

LOCAL NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1, 1897.

The Black Diamond Railroad.

EDITORS INTELLIGENCER: In last week's issue of the Advocate I published a letter received from Gen. J. C. J. Williams, refuting a rumor circulating that was calculated to keep our people from taking hold of the Black Diamond Railway enterprise. I presume many of your readers saw that letter, and therefore it is not necessary to publish it again in this connection.

Since publishing that letter I have received the following communication from Knoxville, Tenn., which I take the liberty of publishing:

KNOXVILLE, TENN., Nov. 24, 1897. J. L. TRIBBLE, Esq., Anderson, S. C. Dear Sir: Our attention has just been called to a report circulated in South Carolina, the purport of which is, that the Railroad Bonds owned by Knoxville and Knox County were sold for \$10,000, and that Col. Boone "pocketed" the money.

A point blank denial of such an utterly false charge would be sufficient; but, since the denial has been provoked by this malignant report, we will take advantage of the opportunity, and show to the fair-minded citizens of South Carolina, who may be uninformed on the matters, the whole facts of the transfer and disposition of the R. R. Bonds by the City of Knoxville and Knox County, for the benefit of the Black Diamond Railway.

The facts of this transaction, which may be easily ascertained and verified by anyone, commend the enterprise to the confidence and support of the sister State. In the first place, it may be well to show briefly the steps which led to the sale of the bonds.

To enable the municipality and County to make this disposition of their R. R. Bonds, it was necessary to have the Tennessee Legislature pass an Act, directing that an election be held in this City and County for the purpose of determining, by popular vote, whether or not such disposition of the Bonds should be made, and designating when such an election should be held.

This was done, and ample time was given for a canvass of the town and County on the question to be issued. After the election had marshaled its forces and made his fight, and after the votes were counted, it was discovered that out of a total vote of nearly 8,000, only about one per cent voted against the transfer and sale of Bonds for Col. Boone's Railway.

Upon the transfer of the Bonds, representatives of both the municipality and County were elected members of the Directory of the Railway Company. The sale of the Bonds was had, which was made by the Directory. The proceeds (\$40,000) from the sale of the Bonds were then paid into the Treasury. And the money thus realized was expended in securing valuable rights of way, making complete surveys in Tennessee, and for such other matters as were incident thereto, all of which could not be duplicated to-day for a like sum of money; and their acquisition is, and will be, of great value and advantage.

The work was economically carried on, the affairs honestly administered and the funds judiciously expended. The Directory, without any assumption of superior ability, can take pride in the management of the affairs, and the results obtained. The disbursement and disposition of the funds were made in accordance with strict business methods. The Treasurer disbursed no funds except upon vouchers. Not a dollar was paid out that was not passed upon and approved, by both the executive committee and the Board of Directors, upon which were the designated representatives of the City and County, and some of the best and strongest business men of Tennessee.

Col. Boone's salary was a fiction; he received one dollar per month and expenses; he received nothing else either directly or indirectly. Not only that, but Col. Boone used his own private means in aiding and furthering the work. His purpose was, and is, to build a railway upon completion of which he expects to make his money and not to farm the communities through which it passes.

The false reports noticed in the opening of this statement are reflections not only upon Col. Boone, but upon the integrity and business ability of the representatives of the city and County, and the other members of the Directory. However, such reports can in no way injure anyone except those who inspire them. The building of the Black Diamond system will not be delayed on that account; its building and completion is assured.

Before closing this statement, it would be but fair to say something about Col. Boone, although, indeed, such a statement is hardly necessary. To him, above all others, is the credit due for the success of this great undertaking. The undersigned have been intimately associated with Col. Boone for over two years in the Directory of the Black Diamond Railway, and such intimate relationship has inspired all members with the greatest confidence in his integrity and fairness.

Col. Boone has brilliant abilities as a leader among men; he has also, what is quite necessary, a profound knowledge of railroad matters, and of all the latest and improved methods; he has had long experience in work of this kind; he is unflinching in whatever he may have in hand, and does not know what rest is until the results sought have been obtained. His past successes in the promotion and construction of railroads, through difficulties and opposition almost insurmountable, attest his great powers in that direction, and place him to-day where he belongs—master of his profession, the peerless railroad promoter and builder of America!

