

## ON BELTING AND GANDY

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### CONTEMPT FOR THE PUBLIC.

The Newberry Herald and News makes this timely comment:

"The railroad commissioners passed an order at a meeting held at Glenn Springs last week to require the Atlantic Coast Line to have its passenger coaches cleaned at Greenville and Charleston. It is a good time to see if we could get this road to install a parlor car service between Greenville and Charleston."

The Greenville News has been laboring in season and out for the past several years to get the railroad to operate a chair car between Greenville and Charleston, but as far as we have been able to find out, our efforts on behalf of the suffering and long misused traveling public have been treated with contempt.

This paper has not been asking for this improvement in the passenger service over the line from here to Charleston via the Atlantic Coast Line because of any desire on its part to put the railroad to any unnecessary expense. But we have urged the improvement because it is badly needed, and, more than this, because the company is abundantly able to give it.

There is a time coming when the Railroad Commission of South Carolina will feel obliged to take a deeper interest in the matter and will incorporate with the News and Col. Aull's paper at Newberry, and one or two others who enlisted in the cause of travelers.—Greenville News.

We do not know that we are ready to say that the railroad commission and the railroads are treating the matter with contempt. Certainly they have paid no attention to the repeated suggestions from Greenville and Newberry. We have about reached the conclusion that we will ask Mr. Brunson to go with us to Columbia and we will present the matter ourselves. We believe that we could convince the railroad commission and the railroad people that it would be to their interest to install this service. We have brought the matter to the attention of our chamber of commerce several times but if any active steps have been taken we have not heard of it. This is a work which the chamber of commerce ought to take up.

A railroad man said to us some years ago "The only way you can get anything from the railroads is to ask for it," or words to that effect.

The Southern ran a parlor car spasmodically during the past few years and concluded that it did not pay. We cannot tell whether such a service will pay or not by running a car every other day and then not continuing it for more than a month or two.

We believe that a cafe car such as the Southern operates between Charleston and Asheville would pay between Greenville and Columbia, but, of course, it would have to be kept on for a sufficient time to let the traveling public know that such a service was in existence.

We desire to suggest to our friend of the Greenville News that the only way to get anything done, especially of this character, is to keep everlastingly at it, and if he will hold up his end we will do what we can at this point. Somehow we have never been able to interest Columbia, but we still have hope.

Comptroller General Jones must not throw rocks at the school districts of the state for "rushing into bonded indebtedness." No matter how it may look to the comptroller of the State, it is a good move on the part of the rural districts, and as it is a new thing, we do not wonder that it looks like a furor for high finance, as if the whole people were tumbling heels over head into a whirlpool of debt, but they are really making investments for futurity, getting good school houses which their children who are getting the benefit of them will pay when they come to man's estate. Let that good work go on.—Florence Times.

But you know that any mention of the word "bonds" frightens some people almost to death. Now a "note" or an ordinary tax would not have the same bad effect. Some people

don't want to leave their children a debt it matters not how much that debt might be of benefit to them. They had rather leave them an inheritance of ignorance or any other old thing, but never any "bonds." See?

### NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Number of People Are Taking Summer Vacation.—Personal Mention.

Prosperity, July 29.—On Monday our town was all astir to get a place of vantage to see the scout cars of the Columbia Record. Dr. Bedenbaugh in his Ford touring car went to Little Mountain to act as pilot for the scout cars.

About 5:30 he was seen coming and behind him came the cars from Columbia. All the autos stopped here, where six cars were waiting to act as escorts to Newberry. In about 15 minutes most of the Record's cars had arrived and these, with Newberry's cars left for Newberry.

Mr. Aumerle Lorick, of Irmo, is at home on a visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Forest Bedenbaugh, of Columbia, are on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Geo. S. Mower was in town Monday.

Miss Nora Crouch, of Batesburg, who has been visiting Miss Janie Russell, left on Tuesday for Silver Street, where she will spend a few days before returning home.

