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PERSONAL

The following personal note has been sent to all of our subscribers whose paper is out up to and including August 15. We are printing it here to say that if there should be any mistake in the date, and we suppose there are some, we will be very glad to have you tell us and we will take pleasure in correcting it.

We are very frank with you. We hate to take the name off the list not because of not getting the money so much, but just because we like to have you on the list, but we can not pay our obligations unless you pay us, and we have something over six hundred whose time is out. Come along and pay part of a year if you can not pay a whole year. And please do it before September 1.

Newberry, S. C., August 20, 1921. Mr. ....

Your subscription to The Herald and News expired ..... 19.....

I have charge of the subscription department of the paper and it is very difficult for me to take a name off the mailing list. I know money is scarce and "they say" times are hard. The amount of the subscription to each subscriber is small. In the aggregate the large number of subscribers makes a pretty good sum. I want you to have the paper if you want it. If you do not want it, I have no desire to force it on you.

This is a personal appeal to all whose time is out to send us even a small amount of the subscription price, and we will send the paper on. If I do not hear from you by the first day of September this year the name will be taken off the list. Even one dollar from each one whose time is out would make some \$400, and be a very small amount to you, but a good sum to the paper in these times. Do not throw this aside but give it your attention right now while you have it on your mind.

I have said many times before that I would take off the names and then did not do it. This time I have no alternative, however much I shall regret to do so. We have some 2600 names on our list and would be glad to retain each one, but it takes a lot of money to buy paper and pay printers and meet the other expenses of the office, and the subscription price is one source of revenue, and we must have the money to pay our bills.

Please do not disappoint me but help us to give you a better paper by having the money to meet our obligations promptly.

Consider this a personal appeal from the editor who has never failed during his more than thirty years connection with the paper as its editor to stand for those things that are for the uplift and betterment of the people of this county and for the material development of this community.

Wishing you every success and the happiness you deserve and hoping to hear from you at once, I am,

Sincerely yours, E. H. AULL, Editor The Herald and News.

TO COLUMBIA

I had to go to Columbia to consult the state department of education on several matters, and decided that the better way was to go through the country, but did not care to take the trip alone, since I have been partly crippled, and as no one in the town seemed to care to make the trip I phoned my friend J. E. Shealy at Little Mountain to be ready at 7 o'clock on Tuesday morning to drive me to Columbia in my car. He was not ready when I arrived at Little Mountain, but it did not take him long, and we were soon on the road. I desired to make a stop at Lexington to see if I could find a plat of the school districts of Peak and St. Johns, but Mr. Sharp, the county superintendent, said he did not have any plats, and by the way, he is endeavoring to have done what I made an effort to get our representatives to do, authorize a survey and a map of the school districts of the county, but the legislature in not only Newberry county, but in some others, does not seem to think the county departments of education amount to much, and rarely grant any suggestions or requests of these offices. Mr. Sharp is a young man, but seems to be on his job and competent to discharge the duties of the office in an intelligent manner.

Pity we can not get the members of the legislature to understand that the educational department of the counties is of vital importance in this day, and to give that recognition which the question deserves and should have.

I also had Mr. Holly Harmon, the clerk of court, to look over the records in his office to see if a plat of this territory and the school districts could be found, but it is not there. Mr. Swearingen says the law gives the county board authority to locate lines, and that is true, but who has the authority to pay for the work, and what fund should it be taken from. We have no unappropriated school fund in this county that I am aware of, and one of the essential things in having the work done is to be able to pay the man who does it. Such a survey and the location of the lines is absolutely necessary in this county in order to do any real substantial work in the laying of the foundation for a real school system in this county that will be worth while. Take the Jolly Street school district for instance. The auditor's books call for only about 2900 acres in the entire district. I have found a plat which I had Prof. E. O. Counts to make in 1913 when there were some changes made in the district lines, which calls for about 5100 acres. Either some of this land is avoiding taxation or being taxed in some other district, very probably the latter. If we knew where the lines are and then had a map of the entire county showing these lines we could go before the people and show them just where there could be made changes that would be advantageous to all the districts. But it will come in time, and at the same time the children pass on and do not come this way any more, and are denied the advantages which might and should be theirs by a proper division of district lines and giving better advantages to all of them.

I met Ira Sligh and his partner of the Dispatch-News, Mr. Walker, and they said everything was rather quiet but they are moving along nicely and doing well and giving Lexington a good county paper. Ira is one of my boys who learned the trade in The Herald and News office, and I always feel an interest in these boys and am pleased when they succeed and make good, and so far as I can recall all of them who went out from The Herald and News have made good, and there have been a good many of them. It is gratifying to me to meet these boys and give them another word of encouragement. It makes me feel that possibly if I have done nothing else and made no money that may be I have been instrumental in helping some worthy boys to make a start and be in position not only to be good and useful citizens, but also to make a good and comfortable living for themselves and those dependent upon them in the years as they come and go.