M. G. ROSS, President. J. B. HARRISON, Vice Pres. S. B. DOW, 2d Vice Pres. C. G. ASHEADEN, 3d Vice Pres. JOHN BANE, Sec. EDGAR J. PRATT, Treas. J. P. McGUIRE, J. W. H. GOSS. GEO. W. MURPHY. C. AEBEL. A. TOTTENHAUSEN. PETER KEM. N. W. SEXTON, JR. J. M. KING.

Now, fellow-citizens, does this satisfy you that Col. Boone is not an impostor? L. KOSS has been honored by the city of Knoxville as its chief executive head. He has been president of its board of trade and is well known, perhaps, in the business world as any man we have in the city of Anderson. Mr. John B. Harrison was born and raised in the city of Anderson, a worthy son of the late Gen. J. W. Harrison, and is recognized in Knoxville for his ability as a man of good judgment and sound, practical common sense. Although personally unknown to these gentlemen whose names are to this communication, I have seen enough from Knoxville papers to know that they are men of ability and brains and capable of taking care of themselves, as well as taking care of the business interests of Knoxville.

When I had the honor of introducing Mr. Kirkby, at our meeting Nov. 4th inst., he was introduced as ex-Railroad Commissioner of the State of Ohio, and when afterward one of our citizens questioned his right to the title, and discredited the statement, I was told that Gen. Thomas, one of the owners of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway, was authority for the statement, at least he

(Thomas) had expressed doubt about it as he had never heard of him before, and the assumption was that any man of whom Mr. Thomas had not heard was a very small, insignificant man.

I was amazed somewhat that a man who had caused so much of flurly in railroad matters in South Carolina and Georgia in the last few years was so ignorant. This can be accounted for on the hypothesis that men so busy with monstrous railroad wrecks and syndicates have not time to notice little people. But the statement could have been intended for only one purpose, namely, to create the impression, which was done, that Kirkby was an obscure man and unknown—a mere adventurer.

Mr. Thomas to the contrary notwithstanding, I state it as a fact that Mr. Kirkby was appointed Railroad Commissioner of the State of Ohio by Gov. McKinley in May 1892, and held the position until 15th March, 1897. The last report on railroads was made by him Dec. 31, 1896, and the same was published, a copy of which I now have, for which I am indebted to Mr. J. H. Mirick, cashier, of Columbus, Ohio, who was secretary under Mr. K. Kirkby.

This report is full, complete and was considered an able report. It shows Mr. Kirkby to be a master of the details of the great railway systems of the State of Ohio, and shows that he has wonderful administrative and executive ability, such as is able to carry the Black Diamond to completion. If after this statement of facts our people are not satisfied, then nothing will satisfy them and they do not want a railroad. As I have before stated, no one is proposing to build a road by Anderson from the great West except Col. Boone. All that he asks of our people is that we do the preliminary work estimated at \$500 per mile. This will take in round numbers say \$17,000 for Anderson County. This money does not go to Col. Boone, not one dollar. He neither asks nor demands this for himself or any one associated with him. The subscribers to this fund will elect their Board of Directors, who will disburse all the money for surveys, rights of way, expenses of profiles and floating bonds with which the road will be built.

Now, Mr. Editor, if the doubters will let those alone who are willing to take hold of this enterprise we may be able to accomplish something. I well remember a few years ago how a few of our smart men laughed over the idea of a little town, scarcely numbering 100 men, in Greenwood, when they set on project the building of the Augusta and Knoxville Road, whose perquisites Mr. Thomas now enjoys. While our sluggards were deriding the attempt of our little neighbor and saying she would never get a road, a few men pulled together and made Greenwood one of the most important railroad centers of the State, and from a little hamlet of 100 people, in ten years she bids fair to rival her more pretentious sisters, side-tracked in the backwoods by Mr. Thomas and the balance of the Southern system.

