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NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Death of Mr. Belton Luther—Constable Gives Attention to Jamaica Ginger—Others Matters.

Prosperity, March 26.—Mr. Raymond St. Amand, private secretary to Chief Justice Pope, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. Fred L. Schumpert, of Dallas, Texas, stopped over in Prosperity on his way home from North Carolina, and spent a couple days with his relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Counts, of Pomaria, are visiting in Prosperity.

Misses Maude Livingston and Marie Schumpert spent Saturday and Sunday in Newberry.

Miss Julia Mathis, of Ninety Six, will assist Miss Bobb in the millinery department this season.

Uncle John Rauch, of Saluda, was in town Wednesday, to the delight of his many friends.

The Women's Missionary society of Grace church will have a public meeting Sunday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. An interesting program will be given. Come.

Prof. L. A. Sease attended the meeting of the Clemson college board last week.

Miss Ida Belle Riser, of Little Mountain, is visiting Miss Lahlage Wheeler.

Constable Williams has been giving his attention to "Jamaica Ginger" and has seized about 18 dozen here in the past two days. He informed your correspondent. As spring is near at hand wonder what our folks will do for the usual spring remedy if there will be no "Jujin Ginger" to be had when we get sick.

Mrs. W. A. McLane, of Blythe-wood, in a visit to her father, Judge Blair.

Our millinery emporiums will have their openings next week, during the days of Wednesday and Thursday. Mrs. Calmes Wednesday, Moseley Brothers and Miss Boob on Thursday. The ladies are invited to call.

There is, as your correspondent has stated, an opportunity for Prosperity to have an up-to-date electric light plant. All the smaller towns in the State are putting in these plants, and with the present opportunity the town should not wait any longer, but put in the plant at the earliest possible moment. An improvement like this will lead to others. Why follow all other progressive towns? Get in the front column and keep step with the progressiveness.

Grace congregation hopes to worship in their new church on Easter Sunday. If they do not get in by then we trust that the first service will be old folks' day. The confederate veterans will be specially invited this year, and given front seats.

The sad intelligence comes this morning that Mr. Belton Luther has passed away. Mr. Luther has been a patient sufferer for a long time. Mr. Luther was a well-known business man. He was married to Miss Myra Watson, of Ridge Spring. Mr. Luther made his home in Columbia for the past five or six years. He leaves a wife and three children and a large circle of relatives. He will be laid to rest in the Prosperity cemetery on Friday. The funeral service will be conducted from the home of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Luther, at 10 o'clock.

Miss Nora Hoffman, of Columbia, is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. S. Wheeler.

Capt. R. H. Russell has gone to Hamlet, N. C.

Mr. A. B. Langley, general manager of the Carolina Insurance and Casualty company, of Columbia, has been on a visit to Mr. A. H. Kohn.

And Congressman Bartholdt would have us drink liquor in order that we might have public buildings! Debauch the man that we may have a few United States court houses in which to try him after he has been on a debauch and violated the law! Yes, a fine proposition indeed! So far as we are concerned if we must pay such a price we would have none of their crumbs, for that is practically

all the South gets.

Col. H. C. and Miss Lala Moseley have returned from Savannah. We learn that Mr. Moseley has been much improved.

Mrs. Sallie Lee Brown, of Spencer, N. C., is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. O. Counts. Mrs. Brown's friends are glad to meet her again.

Walter Wise and James Calmes are at home from the Porter Military academy.

A. Brige Wise and George Wise have gone to Savannah to visit their parents at the Ogletrope Sanitarium.

Your correspondent would certainly be glad to see a County Mutual Live Stock Insurance company organized for the benefit of the stock owners of Newberry county. Just stop and think for a moment what a great good it could be if you were to lose a mule in work time and how small the cost would be. We are glad to see the Prosperity correspondent of the Observer second our motion for the organization of such an association. What say you, gentlemen? Think it over and then act, if you think well of it.

Columbia is not the only town that is growing with gigantic strides. The Hometown (Pa.) Banner publishes as far as the breeze can bear the billow's foam the following bulletin of progress: "Three new wood-sheds, one picket fence, six rods of new sidewalk and one house repainted is the record for Hometown for the last month. Name us another village in the State that is getting there in comparison." The public-spirited and aroused citizens of Hometown should not limit the comparison to the borders of the State of Graft. Such a comparison would be doubly odorous. No pent-up Pennsylvania contracts their view but the whole boundless universe is theirs in which to search in vain for a paragon or a mercerized silk imitation."

