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IEWS AND INTERVIEWS

Brief Local Paragraphs of More or Less Interest.

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Stories Concerning Folks and Things, Some of Which You Know and Some You Don't Know—Condensed For Quick Reading.

"Well," said one yesterday, "it is getting about time that somebody was issuing a call for a taxpayer's convention to be held at the county seat now that it is only a short time until the general assembly meets. I reckon we will have a taxpayer's convention in January and that there will be a lot of talk and hot air and nothing done to reduce the tax levy as usual. Ain't human nature funny?"

Confederate Veteran.

"Well we have obtained a site from the city for the new Confederate monument," said a prominent U. D. C. of Rock Hill, the other day. "The handsome Confederate monument for Rock Hill will very likely be located in the vicinity of Oakland Avenue. The monument is now complete and is ready to be erected in Rock Hill. It is a handsome memorial to the men of the Confederacy. The Daughters of the Confederacy have not quite sufficient funds to pay for it; but have no doubt that they will be able to raise the necessary funds without much trouble."

McConnellsville School.

"Yes I guess we will build our new school building at McConnellsville during the next year," said Mr. J. Frank Ashe of McConnellsville, who was talking about the school the other evening. "Our bonds for the new school building were sold some time ago, you remember; but the trouble is we were not able to get the site we wanted until recently and we have been wanting a better school building than we could build with the money available. I am not a member of the board of trustees but naturally I am interested in the school and I rather think that the new building will be started early in the new year."

Proud of Erskine's Record.

"Dody" Phillips of Chester, king of South Carolina collegiate football players and eligible to a place on any old All-Southern Collegiate football team, was a visitor in Yorkville Friday night and Saturday. Phillips is well known in this section, having played baseball in Yorkville and Clover; the past summer. Talking football Friday evening he said: "I am mighty proud of the showing that Erskine, the college that I attend, made during the past football season. Despite the fact that we have an enrollment this year of only ninety-eight boys at Erskine and therefore not a great deal of football material to pick from we crossed the goal line of every college field on which we played during the season, a record that few college teams in this state can boast. It has certainly been a great year for football at Erskine."

The Case of Perry.

"What was the motive of that fellow Jesse B. Perry of Columbia, in holding up that party of Yorkville people on the Rock Hill road Thursday night?" There has been much discussion of the case since publication of the story in The Yorkville Enquirer about it last Friday. Had Perry deliberately started out as a highwayman or rather as a fake speed cop with a view to touching motorists over the country for a small fine for alleged speeding? Or had he become obsessed with the idea that since he had taken a correspondence course as a detective he had a right to hold people up and warn them not to drive fast on the public highway? Nobody knows just what to think—not even the officers. L. E. Odom, the young fellow who was with Perry, but who had nothing to do with the hold up of the Yorkville car doesn't know what to think about Perry. "I didn't have nothing to do with it and I am not in it," he said with a grin the other day.

The Right of Search.

It was inconvenient for Sheriff Quinn to go after some gamblers who had been reported to him as operating down the road not long ago. Mrs. Quinn was sick and so was he, so he asked Chief Steele to look after the matter.

Proceeding to the spot indicated the chief found the party; but they saw him in time to get all evidences of the game out of sight. Nearby, however, was an empty fruit jar that had contained white lightning and the chief proceeded to look around for some more.

He looked under the seat of the car, raised the hood of the engine and made other investigations without finding anything.

"Have you got any right to search that car without a warrant?" asked one of the party.

The chief contemptuously ignored the question for an instant; but as the other men, thinking he had an advantage, proceeded to follow it up somewhat impudently, he came across with this:

"If in the case of a party like this with no signs of any lawful reason why you should be here, every suspicion of gambling and this fruit jar lying here smelling of liquor, if I have not got a right to search that car, you can have my badge. I don't want to

be an officer. But just take note of the fact that I have searched the car."

Knocked Him Cold.