Miss Erin Kohn left on Saturday for Williamston, where she will spend a few weeks at these well known springs.

Mr. Robert Luther, of Atlanta, is at Prosperity, spending his vacation with his parents.

Granville Wyche made a short trip to Abbeville this week.

Rev. George Bearden, of Wilmington, N. C., is visiting Dr. Luther.

Marks Simpson spent the week end in Columbia.

Mrs. George Summer and family spent Wednesday in Prosperity.

The excursion to Atlanta on Tuesday was better patronized this year than last. Twenty-four tickets were sold.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Counts, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Crosson, Miss Gertrude Bobb, Messrs. Berry Mayer and J. B. Bedenbaugh were some of our people who took advantage of the cheap rates.

On Wednesday evening the district conference convened at Zion Methodist church. In connection with the conference there will be preaching every night except Sunday, at Prosperity, and business meetings every day at Zion and preaching on Sunday. Yesterday at Zion, the laymen's movement was discussed.

Mrs. Addie Hodge, will leave Thursday for Spartanburg on a visit to her brother.

Mrs. Bessie Lane leaves today for a few weeks' stay with her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter, of St. Lukes.

Rev. M. O. J. Kreps leaves today on his vacation. He goes to Savannah, Georgia.

Horace Shealey, of Little Mountain, has been on a visit to Lillius Simpson.

Little Miss Mary Eliza Mahon, of Newberry, is visiting Nellie Kohn and Mary Lizzie Wise.

On Wednesday Mrs. C. G. Barrier gave her Sunday school class a delightful picnic at Brown and Moseley's grove.

On Tuesday evening Miss Ellen Werts entertained in a most charming manner at her home on McNary street, in honor of Miss Willie Birge, of Texas, and Miss Eula Joiner, of Georgia.

Mrs. Dr. Nance, of Florida, is visiting her relatives in Prosperity. From here she will go to her father's, Mr. Leonard Sease's.

Miss Janie Russell is visiting friends at Silver Street.

On Tuesday morning, as the sun was peeping up, a merry camping party left here for the mountains of North Carolina, where they will spend a few weeks.

Those who composed the party were Messrs. B. B. Schumpert, Pink Wicker, Maxy Harmon, Arthur Counts, S. L. Fellers and E. B. Kibler.

Mr. Wilbur Long, of Newberry, is spending his vacation with his parents, near Prosperity.

Miss Willie Birge, of Texas, has gone to Denmark for a short stay with her uncle, Mr. Wicks Mayfield.

Mr. S. S. Birge made a flying trip to Columbia, Wednesday.

Chief of Police Workman spent Tuesday in Newberry.

Rev. Dr. A. J. Bowers delivered a fine talk on missions in Grace church on last Sunday evening.

Mr. Olin Bobb, of Columbia, spent Sunday at home.

Frank Ewart, Everett and Frazier Evans, of Newberry, spent a while in our city Monday.

Mr. John Feagle, of Little Mountain, has been on a short visit to relatives.

The 'ene given by the Ladies' Aid society of Grace church on Friday

was enjoyed by a good crowd, although the weather was threatening. Those of Newberry who enjoyed the dinner were, Messrs. Frank Hunter, Wilbur Sligh, H. H. Evans and Grady Goggans.

Sheriff and Munson Buford were in our town Friday.

Miss Florence Bowman, of Newberry, and Miss Hinley, of Florida, spent a few days at Mr. Drayton Brown's.

Dr. and Mrs. George White, of Savannah, Ga., who have been visiting Mrs. White's parents, left Wednesday for Clinton, where they will visit Mrs. T. D. Copeland.

Mrs. J. F. Browne returned from a very pleasant visit to Connelly's Springs, N. C.

On Friday Prosperity defeated Pomaria in a rather one-sided game by the score of 13 to 3, Prosperity getting 10 hits and Pomaria 2. This makes 9 games in succession that have come Prosperity's way but strange none have gone the wrong way, leaving our team with an average of 1000. We are proud of our team and may luck and games won come their way wherever they go.

