

EX-GOVERNOR MANNING.

Ex-Governor John L. Manning died to-day at the home of his daughter, in Camden. A public meeting will be held to-morrow (Thursday) at noon in the court house, in respect to his memory. A number of speeches will be made.

FINEST FARMING LANDS.

THE TIMES has often spoken of the fine lands and magnificent natural resources of Clarendon county. In some few parts of the county, as might naturally be expected, the lands are very inferior, almost valueless; in some parts they are only tolerably fair; but in other parts they have no superior in the State. Right in the town of Manning we have some remarkably fine land, but the finest lands, the lands that have no superior in any part of the State, are to be found near the Santee, and especially in that part known as the Summerton section. Although there are some highly cultivated lands that produce large crops in the Fork section, and so likewise in the Wilson and Foreston sections, yet to one riding over the Central railroad, these lands appear very inferior; and so they generally are just on the railroad, which unfortunately passes through some of the poorer land; yet frequently in less than a quarter of a mile of the railroad as fine lands are to be found as one wishes to see; and in many cases where the lands appear inferior, in reality they are good lands but have been neglected.

General Stackhouse this past summer formed his idea of our lands from a car-window view, and said they were very inferior. A gentleman took him in his buggy over about forty miles of the county, and he then said no county in the State possessed any farming land superior to the Summerton lands.

Last week Capt. J. A. Drake, of Marlboro, and Capt. J. A. Peterkin, of Orangeburg, two of the most prominent farmers of the State, were riding through this section of the county, probably with the intention of buying farms here, and they said they have never in any part of the State seen any superior farming lands.

The lands are magnificent, and the country is owned and settled by some of the best people in the State. Away from the immediate vicinity of the river, the country is healthy and the water good.

Then Santee swamp contains as fine timber as grows—huge trees of almost any kind of wood, which with capital properly applied would make a fortune for a dozen capitalists. Already thousands of acres of this swamp land have been sold, and in a few months the purchasers will begin to coin the money from their investment.

We do not know if any of this Summerton farming land is for sale, but we think it ought to be, for such land ought not to lie idle, and there is too much of it for its present owners to be able to cultivate properly.

Charleston had a prize fight last week between Jack Donovan, of New York, and Layton, of Charleston. The fight took place on Camp Island, a small island about eighteen miles up the Cooper river, and lasted about an hour. They fought thirteen rounds, and both parties are said to have gotten badly mad with each other, and to have beat up each other severely. About a hundred persons went out to see the fight. The prize was \$500. Layton was the victor. The Legislature at its next session will probably have something to say about prize fights.

Had there been any strangers in town last Thursday, to hear Gov. Richardson's speech, they would certainly have formed the opinion that since the town was founded, a third of a century ago, our people had been totally neglectful of educational advantages, and that the school-house was an unknown term. In his speech on the history of education in the State, he never once alluded to the fact that a school had ever been taught in Manning; whereas the facts in the case are that during her entire history Manning has had good schools and fair educational advantages, some of which have been fully the equal of any in the State.

The Florence Times has been enlarged to sixteen pages of six columns each. It is too big for a country paper, and will entail a certain and unnecessary loss on its plucky and progressive publishers. The paper was better before the enlargement than now, and we expect its readers will be glad for it to change back to eight pages. The Florence Times is one of the best newspapers that come to this office. We expect very shortly to see it published as a daily, and feel confident if it were now published three times a week, as a four page six-column sheet, at say only \$1.50 or \$2 a year, the publishers would make more money and give more satisfac-

tion. Friend Prince has been in the business a long time, and is a first class newspaper man, but we think if we will accept our advice, publish his paper three times a week, of four six-column pages, and charge \$2.00 a year, he will make more money and give more satisfaction.

t. Mathews Herald, Geo. Just Brown editor and proprietor, is on our table. Mr. Brown has been identified with the newspapers of Manning for the past twenty years, and for four of those years was the efficient foreman of our office. We wish him great success in his effort. His salutatory has the true ring about it:

To-day we launch the St. Matthews Herald on the sea of journalism, and in so doing, we have no misgivings as to the success of our enterprise. With a town full of enterprising citizens who have pledged their support to the paper, and backed up by an agricultural surrounding unsurpassed by any town in the State, there is no reason to fear failure. In fact, the Herald does not recognize any such word; but our watchword shall be onward, upward, until it reaches the proud distinction of being on an equal with any county paper in the South.

The politics of the Herald will be Democratic to the core. Always upholding the principles of the glorious old democratic party, but while doing so, always endeavoring to be just to our political opponents; "rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's," granting unto all men the same God-given right that we claim for ourselves, to have opinions, and having them, to dare express them.

To those who differ from us, we will use argument, not abuse; persuasion, not "bull-dozing."