Lloyd McNair, Southern railway engineer, related a laughable incident in the experience of the late Barney Brickman, Southern engineer, who ran between Yorkville and Columbia for several years, a few evenings ago:

"Barney was running out of Charleston," said McNair, "and he had a negro fireman named John Williams, who didn't have any more sense than the law allowed. One morning coming out of Charleston, Barney ran over a negro and killed him near Ladson. It was an unavoidable accident in which Barney was in no way to blame. Coming back next day as he approached the point where the negro was killed, Barney was very naturally thinking of the accident the day before. At just the point where the negro was killed John jumped down off his box and shouted at Barney, 'Ye'r knocked him head over heels.' All excited Barney threw his brakes into emergency, and exclaimed 'What's the matter?' 'Ye'r knocked him head over heels,' repeated John. 'What was it?' asked Barney as his train came to a stop. 'A little English sparrow,' said John, 'and there came pretty near by another negro killed right there,' concluded McNair, 'as Barney was some mad at John.'

Philadelphia Camp Meetings.

How many people are there living in York county now who remember the great camp meetings that were held at Philadelphia Methodist church forty years ago or more? A well known citizen of the Eastern section of the county who passed Philadelphia church in company with Views and Interviews the other evening fell into reminiscent mood when he passed the old church and told of the camp meetings. "I remember them as a little boy," he said. "They would last for two weeks at a time and people not only from all sections of York county but from all over the state would come to Philadelphia and camp out. Entire families living in Yorkville would come. Preaching services were held in a big tent. There would be fifteen or twenty Methodist ministers there for the meeting and they would take time about preaching to the people, holding several services a day. But what I remember most is the fine eating. I was a little shaver of a lad then and naturally the food appealed to me most. Such food you never saw—cakes and pies and ham and chicken. And they fed you that kind of food during every meal while the camp meeting was in progress. But the camp meeting days have passed on never to return perhaps. I for one wish they would."

WILD MAN IN CAVE

Illinois Hunter Wounded in Hand-to-Hand Encounter.

A wild man, living in a cave near Mt. Sterling, Ill., is thwarting all efforts of police and armed citizens to capture him and is keeping the countryside in terror of his raids on outlying farms. A price has been set on his head, but desperate attempts to capture him in his lair have proven vain.

The wild man recently made a series of bold robberies near Mt. Pleasant, carrying off calves and sheep in a deserted mine where he stays hidden in the daytime. Ambrose Smith, a dead shot and a tireless hunter was seriously wounded in a terrific hand to hand encounter with the mysterious man monster.

Huge Creature with Bony Hands.

"The wild man has long, wiry hair that bristles about his savage looking face," Smith said in his home, where he is recovering from the encounter. "In the uncertain light of the cavern, I made him out to be a great towering creature. His hands are thin and the flesh is stretched over the bones like leather."

People feared black damp in the long empty galleries of the mine so much that even a reward of \$500 for the wild man, dead or alive, failed to result in his apprehension. At last Smith, accompanied by J. M. Blair and others from Mt. Pleasant, all quick with a gun, went to the cave. It was late in the afternoon. Smith had the others stand back 200 yards from the mouth of the cave and entered alone, armed only with his large hunting knife. His dog followed him.

Fought in Damp Cave.

Night fell and the watchers waited in vain for Smith's return. Then there was a great noise and the dog ran out whimpering. The men then went into the cavern in search of Smith. They groped along through the twisting passageways in the darkness, but were unable to find any trace of him. At midnight Smith crawled from the cave on his hands and knees and fell faint and exhausted at the feet of his friends.

"I did not get more than 50 feet into the cave, boys," he said, as they carried him to the doctor, "when I saw the wild man glaring at me a few feet away. Then he sprang at me and held me in his steel like grip. I tried to knife him but he held my wrist. For more than an hour we fought together on the wet floor of the cave.

"I weakened and he slipped from my grip. I felt his hot breath on my face and then a heavy blow on my head knocked me unconscious. I don't know what happened after that. When I got well I'll make another attempt, and next time I'll get him."

