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OUR COUNTY'S PROGRESS.

To the calm and reflective mind there is cause for great satisfaction at the material growth of our State and county during the past few years. The progressive strides which South Carolina has made in the last three or four years are phenomenal, and it is a fact heralded far and wide that she leads the South in manufactures and is second only to Massachusetts in the manufacture of textile goods. But it is not our purpose so much to tell of the State's progress as it is to call attention to the wonderful improvement in our own county of Clarendon. To those of us who have lived here and watched our county's progress, who have hoped for her improvement and worked for her general upbuilding, we have cause to be thankful, and as to her future, to entertain views of the veriest optimism. In the past ten years we have seen her achieve a most substantial increase in population. We now see her with first class schools in almost every section. Those who do not move in different sections of the county can form no adequate conception of the rapid advancement in education, and how the youth of the county are receiving educational opportunities which their fathers did not enjoy.

In agriculture we have seen the production of cotton, our great staple crop, reduced almost to a science, and the good price which this product has maintained throughout the past season has placed the condition of our people better than it has been during the past decade, so that the cry of hard times is seldom more to be heard. In the past seven years we have also seen a new money crop, tobacco, introduced, which pours a flood of money into the hands of our farmers, and has increased itself from one-fourth to one and a half million pounds per year. Our merchants maintain good credit, and are able to trade in all the great marts of the country, thereby enabling them to place before the consumer the articles which we ourselves do not make at the lowest marginal profit. By the help of the electric telephone all parts of the county are in close communication with each other, and in the past twelve months the records show that about $75,000 have been invested in corporate industries.

The property valuation of the county is much higher than it used to be, and could yet stand a considerable raise, while upon careful comparison our taxes are found to be reasonable and much lighter than are those of some of our friends in neighboring counties. The last year's harvest of provisional products, while not superfluous, has been ample, and the average farmer can, in adverse weather, sit beside his hearthstone and contemplate with serene satisfaction his making the next crop, because he is not cramped, and has a plenty of wherewith to supply himself and those dependent upon him.

As a rule our people are at peace, and the broad and liberal minded citizen, when he compares our present condition with that of some years previous, can note with happy satisfaction the wonderful improvement.

We could dwell at length in this happy strain, but will refrain from more just now. Taken all in all our people have many things they did not have in bygone days, and many causes to be thankful if they only knew it.

There is a good deal of buncombe in the assertion that the army bill gives the President power to control the size of the army by increasing it 50,000 when he wishes. As a matter of fact, the bill created an army of 100,000 and merely gives the President power to reduce it if he sees fit. This is a very different thing.

VICTORIA PASSES AWAY.

The death of Queen Victoria casts a heavy gloom over the hearts of more ople perhaps than would be caused by the death of any other person on earth. She was universally beloved, and her subjects live on all sides of the globe, so that the sun never sets on them all at a time. She was nearly eighty two years of age, and for over sixty years she graced the throne of England with the noblest, purest and most beautiful christian virtues. She wielded the sceptre as a magic wand of love and peace, and gave to her country perhaps the longest record in the history of any one ruler upon the throne, as well as the most beautiful and productive of good.

While her rule, so far as power is concerned, was almost a nominal one, yet her personal influence was great, and had a beautiful effect upon her subjects in spreading the cement of peace, brotherly love and affection. She was connected by blood and marriage with nearly half the royal families of Europe, being the grandmother of the Emperor of Germany, and when the clouds of war seemed to hover heavily over any of the European family of nations she always used her wise and gentle influence for peace.

She was the mother of nine children, and the oldest son, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, now a man of sixty years, succeeds her upon the throne.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

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Quality and not quantity makes DeWitt's Little Early Risers such valuable little liver pills. The R B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

Somebody has probably kidnapped winter, but we don't care if it never comes back.

Cut this out and take it to The R. B. Loryea Drug Store and get a free sample of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, the best physic. They also cure disorders of the stomach, biliousness and headache.

Recipe for old age: To preserve the freshness of youth, proceed to have yourself salted down.

The Best Prescription for Malaria

Chills and Fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic. It is simply iron and Quinine is a tasteless form.—No cure, no pay. Price 50c.

Lord Roberts shows excellent taste in refusing to celebrate until he has something to celebrate about.

If troubled with a weak digestion, belching, sour stomach, or if you feel dull after eating, try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Price, 25 cents. Samples free at The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

Can it be that the name of Superintendent Mills of West Point has anything to do with the prize fighting there?

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.

Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

It's lucky for the Dutch and French that those diamond mines were found in British Guiana and not across the border.

