

New Banking Enterprise Benefits Newberry County

BANK AT SILVERSTREET MAKES A FINE START

STRONG BUSINESS MEN BEHIND NEW ENTERPRISE.

Directors and Officers Chosen at Meeting Held on Monday—Building to be Erected.

Silverstreet, one of the most progressive towns in Newberry county, will in the very near future have in operation a strong bank, with men behind it who have been consistent in their efforts for the upbuilding of



PRESIDENT H. O. LONG.

their community and of the county generally, and who have the confidence of the people of the county.

The meeting of the subscribers to the capital stock was held at Silverstreet on Monday. About thirty of the



VICE PRESIDENT B. M. HAVIRD.

stockholders were present in person, and there was a great deal of interest and there was the right kind of enthusiasm.

The authorized capital stock of the



ATTORNEY E. S. BLEASE.

new bank is \$20,000, and of this amount about \$18,500 has already been subscribed.

The bank will be known as The Farmers bank, Silverstreet, S. C.

The stockholders elected the fol-

lowing directors: H. T. Fellers, W. W. Long, J. F. Stephens, J. V. Clary, B. M. Havird, W. S. Langford, H. O. Long, R. C. Neel, J. M. Nichols.

At the directors' meeting the following officers were elected:

President—H. O. Long.
Vice president—B. M. Havird.
Attorney—Eugene S. Blease.

The election of a cashier was postponed for the time being, and President H. O. Long was made acting cashier until the election of a permanent cashier.

The following committee was appointed to purchase a lot and to proceed with the erection of a building: H. O. Long, W. S. Langford, J. M. Nichols. It is proposed to erect a two-story brick building, the lower story to be used for the bank, and the second story for a hall, where the town council, various lodges, and other organizations may hold their meetings, and where other gatherings which may be desired may be held.

The directors have made a call for twenty per cent. of the capital stock subscribed to be paid in by August 15. Payments should be made to President H. O. Long.

Possibly no banking institution in this section has ever started under more auspicious circumstances, and a high degree of success is predicted for this enterprise.

First Cotton Boll.

W. S. Schultz sent in Friday the first open boll of the season. He has not had enough rain on his place—No. 6 township—to run since the 11th of April.

DISTRICT CONVENTION I. O. B. M.

Governor Blease, Mr. Otto Klettner and Others to Make Addresses at Prosperity.

An attractive program has been arranged for the convention of the eighth district, Improved Order of Red Men, to be held with Omaha tribe, No. 75, at Prosperity, on Friday, August 11.

There will be several public addresses during the morning, and these will take place at Young's Grove, the famous picnic grounds below Prosperity, and will be followed by dinner on the grounds. The business sessions will be held in Prosperity during the afternoon.

The public exercises will be called to order at 10 o'clock in the morning by District Deputy O. O. Smith, of Bergell tribe, No. 24, Newberry. The invocation will be pronounced by Dr. J. A. Sligh. The address of welcome will be delivered by Dr. C. T. Wyche, of Omaha tribe, and will be suitably responded to by a member of the convention, on behalf of the district tribes, and by Judge John Henry Chappell, on behalf of the Degree of Pocahontas.

Otto Klettner, past great sachem of South Carolina, and great representative to the great council of the United States, will deliver an address dealing with the history of Redmankind.

Cole L. Blease, governor of South Carolina, will deliver an address of the principles of Redmankind. Governor Blease is a member of Bergell tribe, and is past great sachem of the State and great representative to the great council of the United States. This will be Governor Blease's first public speech in Newberry county since his inauguration as governor.

Following Governor Blease's address there will be a recess for dinner, and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon the convention will assemble in the Red Men's hall at Prosperity for the business sessions.

Pulaski Lodge.

Pulaski lodge, No. 20, I. O. O. F., will meet in Klettner's hall Friday night, August 4, at 8 p. m. Let all members attend.

J. Y. Jones.
Noble Grand.

SOCIAL.