The above struck your correspondent very forcibly. Some towns we know in South Carolina can't boast of even such civic or municipal improvements.

Prosperity is getting a reputation not to be desired. One murder, and no clue to the murderer, a hold up on Sunday night, and other minor offenses make a record that is hers for the past week.

In an effort to arrest John Isabella, a young negro boy, for breaking into the C. N. & L. depot and other offenses, the officers emptied their guns, but failed to wing their prey. He succeeded in joining the "bird gang."

Miss Jennings, of Newberry, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Quattlebaum.

Miss Gertrude Simpson visited the parental roof on Sunday.

Mr. Alonzo Bedenbaugh was chosen as delegate to represent Grace church at the St. Phillips conference. Miss Marie Lathan was the guest of Mrs. C. M. Harmon at the Wise hotel during the early part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Sease, of Chapin, have returned home from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. A. Sease.

The Misses Bobb, of Newberry, have returned from a visit to their aunt, Mrs. J. C. Counts.

Mrs. Robinson and Miss Venessa Williams visited Mrs. F. E. Schumpert's family Sunday.

Dr. Bedenbaugh, one of our most progressive physicians, has purchased an automobile. The bark-hornk of a horn is no longer a cause for alarm or a signal of possible distress.

Beginning next Monday morning the school hours will begin at 8:30 instead of 9:45. So if you are interested, it will be well to bear this in mind.

The date for the Dime Reading is April 24. Don't forget this. When you hear the list of business men who will participate you will be sure not to forget.

If you have any friends visiting you, or know any little news items, it would be highly appreciated if you would ring up No. 8 and impart them. Small favors thankfully received, and large ones in proportion.

THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting Will Be Held In Gaffney June 15, 16, 17, 18, Outing Being Arranged.

At a meeting of the sub-committee of the executive committee of the South Carolina Press association, appointed to fix the date of the next annual meeting of the association, to be held in Gaffney, June 15, 16, 17, and 18 was fixed as the time for holding the meeting. The sub-committee which is composed of President E. H. Aull, of The Newberry Herald and News; Mr. Ed. H. DeCamp, of the Gaffney Ledger, and Mr. C. M. Galloway, of the Columbia State, met in Newberry on Wednesday night. It was a matter of regret that, on account of an important engagement in Columbia, Mr. Galloway could not be present at the meeting. Mr. DeCamp came to Newberry on Wednesday afternoon, and he and Mr. Aull had a conference on Wednesday night, as a result of which conference the time for the meeting stated above was fixed.

President Aull is arranging an outing to be taken immediately after the meeting, the plan being that the meeting and the outing shall consume just one week.

The details of the program are to be arranged by another sub-committee, and the program for the meeting has not yet been completed. The first session, however, will be held on Monday night, June 15, at which time the addresses of welcome and the responses will be made. Tuesday, June 16, Wednesday, June 17, and Thursday, June 18, will be taken up with business meetings and the entertainment to be provided by the people of Gaffney.

Mr. Edmonds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, has indicated that he will be present at the meeting of the association and will make an address, provided the date does not conflict with his other engagements. It is the intention also of those in charge to invite Mr. Thom, general counsel of the Southern railway, to meet with the association. Miss Mary T. Nance, president of the South Carolina School Improvement association, will be present and will talk along the line of the great work which her association has undertaken and is accomplishing.

The details of the program, however, will be finally arranged by the committee on program, and will be announced by that committee. The sub-committee which met in Newberry on Wednesday night had for its object simply to fix the time for the meeting.

President Aull is making arrangements to charter a special train to take the association from Gaffney via Marion, N. C., to Asheville and Hendersonville and Lake Toxaway. Mr. Aull and Mr. DeCamp discussed this trip in Newberry on Wednesday night, and President Aull's plan met fully with Mr. DeCamp's approval. It is desired to go from Gaffney via Marion, N. C., to view the scenery along this route, which is said to be the finest this side of the Rocky Mountains. The plan is to leave Gaffney immediately after the meeting and to go direct to Marion, and thence to Asheville, where it is probable that a reception will be given at Biltmore, the famous mansion of Mr. Vanderbilt. From Asheville the plan is to go to Hendersonville, where the association will be cared for royally by Mr. S. F. Wheeler, of the Wheeler hotel. Then the party will go to Lake Toxaway and spend Sunday, returning home on Monday.