J. L. TRIBBLE. Belton Items. Mr. J. E. Griffin, of whom mention was made in our last letter, as being critically ill, passed quietly and peacefully away Saturday morning at 6 o'clock. While his death was not a surprise to any one who had known anything of his condition for several days past, yet when it became known that the end had at last come, there were general expressions of sorrow that one so young and only a few months ago so full of life and energy, had been called from earth. Mr. Griffin was a young man of many noble traits of character. He was especially noted for his frank, open and honest dealings with his fellow men. His body was buried on Sunday afternoon in the cemetery of the Dorchester Baptist Church. The Rev. W. B. Hawkins conducted the services, which were impressive and fitting for the occasion, and, notwithstanding the exceedingly disagreeable weather, quite a large crowd was present.

Mr. Fant, we are pleased to state, is convalescing and is thought to be almost out of danger. Prof. B. E. Geer and Messrs. Clarence Rice, J. C. Green and M. W. Grubbs, teacher and students respectively of Furman University, were at home for Thanksgiving.

The following, from here, attended the Madison-Clinkscales wedding last Wednesday: Misses Mollie Geer, Eva Stringer, Daisy Rice, Rena Rice, Rosa Poore, Rosa Tribble, Jessie Sanders, Mattie Brown, Hon. and Mrs. A. C. Latimer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Byrd, Messrs. Walter Geer, Carroll Brown, E. T. Brezales, L. Tribble and Dr. W. E. Bowen. An elegant breakfast was served immediately after the ceremony, after which the wedding party left for the home of the groom, where they and friends and relatives of the contracting parties were handsomely entertained on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Clinkscales have a great many friends in this community, all of whom join in wishing the happy young couple a long and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. West attended the Trowbridge Crymes marriage at Piedmont last Wednesday night. Thanksgiving passed off quietly. A great many of the boys and young men anticipated a big hunt, but the weather was too severe for them to tackle it. W. C. Lee and family desire to express to the people of Belton and the surrounding neighborhood their heartfelt thanks for the considerate and unwearied kindness shown their kinsman, J. E. Griffin, during his long and trying illness.

XXXX. Corner Creek Items. At this writing, Mr. Editor, we are having some bad weather. It is cold and raining, and we presume it will be snowing before it is over. We are through work all but getting up our winter wood. Col. W. A. Neal, of Columbia, spent last Wednesday night here with his friend, Hon. Joshua W. Ashley. We are glad to see Mr. Neal around in our midst, and to note his success as Superintendent of the State Penitentiary.

Miss Annie Fagg, of Neva, visited friends here last week. Miss Nannie Martin, a charming young lady from Honea Path, spent last Sunday in our midst with her cousin, Miss Lelia Cassaway.

The patrons of the school at this place are busy this week building the school house, the trustees having located a school here. They have named the school Mar-nolia. Miss Lou Cassaway has been elected to teach the school.

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Boleman News.

The Sunday School Convention of the Beaverdam Association met with the Double Springs Baptist Church on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 23rd and 24th ult. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Earle. The sermon was very interesting and instructive. After the sermon the convention permanently organized by electing Rev. A. P. Maret Moderator, and Rev. J. M. McGuire Secretary. The attendance was small, very few of the Churches being represented by delegates. The various questions were ably discussed by the following ministers: J. R. Earle, W. W. Leathers, H. M. Allen, J. F. Singleton, J. M. McGuire and A. P. Maret. The ministers, delegates and visitors were all hospitably entertained by the good people of the community, for which they are noted. The convention adjourned Wednesday evening to meet with Double Springs Baptist Church, Oconee County, Tuesday after the first Sunday in July next.

All we people of the Fork, and more especially Townville and vicinity, are very hopeful of the Black Diamond Railroad being built through our section. We were once almost as hopeful of the Air Line being built through here, also the Savannah Valley, but alas! all of our sanguine hopes were blighted, which we sincerely hope will not be the case with the Black Diamond. The Fork is one of the best agricultural portions of Anderson County, and all we need to make her the banner Township in the County is a railroad.