Mrs. J. E. Norwood entertained a few friends at a very delightful informal porch party Thursday afternoon in honor of Mrs. M. H. MacNeil, of Greenville, who stopped over in Newberry for a day on her way home from Sullivan's Island, where she has been spending the summer. After an hour or two of "chat" an ice course was served by Mesdames J. B. Fox and W. C. Schenck, little Claudia Wheeler and Lila Senn, Joe and Daggett Norwood. Those present to meet Mrs. Norwood's guest were: Mesdames W. H. Hunt, W. H. Carwile, Lambert Jones, W. C. Schenck, J. B. Fox, Stevie Wright, J. H. Harms, Glasgow, J. A. Burton, C. A. Bowman, Alan Johnstone, W. G. Houseal and C. H. Cannon.

In honor of her friend, Miss Marie Willingham, of Winnsboro, Miss Julia Johnstone gave an informal reception at her home on Main street. It was a most delightful affair and much enjoyed by the hundred and twenty-five young people present. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the refreshments suited to the warm weather. Delicious fruit punch being served in the hall by Miss Martha Johnstone, and ice cream and cake by Misses Mamie Paysinger, Annie Kibler, Pauline Pant, and Ruth and Elizabeth Blackwelder.

Miss Mary Frances Pool gave a 5 o'clock tea Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Julia Phillips, who is being welcomed to Newberry after her absence by all of her young friends.

In honor of Miss Broyles, of Jackson City, Tenn., Miss Cockerell, of Jackson, Ill., and Miss Morse, of Abbeville, Miss Pool gave a most delightful evening reception at which about seventy-five young girls and boys participated.

Mrs. Pifer Pleasantly Entertained. Charleston Post, 28th.

Among tourists who have enjoyed the pleasures of Sullivan's Island for several seasons and returned again this summer, was Mrs. Drury Fair Pifer, of Newberry, her coming giving great pleasure to her large circle of friends in the city and on the island. While here she stopped a month at the Atlantic Beach hotel, and was a member of many of the entertainments which have made life at that popular resort lively. Mrs. Pifer came to the city Monday, stopping at the St. John hotel, where Monday night she was hostess at a beautiful course dinner, at which her guests were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Moore, Dr. L. E. Robson and Mr. Lawrence L. Whelan. Mrs. Pifer left Charleston the following morning for her home in the up-country.

The following are the ladies at the Atlantic Beach hotel who arranged one of the most delightful bridge parties which have taken place there this season: Mrs. Handsome, of Augusta; Mrs. Marks, of Augusta; Mrs. Drury Fair Pifer, of Newberry; Mrs. Frietag, of Atlanta; Mrs. C. L. Moore, of Charleston; Mrs. Carr, of Macon; Mrs. Adam Morse, of Orangeburg; Miss Ruth Marks, of Augusta; Mrs. Ashley Halsey, of Charleston; Mrs. McCarroll, of Augusta; Miss Boullineau, of Augusta; Mrs. Perkins, of Augusta. The parlor was prettily decorated with flowers, and refreshments handed by men in the service of the hotel. The first prize was won by Mrs. Fietag, the consolation by Miss Boullineau, and the booby went to Mrs. Handsome. The score cards were specially attractive, being hand-painted by Miss Veta St. Amand, who daintily depicted pretty girls in bathing attire on the beach. They were kept as souvenirs of the pleasant occasion.

Prosperity Ladies The Honorees.

Ninety Six, July 29.—The Dancing club of Ninety Six gave a delightful dance Monday night in honor of the Misses Werts, of Prosperity, the attractive guests of Misses Julia and Lavinia Matthews.

A very pleasant social affair of the week was the picnic party given Tuesday night by the Misses Matthews in compliment to Misses Addie and Ellen Werts. No more delightful spot could be imagined than the beautiful pasture of J. W. Blake, which was

transformed into a perfect fairyland with Japanese lanterns hung from every tree. The young people were served to a delightful fruit course, including watermelons and peaches.