Such little pills as DeWitt's Little Early Risers are very easily taken, and they are wonderfully effective in cleansing the liver and bowels. The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

A woman's suffragist wants to cure men of smoking by teaching them to embroider and do drawn work. What next?

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

They have legless porch climbers in Chicago. Probably they also have brickless gold bricklers, though none have yet been captured.

The merited reputation for curing piles, sores and skin diseases acquired by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve has led to the making of worthless counterfeits. Be sure to get only DeWitt's Salve. The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

It isn't a very good augury for the new century to learn that the number of Congressmen is to be increased from its very beginning.

A Prominent Chicago Woman Speaks.

Prof. Roxa Tyler of Chicago, Vice-President Illinois Woman's Alliance, in speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says: "I suffered with a severe cold this winter which threatened to run into pneumonia. I tried different remedies but I seemed to grow worse and the medicine upset my stomach. A friend advised me to try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and I found it was pleasant to take and it relieved me at once. I am now entirely recovered, saved a doctor's bill, time and suffering, and I will never be without this splendid medicine again." For sale by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

Kentucky resents the assertion of a college professor that no one ever dies from snake bite, as being an underhanded attempt to discredit her well known snake bite remedy output.

The Mother's Favorite.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the mother's favorite. It is pleasant and safe for children to take and always cures. It is intended especially for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough, and is the best medicine made for these diseases. There is not the least danger in giving it to children for it contains no opium or other injurious drug and may be given as confidently to a babe as to an adult. For sale by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

Take care! Beware! Stocks will tumble sooner or later! Better get away with what you have and not try to make all the money in the world right away. Let the other fellow have a chance.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

A few castor oil plants growing in your front yard will, it is said, keep away mosquitoes. We don't guarantee this, but as the plants are cheap, easy to grow and not unsightly nor unpleasant, it might be worth trying next summer.

You know What You Are Taking

When you take Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic because the formula is plainly printed on every bottle showing that it is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No pay. 50c.

If China has celebrated its victory over the foreigners before it began to fight, the Western world would have laughed at its perversity in doing things backwards. Yet nobody laughs at Great Britain for celebrating the wrong end of the war nowadays.

Beat Out of an Increase of His Pension.

A Mexican war veteran and prominent editor writes: "Seeing the advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, I am reminded that as a soldier in Mexico in '47 and '48, I contracted Mexican diarrhoea and this remedy has kept me from getting an increase in my pension for on every renewal a dose of it restores me." It is unequalled as a quick cure for diarrhoea and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

We call attention to the estimate by a medical board that there are some 600,000 people in this country who have the grip, merely because we are informed that misery loves company and think it right that it should be informed that in this case, at least, it has plenty.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. The Kind You Have Always Bought

Those good people who denounce Congress for killing the canteen should have acted in time. Thousands of petitions against that institution were sent to every member of each House, while, aside from the war department, not one petition in its favor was submitted.

Persons who suffer from indigestion can not expect to live long, because they cannot eat the food required to nourish the body and the products of the undigested foods they do eat poison the blood. It is important to cure indigestion as soon as possible, and the best method of doing this is to use the preparation known as Kodol Dypepsia Cure. It digests what you eat and restores all the digestive organs to perfect health. The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

The practice of "hazing" by the students of West Point has been the subject of investigation by a special committee of Congress recently, and has revealed some shameful treatment on the part of students. Hazing can at best have no good influence, and only gives license for the exercise of brutal enjoyment on the part of reckless young men. If the authorities in charge of West Point cannot stop hazing then the school had better be abolished and get out of the business. A military school is supposed to exist for the training of gentleman soldiers, and not for the purpose of manufacturing toughs and brutes.

This Will Interest Many.

To quickly introduce B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm), the famous blood purifier, into new homes, we will send absolutely free 10,000 treatments. B. B. B. quickly cures old ulcers, scrofula, painful swellings, aches and pains in bones or joints, rheumatism, catarrh, pimples, festering eruptions, boils, eczema, itching skin or blood humors, eating, bleeding, festering sores and even deadly cancer. B. B. B. at drug stores $1. For free treatment address Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Medicine sent at once, prepaid. Describe trouble and free medical advice given until cured. B. B. B. cures the most deep-seated cases, after all else fails. B. B. B. heals every sore and makes the blood pure and rich. Sold by the R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

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CAPITAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SENATE CHAMBER,
Columbia, S. C., Jan. 21, 1901.