This trip, it will be seen, will take very little time, and President Aull thinks it will be as enjoyable an outing as could be arranged with as little expense.

The meeting in Gaffney promises to be one of the most successful in the entire history of the association. The people of that progressive city are preparing to entertain the editors as the people of Gaffney and Cherokee county know how to entertain. Mr. DeCamp said in Newberry on

REDUCE ACREAGE.

Pres. E. D. Smith Issues a Call to the Farmers—Farmers Must Take Action.

To the Cotton Growers of South Carolina:

The executive committee of the South Carolina division of the Southern Cotton association has requested me to issue an address in reference to the acreage for 1908.

Whatever may be the motives that prompt it, it is a fact, nevertheless, that the cotton mills in America are running on short time; some limiting their hours per day and others running only certain days in the week. The effect of this will be to curtail the consumption of raw cotton.

It is unquestionably true that we have made a small crop—in fact so small that if the mills were running on full time it would hardly prove adequate to the demand. It is earnestly desired by the manufacturing interests to so curtail the use of raw cotton that they will have on hand a surplus at the time the new crop comes in.

If the acreage in cotton is not reduced, we will be confronted, perhaps, by a surplus of the old crop and a large acreage starting us in the face. With these conditions the price of cotton would be put below the cost of production.

The effect upon every branch of industry and the people throughout the South would be pitiable indeed if we are again to have low price cotton.

The situation is entirely in the hands of the farmer, and I earnestly plead that they raise an abundance of home supplies, and this in itself will necessarily reduce the cotton acreage. I can assure the farmers of South Carolina that throughout the Southern States an earnest appeal is being made to the farmers to adopt the course which I recommend to you. I deem it my duty to sound this note of warning in ample time to forestall a large crop for 1908.

If we can make our supplies at home, our debts will be small and will not need much cotton to pay them. Let every farmer profit by the experience of the past and make enough at home to enable him to be master of the situation. One course offers continued prosperity, the other financial embarrassment, inability to meet your obligations and the thousands of other evils that exist in the South when cotton is cheap. Hold your spots and plant provisions.

E. D. Smith.

Columbia, S. C.

News From Excelsior.

Excelsior, March 26.—Small grain has come out wonderfully the past two weeks.

The rains are holding the farmers back considerably with their work.

Mrs. Thomason is visiting friends in Newberry.

Miss Rosalie Wheeler, a student of Newberry college, spent Sunday with the home folks.

Miss Riser, of Little Mountain, is visiting Misses Lahlage and Lucy Wheeler.

Miss Lucy Wheeler visited friends at Kinards last week.

Mrs. J. D. Stone and children spent last week with her mother near Newberry.

Rev. Ira S. Caldwell preached an interesting sermon for us Sunday afternoon after our Sunday school. Mr. Caldwell will preach for us again fourth Sunday afternoon in April.

There will be communion service at Mt. Pilgrim church next Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Shearouse.

Little Miss Nannie Wheeler who has been at the Columbia hospital for over two weeks for treatment is improving nicely we are glad to say, and her father, Prof. J. S. Wheeler, hopes to bring her home in a few more days. Her mother has been with her during her stay at the hospital.

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Wednesday night that all the people of Gaffney wanted was that every editor in the State should be present.

CARD FROM DR. SETZLER.

Discusses Permanent Road Work and Relative Merits of Supervisors and Commissioners.

Editor Herald and News: Again I ask for space in your paper, in order to inform you where I got the idea that putting the chain gang of the county on permanent road work levies a tax of \$7,000 on the taxpayers of the county. I will say I came to this conclusion after carefully reading the clause in the county supply bill for ordinary purposes, viz., That the supervisor be authorized and empowered to borrow for current expenses not more than \$7,000 during the year 1908 from the sinking fund, etc. The said amount to be obtained upon the note or notes of the county supervisor and county treasurer. And they are here, by authorized, and empowered to pledge the taxes for the year 1908 for the payment of said borrowed money, and the interest thereon, and are further authorized and required to pay said amount out of the taxes of 1908. If this be true I would like to know where it will come from if not from the taxpayers of the county. If the levy has not been increased I respectfully ask, could not the levy have been less if the \$7,000 had not to be provided for? And, furthermore, as I understand it, this money is to be applied to the roads designated in the supply bill. I will say if I am in error I shall be pleased to be corrected.