Again the Misses Werts and W. L. Devore, of Jacksonville, Fla., were complimented when Thursday evening J. R. Horne delightfully entertained a number of young people at the home of W. L. Devore. Punch was served from a green bower on the porch, the bowl being presided over by Mrs. Frank Dusenberry and Miss Marguerite Devore. Later in the evening delightful peaches and cake were served.

AS WAS EXPECTED.

Comptroller General Jones Finds Auditor Werts' and Treasurer Epps' Books Perfect.

Comptroller General Jones was in Newberry on last Friday checking up the annual settlement of Auditor Eugene S. Werts and Treasurer Jno. L. Epps. As usual he found the business all right here. The Herald and News and the people of Newberry expected that, and it is gratifying to report nice things in connection with it.

The comptroller general said that he did in two hours here the work that sometimes requires two weeks at other places. That was fine to begin with. He was well pleased with the neat appearance of the offices and surroundings, as well as delighted with the accuracy and efficiency of the officers, and expressed the hope that Mr. Werts and Mr. Epps would continue in office as long as he was comptroller general, so satisfied is he that as long as they are in office the books of the auditor and the treasurer of Newberry county will be straight.

Comptroller Jones told Mr. R. C. Counts, the foreman of the grand jury, that if all the auditors and treasurers of the State were as thorough and reliable as are Auditor Werts and Treasurer Epps, there would be no need of the experts traveling around and examining books—they would go out of business in South Carolina.

It is a good thing to have officers who stand so well.

Mr. G. G. Sale told the reporter that the comptroller told him that Auditor Werts took to the business as easily as a duck takes to picking up June bugs. Treasurer Epps has heard some nice things, too. The stock of the auditor and of the treasurer of Newberry county is way above par and getting higher. It is well to repeat and circulate good things said of others while they are living and can enjoy them.

WAS NEWBERRY NEGRO.

Charleston Paper Pays Fine Tribute to Faithful Employee in Charleston.

Charleston Post, 28th.

James A. Spencer, one of the leading colored citizens of Charleston, died last night at his residence, No. 143 Queen street, after an illness of little more than a week.

Spencer was nearly sixty-two years of age. For thirty-two years he was a faithful messenger and employee of the sixth light house district, serving in the engineer's department until the consolidation with the inspector's office, when he became an attaché of the reorganized department. Before his connection with the government service he was a shipping clerk with the firm of Thayer, Dewing & Burkett and still previous to this time he taught school in Newberry county.

Spencer's father was an intelligent and worthy citizen and his son inherited the good qualities of his father, and died respected by all who knew him. His position in the light house department brought him into contact with many white people. He was always polite, respectful and obliging and the announcement of his death will carry genuine regret and sorrow among a large number of white and colored people, and especially among the officials and attaches of the light house department who had a particular regard for Spencer's long and faithful services.

Spencer was a member of the vestry of St. Peter's Catholic church, of which he was a life member. He was a member of the Catholic Knights of America, the Holy Name Society and other organizations. He is survived by a widow, two sons and five daughters.

"A Looker-On" Recites Some Newberry History

Editor The Herald and News: We noticed your lament, in the last week's issue of your paper, as to the people's indifference in regard to the road question. You might, with equal propriety, lament the people's indifference to all questions that pertain to their pleasures, to all public good, and to everything that has in view the upbuilding of the town and country. The indifference and lukewarmness of the people to their own interests are proverbial and those who give more of their time and energies to the upbuilding of their town than all others are generally less appreciated and often accused of some ulterior motive.

History records the lives of many men who have given their lives' energies, their brains and their fortunes, for the good of their fellow-man, and who in the end, for some imaginary short-coming, have had their heads whacked off; and then afterwards, when it is too late to be remedied, monuments are erected to their memories. I call to mind one man in this State who had given all his little fortune, all the abilities of his great mind, his pen, his personal comforts and desires, and all his energies, for the upbuilding of his State and the betterment of her people, who was in the end, for some imaginary sin, kicked from place and power to die in obscurity and indifference. He had nothing left him but the sting of ingratitude from a Republic, and the forgetfulness of his people. But today there stands, as a memorial to his great deeds, one of the finest statues ever erected in the land to an individual.