The General Assembly has gotten down to work in dead earnest, and the disposition appears to be to hold down anything like unnecessary legislation. The inauguration of the Governor and Lieutenant Governor took place last Thursday; the ceremonies are said to have been very impressive, and the committee under whose management the function took place were the recipients of many compliments. The governor's address was highly commended by a vast audience. Among the college girls I saw at the inauguration, were the Misses Davis of Davis Station, who are students at the Columbia Female College, Leon Weinberg of Manning and J. R. Griffin of Clarendon, students of the South Carolina College were also in the audience.

I thought from the indications of last week that we would have a very short session, but owing to the decision of the supreme court, of which I have heretofore written, there have been many new bills introduced, and I fear very much it will cause us to remain in Columbia the full limit of 40 days. The election which was to have come off Thursday, on account of the inauguration had to be postponed until Tuesday, and as there was a mistake made in the date for the election of the United States Senator that election, although a formal affair will have to be done over.

In the lower house Hon. H. B. Richardson has a bill looking to the further protection of game, and to relieve land owners from the expense of posting. He is also having a bill prepared looking to the exemption of certain townships in Clarendon county from the provisions of the stock law. This matter has been urged upon us by persons interested, I have not seen the petition which the law requires, nor have I had an opportunity to see Mr. Richardson's bill, but before the same reaches the Senate I should feel grateful if some of the signers to the petition would write me whether or not they understand that if the townships asked to be exempted are cut off, the people living in the exempted district will have to build a fence at their expense and keep it up. The fence must be built and only that portion exempted will have to pay for it. It is not my purpose to thwart the wishes of my constituents, but I feel it my duty to call their attention to any matter which I am satisfied they have not looked into. I do not believe the people asking for this exemption are willing to build a fence simply to aid a dealer in cattle, say at Foreston or Manning to procure cheaper pasturage. There are men who are buying up cattle for a song to ship out of the country, and of course, they are specially interested to secure an open range, and they of course would be willing to pay a tax for a fence; but the question in my mind is, are the people in that community willing to contribute to such an enterprise? If they are, I as their servant am willing to give them my best efforts to secure what they want.

In speaking of a bill with reference to the sale of State farms Mr. Richardson made an impression in the House, which caused that body to defer action until a more careful investigation could be had. Mr. Richardson urged his colleagues to make themselves intimately acquainted with the penitentiary affairs before casting a vote on such an important measure.

Major Richardson was right; there are a class of politicians who are constantly seeking some new scheme to go before the people with, and for the past two years this element has been hammering at the State farms, wanting them sold and wanting the convicts put on the public roads. It is easy for a sap-headed-statesman-out-of-a-job, to make a lot of noise to attract attention to him, but when it comes down to business, as a rule, these fellows who are wanting to tear things up are not to be found at the tearing, in other words talking and acting have two different and distinct meanings. The State farms are institutions which belong to the State and are doing well, and before the legislature tears them up, it should look well into the matter and provide something better.

Hon. M. C. Galluchat introduced a bill limiting the existence of labor contracts to the end of Calendar year in which they are executed. The committee to whom this bill was referred reported unfavorable. This bill was introuced at the instance of citizens living in the Panola section, they seeking relief from a system which is permitted under the present labor contract law. The purpose is to prevent a contract being made say in June of one year to the June of the following year: those asking for this change complain that merchants advance goods to a laborer, and as security take a labor contract, which often results in forcing farmers who want hands, to pay the laborer out of debt. The bill was placed on the Calendar and will probably come up this week for discussion, but we think Mr. Galluchat will meet with much opposition. Mr. Galluchat also introduced a bill to extend the law of agricultural labor contracts to all labor contracts. Here is another measure which will meet with strong opposition and when it comes up I shall try to get over into the house to hear the debate, as I want to know why such a measure should become a law, for I confess I do not see what good will result from it.

Bill from Marlboro recommended by committee, applying to Marlboro's road tax, laying out and working the public roads of that county, brought out much discussion, and it was pointed out by Mr. Galluchat that such a bill was in controvention of the decision of the supreme court and virtually killed it.

A special committee of which Mr. Galluchat is a member has before it the measure to provide a general county government law for the laying out and maintaining public roads and prescribing method of providing for commutation and other road taxes, and their collection, and a sub-committee, five lawyers, one of whom is Mr. Galluchat, were appointed to frame the law in conformity with the constitution. This is one of the most important matters before the legislature.

Hon. I. M. Woods introduced a bill to amend the emigration law, providing a more effectual remedy in collecting the license fees from emigrant agents. The doctor's idea is to empower the county commissioners to employ detectives to run down a class of men who comes into this State and carry away laborers, giving one half of the fines collected to the officers.