I will now take up the main purpose of this communication, the comparative merits of county commissioner, and supervisor. As we have had the experience of each for ten or twelve years, we have some reliable data by which we may arrive at some definite conclusion. I shall first consider the record of county commissioners. If I am correctly informed the county debt was \$21,000 or \$22,000 when they were installed, and when they turned over the office to the supervisor the debt was paid, and a small surplus was left in the treasury. How does that compare with the present financial condition of the county? It is now in debt some \$6,000 or \$7,000.

I shall consider next the bridges and roads in the country. We who traveled the roads when the commissioners were installed in office know the wretched condition they were in, washed in gullies in many places, so that it was difficult to travel them on horse-back. I write from experience, as my professional duties, and having relatives in the upper portion of the county, and lower part of Laurens county, gave me ample opportunity of observing the condition of many of the public roads.

When the county commissioners were succeeded by the supervisors the roads were in fairly good condition. They had the roads opened the lawful width, and were getting them oval in the middle, and the side ditches kept opened, which I am fully convinced is the best method of having good roads apart from macadamizing, which I think is entirely impracticable at present. They also enforced the road law more strictly. How has it been with the supervisors? They order the "road overseers" to have the roads put in condition at a certain date, and at least three-fourths pay no attention to it. It was not so when the county commissioners were in office. Then orders were obeyed, I will also state that the supervisors had the advantage of the chain gang, which the commissioners did not have.

I shall now notice as to supervisors and in the outset shall say, I believe they are all honorable gentlemen, but, in my opinion there being so many public roads and bridges in the county that it is impossible for one man to look after them, let him be ever so energetic and conscientious. If this be so I would ask, would it not be wise to divide the responsibility and duty upon three or five men? I believe so, hence, the appearance of these communications; and as this may be the last, I'll say in all candor that I have no ill-will towards our representatives, as I consider them

FARNUM SURRENDERED.

Gave Bond Before Local Magistrate Yesterday—Was Off on a Business Trip.

Columbia State, 26th.

James S. Farnum, agent for the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, and charged with conspiracy to defraud the State of South Carolina, came to Columbia yesterday and voluntarily appeared before Magistrate Fowles to give bond for \$10,000 for his appearance before the Richland criminal court when the case is called.

Farnum came to Columbia and met with Mr. T. Moultrie Mordcaai, his attorney, who came here from Charleston. His statement was that he had visited New York and Washington on business and that he had never been a fugitive from justice and was ready to appear as soon as certain business arrangements were completed in the North. The bond was signed by representatives of the American Bonding company and no statement further than that given above could be obtained from the defendant or his attorney.

It was generally believed by all who had followed the dispensary investigations that Farnum would not remain out of the State permanently and after consultation with his attorney would come back and give bond. Under the charge of conspiracy it would be useless to run away. His movements since the time it was decided to swear out the warrant against him have been mysterious, however. The investigations leading up to this action were made public in the newspapers and warrants were expected from the commission almost any day. When they were finally issued Farnum could not be found and telegrams to Savannah and nearby towns failed to reveal his whereabouts. He left Charleston the very night the warrant was issued.

Yesterday his attorney, Mr. Mordcaai, stated that his client had just returned from the North upon a "business trip." The defendant practically repudiated this statement and added that he was not guilty of any of the charges made against him in the warrant.

The warrant against Farnum was sworn out at the same time as those against others implicated in the investigations involved. Those named in the Farnum warrant were: J. S. Farnum, J. M. Rawlinson, Jno. Black, Jos. B. Wylie and W. O. Tatum, all against the Anheuser-Busch Brewing company, alleging overcharges on goods sold the State dispensary. At the same time a warrant was also sworn out against Jno. Bell Towill, L. W. Boykin, members of the old dispensary board, and M. A. Goodman and B. Ehrlich, whiskey drummers representing Ullman & Co. All have given bonds in the sum of \$10,000 each with the exception of Goodman who was bound over in the sum of \$25,000.

The arrest of Farnum practically completes the action of the State in the graft cases for the present and they will be placed upon the criminal docket for Richland county for the coming term of court. However, on account of the crowded condition of the docket, it is possible that by consent two cases may be removed to another county in order that a speedy trial may be given and the cases disposed of. This or it will be decided after Gov. Ansel has announced his appointment of solicitor for the fifth circuit.

Serve Him Right.

Roanoke, Va., Times.

If you want to use a hammer, use it on the pessimist.

Fame.

Philadelphia Telegraph.

If money didn't talk some people would never be heard of.

all good friends of mine,

Respectfully,

G. A. Setzler.

Pomaria, S. C.