a of directors of the Penitentiary, as convicts but their spirit also, ence we have acquired will prestrap, and if scars are to be found far back as the 22d of April last, Judge then of our surprise when vent us ever having any more on the heads or persons of any of to visit every convict camp in the on the 6th day of October Super- scurvy among our convicts. the convicts we have had in State. Why did the superinten- intendent; Lipscomb and Dr. B. M.

informed of the presence of scur-

vy until the 18th of August last,

when it was discovered in most

of the convicts by a medical com-

mittee, consisting of Drs. J. C.

G. Meriwether. That it was scur-

vy which produced most of the

mortality is proven by the fact

that as soon as the prisoners were

treated and dieted for scurvy,

there was an almost instantane-

Maxwell, C. M. Burkhalter and S.

each of the stockades Nos. 3, 4 and

little over two years that the contrue that about half of all their victs likewise had syphilis and

other chronic diseases. At each of the stockades established on our road every reasonable effort has been made by the ous change for the better, and onboard to provide for the comfort | ly one death has occurred from ent with their safe-keeping. Eveor well of pure water. A large have happened among the twenyard has been enclosed for exer. ty-five convicts returned by us to cise of the sick; commodious pris- the Penitentiary on the 26th of on pens have been erected, anothcabin for commissary stores put up, another for a guardhouse, yet another for the superintendent, besides two large tents for various uses. A bountiful supply of bacon, corn bread, peas and such other vegetables as could be had in the neighborhood have been the usual diet of the well convicts,

while flour, rice, chickens, milk furnished the sick in large quantities, both by the company and by

the neighboring citizens. Many attention have also been given to the cooking, and a regular diplomatized practicing physician has been employed to attend to the

The convicts may have been causes of the mortality among the number of physicians, including repeals the act granting us the pressed somewhat hard at times convicts on our road was set on two of the undersigned, who saw labor or until the courts shall or-

scurvy was the most fatal disease | monthly report. The superintenhardly admits of doubt, and al- dent and surgeon of the Penitenthough we had the best medical tiary ought to be, and doubtless attention in the neighborhood of are, skilled in the best methods to

the last month, and only two othry stockade has had a good spring | er deaths, as we are informed, the board and made a thorough | so to Anderson, as it it will be in cally the same-general debility, September, nearly all which twener separate structure for a hospi- ty-five were rapidly convalescing the burden of the charges were are deeply concerned in its early cording to all the medical books. tal has been built, still another at the time of their departure for without foundation. Yet as the completion, particularly the coun-The scurvy of course was great- been published in the newspapers, ton, Barnwell, Aiken, Edgefield, has been exceptionally good and ly aggravated during the past we respectfully submit that it &c. Now that we have no serious summer by the almost universal would be but fair to publish the sickness among our convicts, and been wretched, especially that of and protracted drought in this part answer to the charges also. Let that they are all working spien- the last lot of seventy-five we reof the State, preventing us from all the charges and all the answers didly except four or five feeble ceived without medical examinasupplying the convicts with the therefore go to the world togeth- ones unaccountably left us, it tion in April last, the public can fresh vegetables they would have er, and we do not fear being ac- seems hard that we should have draw its own inference as to how otherwise received. On the 8th quitted of any intentional guilt to quit work at this juncture when the mortality ceased so suddenly day of April last our company re- or gross negligence in our treat- our grading is nearly completed, in the Penitentiary and why it ceived seventy-five convicts from ment of the convicts. Fair play and when our railroad taxes have broke out so alarmingly on our the Penitentiary without any is a jewel, and both sides ought to just begun to be collected in every road immediately afterwards. medical examination by our sur- be heard. As a result of the in- township along the line from geon, and many of those convicts, vestigation by the board of direc- Greenwood to Fury's Ferry. as we are informed, were afflicted ters of the Penitentiary, on the with syphilis, dropsy, 'general de- 18th of September it was agreed as will be the case temporarily at concerning it, but when only about bility or other constitutional dis- by and between the Penitentiary least if all the convicts are to be the same number have died this eases, which rendered them unfit board and by our board through taken away except eight, for it is year on our road, and died too of and many a box of tobacco has for grading a railroad and made its president, Gen. Bradley, that mockery to offer to leave us only disease contracted in all probabili been served to the well convicts them easy victims for the ravages Dr. Pope, hospital steward of the eight with which to work, then ty to a large extent in the Peniand whiskey has been freely ad- of disease. Although our written Penitentiary, and Dr. T. J. McKie, our taxpayers will also become tentiary, or in the jails before beministered to the sick ones, es- contract called for seventy-five who had been the surgeon in demoralized in all probability and ing sent to us, a great hue and cry pecially since we ascertained, on "able-bodied" convicts, yet we re- charge of railroad Stockade No. 4, thereby greatly embarrass us, but is heard all over the land. the 19th day of August last, that ceived seven under fifteen years should make a thorough examina- doubtless the three city medical tory manner. By the use of these cases they had scurvy, since which time of age and others having syphilis, tion of all the convicts on our experts from the capital and their dred convicts from the Penitentiathey have also been supplied lib. epilepsy, &c. We do not charge road, both sick and well, and or allies intended our work should ry on the 24th of September, 1877, erally with ripe fruit, vegetables, that those convicts were the pick- der such of them back to Colum- be suspended and our railroad and as our own surgeons examined fresh meats, pure apple vinegar, ed invalids of the Penitentiary, bia as they deemed advisable, be- taxes too, if possible. Yet con- each one before receiving him, or acted from improper motives, I potatoes, &c. Particular care and but it is not reasonable that the cause of being unfit to work on victs or no convicts our road shall they were for the most part a very most able-bodied or healthy were the road, or for better treatment not prove a failure, and our stock. healthy lot of laborers, among selected by the overseers in the in the permanent hospital in the holders and friends may rest as- whom only six deaths occurred, Penitentiary, to be sent to us, city than our temporary hospital sured of this. particularly when we were so glad on the road afforded. Those phyick at each stockade. Cleanli- to get any, that we took all who sicians selected twenty-five conness of person, quarters, night- were offered without inspection or victs to be thus returned, and they victs, the State has our heavy we had them, say up to May, tubs, &c, has been studiously ob- examination. Among them were were promptly returned at the and valid bond upon which to sue 1878. served. An abundance of medi- undoubtedly several who had been expense of the company, although for damages. Besides, she has the cine, shoes, clothing, blankets, &c., returned to the Penitentiary as several able-bodied ones were tak- law and can indict and punish us. lot of fifty convicts on the 2d of the following language, that several

