

AS TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Mayor W. M. Brown Replies to Our Remarks. Aneut Subject.

Editor Keowee Courier: I have read your column and a half editorial headed "Public Improvements," and I must say that I am a little surprised, and yet not very much either. You say "The private citizen should be compelled to conform, in making improvements, to definitely located property lines. How much more, then, should the town itself see that its property lines are correct, especially in making some permanent improvements? It strikes us most forcibly that there should have been no permanent paving on College street until the street line was definitely located. It is a well known fact that the building known as the 'City Hall' sits far out on the sidewalk—3 feet and 7 inches if memory has not played us a mean trick."

Now, Mr. Editor, what we would like to know is from what source you got your storehouse of information that, after two and a half years' retirement from the Mayor's office, that you would still remember that this particular property is 3 feet and 7 inches out on the sidewalk? Will the editor please tell the officials and the public at what point in the town of Walhalla you began your survey of the town to find as a final result that the "City Hall" is out on the sidewalk? The editor very well knows that there is absolutely no corner in the town of Walhalla from which a survey can be made, and be sure that you are absolutely correct.

Then you question the wisdom of lowering the sidewalks on Main street, and say, "It would have been much better, we think, to have taken as a basis of grading here a direct line from the paving at the post office clear through to the end of the street." To do this would mean to build our sidewalks at this point about eight feet high above the street, and a continuation of your grade would possibly strike the North man house about half way from the ground to the second story, and then to cut the street some more on the hill west of the post office would mean that the street would be about ten feet below the sidewalk. And it looks like the editor would still remember the results of high sidewalks, when it cost the town of Walhalla \$300 and other expenses from the fact that you, as Mayor of Walhalla, caused to be walled up a sidewalk so high that a man could not get on or off (except he fell off as did the man in this particular case, that cost the town \$300), from the depot for two blocks to the Walhalla Hotel, and people who might want to use the sidewalk at any given point from the depot to the hotel are forced to walk down the street, no matter how muddy the street may be.

You seem to be very much in sympathy with the property owners of the town, and yet you would have the town authorities to jump on the people and take their land along the streets that they have been in peaceful possession of for more than fifty years. And then when we go to the property owners and get their permission to cut the walks down to something like a safe grade, and so as to conform to the streets, you set up a tremendous howl and find fault with everything and everybody because they do not think just like you do.

Now, Mr. Editor, I want to refresh your fine memory, for I will still remember that the "City Hall is three feet out on the walk." I know that it is good. You talk about establishing the correct lines before any permanent improvements are done. When the writer began the grading for the erection of the building I now occupy, you at that time were Mayor of Walhalla. You, with myself, decided on certain lines, and about the same time Mrs. Oelkers, just opposite me, had a cement block wall built in front of her home, and under your direction or sanction. Now let's see about your advice as to establishing the lines before any permanent work is done. You know that on the plan of the town that Main street is 120 feet wide, and you have allowed two jobs of permanent work to be done on Main street, leaving the street and sidewalks only 125 feet, thereby losing to the town five feet—and YOU the Mayor.

Then, again, you go on and knock the Council about doing all the work on Main street. Now just a little bit fair. What have we done on Main street? Well, here it is. Up on the west end of Main street there had always been a very bad mudhole, right in the center of Main street. The Wilson administration went up there and put in a good drain pipe, but before the work was finally finished up, the present Council was elected, and we thought it just and right to continue that work to a point where it would be both safe and sanitary, for, as you know, the water stood for possibly months at a time, and was a source of great annoyance to the people who lived near and also to those who had to drive through it. Then the rebuilding of the sidewalk near the post office, which has already been mentioned, is all the work that has been done on Main street, and the two places on Main street were very necessary to be done.

Now, Mr. Editor, a little comparison: The present Council has been in office about four months, and it has been raining most of the time, so that it has been almost impossible to do anything anywhere. You was Mayor of Walhalla for nearly five years. Well, let's see. Take the mudhole you speak of away around on the back street, down by "Monkey Rancho's," entirely off Main street, where very few people ever travel. (And the editor has a very much better way.) Suppose that, after so much rain as we have had, there should be a little water and mud and a few weeds. (Well, we'll get them "by and by!") Is that anything to compare with the mudhole up at the D. H. Rowland place? Then again, near Dr. Thodov's, and then down right in the very center of town, in front of Mrs. Maxwell's home, where the mud and water stood for months at a time, making it almost impossible to pass with teams, and a hot bed for fever, and you, Mr. Editor, was Mayor, but did

not do one thing to relieve the situation, but left it years, and until the Wilson administration said fix it, and it was fixed.