Married, on Thursday, Nov. 18th, 1897, at the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. M. McGuire, Mr. Floyd Cole and Miss Julia Cole, all of Boleman.

Mr. A. C. Cromer, one of Alpine's most successful and prosperous farmers, is, we are sorry to say, very sick with typhoid fever. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery. Miss Addie Majors, of Bolton, is teaching the Double Springs School. Miss Addie has taught in this Township before and is an excellent teacher.

Mr. D. L. Fant, of Townville, is fitted up with a complete set of bicycle tools for the purpose of repairing the wheels for the boys. We have seen some of his work that would be a credit to the most skillful mechanic.

Miss Maude Cramer, our efficient and much appreciated teacher at Tugaloo, is boarding at Mr. T. J. Dalrymple's. Mr. Dalrymple is one of our best citizens and Miss Maude is to be congratulated in being so fortunate in securing boarding with such an excellent family.

Thanksgiving Day was not generally observed in the Fork. Owing to the inclemency of the weather there were no services held in any of our Churches that we have heard of. But very few people went to the show at Anderson or Seneca either from this section.

The recent wet spell of weather has somewhat retarded the sowing of the small grain crop. Though if we can get a few more days of dry, clear weather we will be through. Then the order of the day will be getting the winter's supply of wood and preparing for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. L. O. Bradberry has about completed his residence at Boleman, where he will move soon.

The health of this community is very good. SCHIBLER.

The following is from the St. Louis Republic of Friday: "The audience in Judge Boneau's Court, in Belleville, that witnessed the execution of George Krieg and Miss Rosa Badgley, of St. Clair County, yesterday morning, saw a blushing bride kissed for the first time by a man outside of her own brothers and fathers. As the last word was pronounced which made the couple man and wife, Krieg threw his arms around his wife's neck and kissed her until she nearly suffocated. He afterward explained to the Judge that this kiss was the first one he had ever got from this woman who was now his wife."

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company has recently applied electricity to a new use—that of working turn-tables for locomotives. Four men were required to turn a locomotive by hand, at a cost of 12 cents per locomotive, whereas the electrical machine reduces the cost to half a cent. The saving effected will be about \$700 a year.

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Reflect! Why is it the Sullivan Hardware Co. stand 16 to 1 in relation to their competition in the Plow business? Because the Sullivan sell the Oliver Chilled Plows—the greatest Plows on the Globe. Ask yourself why so many small fry factories try to imitate the Oliver Chilled Plow? Don't you know they would only attempt to copy the best. Sullivan Hardware Co. sell the genuine.

Listen! Why is it the Oliver Chilled Plows sold under an absolute guarantee by Sullivan Hardware Co., go and stay every time. Simply because they fill the bill perfectly.

The Air Tight Heaters use less fuel and give more heat than any other heaters. They are on exhibition at Osborne & Clinkscales.

You can buy some valuable and paying city property right now at a low figure from A. P. Hubbard. Two Store Houses on Main Street, three Cottages on Earle Street.

Osborne & Clinkscales have increased their force of tinners. They now work four tinners and two helpers. Stevick is in charge. If you want work done well and when it is promised to you, give them a trial.

Osborne & Clinkscales have just received a lot of Jardinieres. Call and see them.

Brook Bros. have just received a solid car load of Syracuse Chilled Turn Plows. Syracuse Plows stand the racket and do the work. They are the lightest, the strongest, the best. Brook Bros. Agent.

Buy a Syracuse Turn Plow and be content. They save your stock and save you money. Brook Bros.

Car load Studbaker wagons to arrive in a few days. J. S. Fowler.

Syracuse Turn Plows are guaranteed to turn better, run lighter and to throw up a higher terrace than any plow on the market. Brook Bros. Agent.

Examine my stock of buggies and harness before buying. J. S. Fowler.

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You can get bargains in buggies and harness at J. S. Fowler's.

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As announced before, between now and Christmas we want to exchange thousands of dollars worth of Merchandise for Cash in the till. That is the great subject that is on our minds.

Clothing.