Mrs. William Johnson, of Newberry, spent Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. John Simpson.

### Notice to the Public.

If necessary I will come to your house and shave you, also on Sunday, if absolutely necessary, the charges are always 25 cents for this kind of work.

Geo. Lyles,  
Prosperity, S. C.

### Amity Lodge, No. 87, A. F. M.

A regular communication of Amity Lodge, No. 87, A. F. M., will be held next Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock in Fraternity Hall. Visiting brethren cordially welcomed.

R. H. Wright, W. M.  
J. H. M. Kinard, Secretary.

### Central Methodist Church.

(Rev. J. W. Wolling, D. D., Pastor.)

The usual Sunday morning services will be held in Central church, being conducted by the pastor. The subject of the sermon will be, "Why the church and its stability." All visitors in the city and commercial travelers are cordially invited. All the members are expected to be present.

The Sunday school meets at five o'clock. There are classes for the study of the Scriptures, lively singing and interesting exercises.

All are invited. There will be no services in this church at night.

### Burr Leitzsey's 'Cue.

The 'cue at Mr. B. B. Leitzsey's residence, four miles from Newberry, which will be given today, promises to be a fine 'cue and largely attended by both the people of the surrounding country and the people of the city. The road from Newberry to Mr. Leitzsey's is in good shape, and is frequented by automobiles.

Clay pigeon shooting by different clubs and a rifle target contest for the ladies will be pleasant features of the day. The dinner will be cooked by two of the best 'cneists in the county.

### SUMMER CLEARANCE SALE.—

We offer at and below cost all men's and boys' clothing, straw hats, men's and boys' pants. Summer dress goods. All laces and embroideries. Summer lap-ropes. Hammocks, fans, Ladies' hats and flowers, Summer parasols. Ready made skirts. Men's and Ladies' slippers, tans, whites and blacks.

Moseley Bros.  
Prosperity, S. C.

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### Green-Suber.

Miss Kate Suber, of Columbia, and Mr. Felix B. Green, of Asheville, were married in Columbia on last Saturday by the Rev. C. A. Freed. The bride is a cousin of Mr. R. H. Welch, and formerly lived in Newberry. Mr. Green holds a position as mail clerk on one of the Southern's trains. Mrs. Green's many friends in Newberry wish for her and Mr. Green much happiness.

### KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

Massachusetts Man Commits Suicide in Police Station.

New Bedford, Mass., July 26.—In a state bordering on insanity, said to have been brought on by drink and the fact that his wife had refused to live with him, Robert M. Fanning, aged 28 years, came to the police station here from his home at West Port early this morning, and after producing a letter in which he had written of having murdered his wife, shot himself in the head, causing instant death.

Following directions given in the letter, Lieut. Thomas W. Comstock and other officers went to West Port about seven miles from here, and at a spot indicated, about a half mile from her home, found the body of

Mrs. Fanning, who apparently had been killed with a hatchet.

Fanning arrived at the police station in his automobile. He was in such a condition that it was with difficulty he could make himself understood. He produced a letter from his pocket and, after making several futile attempts to read it, half handed it to Lieut. Comstock.

After the lieutenant read the letter he asked:

"What do you want me to do about it?"

"Just this," was the reply, and Fanning, with a quick motion, produced a big revolver, placed the muzzle to his mouth and fired. He fell dead instantly.

Mrs. Fanning had told her husband last night that she would no longer live with him. The couple went for a walk to confer on the matter and Mrs. Fanning did not return.

Fanning was the son of Robert Fanning, a rubber mill overseer at Olneyville, R. I. The son formerly was a rubber worker.

He did not inform his parents when he married. Mrs. Fanning was about 28 years of age. She had been married three times, first when she was 16 years old. She was a daughter of Capt. George Hall, who is reputed to be a man of some property.

