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WALHALLA, S. C.:

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PETITIONS GOING AROUND.

Two petitions have been handed around for signatures of the citizens of Walhalla during the past few days. The first petition seen was one calling upon the members of the House and Senate from Oconee to have passed an act (or to arrange for voting upon a constitutional amendment) authorizing and empowering the Mayor and Aldermen of the town of Walhalla to assess abutting property to the extent of 50 per cent of the cost of permanent sidewalk improvement and 25 per cent of the cost of permanent street work. But few signatures were attached to the petition, and later the part calling for a 25 per cent assessment on street work was stricken from the petition, and then quite a few, we understand, placed their signatures to the paper.

This action naturally met opposition, and a second petition was circulated, asking the members of the General Assembly not to act favorably to the request contained in the original paper. When seen, this paper had a number of signatures, mainly among the property owners of moderate or small means.

There are arguments on both sides of this question. In cities where the individual holdings are small and the cost of permanent work therefore falls comparatively lightly upon each it unquestionably commends itself, but we doubt if it would work other than as a hardship in 90 per cent of the cases in Walhalla, and in 25 per cent, in the case of small home-owners, men working for wages, widows with small means at their command, and numbers of young men not thoroughly established, the proposition, if carried into effect, would amount to but little short of confiscation of their property. Owing to the wide-spreading territory of the town, lots as a rule are, with the single exception of those on Main street, and in many cases there also, large and have large frontages, and many of the owners could not raise money to pay for permanent street and sidewalk improvements. To levy such an assessment against the property would mean that the small owner must sell his property to pay the assessment, or mortgage it to borrow the money, the ultimate result being that it would go, at a great sacrifice to the owner, into the hands of others who command money.

As a matter of fact, taxes are already high enough—and too high—in Walhalla, though the revenue derived therefrom is not large. The thing to be considered, if we need more money to carry on the local government, as we view the situation, is to Equalize the Assessments made against the property. If all property in the town were returned and assessed for taxation on the basis of that which bears the highest tax valuation now, the tax revenues would be doubled—and doubtless more than doubled. In the matter of equitable tax returns, we believe, lies the true source of a solution to the vexed problem of revenue.

Certainly our Representatives will do well to make haste slowly in this matter that has been brought before them. Why seek to force the solution of the question of permanent improvements in such manner? The moneyed men will not be hurt by paying their proportion for improvements, and they will doubtless do so without compulsion. Why legislate that some poor people who cannot do a thing must do it?

We favor public improvements and believe in them to the extreme limit, and he is indeed a shoddy citizen who will not co-operate with the authorities to the extent of his ability. But we, along with not a few others, protest against any measure that would work a hardship upon the small home owner; and that would, as we view it, be the ultimate result of an arbitrary assessment against property for permanent work, regardless of whether the property owner could meet the assessment or not.

"THE NEW CORN BELT."

That is the title of a neat folder being distributed to visitors at the Na-

tional Corn Exposition in Columbia. "The New Corn Belt" includes the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi river and south of the Potomac. This folder contains much information of interest and value, a small part of which we quote below:

"Figures in the December number of the Crop Reporter, issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture, show that the nine Southern States east of the Mississippi and south of the Potomac produced in 1912 a corn crop of 505,135,000 bushels, worth \$314,740,000 at prices paid farmers in that territory. Compared with the report of the 1900 census, when the crop of 342,464,737 bushels in the same States was worth \$137,079,603, the latest figures show an increase of 162,670,263 bushels, worth practically \$178,000,000 more than the earlier production.

"The greater yield in the Southeast has followed an increased acreage given to corn and a steadily increasing acre-yield. The general development of this agricultural region, aided by Federal and State demonstration work, and further helped by the educational efforts of the railroads, has had a large share in stimulating attention given to corn. Prominent among the reasons for the increased acre-yield has been the organization of boys' corn clubs and annual corn shows in each of these nine States. Comparative figures show that the increase in the average yield per acre over the 1900 record, in 1912 alone amounted to \$103,981,221. Four hundred and fifty-four members of boys' corn clubs in the South in 1912 made over 100 bushels to the acre.