Now, Mr. Editor, there are two ways, and only two, to reason this matter out: One is that you did not have the judgment or executive ability to do the work. Or that it was gross negligence on your part, and yet you set your opinion up as the model by which the present Council should go.

You also allowed a very bad mudhole to exist at the depot during your entire administration, and when Mr. Wilson had it fixed you liked to have fainted, and cursed out everybody and everything that had anything to do with the work, and you are still creaking.

I will again call your attention to some more improvements that were made by the property owners during your administration. Take the cement block wall of Mrs. Fahnestock, opposite J. F. Craig's; and then take Mr. Craig's cement block wall, opposite Mrs. Fahnestock's. The walls are about 105 feet long, and there is a variation of eight inches in that distance, making the street eight inches narrower at one part than at the other. This looks like laying things out to the line.

You are very much distressed about the shrinkage in property values, and cite to the Mrs. Eaton old home as an example of the depreciation in property values, and would have the general public believe that this property is almost worthless. Again, I want to ask that you be just a little bit fair. Have you ever been in and around the premises for some time and took a little look around? If so you will possibly see that some very needed improvements would be in order, and besides, of my own personal knowledge, the place could have been rented had these improvements been made and the rent put on an equal rating with other buildings near this place.

Now, as to the shrinkage in property values: If the editor will secure a good title to the property at the price that Mrs. Eaton asked for it before the street was graded, please have the title made, and I will find a man who will pay the money for the property, and who is not such a very cheap dirt skate either. So don't let the value shrinkage in real estate worry you, especially where the streets and sidewalks are graded down to where people can walk without danger to their lives. Your sympathies go farther along financial lines than for the safety of the lives of the people who walk our streets.

You also speak of "arbitrary cutting down of streets and sidewalks without regard to such rights must inevitably result in the material lowering of property values." Now, Mr. Editor, will you please be generous enough to tell the public of one single instance where the Council has done any cutting down where they did not have the full consent of the property owners? And, just to get that: others are only waiting until such time as we may be able to get to their places to have their sidewalks cut down so they will have a decent looking walk in front of their homes, and not a cow trail propped up on stilts.

Now, getting back to improvements on Main street: We have done fully as much on the side streets as we have on Main street, and yet a one-eyed man can see that all the work that has ever been done until the present Council went in power has been done on Main street. If I have been able to keep anything like a line on the work that has been done in the past, I would say that the only thing of note that has been done on the side streets was to kill a little pepper grass, and continue to prop our sidewalks up on stilts. Very little grading, if any, was done during your entire administration, and, if any at all, it was all done on Main street. You very scrupulously avoided pulling down the hills that you recommend to the present Council as being the best thing to do. (Why didn't you take your own medicine?)

Now, Mr. Editor, I am a good deal like the old darkey: "If you've got nuff, I've got nuff," and we will proceed along lines of improvement that seem to the Council to be for the final upbuilding of our little town.

Yours very truly,
W. M. Brown, Mayor.
Walhalla, June 7, 1912.

When your child has whooping cough be careful to keep the cough loose and expectoration easy by giving Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as may be required. This remedy will also liquify the tough mucus and make it easier to expectorate. It has been used successfully in many epidemics and is safe and sure. For sale by all dealers.

25 Men Killed in Card Game.

Knoxville, Tenn., June 8—Twenty-five men were killed last night at Dante, Va., in a drunken row precipitated in a card game. It is reported that the dead men are Italians and mountaineers who made their homes at Dante, a mining town of about 6,000 inhabitants. The fight which resulted in so many fatalities is said to have ensued when the Italians charged the mountaineers with trying to defeat them at their game by using unfair methods. Pistols were brought into play, and practically every man engaged in the game is said to have lost his life, while several bystanders who witnessed the fight were also mortally wounded.

Dante is a new mining town, the inhabitants being largely Italians, negroes and mountaineers from nearby sections. It is thought no negroes were engaged in the fight.

Ends Hunt for Rich Girl.

Often the hunt for a rich wife ends when a man meets a woman that uses Electric Bitters. Her strong nerves tell in a bright brain and even temper. Her peach bloom complexion and ruby lips result from her pure blood; her bright eyes from restful sleep; her elastic step from firm, free muscles, all telling of the health and strength Electric Bitters give to a woman, and the freedom from indigestion, backache, headache, fainting and dizzy spells they promote. Everywhere they are woman's favorite remedy. If weak or ailing try them. 50c at all druggists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Candidates' Cards under this heading will be inserted for the sum of \$3—strictly in advance. Please do not ask us to charge to an account.