The Clarendon delegation in the house voted for the extension of taxes. They also opposed limiting the time of the session to Feb. 1st. About the extension I differ with the delegation, and hope the governor will veto it, because the governor and Comptrollor general had already extended the time to Feb. 1st, and then for the legislature to further extend it to March 1st, strikes me as unnecessary, and calculated to hinder the work in the tax department. Therefore it is of the most importance and I fully concur with them in voting against Feb. 1st, as the limit for holding this session, because the supreme court has recently rendered a decision which makes it important that many laws be made to conform to that decision, and the repealing of those now repugnant to it and to the people's interest that there shall be no hurried legislation. I would rather have things done right, even if we have to legislate beyond the 40 day limit, and serve without pay after 40 days has expired. The cheapest legislation that can possibly be given to the people is that kind which has been prepared with the most care. It saves litigation, trouble and money.

In the Senate I have introduced several measures looking to bringing the laws relating to the county affairs to conform with the constitution viz: the repealing of the clerk of court bill, and introducing a general fee bill which may be withdrawn if the general committee get up a salary bill as now in course of preparation. I have introduced an amendment to a bill putting Clarendon in the same category with Sumter and other counties with regard to school claims in the hands of innocent holders. The past week my time was well filled with committee work and from now on, I will eat no idle bread, the work of eight committees gives a man all he can handle with care, and to do so he has no time to play.

The most interesting, if not the most important matter of local interest is to know something of the county's financial condition and I will give it to the readers of THE TIMES as furnished from the county commissioners:

CHARACTER OF CLAIMS.

	1900. Appropriated.	1900. Claims Approved.	Needed for 1901
Auditor's salary....	$300	$300 00	$300
Supervisor's salary.	600	600 00	600
Clerk salary.....	150	150 00	150
Guards chaingang..	500	529 50	550
Commissioners, per diem and mileage.	200	140 90	200
Treas. commissions.	250	259 60	250
Board Equalizat'n..	150	144 10	150
Jurors, witnesses, etc., (2 terms).....	1.400	1,000 00	1.600
Clerk of Court.....	150	180 00	.....
Sheriff's salary.....	700	700 00	700
Magistrates & Constables.....	1.375	1.375 00	1.375
Coroner and post-mortems.....	100	314 50	300
Poor house and poor	500	509 82	500
Roads, bridges and chaingang	1.000	2.370 33	2.000
Printing, books and stationery	250	437 25	400
Examining and conveying lunatics...	75	347 25	300
Insurance and attorney fee	130	123 70	130
Physician to poor-house and jail.....	75	57 45	75
Supt. Ed., salary & travelling expenses	550	550 00	550
Dieting prisoners in jail	500	431 60	500
Contingent expens's	100	259 02	300
Total.....	$9,055	$10,730 52	$10,930

It will be noted that several classes of claims exceed the appropriations, and we are asked to give more money to the claims, because there is no way of ascertaining how much will be needed to pay the coroner, conveying lunatics and how much it will take for the roads and bridges. Then our supervisor was forced to buy two mules, which were paid for out of appropriation for roads and bridges, and the amount of bridge building done by him made it necessary to spend a lot of money for lumber.

Now here is our income if all the taxes are collected:

Property valuation for 1900. $2,585,665, at 4 mills.....	$10,342 66
Dispensary profits for 1900.....	3,115 76
Fines and licenses for 1900.....	1,612 73
Total	$15,071 15

We are asked by the commissioners to give them $10,930. Can this be done if we carry out our heart's wish to reduce the levy one more mill? If the property valuation this year is the same, and we look for an increase, then $2,585,665 at 3 mills will give us $7,756.99; add to this the dispensary profits, $3,115.76, it would give $10,872.75, which is about the amount we are asked to provide, leaving off the income from fines and licenses which amounted the past year to $1,612.73. In my judgment we can give the people a further reduction of one mill and have the fines and licenses as a surplus to make up any deficiency which might arise. So here we are, a reduction of two mills in two years and the county kept out of debt.

This is a record I am proud of and I know the people appreciate it.

Superintendent of Education Wells and Mr. O. C. Scarborough were in Columbia last week.

On account of Lee's birthday there was no session Saturday.

The elections come off tomorrow and I sincerely hope I can wire home that Miss Lucie Barron has carried off the prize. L. A.

Pepsin preparations often fail to relieve indigestion because they can digest only albuminous foods. There is one preparation that digests all classes of food, and that is Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. It cures the worst cases of indigestion and gives instant relief, for it digests what you eat. The R. B. Loryea Drug Store, Isaac M. Loryea, Prop.