And this in a section of country which, but a few years back, imported probably not less than 75 per cent of the corn consumed at home! How ignorant we have been of the possibilities of our great section! How ignorant we are still! True, we are beginning to realize something of our possibilities, but the realization is dawning slowly.

We were struck with the sage observation of Oconee's Senator when he viewed the Corn Exposition in Columbia, speaking of the scarcity of visitors from this section: "And the most important and impressive lesson they would learn is that there is no country like the South—in two respects at least: Her opportunities, and our failure to embrace them."

The South to-day promises more to the agriculturist than any other section. The trouble is that we are waiting for others to come to our own doors and show us the very things that we ought to have known years ago from observation and experience.

Items from Coneross.

Coneross, Feb. 3.—Special: J. W. Walker visited his sister, Mrs. Red, near Calhoun Falls, who is very ill. He is also attending the corn show at Columbia, as is Henry Keil.

Miss Mary Cobb and brother Clifton were week-end guests of the Misses Butler of this vicinity.

The Blue Ridge boys had their literary contest last Tuesday evening. Bruce Lynch took first place and will go to Westminster on the 28th.

A. D. Rodgers and J. D. Abbott spent Saturday and Sunday in Greenville with friends.

Armenius Clark and sister, of Pleasant Hill, visited the Misses Alexander recently.

Rev. A. P. Marett and daughter, Mrs. Ada Carter, of Westminster, spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's sister, Mrs. W. O. Alexander. They will leave to-day for Melvern, Ark., where they will join J. H. Carter and Elcne Marett and make their home. They carry with them the good wishes of many friends here and elsewhere.

John Lee, Jr., left last week for Columbia, where he is attending the corn show. He won the first prize in the Oconee boys' contest in 1912, receiving a free ticket to the corn show and entertainment while there.

Sidney Blanchett, of Rocky Knoll, visited his sister, Mrs. J. D. Abbott, recently.

N. W. Whitaker and wife, of Westminster, were among relatives at Coneross Saturday and Sunday.

Several from here are expecting to attend the Abbott-Davis wedding on Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Alice Barker, of Walhalla, spent Saturday and Sunday in our section.

Mrs. W. O. Alexander is on the sick list this week, suffering from throat trouble.

Do you know that more real danger lurks in a common cold than in any other of the minor ailments? The safe way is to take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, a thoroughly reliable preparation, and rid yourself of the cold as quickly as possible. This remedy is for sale by all dealers. ad.

To Investigate President Mitchell.

Columbia, Feb. 4.—The committee appointed by the General Assembly to investigate the charges brought against President S. C. Mitchell, of the University, by the Governor in his inaugural address, on information which he said was furnished him by President D. B. Johnson, of Winthrop College, has organized by the election of Senator F. H. Weston, of Columbia, as chairman and Representative W. H. Nicholson, of Greenwood, as secretary. The other members of the committee are Senators Macbeth Young, of Union, and O. P. Goodwin, of Florence; Representative R. H. Welch, of Richland, and J. W. Ashley, of Anderson.

The charges against Dr. Mitchell are concerned with his alleged conduct in attempting, (so the charges say), to divert part of a fund which the Peabody Board intended for Winthrop College to the University, with the additional allegation that he said that he would be willing for the balance of the fund to be used for negro education.

HAS MODIFIED RECENT ORDER.

Governor May Permit State Troops to Attend Inaugural.

Columbia, Feb. 1.—The South Carolina militia will be permitted to attend the inaugural parade in Washington if they are not assigned to positions behind negro troops, according to a letter requesting assurance as to the place they will be assigned, written by Governor Bleasdale to Gen. A. L. Mills, chief marshal, this afternoon. If they are assigned behind negro troops they will not be allowed to go.

The Governor says in his letter to Gen. Mills: "Communication from you under date of January 28 to the Adjutant General of South Carolina (subject 'Participation in the inaugural parade') has this day been referred to me with the following endorsement: 'Respectfully referred to the Commander-in-Chief of the troops of South Carolina for information.'"