charge, (as is alleged by some of dent and surgeon of the Peniten- Taylor, of Columbia, turned up at charges which have been preferred the newspapers,) we unqualifiedly tiary slumber over discharging the stockade, inspected the same against either us or our agents in To the Public : So many horri. deny that they have been inflicted this duty so long? They could and the convicts without giving the public prints, we say boldly temporary country quarters than ble charges of cruelty and bruali- by our employees, except, perhaps, not plead ignorance of the fearful any notice to our president, sur- once and for all, that we invite he could do for them in the perin one or two instances for an at- mortality among our convicts, be- geon or superintendent, or saying impartial investigation by the manent quarters of the Penitentiatempt to revolt or escape. Yet, cause regularly every month the a word as to their object. We courts or by a committee of the ry. Although our Stockade No. although such has been our gener- superintendent of our road, J. J. never knew their purpose until Legislature. Our self-respect as 5 in its appointments and discied in the newspapers, that the al treatment, the sickness and Cahill, made a report to Gen. Lip- Gen. Bradley received on the 15th men, to say nothing of our pride pline is almost a duplicate of Stockmortality, as before stated, has scomb of time lost, or worked by day of October last a copy of a of character as citizens, would been very great, especially during each convict, as well as of the list resolution of the Penitentiary have prevented us from intentionlast summer and spring. That of the sick or dead since his last board passed at a special meeting ally wronging or permitting the of the board when only --- mem. convicts to be wronged. Morebers were present, ordering us to over, we have had and still have a 5 in 1879. immediately return all the re- deep, direct, personal and pecunimaining convicts at work for us ary interest in treating the coneach stockade, and although nu- treat convicts at work on rail- except eight in conformity with victs well, so as to get our road merous country physicians visited roads, and if either of them had the recommendation of Dr. Tay- completed. For these reasons a visited our road in the spring or lor, dated 9th instant. From all just or generous man would think 5, where nearly all the deaths early summer his suggestions this it would seem that there was the terrible sickness and mortaliwould gladly have been put into a desire to break up our railroad ty among them had sufficiently practice, perhaps, to the benefit of entirely and have all the convicts distressed our feelings and embarthe convicts, particularly if it had returned to the Penitentiary eith- rassed our enterprise without also been impressed upon us, as it has er to be supported in idleness at making us the recipients of wholebeen since, that all prisoners long | the expense of the taxpayers or to | sale and undeserved abuse. confined are predisposed to scurvy. | cut a canal and build factories as | More convicts died in the Peni When at last Superintendent Lip- | well as operate them for the bene- | tentiary last year than died on the scomb and Surgeon Trezevant did | fit of Columbia at the expense of | Greenwood and Augusta railroad, make reports on our treatment of the rest of the State. It is true and about as many died in the convicts, those reports contained the Greenwood and Augusta Rail- Penitentiary this year as have such charges that our company road is on the extreme western died on our road. We have also