It will be a hard winter. The hide of politicians seems to be unusually thick.

ROCK HILL NEWS BUDGET

Indications Are That There Will Be Only Two Candidates for Mayor.

CITIZENS INTERESTED IN EDUCATION

Constable Allen Captures Two Men and Twenty Gallons of Liquor—Hundreds of Fruit Trees Will Be Set Out—Other News and Notes of the Metropolis of York County.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Rock Hill, Dec. 10.—Now that Dr. J. B. Johnson has announced his candidacy for mayor in the January election against Dr. David Lyle in all probability the lists for that office will close. Ralph Armstrong the present mayor can't offer for re-election without resigning and going into the lists anew again for the reason that he was elected mayor by the present board of three councilmen. Armstrong isn't going to do it. The race between Johnson and Lyle will likely be a spirited one. Both men have lots of friends. It is understood that Lyle's friends have been busy for him for quite awhile and he has been putting in some good ticks himself. He has a wide acquaintance and is popular with his friends. Now the Johnson forces have begun to get busy and they are not going to let the grass grow under their feet between now and election day.

Woman for Council.

There was talk on the streets today that a well known woman of Rock Hill might enter the race for a place on the council. This lady who is a well known civil leader would make it hot for Mr. Anybody if she decided to enter the lists. It is said and it is taken a notion to run she will do just that. But there is nothing definite about it. Registration for the approaching election is picking up and general interest in the mayor's race is picking up.

Distributing Fruit Trees.

Secretary Fewell of the Chamber of Commerce and assistants have been busy within the past several days delivering the several thousand fruit trees that were sold to farmers of the city and community during the fruit tree campaign conducted by the chamber and Miss Junitta Neely, woman's home demonstration agent some weeks ago. About \$1,500 worth of fruit trees were sold during the campaign and the job of distributing them among the several hundred purchasers without making mistakes is now up to the promoters of the campaign.

Win for Chester.

In the presence of a crowd of people estimated at 2,000 Chester high school defeated Gaffney High school at football here Friday afternoon by a score of 23 to 6. The game was played here to decide the high school football championship of the Upper section of the state. Chester will play Charleston high school, the champions of the lower section of the state for the state championship in Columbia next week. The game here today was attended by many football enthusiasts from Rock Hill and other sections of the state and by hundreds of Chester fans while a large crowd came over from Gaffney. The Gaffney boys were simply outclassed and never had a chance to win.

Big Liquor Capture.

Gilbert Goodman and D. H. Hamilton, white men claiming Concord, N. C., as their home were arrested in a town Thursday night by Constable Frank Allen and other officers and about twenty gallons of moonshine liquor said to be their property was captured along with a new Ford in which it is alleged the men were traveling. The two men will be held for trial in both the state and Federal courts.

Education Association Organized.

At a meeting of interested educators held in the Chamber of Commerce hall here Friday morning the Eastern York Citizens' Education Association was organized with the election of J. C. Cauthen as president and O. K. Williams as secretary. Five delegates to the meeting of the state association to be held in January were elected as follows: Mr. Sharpe of Leslie, Dr. D. B. Johnson, Prof. John F. Thomason, Prof. R. C. Burts, J. A. Barber. The principal talk of the organization meeting was that of Superintendent of Education John E. Carroll who spoke of the great need for such an organization which would assist in providing more teachers for the schools of the state and assist in relieving a teacher shortage that is now greater than ever known before. He declared that were it his job to employ the teachers in York county he would be willing to contract with Winthrop College for her entire output of teachers for the next five years. Winthrop college, he said, should have a capacity of 5,000 instead of a fourth that number and steps should be taken immediately to increase the facilities whereby the enrollment could be brought to at least 2,500. There are scores of ways in which an educational association of citizens can assist in promoting the cause of education and he expected the association just organized to be of great benefit to the cause.

Loose Many Turkeys.