The police say that there had been considerable ill feelings between Capt. Hall and his son-in-law in regard to the management of the former's property, and Capt. Hall states that Fanning had threatened to shoot him.

### AUGUST ELECTION.

Dispensaries Close on August 2nd, and Remain Closed Until Election is Declared.

Columbia, July 25.—Dispensary Auditor West, in spite of the opinions from the office of the Attorney General and from Governor Ansel in connection with the closing of the dispensaries prior to the August election, has been receiving letters daily asking him the very questions which those opinions purported to answer.

"Please make it clearly understood," said Mr. West this morning, "that the dispensaries must close on Monday at the close of business, August 2, and must remain closed until the result of the election is declared."

This and a number of other questions have bothered the dispensary auditor for the past few days. In order for the dispensary boards to be fully informed, the following salient features of the recent Act and of the constructions thereof are given:

1. The county dispensaries must close August 2, at the end of the day's business.

2. The dispensaries must remain closed until the election is declared.

3. The dispensaries must not be opened on the 18th of August, as many think, but on the declaration of the election by the State board of canvassers.

4. No whiskey must be handed out in any shape or form by the dispensers during the period from August 3 to the day on which the dispensaries are reopened.

Some of the letters which Auditor West has received are right amusing in view of the publicity which has been given to the law and the opinions on it. W. L. Copeland, dispenser at Timmonsville asks: "Will it be legal to sell any kind of liquor belonging to the dispensary on doctor's prescription for medicinal purposes?"

Auditor West replied: "The law knows no case in which a dispenser should honor the doctor's prescription for whiskey. It matters not for what purpose it may be wanted, so I would say that it would be illegal to sell to anybody on any account any quantity whatsoever, while the dispensary is legally closed."

One dispenser writes: "Also let me know if the board will have the right to go into the dispensaries and take the stock during the closed period?"

Mr. West replied: "I will state that there appears to be no law on this subject, and therefore, I am unable to advise. However, I will venture to suggest that in my opinion it will be unwise to have anything to do with the dispensary during that time, except to see that the stock is being properly cared for. You could take stock on the last day the dispensary was kept open."

### VERDICT IN THREE MINUTES.

Georgetown Assailant of Woman Sentenced to Death.—Trial Private and Orderly.

Georgetown, July 27.—Pursuant to the proclamation of the governor issued several days ago in response to a petition submitted to him by Solicitor Walter H. Wells, the spring term of court for the trial of John Jenkins, alias "Slippery Jim Joint," for an assault with criminal intent upon a woman, convened here to-day at 10 o'clock, Judge John S. Wilson,

Solicitor Wells and Stenographer Covington officiating.

The testimony began about 11 o'clock. The prosecutrix was the first to be sworn. At the request of the solicitor and under the act of the last legislature, so providing, every one was requested by the judge to leave the court room, excepting the near relatives of the prosecutrix, the attorneys and other necessary officials during the testimony of the young lady.

The jury retired about 2:15 o'clock and returned in less than three minutes with a verdict of guilty with an assault with criminal intent, as charged in the indictment, for which, under the new act of the legislature, the only punishment that may be inflicted was death.

### RED SHIRT REUNION.

Distinguished Citizens Have Accepted Invitations to Deliver Address in Anderson August 25.

Anderson Mail.

Senator B. R. Tillman, Judge Robert Aldrich, of Barnwell and former Governor John C. Sheppard, of Edgefield, have accepted invitations to deliver addresses at the Red Shirt Reunion in August.

Each of these gentlemen took a prominent part in the Red Shirt campaign in 1876. Senator Tillman was captain of a company, and first came into prominence at the Ellenton riot. Gov. Sheppard was elected to the legislature that year from Edgefield, and a member of the famous Wallace house. When the democrats marched from their hall to the state capitol and demanded the hall of the house of representatives, he and the late Col. Jas. L. Orr were at the head of the column. They brushed the negro door-keeper aside and kicked the door from its hinges and marched in, the other democrats following close behind. That was probably the most daring thing in the history of the state. The members of the Wallace house, under the leadership of Sheppard and Orr, literally took their lives in their hands, and by their very audacity overawed the negroes and gained the day.

