

CHEER UP! CHEER UP!

Here is Food for Thought for the Calamity Howler, as Set Forth by Mr. C. A. Brownell of Ford Motor Co.

It is very peculiar, this human nature of ours, because 90 per cent of men and women are very quick to see the clouds of trouble and to miss the bright sunshine of pleasure. It is a rumor emanate from an insane ylum that there is going to be a failure of the crops, and the multitude commence to mourn right away. Some as if people like to be in trouble.

And so it is that there has spread over this country an almost universal relief that we had to have a financial panic; we must have a commercial depression; we were due for a period of hard times; Hades was to pay and no itch hot. Rumor upon rumor of a shortage in crops, shortage in mechanical production, shortage in labor; in fact, it seemed as if the whole world was going to be so dog gone hurt that it was liable to drop into a hole and disappear. The prophets of cheerfulness were like the proverbial hen's teeth—few and far between.

Now let us look at the facts, for never before in the history of civilization has mankind had a more rosy future to vision, and this applies to every part of the globe, as we could prove if we had the time and the space.

But let us just take America. Never in our history has there been so much money, real, honest-to-goodness cash, in the United States as there is today. This country has been growing in wealth by leaps and bounds, because we have the best educated people in the world; the most moral people; the most humane people; people with more initiative than obtains among any other peoples on Earth. Then we have a country whose unlimited natural resources represent wealth untold. We were coming to the mastery of the wealth of the world before the War. For instance in 1913 this country produced \$14,000,000,000 more than it consumed. Then the War came on and our production was hurried until in 1917 we produced \$18,000,000,000 more than we consumed.

We loaned to the nations of Europe in excess of \$30,000,000,000. With the exception of some \$3,000,000,000, this money remained in America and was spent by the borrowers in our markets. It was not taken out of America—it is here still. Since the War closed hundreds of millions of gold have been sent into the United States by foreign countries in payments on their debts.

Then in 1919 our production was the largest in the history of the country. We produced more goods than we did in 1917, and we had an eager market for everything we produced, and all we sold brought the money to America—it's here.

Take this statement by John Fletcher, Vice President of the Ford Dearborn National Bank of Chicago: "The United States is far and away the richest country in the world. The aggregate deposits of its banks are billions more than the combined deposits of all the banks in the world outside of the United States. We have more actual cash than any other nation and in the last few years have obtained an almost unbelievable supremacy in trade."

Now with this vast accumulation of money, how can we have a financial panic; how can we have a commercial depression; how can we have hard times? Impossible!

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There was naturally a reconstruction period which must follow after a world conflict. After our own Civil War of 1861-65 we were ten years passing through what was called the reconstruction period, during which our money went down to fifty cents on the dollar.

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Talk about hard times; talk about depression—nonsense!

Let us tell you that there is one hundred years of intense prosperity right at the doors of the people of the United States. We won't have men and women enough to manufacture all that is necessary to meet the demand. We are producing more today than ever before in practically every line unless it be shipbuilding, and that will come back. We have millions of acres untilled. We have billions of lumber uncut. We have billions of gold, silver, copper and lead to be unearthed. Oil is being found in every State in the Union. All the resources of the country are coming to the surface, and we are going to be the busiest people that humanity has ever known, and likewise the richest.

The financial center of the world today is in New York. The center of civilization has passed from the Old World to the New, and now rests with us. We are great. We don't want to boast, but we want to know our strength and our power. If any band of bankers or politicians think they can hoodwink the American people, they have got a mighty sharp lesson coming very quick. The intelligence of the American people won't tolerate any speculative crisis. Honest business it too big in volume, too intense in value, for the American people to be sidetracked by the speculators and promoters.

Go to it—build and equip and prepare yourselves for a future rich in development, rich in production, rich in business and rich in profits.

Good wages, lots of work, the profiteer eliminated, cheerfulness, courage, optimism filling every nook and corner of America. Let there be no hesitancy—hang your banners on the outer walls and sound the trumpets of triumph—success is here.