"In reply to your communication I would ask you please to give me in detail what position the South Carolina troops will be assigned to in the inaugural parade, and whether or not they will have to march behind negro regulars or volunteers. If they are to be assigned to such positions they will not attend; if they are not assigned to such a position they will attend. If you cannot give me the assurance that they will not be so placed, you need not make any preparation for the South Carolina troops to attend, as they will not attend unless they do so individually. If you will give us such assurance we will be glad to take part and do anything we can to assist in making the inaugural ceremonies a grand success."

This is the season of the year when mothers feel very much concerned over the frequent colds contracted by their children, and have abundant reason for it, as every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality and paves the way for the more serious diseases that so often follow. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers. adv.

AGED FARMER SHOT TO DEATH.
R. R. Coleman, Union County, Shot at Home While Alone.

Union, Feb. 1.—R. R. Coleman, an aged farmer living near Jonesville, this county, died to-day from the effects of a wound received last night when an unknown assassin shot him through a window of his house.

Coleman was alone at the time, his grandchildren having gone to visit neighbors. Money in his pocket remained undisturbed. Bloodhounds have been put on the trail, but no clues have been found.

This is the third tragedy of this kind in the past two months in this section, all victims being aged farmers.

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To Cut Potash Production.

Berlin, Germany, Feb. 3.—The German government is preparing a new potash bill, which is designed to restrict production, according to a statement made by the minister of the interior, at a meeting of the budget committee of the imperial parliament. The measure will probably be brought in before the termination of the present session.

FROM BOUNTY LAND SECTION.

Record of Local Happenings in a Busy Community.

Bounty Land, Feb. 3.—Special: Mrs. J. B. Pickett, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Milam, at Sandy Springs, has returned home.

W. D. & J. R. Wright are in Columbia taking in the corn exhibits. They will visit relatives in Johnston and Greenwood before returning home.

Miss Zola Hubbard spent a few days recently with relatives in the Fairview section.

Miss Laura Smithson, of Westminster, is spending a few days at the Davis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Smith made a recent visit to the latter's sister, Mrs. William Moore, in the Shiloh section.

O. H. Doyle has purchased a half interest in the Seneca pressing establishment. He and Thornley Cary, with whom he is in copartnership, will appreciate the patronage of their friends.

Rob Hubbard visited his brother Grover at Clemson a few days ago.

Miss Marie Casey, of Septus, accompanied by her niece, Miss Clarkie Wilson, of Pendleton, spent the week-end with Mrs. M. A. Wilson.

Mrs. J. M. Gillison has been indisposed for several days, but is able to be up.

W. F. Miller and daughter, Miss Clara, visited his parents at Pleasant Ridge a few days ago.

The "shower" given by Misses Smithson and Verner in honor of Mrs. D. S. Abbott (to be), was a pronounced success and was heartily enjoyed by quite a number of ladies from this section. Miss Davis was the recipient of numerous beautiful and useful "shower" gifts, many of which charmingly displayed the handwork of their donors.

The many friends of Mrs. M. F. Alexander, of Whitewater, will regret to learn that she is suffering from a case of pneumonia. We hope to have favorable reports of her condition soon.

Miss Lura Perritt took part in a public debate given by the Seneca High School Literary Society last Friday evening, and was on the winning side.

Quite a number of visitors are expected in the community this week who will attend the Davis-Abbott marriage.

G. W. Davis, of Atlanta, was in the vicinity yesterday.

Burns Gillison, of Clemson, made his usual visit to his old home here Saturday night and Sunday.

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Man Proposes to Anna Shaw.

Danielson, Conn., Feb. 1.—Six hundred persons, most of whom were suffragists, who were listening to an address by Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Suffrage Association, in the Danielson Theater last night, were thrown into confusion when John Frisbie, a wealthy farmer of Mechanicville, interrupted the speaker and proposed marriage to her.

"Just a minute, Miss Shaw," shouted Frisbie. "I have been a widower for eighteen years. Will you marry me and make me happy? I have plenty for us both."

For several minutes Dr. Shaw stood speechless. Then she cried out dramatically:

"I don't want a wedding ring! All I want is the vote."

"I hope you never get the vote if that's the way you feel about it," was Frisbie's parting shot as he left the hall.

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