The announcement that Senator Tillman, Gov. Sheppard and Judge Aldrich are coming will draw the biggest sort of a crowd to the reunion on August 25.

The survivors of the Red Shirts in Anderson county are requested to meet in the court house next Saturday at 11 o'clock for the purpose of formulating plans and details for getting out a large parade of mounted Red Shirt men on the 25th of August.

### LETTING POSTERITY HELP PAY FOR GOOD ROADS.

Atlanta Constitution.

Henry B. Varner, editor of the Lexington (N. C.) Dispatch, is a practical exponent of good roads.

He believes in having the federal government, so largely supported by the American farmer, do its share in constructing passable highways for the farmer.

He believes likewise in the suitable principle, that since posterity is to be an ever larger gainer from good roads than the current generation, posterity should bear a pro rata portion of the expense in their creation and development.

His paper has probably been more persistent and consistent in the preaching of these views than any other weekly in North Carolina. It has come to be regarded as an authority on an issue now concentrating the attention of the American people.

He embodied his views in a speech before the recent convention of the North Carolina Press Association, at Hendersonville, that state. Since they ignore theorizing and get right down to the bedrock of actualities, they are well worth the study of the good roads

crusaders in Georgia.

There is no fog in his mind how the funds for road construction shall be accumulated. He is for bonds, first and last, and this is how he argues:

Shall we pay as we go, or shall we pay part now and let the future generations pay part? To my mind, the whole question comes down to whether we want good roads now, or whether we are willing to build a few miles now, and let another generation build a few miles more and another and another, until in the course of human events we secure good roads throughout the state years after every person now at the age of accountability is dead and gone. I stand for bonds. Mecklenburg has been building roads thirty years and she has about 200 miles, using direct tax. Guilford has been building roads six years and she has 100 miles, using bonds. We are too far behind to depend on a direct tax. We must go ahead and issue bonds, build the roads, increase our wealth and reap many fold the cost of the roads.

Is North Carolina to labor another generation before good roads come to pass? God forbid. We would lose enough to macadamize every mile of road in the state.

And especially worthy of attention is this unanswerable argument:

As the benefit derived from perfected highways cover long periods of time, fairness and equity demand that the rising generation should bear a portion of the cost and that the increased citizenship, always attracted to the locality by a system of good roads, should also aid in paying for the added benefits.

Mr. Varner also has definite convictions regarding the obligation of the federal government to bear the expense of road-building in common with the states, and this is a sample of how he puts the reason:

I am an earnest believer in federal and state aid and cooperation in building good roads, and I believe that the time is at hand when the government will hit upon some plan whereby it may cooperate with the state and the state with the county, in the work. It has been argued that it is unconstitutional. Why should it be more so than the expenditure of money for river and harbor improvements, which often take the form of a private enterprise?

This reasoning is identically in line with the recent contention of the Constitution, that so long as the millions spent upon waterways were of indifferent value to the people, in the future good roads should at least share with rivers and harbors in calls upon the public treasury.

We confess to little patience with the convenient plea of "unconstitutionality." It is generally the pretext brought forward when powerful interests oppose great and equitable movements, and can find no other argument. And it is significant that there are few great constructive movements now supported by the government against which the weapon of unconstitutionality was not originally employed.

As for the phase of bond issues, we can see little just or logical objection. The coming generations are to participate in the myriad advantages of system of good highways in an infinitely greater degree than the generation now prevailing.

It is a primary principle in common equity that ultimate beneficiaries shall share the original expense. There is little reason and less justice in our carrying the majority of the burdens of our children as well as our own.

And, as Mr. Varner declares, such a dilatory system would "cause us to lose enough to macadamize every road in the state."

What applies to the thoroughfare of North Carolina, applies to the thoroughfare of other

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