We reached Columbia a little after 9 o'clock and I went immediately to the office of the state superintendent of education and went over with the different departments the matters I had in hand. Mr. Swearingen gave me a good long time and I talked over many matters with him pertaining to the schools. I hope that the talk will result in help to the schools of Newberry county. We had a good many overcasts on the county the past year. That is not at all pleasing to the state superintendent, and neither is it to the county superintendent, and I have already said that we would make an effort to have none at the close of the present session. But in the districts that are expecting and that qualify for state aid to guarantee a seven months' term it will be necessary to raise some funds in some way to take care of the overdraft that now exists, and that will of necessity exist at the close of the next session unless something is done to take care of it. I am going to make an effort to have a conference with the trustee and teachers in these districts at a very early date and see what we can do to take care of this matter, and our aim the coming session will be to carry over a small balance in each district, but no big amount in any of the districts.

Then the state superintendent said that the building money was low, and he did not advise any buildings the coming year, unless there was consolidation, and yet it is almost necessary to have some building done in order to care for the children. In handling such large sums for the various activities of the schools it is very important that the state superintendent should be careful and watchful, and see that the money goes to the proper and deserving channels, and this our superintendent does in a marked degree, and he is as well posted as to the schools and conditions in the various districts as some of the county superintendents, and

better than some of us. It is wonderful what a grasp he has of the school situation in this state, even to the minor details.

Now I must say a word about the roads, and I can not help saying every time I get out on them, not in the spirit of criticism, but in the spirit of helpfulness and suggestion and encouragement. The Newberry road all the way to the Lexington line is in great need of immediate attention, and the holes must be attended to in a different manner than simply throwing a pile of dirt or sand in the hole and leaving it to mix of its own accord, because it will not mix in any such method. You have to plow it up and then pack it if you want the proper sort of mixing. And the road to Prosperity has the dirt that was piled in the middle of the road partly spread out, but it is not mixing properly and the road is in really bad condition and rough, and will be no better until this top soil or sand and dirt that is hauled there has been plowed in with the road bed and then it will mix so as to make a road. And the same is true in large measure on that part of the road from Prosperity on to the Lexington line, which I understand has been completed and accepted by the commission and let to contract for maintenance. It is rough and especially does that part of the road which goes under the Southern, at that dangerous undercrossing, need attention. This is a bad place and it makes it much worse for the roadbed to be in the condition that it is. And from Little Mountain to the Lexington line which a short time ago was so nice and smooth is now full of holes, and the fill on the concrete bridge at the branch is very rough, and if that is what the state highway commission calls being in splendid condition then I am willing to admit that what I don't know about roads would fill several more volumes.

As stated we went by Lexington and left the highway at Chapin. This road is in fairly good condition for a road that is not a highway that cost thousands per mile to build. There are bad places and when it rains the road gets in very bad shape. From Lexington to Columbia the road bed is washing in ridges and when you have to detour in meeting a car to give the main road and get out on the side it is just like running over corn rows only they are not as high as what we would call rows. Again let me say that to spend money to build roads unless you provide for the maintenance you are wasting good money. We came back by the Piedmont. The Richland force is at work on the road after you get ten or eleven miles out of Columbia and for about two miles the driving is bad because the road is torn up, but this is to be a concrete or cement road and when completed will be fine for those who like that sort of road. From Spring Hill, or rather from Wateree Creek, to Chapin the Lexington chain gang has worked and while it is passable and better than it was it still remains pretty bad, and if it should rain and the drag or scrape or both are not used on it you better go another way, because when that fine dirt some ten inches deep gets some water on it and then a little travel the last condition of that road will be worse than the first. But if it should be given the proper attention at the right time it could be kept good all winter. But to have any sort of road there must be constant maintenance in this time of people riding about over the country.

We made the trip in very good time and I am very much obliged to Jim Shealy for going with me, and while he only wanted to be in Columbia for a few minutes yet I could not get him away until 5 o'clock, but he went out to the camp to see about buying some sort of machinery that the government is going to sell now that the camp has been discontinued, and Jim says he no longer wonders why our debt is twenty billion dollars if they piled up and wasted material as they have at this camp at all the others. They sold a thousand horses and mules there the other day at about \$50 a piece, and there are hundreds of automobiles of all sorts of make and condition and trucks that have never been used that are to be sold and will bring practically nothing, and then all sorts of the very best machinery. Well, I reckon it had to be that way, and there was a lot of waste in this war, but then war is nothing else but waste anyway.