There's simply no use for a farmer living on an extensively traveled road to try to raise turkeys, according to R. S. Poag, well known Bethesda township farmer, who lives on Saluda road between Rock Hill and Chester. Mr. Poag has lost several fine turkeys this year which were run over by ruthless automobile drivers and he has about come to the conclusion that it will be cheapest for him to go out of the turkey business.

NEWS ABOUT CLOVER

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THE HUNTERS HAD HAPPY HOLIDAY

Gambrell Going to Broad River Township—Bowling Green to Run Nights—Clover Boy Elected Manager of Trinity Football Team—Other News and Notes of Northern York County.

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Clover, December 12.—The holiday shopping season is on at Clover. Merchants have a wide variety of Christmas goods and people of this town and community are not without money. How business is going to be after January 1, Clover merchants are not saying now. But they are looking for big business from now until Christmas and they have prepared for it. One well known firm, carrying a line of toys and other knick knacks connected with the Yuletide, was busy Saturday writing orders to wholesalers replenishing part of his stock, since he had sold out.

Dinner for Veterans.

Andrew Jackson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, entertained the Confederate veterans of this town and community at a three course dinner at the home of Mrs. J. E. Brison, one of the chapter members, Friday. Eleven veterans were present and because of the generous plans of the dinner committee and the large hospitality of the hostess, a goodly number of the chapter members were served also. Decorations in the hall, living room and dining room were attractive and artistic and quite fitting for the occasion.

After the dinner hour, Miss Lila Jackson, president of the chapter, called for war reminiscences, to which several veterans responded by relating some very interesting and thrilling experiences. Inquiry developed that Mr. John J. Knox, veteran citizen of Clover, was the oldest veteran present. He is 85. Other Confederate soldiers present were: Messrs. J. J. Wilson, William Armstrong, William Barber, William Ashley, J. M. Cook, John Thompson, W. H. Sparrow, S. J. Clinton, Felix Quinn.

Back from Big Hunt.

Two deer, a wild turkey, numerous ducks and other game fell to a party of Clover hunters who have but recently returned from a trip to the Edisto river in Charleston county, where they are accustomed to go once or twice each year. The fall hunt this year was about as successful as usual. T. Howard Riddle shot one of the deer, while J. Meek Smith shot the other. Tom Dilling got a wild turkey, and other members of the party killed quite a number of ducks. The deer in the wildernesses of Charleston county are as numerous this year as ever, according to the hunters. Few wild turkeys are to be found yet because of the unusually warm winter thus far. Plenty of fish were to be had in the Edisto and adjoining streams. The party lost two dogs which they carried with them. In the party were: Dr. E. I. Campbell, J. Meek Smith, R. S. Riddle, T. H. Riddle, Dr. M. B. Nell, J. Clyde Ford, W. B. Rudisill, Tom Dilling, William Allison and George McCall. Ed Adams, well known colored cook, also went along. The hunters made the trip by automobile.

Gambrell to Broad River.

J. R. Gambrell, expert road builder, who has been employed for more than a year past as overseer of road building in King's Mountain township, will move to Broad River township the first of the year to supervise the road work to be carried on in that township.

Mill to Run Nights.

Arrangements are being made to operate the Bowling Green cotton mill at night as well as day, according to announcement by C. N. Alexander, general manager of the mill. The spindleage of the mill has recently been increased from 2,500 to 5,000 and other additional machinery has been installed. No trouble has been found in securing operatives, according to Mr. Alexander, despite the fact that Bowling Green is a very small place.

To Manage Football Team.

Of interest to relatives and friends here will be the information that Herbert Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Smith of Clover, has been elected manager of the Trinity college football team at Durham, N. C., for the season of 1922. Mr. Smith, who is himself an enthusiastic athlete, is one of the most popular students at Trinity. The college has been playing football only two years and her balloon-like rise has justified the arranging of a schedule for next year which will equal that of any college in the two Carolinas. So far Manager Smith has arranged games with the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest and Davidson.

