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**THE COUNTY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The Messenger is publishing this week a communication from Mr. Robert M. Kennedy, Jr., a well known business man of Camden whose patriotism and strict integrity is known to every one who is acquainted with him, in which he defends the county board of directors, in whose hands our county affairs have been placed. The personnel of the board is too well known to need any endorsement at our hands, and we are sure that those who read Mr. Kennedy's communication will endorse his statement where he says "that our county affairs are in good hands under this board as it is possible to place them." He further says that "the members of the board in each instance, are making big personal sacrifices to look after the affairs of the county for a nominal compensation, and were the county to try to hire men of equal ability and earnestness, the salaries that men of this type can command in any commercial enterprise would be beyond the reach of the taxpayers." The communication, we are sure, was prompted solely by a sense of fairness and will be heartily endorsed by "the thinking taxpayers," to quote Mr. Kennedy's words.

We believe the record will show that the board of directors have been careful in the expenditure of the county's funds and have effected a saving in the county's expenses.

**TAX EXEMPT SECURITIES.**

The indorsement, by the ways and means committee of the house of representatives of a constitutional amendment to end the future issuance of tax-free bonds should meet with approval.

The proposal is in line with Mr. Mellon's announced endeavor to keep a larger share of capital actively engaged in business. If reduced surtax is one means of accomplishing this, elimination of tax exempt securities is another. The administration must push the constitutional amendment with all the vigor it has put behind the Mellon plan if it would impress the country with the sincerity of its tax revision efforts.—Milwaukee Journal.

**A WORLD LANGUAGE.**

A great world telephone system, making necessary to all nations the use of a common language, or a common understanding of language, will some day join all the people of the earth into a common brotherhood. Such is the logical conclusion of John J. Carty, Vice-President, American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The ultimate system of providing the communication of the world will consist of both wire and radio, each supplanting the other in proportion to its capabilities, for each has its limitations, he says. "Thus science and industry will ultimately annul war and bring about an era of peace and good will."

The recent action of the Federal Trade Commission in attacking on the ground of monopoly, the radio, telephone and electric manufacturing companies which are trying to develop world wide communication, will not encourage expansion along these lines.

The Kershaw Era, commenting upon the provision made in the Kershaw county supply bill for two constables at a salary of \$125 a month with expenses not to exceed thirty dollars a month says:

"We have no criticism to offer to the addition to the law enforcement force of the county, but we venture to suggest that the enforcement of the laws in all of the county, outside of the municipality, should be under the supervision and direction of the sheriff of the county, who should be the head of the law enforcement department. In fact, to promote a better cooperation and more efficient enforcement of the law we believe that magistrates' constables should be included in those who should be under the sheriff's direction and control.

To maintain three separate and distinct law enforcement departments in a county, is to invite conflict of authority and a shifting of responsibility that will not be calculated to promote the best service. There should be but one law enforcement department, operated from the same head and all working in connection."

There is good logic in the position the Era takes. It had not occurred to us that there will now be three distinct law enforcement officials. With such a condition there will almost certainly be some conflict of authority. However, the provision has been made for this and we can only wait and see what the benefits may be from it.

**SOLIDLY OPPOSED.**

So far as the News has observed, no voice has been lifted by the newspapers or the public in defense of the sales tax bill proposed by the South Carolina Assembly. Those who have spoken have denounced the measure, and the silence that exists is tantamount to the belief that the General Assembly will not be so foolish as to give the measure even serious consideration.

No measure introduced in the General Assembly in years holds such chaotic possibilities. Sufficient to condemn the bill is the fact that it is an innovation that should not be proposed until it has been studied for a long time. And even casual study will convince anyone that it is an extremely radical measure which is capable of wrecking hundreds of productive enterprises in South Carolina. The federal government considered it as a means of securing money after the war but discarded it. If the federal government considered the sales tax impractical for its forty-eight states, would it not be suicide for South Carolina to take no cognizance of state boundaries and penalize the business within its confines?

The sales tax bill must be killed! The people are overwhelmingly against it. There is opposition on every hand to this measure, but the genuine tax reform—revaluation and reassessment—the support is almost one hundred per cent.—Greenville News.

**THINK THIS OVER.**

The farmers' and manufacturers' convention recently held in New York was a practical step in working out the theory of unity of interest between these two groups.

John M. Kelly of Baraboo, Wisconsin, vice-president of the National Holstein Association, in discussing cooperative marketing and emphasizing the necessity of modern business methods in farming, said: "No industry can survive and follow the method obtained in farming. If Rockefeller handled his business a farming is conducted, gasoline would sell at five dollars a gallon to pay cost of operation.

"America's greatest problem is to teach the farmer how to produce on a quality basis and sell on a paying basis."