was summoned to appear before verge of the State, but it is an im- been reliably informed that the the board of directors of the Pen- portant link in the railroad sys | general symptoms of the disease itentiary to answer these charges. tem of the State, as it will be a which has proven so fatal to the On the 18th day of September | practical extension of the Port | convicts both on the railroad and and health of the convicts consist- disease at this stockade during our president, vice-president and Royal Railroad, especially when in the Penitentiary during the superintendent did appear before completed to Spartanburg and al- two las pars have been identishowing in written answers and time, and connect our greatest eruptions and dropsies of the lowby numerous certificates of gen- seaport, Port Royal, with the er extremities, alternating with tlemen and ladies near the stock- great Northwest. Therefore, all chronic diarrhea, which are atade and line of our railroad that the people in western Carolina tendant symptoms of scurvy, acsubstance of those charges has ties of Beaufort, Colleton, Hamp- viets in the Penitentiary this year

our trust in mistreating the conhave always been kept on hand, worthless by other lessees. If we en from work on the railroad with. We have her consent to use the May, 1878, the sickness and mor- of the directors signed the published except once or twice in summer or our employees have been guil- out complaining of being sick convicts by act of the Legislature, tality among them soon developed report: "Senator Maxwell and several when we have been a little short ty of a wanton abuse of our trust at all. Several others rapidly con- and we also have her contract in at a fearful rate, and when we got Augusta Railroad did not indorse in of clothing and shoes, but during we have taken a strange way of valescing on the sick list under writing through her officer and a third batch of forty more, De- toto the recent defence published by

in the yard-not one in the hos. After carrying out the wishes pital and only one death during The surgeon of the Penitentia- of the board of directors of the the last month, from heart dis ease, of a convict formerly injured In reference to the grave

Now, as the health of the conas the health of our convicts has

When so many convicts died in the Penitentiary last year, no If the road is to be suspended clamor was raised in any quarter Our company got its first hun-

during the first eight months that

But after we obtained a second to the same address, 2.50 " exhibiting it. The late investigative for scurvy, and who agent to the same effect, and we gember the 6th, 1878, the mortality again swelled to an undue promissions. Address CONSTITUTION. Nov. 19, 47-tf ATLANTA, GA. clothes.

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In August, 1878, Superintendent Parmele visited our Stockade No. 3 at a time when there was nearly. as much sickness and as many deaths among the convicts as there were at Stockade No. 5 in August, 1879, when Superintendent. Lipscomb visited it at our request. Superintendent Parmele highly praised the general plan of our stockade as well as our management of the prisoners, both sick and well, saying we were doing a better part by the convicts in our ade No. 3 which elicited the warm encomiums of Superintendent Pars mele in 1878, yet Superintendent Lipscomb was not satisfied with anything he saw at Stockade No.

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Card of Col. T. J. Lipscomb. Su-

T. F. Riley.

COLUMBIA, S. C., November 15, 1879. In your issue of the 12th instantthere appears a communication headed "The Railroad Convicts. The defence of the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad directors. How the convicts have been cared for. The true inwardness of the Penitentiary investigation." Dated October 22, 1879.

In this communication it is very vague as to who is charged with enmity, conspiracy, opposition to the Greenwood and Augusta Railroad, and false charges and accusations against its directors. So far as I am concerned I assert that I acted solely as an officer of the State in the discharge of my duty, and that alone. I therefore say that if anything in the communication referred to was intended to assert or imply that I made false charges hereby denounce that much of it as utterly untrue and maliciously unjust. Major W. K. Bradley, whose name appears among the signatures, asserts even when counting several who that he did not sign it, nor did he au-If we or our agents have abused were killed for trying to escape thorize any one else to do so for him. Whether other gentlemen may have been misrepresented in the same way I have no means of knowing.

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