E. H. A.

Summer Brothers Company has agreed to furnish The Herald and News with an up to date market report each Monday and Thursday, and we will publish it and hope that it may be of benefit to our readers.

There has been a decided falling off in the estimated production or yield from the cotton crop this year. It is said that in all the cotton growing states the estimates are away below what they were the last reports. The estimate of the yield for Texas for instance is now put at 1,500,000 bales against more than 4,000,000 last year, and the decline in all the states is in the same proportion, and there can be no way to keep the price from going up. Spots were 14 cents in Newberry the other day, and before Christmas you will see cotton selling at 20 cents and above, if the farmers and holders of cotton do not rush it on the market. There is going to be a very short crop this year.

the view of adding four rooms so as to make a six room building, besides the auditorium, and it is the purpose of the trustees to make of this school a high school the coming year.

The patrons and friends of the Central school voted six mills additional tax a short time ago. They are to have a meeting of all the folk in the district at the school house on Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock to talk over school conditions and determine what is best to be done in this district. It is well for the trustees of any school to keep the people of the district in their confidence, and to consult with them frequently, and in this way keep alive the interest and the enthusiasm of all the people in the school. It is my purpose on the invitation of the trustees to meet with the people at this time, and I hope to see all the people of the district out at the meeting, and especially the women and the mothers of the children.

I would like for the trustees to return to me as soon as they can the census cards which were sent to them some time ago so that the list of the children between the ages of seven and fourteen inclusive may be made up, and one list filed in my office and the other turned over to the teacher. This is important before the opening of the school. We are already late in making up this census.

I would like also for all trustees in making their contracts and arrangements for the coming session to bear in mind that it is against the law to overdraw the funds and to make an effort to regulate their finances so as not to have an overdraft.

The trustees of Bethel-Garmany have commenced the building of a house for the negroes in this district. They have a fine location and the negroes of the district are taking a commendable pride in cooperating and working with the trustees in the building of the house. They have no building out this side at all for the negroes and it was necessary to build. The negroes have contributed of money and work so that there will not be a great deal of trouble in putting up the building. They are exhibiting the right spirit and that is the only way to do.

I want to ask again that the trustees of each district inform me as soon as the elections are over the name of the teacher or teachers and the grade of certificate and the salary they have promised and the length of the term. I am gratified at the cooperation I have had from the trustees and that as a rule they have kept the superintendent informed of the election of the teacher and in many cases have consulted him before taking action. That is the proper spirit and the only way by which we can have a system of schools in the county worthy while. By working together in harmony and cooperating in all details in the matter of the school, I would like to know also when the school is to open and when the date is fixed for the compulsory attendance law to go into effect. That as you know is left to the trustees of each district. I am here to help you and to work with you for whatever is best for all the children of your district and your school and I will do to the utmost of my ability. Certainly I will at all times cooperate with you and if I can serve you just let me know.

E. H. A.

Do not forget to send us that dollar before the first of September if your subscription has expired, because we have no alternative but to take your name from our list, a thing which we would greatly regret to do. A dollar is a very small amount to you but 800 of them put together in our hands by the first of September would be a big thing to us just now. We must have the money. And do

not give us the trouble of taking your name off the list and then have to put it right back on, for you know you can not get along without The Herald and News. It would be like taking away a member of the family.

Haltiwanger & Carpenter, Inc. New Fall Goods. Some of the attractive new fall goods we have received within the past few days are: Dresses, Suits, Novelty Sweaters, Kimonos, Blouses, Gloves, Hose, Umbrellas, Silks, Gingham. The prices are very reasonable. Haltiwanger & Carpenter, Inc. Member Newberry Chamber of Commerce.

I shall appreciate the suffrages of the voters if they think me worthy of the position I seek at their hands. Very respectfully, EUGENE S. BLEASE.

AS WE GROW OLD. The Kidneys Should Receive Help. Newberry People Recommend Doan's Kidney Pills. The constant strain of busy life is hard on the kidneys, and in later years the kidneys call for help. Old backs often ache, day in, day out; Urinary ills frequently add their weight of woe. Give the help the kidneys need. Aid the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills. Newberry people endorse this remedy. Ask your neighbor! Mrs. E. Koon, 922 Drayton street, Newberry, says: "Some years ago I had a bad case of backache, my kidneys were all run down and I was nervous. My back ached all the time; I felt dizzy spells and would almost fall over at times, and frequently, I could hardly drag myself around. Mornings I was lame and sore and when I bent over, could hardly straighten. Doan's Kidney Pills, which I got at Way's Drug Store, benefited me right away and made me feel like a different person." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Koon had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adva.

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