The Herald and News and its editor have worked unflinchingly for the good of the town and her people for a quarter of a century. But if success is any criterion, they have been rewarded and should be congratulated. There has not been a day, as I remember it, from the time the present editor took control of it, that he has not worked in season and out of season for some public good. It is needless to say that in all the reforms advocated, or public utilities urged, he has met with strenuous and bitter opposition. Think of the fight, led and fought almost alone by The Herald and News, for the improvement of the streets by gravel, and the battle for water works and electric lights.

The editor was fought step by step, with all the force and logic of an enlightened and powerful opposition. But today we have all three. The Herald and News threw out the first skirmish line preparatory to its great battle for sewerage. It was a long and bitter fight. Wealth, brains of a high order, money and commercial power were arrayed against The Herald and News. But we have today a fine and perfect sewerage system.

Today Newberry has the grandest school system, the most handsome and enduring school buildings, of any town of its size in the State. When the editor of The Herald and News first advocated school reform and the betterment of the school buildings, like in all the other improvements advocated, he was met with the "bloody shirt" cry of "bonds! bonds! by the extravagance of a few, our children will be poverty-stricken and ruined by the redemption of these bonds when they fall due!" Look around us at our splendid school system, our fine corps of teachers, and the beautiful brick structures, all built for our children and children's children. Are they not a legacy any generation might be proud of?

The Herald and News has its reward.

Then as to bonds, what idle prattle about their payment when due! If our city fathers are able to float these bonds now at such a low per cent, how much more able will the succeeding fathers and children be to renew and retire them? There is not a State in the Union, nor a city of any importance, which has not built up its systems of public utilities upon bonds. Some of them have been running for more than a hundred years, by a judicious policy of renewals. The fact is that these men or corporations that lend the money on city or State bonds do not want their money paid back, but only the interest. It is to be doubted whether all those bonds that Newberry has out will be finally liquidated in this century. Then, are we not getting all these improvements—streets and pavements, and light and water and sewerage—at a very small cost indeed?

Our good roads will come in time. Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, has now a bill before congress appropriating \$1,000,000 for experimental work along the rural delivery roads. Senator Swanson, of Virginia, has a bill appropriating \$20,000,000 during several years for the improvement of the highways. Virginia has a splendid system, with her convicts, which South Carolina might do well to follow. The State appropriates \$250,000 yearly, furnishes between 800 and 1,000 convict food, clothes and guards them, the counties furnishing the right of way and material—and harmoniously together they are making hundreds of miles of substantial roads. If all the convicts of South Carolina, from the prison cells and farms, were divided into two great road gangs, what wonders they would accomplish!

You were speaking in your article of what the merchants of the town could and ought to do to help the road. I had an occasion to glance hastily over the tax books the other day, and saw some items that surprised me.

Taking them at random (for there are other merchants that do as great business as them) I found that six merchants paid taxes on three hundred and twenty-eight thousand dollars' worth of goods. This in some instances did not include the buildings, nor the property out of the incorporate limits, nor on money, notes, mortgages—only on an average stock of goods. Taxes of this kind are given in at one-half of their value—as I found in one particular instance—and the other merchants, knowing this transaction, would not likely give in their property at a higher average.

Merchant No. 1, \$48,000; Merchant No. 2, \$14,000; Merchant No. 3, \$15,000; Merchant No. 4, \$60,000; Merchant No. 5, \$12,000; Merchant No. 6, \$15,000.

And nearly if not quite all, this money was made in this town and county. How much some of these have given towards the park, I am silent on.

Newberry, S. C., July 31, 1911.

A Looker-On.