The fiscal year of the Ford Motor Company ended July 31, 1920, and in that year they made 996,660 cars and 80,088 Fordson Tractors, besides having unfilled orders on file for more than 200,000 cars and many thousand tractors, which means an increase over all past production by more than 20 per cent, and next year their plans are to make 1,250,000 Ford cars and 250,000 tractors. Do you suppose that this company is guessing? Not for a minute. Other industries are the same. Get a hustle on. Talk prosperity and act prosperity. Keep busy and you can't help but enjoy prosperity. Spend your money—it's no good idle. Do your share and make the next century a golden era in which all humanity will be lifted up to a higher plane of productivity, comfort, happiness.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF CLARENDON COUNTY

Read Before The Manning Social And Literary Circle by Mr. J. H. Lesesne, September 15, 1897.

A history of Clarendon County and the Town of Manning, if written at length and as a complete history, would be a much longer paper than it is proposed, on this occasion to produce. A running sketch, at this time, it is hoped, will suffice.

A history of Manning is history of the County, and a recital of the deeds of their sons will be history of them both. I will be pardoned, then, for treating them jointly.

The County of Clarendon is not an aged creation, when compared with the lives of her sisters, and the Town of Manning is slightly the junior of the County. Clarendon County is forty-two years old, and derived her birth from Sumter District. Prior to the year 1855 Sumter District, or perhaps to speak more accurately, Sumter County, was composed of two Districts of nearly equal size, commonly known as Clarendon and Clarendon. Clarendon comprised the upper portion of Sumter County, while Clarendon comprised the lower or Santee portion. Just why Sumter County was divided into Districts is not known, but we suppose that each originally had its courts of authority, or Magistrate's courts, as, about seven miles southwest of Manning, near the place of the late Capt. T. J. Davis, there was an old court house, where it is supposed that cases not capital were passed upon. "Court House Branch" derives its name from this old time "temple of justice," not a vestige of which is now visible.

The origin of the name Clarendon the writer does not know, and as he is not writing a history of that section he will not take time to inquire.

But the name Clarendon, it is accepted by the best authorities on history, was given in honor of Edward, Earl of Clarendon, at one time Lord High Chancellor of England, and one of the lords proprietors. He received grants to immense territories on the newly discovered American continent. Thus, it will be seen that in name, if for nothing else, Clarendon is entitled to a place of distinction. But this is not all the distinction that she can claim. During the time that Clarendon District belonged to Sumter County, and since she was created a County to stand alone herself, she has furnished many men who figured conspicuously in history and politics. Five Governors have been furnished South Carolina from within her borders. In 1802 James B. Richardson, a wealthy planter, from the Clarendon District of Sumter County, was elected Governor of the commonwealth of South Carolina. In 1824 Richard I. Manning, another planter from almost the same neighborhood of the same District, was elected to the same position. In 1840 John P. Richardson, of Clarendon District, was made Governor, and in the year 1852 John L. Manning, one of the most cultured and polished gentlemen who ever graced a gubernatorial chair, was taken from Clarendon District and given the reins of the State Government. In 1880 John Peter Richardson, of Clarendon County, was made Governor and served four years until 1890.

Prior to the year 1855 (the year that Clarendon was cut off from Sumter) there were many reasons which stirred the people of this section and made them long for a county government of their own. In addition to the desire for a new County, in order that political ambitions might be gratified, that more offices would be created, and the same set of men could not control the politics of so large a section, there were other reasons. Persons who lived on the Santee River, for instance, were put to great inconvenience in going so far to the county seat at Sumter to pay taxes, attend court, and attend to the ordinary business which people usually have with county officials. Consequently there arose a general demand for a separation and a creation of the new county, which was granted by the Legislature.