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144th Depot Brigade at Camp Jackson during the war.

Automobile travelers trying to get to Yorkville from Clover, find it best to leave the main road just beyond the Allison creek trestle and go into the old Lincoln road by way of the homes of Messrs. John Jackson, Frank Jackson and others. This road is now being top-soiled under the direction of Mr. Gettys McCarter and within a few days it will be in first class condition. It is stated.

Personal Mention.

Mr. M. L. Ford of Clover, was a visitor in Rock Hill last Saturday. John Winkler of Filbert No. 1, has moved his family to the Hawthorn mill village here. Messrs. Jesse and Ben Faris of Yorkville, have moved their families to the Hawthorn mill village here.

HARD ON MERCHANTS

The Assessed Valuation of Personal Needs Re-adjustment. The Yorkville Enquirer says:

"One result of the new system of assessing mercantile stocks for taxation has been to emphasize the inequality of the assessment of personal property. Theoretically, of course, the ultimate consumer has to pay. The idea is that taxes have to be added on to the cost of the goods, etc. But even that does not equalize things, for very often the burden unjustly falls upon the merchant. Including household and kitchen furniture, silverware, and the like, stocks and bonds, there is more personal property in South Carolina that is untaxed than there is that is taxed."

That's putting it mildly.

The merchant's taxes are far heavier than they ought to be, because he is toting some of the load that ought to be carried by property now either escaping taxation or taxed far below the level of justice.

The Joint Special Committee on Revenue and Taxation reported to the legislature this year that it seems "to be a conservative estimate to place the value of all taxable intangible property in South Carolina now escaping taxation at not less than three hundred million dollars, which is more than seventy per cent. of the present assessed value of all property of every character in the state."

Three hundred million dollars worth of personal property now evading taxation—and that is only a part of the property now untaxed. The merchant, the business man, the real estate owner, and all other citizens who are honest taxpayers are taxed far more heavily than they should be, all because the legislature of South Carolina in the past has been dominated by ignorance and political cowardice.

The personal property tax in the state is an utter farce.

Consider some facts from the comptroller general's report in 1919. Charleston, with the largest population in the state, returned for taxation 274 pianos, organs, phonographs and Victrolas, while Spartanburg returned 2,407 and Greenville 2,298.

Abbeville county returned three gold or silver watches at a total value of \$65, while the adjoining county of Laurens returned 234 watches of the total value of \$3,655.

On the other hand, Abbeville returned of bonds and stocks not exempt from taxation \$64,949, while Newberry had only \$500 in this sort of stuff.

Clarendon returned six watches of a total value of \$295 and 3,171 dogs of a value of \$31,710, while Cherokee returned only 15 dogs of the total value of \$225, but reported 373 watches of the value of \$4,065. In Cherokee there is a highly developed taste for personal adornment, while Clarendon has strong proclivities for the chase.

This unanswerable indictment of our rotten tax system was handed down by the joint special legislative committee: "That a vast amount of the taxable property of the state is not upon the tax books at all is not only well known, but is acquiesced in and openly justified by the majority of our citizens. All of which can mean but one thing—that the operation of the tax system in South Carolina is in point of fact as much an outlaw business as the gentle art of cracking safes or of distilling moonshine whisky."

Merchants, other business men and taxpayers will be taxed more heavily every year until the legislature of South Carolina, whipped on by public sentiment, develops guts enough to stop this system of extortion, whereunder the honest man is sandbagged and looted and the tax dodger goes unharmed.

—Greenville Piedmont.

—Tracy Turbeville was suddenly killed last Saturday night about 10 o'clock when the car in which he was riding with F. L. Sitton ran off the high embankment at the Pee Dee river crossing, about one mile from Dillon, on the Dillon-Lake View road. Two negroes and a child were also in the car. They escaped injury. Mr. Sitton was painfully but not seriously hurt.

MUSCLE SHOALS PROPERTY

Full Explanation of Henry Ford's Plan.