FOR UNITED STATES SENATOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the United States Senate, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. Your support and influence will be appreciated.
N. B. FIAL, Laurens, S. C.

FOR STATE SENATE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for State Senator from Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic voters in the primary election.
E. E. VERNER.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of State Senator from Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
I. D. FINCANNON.

FOR SOLICITOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Solicitor of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, and pledge to abide the result of the Democratic primary and to support the nominees thereof.
JNO. M. DANIEL.

FOR SUPT. OF EDUCATION.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Superintendent of Education, subject to rules governing the primaries. I appreciate the support given me four years ago.
THOS. A. SMITH.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Education of Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party governing primary elections.
WADE C. HUGHES.

FOR JUDGE OF PROBATE.

At the request of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Judge of Probate for Oconee county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party governing primary elections.
JOHN B. S. DENDY.

FOR COUNTY SUPERVISOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
YANCY C. LANGSTON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. J. R. CLELAND.

At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
AUGUSTUS T. SMITH.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
W. C. POSTER.

Feeling that I can well serve the public of Oconee I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Supervisor, subject to rules and action of Democratic party.
ELBERT F. TAYLOR.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
W. N. WOOLBRIGHT.

The friends of W. A. GRANT hereby announce him as a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party in the primary elections.

The friends of NATHANIEL PHILLIPS respectfully announce him a candidate for re-election to the office of County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the approaching primary elections.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Supervisor, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
L. H. V. HOBSON.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Supervisor of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. BENNETT HILL.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for Oconee County, subject to the rules of the Democratic party.
W. E. GILLESPIE.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to rules of Democratic party governing primary elections. J. B. TOMPKINS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to Democratic primary rules. I thank the voters for their past support.
J. L. CHASTAIN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing Democratic primary elections.
ROBERT THOMAS.

At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to action of Democratic party in the primary elections.
D. H. STANCIL.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
H. C. WALKER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
E. D. KING.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
JACKSON L. MILLER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner of Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the ensuing primaries.
W. R. HUNT.

FOR CONGRESS:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Congress from the Third Congressional District of South Carolina, subject to the action of the voters of the district in the Democratic primaries.
MARCUS C. LONG.

FOR CLERK OF COURT.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election for the office of Clerk of Court for Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary election.
JOHN F. CRAIG.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. R. HELLER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the House of Representatives from Oconee, subject to the rules governing Democratic primary elections.
JOHN B. HARRIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party governing primary elections.
M. R. McDONALD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to the rules of the primary election.
W. M. BROWN.

At the solicitation of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections. (REV.) J. B. TRAMEL.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the House of Representatives from Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
FRANK H. SHIRLEY.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR.

At the solicitation of friends I hereby announce myself a candidate for Auditor of Oconee county, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party.
ARTHUR F. FINLEY.

Having been solicited by my friends of whom several are old Confederate veterans, whom I delight to honor, I announce myself a candidate for nomination as Auditor of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.
OSCAR HARRIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination as Auditor of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party.
D. A. SMITH.

FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. N. FITZGERALD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
JOHN W. DAVIS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
M. W. GIBSON.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
W. M. DILARD.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing the Democratic primary elections.
W. M. KAY.

At the solicitation of many friends throughout the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee County, subject to the rules governing Democratic primaries.
GRAYTON P. WALKER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
JAMES C. SLOCKLEY.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.
At the request of friends, I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
J. W. REYNOLDS.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Treasurer of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
W. S. GRAHL.

In accordance with the rules of the Democratic party, I hereby announce myself a candidate for nomination as Treasurer of Oconee County.
JOHN H. BROWN.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Treasurer of Oconee county, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party in the primary elections.
RICHARD W. GRUBBS.

I respectfully announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the Democratic party in the ensuing primaries.
R. HENRY ALEXANDER.

FOR CORONER.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
WHIT KNOX.

The friends of JOHN G. REEDER respectfully announce him a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
ANDREW W. NORRIS.

At the solicitation of friends, I announce myself a candidate for the office of Coroner of Oconee county, subject to the action of the Democratic party in the primary elections.
JEFF B. MARRETT.

JOHN JOOST, Katherine St., Opposite Walhalla Hotel. AGENT FOR Jno. T. Burriss Metal Shingles. SPECIMENS GALVANIZED AND TIN SHINGLES, BARN ROOFING, ETC., CAN BE SEEN AT MY OFFICE. EASY TO PUT ON—WILL NOT LEAK. Being manufactured at Anderson, any style Shingles or Roofing can be delivered on short notice. All orders promptly attended to. As good as any Metal Shingles, and furnished at reasonable prices. Call and see me before placing your order.

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