It is said that quite a fight occurred in the Legislature over the separation. Old Mr. A. C. Spain, a noted and prominent figure in Sumter County, opposed the measure with all his force, and made the charge that the effort to cut off the new county was only for the purpose of honoring Governor John L. Manning. This the ex-Governor resented in a strong speech, in which he scored Mr. Spain very severely, and the measure was passed, carrying with it the appointment of a commission, composed of several gentlemen, for the purpose of locating the county seat. The writer is not certain that the following five names compose the entire commission, but they were prominent members of it, and probably were all of the commissioners appointed by the Legislature for the purpose of saying where the court house should be built. Here are the names, all of whom are dead: Capt. Levy Rhame, of the western portion of the new county; Col. William L. Reynolds, who lived near where is now the village of Packville; Mr. Joseph Sprott, by birth a North Carolinian, but from youth a resident in the section now known as Jordan, and well remembered by many members of this Circle; Col. John O. Brock, of the Panola section, and also well remembered by many of us; and a Mr. McFaddin, whose initials the writer has desired for several years, but has never been able to obtain. The village of Juneville, then possessing probably two small stores and a drug shop, and situated just five miles south of the present Town of Manning, was a noted place for musters and horse racing, and was very ambitious of becoming the capital of the new county, and it is said by many older citizens came near winning in the fight. But there was a strong sentiment in favor of locating the county seat as near as possible to the centre of the new county. If this sentiment did not prevail among the

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masses, which it probably did, it was at least the sentiment of the commission appointed on location, and they, or a sub-committee, which from the best remembered information was composed of Messrs. Levy Rhame, Joseph Sprott and John O. Brock, engaged the services of the late Capt. Joseph C. Burgess, a surveyor of note, to assist them in locating the center of the new county. This they did by running two long lines and taking the points at which they crossed. The first line they began at a point in the extreme eastern section of county, at Lynch's Creek, now Lynch's River, and ran directly across the county to Santee. Then they began at a point near the middle of the Sumter line, and ran across in another direction. The two lines crossed at a point about a mile from the present court house, across Ox Swamp, not far from what is known as the Blackwell place. The commissioners then began a general re-commissioning of the section looking for a high and dry place that would be large enough upon which to locate the Town of Manning. They rode around considerably, and finding no suitable location, crossed over on this side of Ox Swamp and located the town upon its present site, as being the nearest suitable place to the center of the county.

The town fell upon Capt. Burgess land, and he gave the grounds upon which the present courthouse stands, also the old jail lot just across the street to the south, and which was cut up into small lots and sold by the county authorities within the recollection of many now present. For the purpose of convenience in assessing taxes and forming school districts the county was then cut up into nineteen townships. The townships by local name were known as: Fulton, Calvary, Friendship, St. Pauls, Santee, St. Marks, St. James, Concord, Sanny Swamp, Manning, Mt. Zion, Brewington, Plowden's Mill, Harmony, Midway, New Zion, Douglass, Sandy Grove and Mott's. Mott's Township and a portion of Sandy Grove were a few years ago cut off and thrown into Florence County, while the remaining eighteen retain their original names and each now forms a school district.

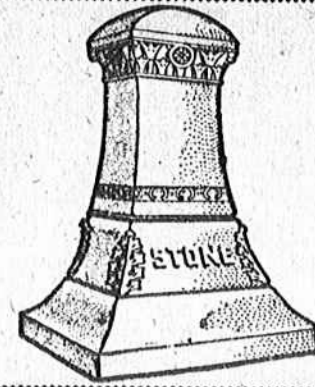
Perhaps it will not be uninteresting to give the names of some of the gentlemen who have filled the offices of the county, and in the order in which they came since 1855. The first sheriff that Clarendon ever had was P. Margan Butler. He was succeeded by his son, Y. Newton Butler. He was in turn followed by Capt. D. J. Bradham, then a young man, who remained in office until reconstruction in 1869. Then came T. W. Arledge, who absconded while in office, from getting into money troubles, then a man by the name of Parker, appointed by Governor Scott. He was followed by the late William J. Clark. Then came W. R. Burgess, then Major H. H. Lesesne, who remained in office until his death in 1891, and was followed by the present sheriff, Capt. D. J. Bradham.

During a period of forty-two years there have been only six gentlemen who filled the office of Clerk of Court for Clarendon County. The first of these was Josiah M. Felder, who served twelve or fifteen years, and was succeeded by his son, R. F. Felder. Then came W. A. Barfield. He was followed by that late lamented and much esteemed Christian gentleman, James E. Davis, who remained in office until his death. His unexpired term was filled by our fellow-member, Mr. A. C. Davis, and he was succeeded by our present Clerk, Mr. J. H. Timmons.

The office of Treasurer used to combine the duties of both Auditor and Treasurer, and was known as tax collector. Its first occupant under the

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