We shall endeavor to be always found on the side of right and justice, guarding the morals of the community, and speaking out boldly on any subject which affects the interests and well-being of South Carolina, of Orangeburg County, and especially of the town of St. Matthews.

We shall work assiduously to build up the business interests of our town, by setting forth its many advantages in their proper light, and in this we will persevere, until St. Matthews reaches the eminence which nature has fitted her for,—that of one of the principal business marts in South Carolina.

The Herald is an eight-page six-column paper, well printed from new type, and is full of live interesting reading matter. The price is \$1.50 a year.

COURT.

Court convened last Monday at 10 o'clock, Judge I. D. Witherspoon presiding, and Solicitor John S. Wilson and Stenographer L. I. Parrott at their places.

The case of B. S. Dinkins, charged with housebreaking, was the first called. The following jury, all white, was impaneled:

D. B. Davis, foreman, J. M. Barwick, J. N. White, L. A. Graham, B. E. Herrington, E. P. Fulton, James Plowden, T. Leslie Bagnal, W. P. Roberts, J. H. Johnson, C. B. Cobia, Sam'l Sparks.

The State objected to J. J. Mitchell, and the defense to R. E. Smith, E. B. Felder, C. L. Morris, R. M. Brailsford, and G. R. Jones. Sam Sparks was put on his voir dire by the defense, but he testified that he had not formed or expressed any opinion.

We desired to publish the testimony in this case in full, and early Monday morning applied to Stenographer Parrott to know if he would furnish us the testimony. He told us that in case the judge or the attorneys in the case did not object, and if he could get the time to make us a copy of the testimony, that he would give it to us. We asked the Judge if he had any objections and he told us he had none. We likewise saw Mr. B. P. Barron, for the defense, and Solicitor Wilson, for the State, each of whom told us he had no objection. The stenographer then told us he would give us the testimony if he could get the time to copy it. A short time before the testimony was concluded, we got a note from the stenographer that, "After conferring with the lawyers, Messrs. Rhame and Barron, I have decided to furnish the testimony to no one." Had Mr. Barron objected when we first asked him, we could have made other arrangements for getting the testimony, but when the objections were raised it was too late for us to do anything. The public is thus deprived of reading the testimony in the case.

Solicitor Wilson represented the State, and Messrs. B. P. Barron and J. F. Rhame the defense. The State put about a dozen witnesses on the stand. The strongest evidence in the case was, (1) that Dinkins was seen the night of the housebreaking with his clothes soiled and his face in a sooty condition. This was testified to by Mr. F. N. Wilson, Mrs. F. N. Wilson, Hurst, Stokes, and James; (2) that he confessed the crime to F. N. Wilson, claiming that he was drunk when he did it; and (3) that a paper was found in a pocket of a coat of Dinkins, about 38 days after the housebreaking, which appeared to be a combination of a safe. It had on it four different combinations, and the State attempted to show that it had been used in the effort to open the safe, but that it was not the proper combination. This paper had soot and candle grease and finger marks on it. Candles were found near the safe, and tallow on the floor underneath the combination lock.

The defense put up no witnesses at all. Mr. Barron made a speech for the defense, Mr. Wilson for the State, and Mr. Rhame closed for the defense. All the speeches were able arguments, and Mr. Wilson's was one of the best he ever made.

The case was given to the jury about 5 o'clock, and in little more than an hour they had agreed on a verdict, which was, not guilty.

The second case tried was that against B. S. Dinkins for forgery. The jury in this case was J. M. Richardson, foreman, J. M. Davis, J. W. Hudson, I. N. Tobias, R. R. Billups, Jr., H. S. Dollard, G. R. Jones, J. M. Barwick, D. B. Davis, B. P. Fulton, Sam Sparks, and J. G. Kolb.

The State objected to Leslie Bagnal, and the defense to J. W. Weeks, R. M. Brailsford, E. B. Felder, N. L. Carraway, and J. E. Broughton. The first witness on the stand was B. P. Barron, Esq., who testified:

The alleged forged paper was in my possession at one time, and was given me by either Mr. I. I. Bagnal or Mr. J. H. Lesesne. This paper was never handled by me except as attorney and counselor, and was never sent off by me to any one for collection. I decline positively to answer any questions relative to this paper, as I was counsel for the defendant.

The effort of the solicitor was to show that this paper was in Mr. Barron's hands, and that Mr. Barron had attempted to get it paid, and that the paper had at one time got away into another's possession. Mr. Barron seemed much disturbed about being put on the stand, considering it an injustice to put the defendant's attorney on the stand. He declined to testify whether he had the paper for collection or not, or to tell who put the paper in his possession. Later on, he stated that by common consent of his clients the paper came into his possession. He considered the integrity of his life at stake in answering these questions. The solicitor asked Mr. Barron: "Did not I go to your office before the May term of court, and say to you, that as solicitor I want that paper and am entitled to it; that I have been informed that the grand jury will probably present Dinkins, and if they do I will as solicitor be obliged to bring an indictment against him? And did you not tell me that the paper was misplaced; that you had searched for it but could not find it? And did not I subsequent to this go to you again, and ask if you had found the paper, and you said to me that Dr. Richardson had, to your great surprise, brought the paper to you and told you he had found it among his papers, and did I not then ask you for it, and then you told me that you had given the paper to Dr. Dinkins, with the remark that it had been your observation that when a man had a paper that was liable to burn his fingers he had best destroy it. And that you thought Dr. Dinkins had either burned it or torn it up?"