WOULD DEVELOP UNLIMITED INDUSTRY

Most Wonderful Water Power in the South—Full Utilization Would Have Tremendous Bearing on All of America.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 7.—Henry Ford's bid for Muscle Shoals, submitted July 8, 1921, the first bid for the properties, contained three principle features: Outright purchase of nitrate plants Nos. 1 and 2 for \$5,000,000. Payment of approximately \$1,600,000 annual "rental" as interest on capital invested for waterpower rights. Reimbursement of \$40,000,000 spent by the government on Wilson Dam.

Reimbursement of \$8,000,000 to be spent by the government in building and equipping Dam No. 3. Outright expenditure of \$15,000,000 by the government in erection of three locks in connection with these two dams.

Muscle Shoals begin at Florence and extend eastward up the Tennessee river thirty miles, having a fall in that distance of 130 feet. Navigation around the shoals has been provided by means of the Muscle Shoals Canal, a waterway sixteen miles long and containing eleven locks. This canal was begun about 1820 and by intermittent effort was partly completed in 1890 when it was opened for navigation. Both the state of Alabama and the Federal government participated in this work.

In 1910 government engineers recommended that navigation and power should be jointly developed at Muscle Shoals and in 1914 an appropriation was made for diamond drill borings which proved the sufficiency of the foundation for proposed dams. A survey was made of lands that would be inundated and options were taken by citizens of Sheffield and Florence in the name of the government.

When the war began, the government, seeking a site for great nitrate plant, turned to Muscle Shoals and the erection of nitrate plant No. 2 was started January 8, 1918. It began operation October 25 of the same year and before the armistice was signed several thousand tons of ammonium nitrate was turned out. Operations were suspended after the armistice, but work was begun on Wilson Dam and this work continued until May 1, 1921, when the appropriation was exhausted. The dam then was said to be about 80 per cent. complete.

Three great concrete mixing plants, one of them said to be the largest in the world, were constructed and operated for the building of the Wilson Dam. Quarries were opened; residences for employees were built, with office buildings, schools, assembly halls and complete sewerage, lighting and water systems. A fleet of barges and dredges were provided to bring sand and gravel from the river channel below the dam. Wharf and unloading facilities were constructed, with a line of railroad three miles long extending from the wharf to the dam site.

All of this equipment was put in "stand-by" condition May 1, 1920, on one siding 45 locomotives now stand covered with grease paint.

Wilson Dam, completed, would be the largest in volume of material used of any single construction project in the United States, army engineers say. From river bed to top driveway over the dam, the height would be 133 feet. The available head of water impounded above the dam would be 95 feet. The length of the dam would be 4,600 feet.

The original plans for the work called for the installation of turbines and electric generators capable of producing 600,000 electrical horsepower, more than is now represented in the combined hydro-electric developments in the states of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee, according to army engineers.

Dam No. 3, proposed in Mr. Ford's bid would be one mile and a quarter in length, fifty feet high, and would have an available waterpower head of 42 feet. There would be installed, under the Ford plan, turbines, electric and electric generators in this dam capable of developing more than 250,000 electrical horsepower. This dam would be 17 miles above Wilson Dam and navigation through the two dams would be effected by means of two locks in Wilson dam and one lock in Dam No. 3.

Negotiations between the government and Mr. Ford have been in progress for several months. His recent trip with Thomas A. Edison to Muscle Shoals was for the purpose of making a re-survey of the property at the suggestion of government officials with a view of clarifying and reconciling, if possible, differences in Mr. Ford's estimates and those of army engineers concerning completion of the work. The greatest complication is understood to have been the difference in estimates of the cost of completing Wilson Dam and the construction of Dam No. 3.

—Marshal Foch was accorded a great reception in Chester last Friday afternoon, where he stopped for twelve minutes. His reception was under the joint auspices of the local post of the American Legion and the chamber of commerce. There were several thousand people in attendance and the affair was voted a great success.