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident, of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject, is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cts., guaranteed, at the R. B. Loryea drug store. 5

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—AND—
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Ramon's Relief will positively cure pains of all kinds, such as Headache, Sick-Headache, Toothache, Neuralgia, Cramp Colic, Pains in the Stomach and Bowels, Diarrhoea, &c., almost instantly, and, as a household remedy for these sudden sickness, it has no equal in the world. "Once tried, always used." Price 25 and 50 cents. Sample bottles 10 cents.

Ramon's Nerve & Bone Oil is the original and only genuine Nerve and Bone Oil made. It is just what its name implies, and penetrating quickly to the nerve and bone, relieves pain, drives away disease and effects a permanent cure. A specific for Rheumatism, Sores, Bruises, Sprains, Cuts, Burns, and all injuries to the flesh of either man or beast. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sample bottles 10 cents.

The genuine has the name blown in the bottle. The Relief is put up in square red cartoons and the Oil in green cartoons.

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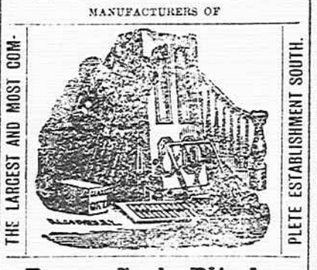

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Your Head Aches To-day.

It is a small matter; but it ached two days ago, and again a week ago. You are acquiring a habit of headache. That must be stopped. The trouble is with your liver. You want a mild laxative, and then a tonic to stimulate the appetite and make the blood rich and pure.

Ask your druggist for RAMON'S LIVER PILLS AND TONIC PELLETS.

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40-lb boxes Starch, best grade, at	3¾c per lb
Smoked Dried Herrings	20c per box
New Mackerel, 14 good fish to kit	90c
Fancy Full Cream Cheese, 22 to 24 lbs each, at	13c per lb
Best Fancy Elgin Creamery Butter, 60-lb tubs, at	24c per lb
American Sardines—new pack	$3.85 per case 100 cans
10-oz Tumbler Fruit Jelly, 3 doz to case	75c per doz
3-lb stand Tomatoes, 2 doz in case	90c doz
2-lb stand Tomatoes, 2 doz in case	70c doz
Half-pint bottles Assorted Pickles, 2 doz in case	75c doz
1-lb cans Cove Oysters, full weight, 2 and 4 doz in case	90c doz
2-lb cans Fancy Maine packed Sugar Corn	$1.20 doz
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CRACKERS.

Lemons, 5½c; Nic Nacks	5½c per lb
Ginger Snaps, 5c; Soda Crackers	5c per lb
Sugar Crackers 6c; Fancy Mixed	6½c per lb
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Best Straight	3.90 bbl
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Old Glory Cheroots	$2.90 per box of 200 Cheroots
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TAX RETURNS.

OFFICE COUNTY AUDITOR,
CLARENDON COUNTY,
Manning, S. C., Dec. 26, 1900.

The Auditor's office will be open from the first day of January, 1901, to the twentieth day of February, 1901, to receive returns of real estate and personal property in Clarendon County for the year 1901.

The Auditor will be at the following places in person on the dates mentioned to receive returns:

J. F. McFaddin's Store, Thursday, January 24th, 1901.

McIntosh's Store, Midway township, Friday, January 25th, 1901.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January, 1901.

All real estate and personal property must be returned this year.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each party for the township the property is in, and where the taxpayers owns realty, to insert the postoffice as their place of residence, and those who only own personal property, to give the party's name who owns the land they live on as their residence, which aids the taxpayer as well as the County Treasurer in making the collections and preventing errors.

Every male citizen between the ages of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January, 1901, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed, or from other causes, shall be deemed taxable polls. This does not apply to Confederate soldiers over fifty years of age.

All the returns that are made after the twentieth day of February will have a penalty of 50 per cent. added thereto, unless out of the county during the time of listing. Not knowing the time of listing is no excuse.

The assessing and collecting of taxes is all done now in the same year, and we have to aggregate the number and value of all the horses, cattle, mules, etc., and their value that there is in the county, and have same on file in the Comptroller General's office by the thirtieth day of June each year. And from that time to the first day of October each year the Auditor and Treasurer's duplicate has to be completed and an abstract of the work in the Comptroller's office by that time, which will show at a glance that the Auditor has no time to take in returns or do anything else much, between the first day of March and the first day of October each year but work on the books and blanks. Therefore I hope that all taxpayers will do me the favor of making their returns in time.

E. C. DICKSON,
Auditor Clarendon County.

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