To this Mr. Barron said that he had not. The solicitor then with great emphasis repeated the same questions, and Mr. Barron reiterated the same denial, and said "If you were to repeat this question out of the court house?" The Solicitor interrupting said I am prepared to ask the question any where or in any place. Here the Judge interposed and said he would preserve order. Considerable excitement prevailed throughout the court house. Mr. Barron then came off the stand, and the Solicitor insisted on being allowed to go on the stand and swear to the truth of the statements included in the questions he had asked Mr. Barron. The Judge allowed the request, and Solicitor Wilson went on the stand and swore to what he had said.

Mr. Barron then arose, and addressing the Judge said: I do not mean to reflect on the integrity of the gentleman, but say that his memory is at fault. The Solicitor then addressing the Judge, said: I swear that my statement is correct. Dr. Dinkins was then put on the stand who testified: Mr. Barron did not give me this paper, and putting aside hearsay I know nothing of this matter.

J. G. Huggins testified: I did see this alleged paper in possession of my father, and I know it was given to B. P. Barron for collection, and he collected it too, a pretty good lawyer.

Mr. Barron was again put on the stand and swore that when the paper came into his possession he was retained by Dr. Huggins and by B. S. Dinkins as attorneys. He could not disclose anything without dishonor to himself and his profession.

The Judge then decided not to make Mr. Barron testify what had become of the paper.

The Solicitor said he had ample proof, in case the Judge would compel Mr. Barron to tell what had become of the paper, to convict, but if he could not get this information he would be compelled to noll. pro. for the case as he had, depending on the statement of Mr. Barron, alleged in framing the indictment that the paper had been lost, and he could not prove the contents of the paper until he had proved its destruction.

The case was then noll. pro. During the controversies between Mr. Barron and the Solicitor, the jury was excluded from the court room.

Messrs. B. P. Barron, J. F. Rhame, and A. Levi represented Mr. Dinkins in this case.

The other cases disposed of are: Eliza Jane Hardy, housebreaking and larceny. Not guilty.

Wm. M. Butler, carrying concealed weapons. Pleaded guilty and fined \$25.

Mack Bennett, larceny of live stock. Guilty but recommended to mercy.

Isaac Butler, hog stealing. Guilty. Ed Scott is now on trial for the killing of Tom Pearson. The case will probably be concluded to-morrow morning.

PRESENTMENT OF GRAND JURY STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, CLARENDON COUNTY, MANNING, S. C., Oct. 30, 1889.

To His Honor, I. D. Witherspoon, Presiding Judge: The special committee of the Grand Jury, J. F. Cole and W. C. Reams, assisted by S. A. Nettles as expert, made an examination last August of the county offices, and found them all well kept.

All the trial justices of the county, except John B. Mellette, presented their books for examination, and we find them properly kept. John H. Mahoney has turned in more fines during the year than any other trial justice.

The Grand Jury would like to call attention to what they consider several defects in the laws regulating county affairs, but as such recommendations are generally disregarded, we forbear doing so. One thing, however, we will risk calling attention to: The Board of Equalization frequently changes the figures representing the sworn value of a taxpayer's property, making the amount either greater or less, without giving any notice to the taxpayers. This practice, it seems to

us, savors somewhat of forgery. We think that it is due to the taxpayer, when any change is made, to give the taxpayer due notice of such change. We, also, think the value of lands and of stock in the county is in most cases assessed at too low figures, especially so in the case of land, in some cases the land not being assessed at one-tenth its value.

We have examined the poor-house, and find it properly kept. The inmates, nine in number, are all well, and say they are satisfied with the attention they receive.

We present Andrew Richardson and Mollie Dingle, both colored, for living in adultery, and give as witnesses M. J. Blackwell, J. R. Sprott, Pinkney White, June Walker, and Joe Moultrie.

We present Eliza Ridgeway and Capps, both white, for living in adultery, and give as witnesses Tom Gardner, J. H. Timmons, Jas. Carraway, M. J. Blackwell, and Peter E. Ridgeway.

We present Wm. Rhodus and Mary Smith, both white, for living in adultery, and give as witnesses Wash Logan, James Nichols, and John Nichols. Respectfully submitted, J. F. COLE, Foreman Grand Jury.