You need Clothing. We need the money and the room for Spring Stock. A few dollars will dress you up in good shape. Let us induce you to invest in one of our \$7.50 or \$10.00 Suits. We would do a good thing for you. We would prefer the money and the room to the Suit. We can fix up the Boys in Long or Knee Pant Suits. Your money will interest us. Don't you see the point?

Mens' and Boys' Hats.

Yes, we are better at ourselves than ever before when it comes to supplying Men's Headgear. We are prepared to please you, whether you want Nobby Dress Hats, plain Business Hats or Broad Brim, Low Crowned goods.

Collars, Cuffs, Cravats, Etc.

Just received a new line. Big line of Gents' Handkerchiefs at from 5c. to 25c. Gents' Silk Handkerchiefs, plain and initial, at from 25c. to \$1.00.

Carpets and Rugs.

This is a new line with us, and thus far we have succeeded nicely. If you want Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Window Shades, Curtain Poles, or almost anything else in House Furnishing Goods we can supply you.

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Is a friend in cold weather. We have some All Wool Southern-made Goods. Sizes ten, eleven and twelve quarters at \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00. Blankets at from 50c. to \$8.00. Don't you need a pair? We need the money. Can't we get together?

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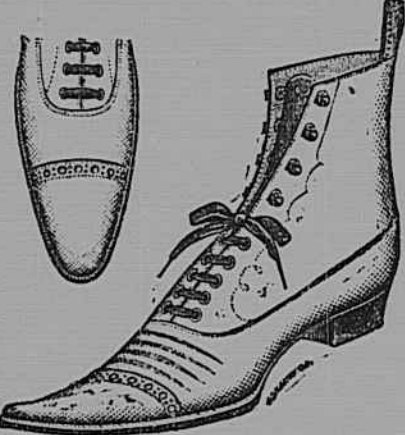
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Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Etc.

We offer the CHEAPEST line of—

Jeans, Flannels, Blankets, Lap Robes,

And other things that we will tell you about when you come. Our GROCERY LINE is always large and complete. We can sell you anything in our line if you honor us with a call.

We are anxious—very anxious—to collect what is due us. The fact that you are holding your Cotton won't pay our debts, and we must meet our obligations. Hold your Cotton if you want to, but please arrange to pay us AT ONCE, and GREATLY oblige—

Your friends, BROWNLEE & VANDIVERS.

Killing the King!

Yes, he's dead. Murdered, most brutally murdered by the "Bulls and Bears." They are dangerous animals—much to be dreaded, and if we have only to continue with them in our forests and fields we could soon put an end to every one that walks on four legs. Yes, the quadruped kind are wild and savage and hard to manage, but the most dangerous and disastrous are the gentlemen kind that promenade Wall Street in patent leather shoes and highly colored silk stockings. They are the murderers of—

KING COTTON,

And the Southern people are the mourners, but as the old adage goes—

CAN'T DOWN A WORKING MAN.

You must be up and doing, ever on the alert to save your pennies.

BUY FOR CASH—SELL FOR CASH!

That's the only redemption for the Southern people. Owe no man anything. Then, and not until then, are you independent. That's the great magnetic battery that—

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To the "RACKET STORE." That's the answer to the army of well pleased customers that daily crowd our Store. Can't wait on the people half the time.

UNDERBUY..... UNDERSELL..... CASH!

Knowing how to do this well does the work and pleases the people—keeps us hustling day and night. And now as old "Jack Frost" approaches you want to be ready for him. So here you go:

- Blankets 29c per pair up to best. Red Flannel 8c yard up. Good Pants Cloth 5c yard up. Homespun 2 1/2c up. Bed Comforts 19c. Men's Drawers 12c. Shirts 10c. Boys' Wool Suit 48c. Pants 10c. Men's Jeans Pants that others get 50c for, new lot just in, 39c. Ladies' Capes 48c. Velvet Collar, fur trimmed, 69c.

Big sample lot of Underwear for men and Women going with a rush at wholesale cost, and in Clothing—Men's Suits—Coat, Vest and Pants, all for \$1.75. Got to go. Don't fail to see 'em slide out.

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