A Card.

I deny emphatically the charge made against me in the presentment of the Grand Jury, and am prepared to prove my innocence by the best citizens of the community in which I live. E. G. CAPPS, Oct. 30th, 1889.

INHERITED BLOOD POISON.

How many people there are whose distress from sores, aches, pains and eruptive tendencies are due to inherited blood poison. Bad blood passes from parent to child, and it therefore is the duty of husband and wife to keep their blood pure. This is easily accomplished by a timely use of B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm). Sent to Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, for book of most convincing proof.

James Hill, Atlanta, Ga., writes: "My two sons were afflicted with blood poison, which doctors said was hereditary. They both broke out in sores and eruptions which B. B. B. promptly controlled and finally cured completely."

Mrs. S. M. Williams, Sandy, Texas, writes: "My three poor afflicted children, who were afflicted with blood poison, have improved rapidly after a use of B. B. B. It is a Godsend."

J. R. Wilson, Glen Alpine Station, N. C., Feb. 13, 1885, writes: "Bone and blood poison forced me to have my leg amputated, and on the stump there came a large ulcer, which grew worse every day until doctors gave me up to die. I only weighed 120 pounds when I began to take B. B. B., and 12 bottles increased my weight to 180 pounds and made me sound and well. I never knew what good health was before."

F. Levi Quotes a Few Prices.

The Fall season is here, cotton is coming into market rapidly. Good crops have been made, and all will have more or less money to spend. I am paying the very highest cash prices for cotton, and selling my goods at the very lowest rock bottom cash figures. Be sure then when in Sumter to call at my store. It will be decidedly to your interest to do so.

In our Black Goods Department we quote Double Width Cashmere at 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 75, and \$1.00. All good value for the money.

All Wool Henriettas at 40, 50, 75, and \$1.00. All Wool Cashmires, double width, in colors, 25, 35, 50, 75, and \$1.00.

Single Width Mohair Goods, in Stripes, Plaids, and Solids, at 12 1-2, 15, 20, and 25 cents.

Gingham in great variety of patterns at 8 cents. Etoile de Nord, 12 1-2 cents.

Imported Ginghams, 20 cents. Satines at 10, 12 1-2, 15, and 20 cents. Percales at 12 1-2 cents.

Full lines of Corsets, from 35 cents to \$1.50. Warner's Coraline Corsets \$1.00. Warner's Health Corsets \$1.25.

Whatever you want, you can get at FERDINAND LEVY, Sumter, S. C.

Take Hood's Sarsaparilla 100 Doses One Dollar. The Chief Reason for the great success of Hood's Sarsaparilla is found in the fact that Merit Wins. It is the best blood purifier and generally accomplishes all that is claimed for it. Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

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JOSEPH F. RHAME, ATTORNEY AT LAW, MANNING, S. C. JOHN S. WILSON, Attorney and Counselor at Law, MANNING, S. C.

A. LEVI, ATTORNEY AT LAW, MANNING, S. C. Notary Public with seal.

F. N. WILSON, AGENT EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY, MANNING, S. C.

G. ALLEN HUGGINS, D. D. S., CHERAW, S. C. Visits Manning every month or two professionally.

THE BANK OF MANNING, MANNING, S. C. Money loaned on real estate.

MACHINERY FOR SALE! To The People of Clarendon: I am the Agent for the Celebrated REVOLVING HEAD PRATT GIN, LIDDELL & Co.'s Engines and Boilers.

BOSS COTTON PRESS. Corn Mills, Pulleys, Shafting, etc.

WILSON & SPANN, Insurance Agents. Represent for Clarendon County the following Fire Insurance Companies: WESTERN ASSURANCE CO., of Canada, HAMBURG BREMEN INS. CO., of Germany, HIBERNIA INS. CO., of New Orleans, COMMERCIAL INS. CO., of Montgomery, Ala.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. Polzer, Rodgers & Co., Plaintiffs, vs James McQualey, J. R. Ridgill and others, Defendants. To be sold at Manning, within legal hours of sale, on Monday the 4th day of November next, to the highest bidder for cash, the following property: First, "All that tract of land situate on the waters of Santee Swamp, bounding and butting north on lands of J. W. Mims and R. B. Mims, and on all other sides on lands of James E. Tindal, containing one hundred and twenty-three acres, more or less."

MORTGAGEE'S SALE. STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA - CLARENDON COUNTY. - Under and by virtue of a power of sale to me given by the provisions of a certain mortgage executed and delivered by Joseph Montre and Heirs, to Aaron Weinberg, dated the fifth day of February, 1889, and duly recorded in the office of register of mense conveyance for Clarendon county, South Carolina, in Book S. S., page 19, I will sell at public outcry before the Court House door in the town of Manning, South Carolina, on Monday, the 4th day of November, 1889, at the usual hour of sale:

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