Commenting on the harm of high taxes, George F. Heindel, vice-president of Phoenix Trust Company of Ottumwa, Iowa, said that in some localities taxes on farm lands have increased in ten years three, four and five-fold. In speaking of the Treasury's plan for tax reduction, he said: "This is not Secretary Mellon's problem; it is not your problem or my problem; it is not the problem of the banker or the farmer, the manufacturer or the mechanic, the landlord or the tenant. It is the problem of all of us. It reaches into our pockets and takes twelve and one-half cents out of each dollar it finds there; it reduces every ton of coal to 1760 pounds; it cuts a slice from a ten-cent loaf of bread and two ounces from every pound of meat. It will not be solved by political bickering, by demagogues or radicals but by the sane, sober thought and political action of the sane, sober, honest people of this nation."

**CRUSH INITIATIVE--KILL A NATION**

Lenine is dead in Russia after a brief but stormy career as ruler of that country. In England a labor government is to guide the destinies of that great nation. What the outcome of Lenine's teachings will be no one can say. What the change of control in England will produce, no one can forecast. This much is certain, however, and has been proved by past experience. When a reformer or radical agitator starts out to rule the world he finds certain established rules and practices developed because of the inborn traits of human nature, and he cannot do just as he pleases.

A government that crushes and kills ambition in the individual will not progress. A government that encourages initiative with its reward for energy will progress. Lenine's policy wrecked Russia and a similar policy in England would wreck that nation.

Neither labor nor capital can be a dictator to the extent of crushing individual activity, without bringing about its own downfall.

The legislature seems to be nearing its end. If this week does not wind up the present session next week most likely will.

Revaluation of all property in the state on a 100 per cent basis is provided in a new bill in the legislature. It may get through in time to become effective in 1925. Really it looks like returns should be made on a 100 per cent basis. The greatest danger we can see in this is that it will be so easy to increase taxes. A one mill increase under such conditions would mean more than two mills under the present system of a 42 per cent valuation.

**SALES TAX BILL WITHDRAWN**

The almost unanimous opposition to the proposed sales tax perhaps has much to do with its being withdrawn from the calendar. It is announced that the legislature is about to solve the financial problem by finding other sources of revenue—or in fact increasing the tax on some of the resources previously discovered. A bill providing for the abolition of fractional business license stamps is estimated to raise \$200,000; stamp tax on chewing tobacco and snuff, \$130,000; increase of manufacturers' tax to two tenths of one per cent, \$300,000; and additional tax on public utilities, \$200,000. The state levy of real estate and personal property will likely remain the same as last year—6 mills. The appropriations for pensions has mounted up from the original appropriation some years ago when it was \$50,000. It is made \$1,000,000 this year. Surely it cannot be said of South Carolina that she is forgetting the old soldiers who wore the gray.

Judge M. L. Bonham who is presiding over the present term of court, has made a very favorable impression upon those who have had any business in court except the criminal class. We do not know how they feel towards him. The sentences passed upon some of them were severe enough to make them feel that it is a serious thing to violate the laws of the state and the Judge is to be commended for this. He is an able lawyer and reflects credit upon the high office which he holds. He was elected to the Bench by the present legislature and held court in Columbia for the first time.

**BUREAUCRACY, LABOR'S ENEMY**

According to recently published statements, Samuel Gompers, now and for more than forty years head of the American Federation of Labor, recently sounded a warning against political control of industry.

"I greatly fear a political bureaucracy," he said. "The portent of such a great machine is alarming. Our government, which, as an institution, is regarded as the best in the world, is thoroughly competent in the realm of political affairs and it is just as thoroughly incompetent outside that realm."

"Any effort to reconcile the political machine with varied industrial divisions and requirements of the country can result only in most hopeless complication and conflict."

"I have said repeatedly, and I believe I voice the overwhelming sentiment of the organized wage earners, that political government is incompetent to direct industry."

"It is my belief that if the masses of our people were fully conscious of what is taking place there would be less clamor for governmental domination of industry."

**NEED OF LEADERSHIP.**

The party politicians have pretty thoroughly stripped the voter of his independence and his courage.

Glenn Frank has conceived the ideal President and describes him in "The Man Who Should Be President" in the January Century.

He says: "The next President should be a man of courage, should live intellectually and morally enough above the battle of politics to enable him to think and to act with the requisite realism and courage."

"The service such a president could render would help us break the paralysis that has fallen upon American politics. He would help us reinvest the political process with reality. There is nothing more certain than that representative government is doomed unless we do away with the anonymous blackmail which our democracy practices on its political leadership, with the result that courage gives way to cowardice and the statesman turns politician."

**FARMERS HELP THEMSELVES**

It is found that more than two billion dollars' worth of business was done last year by organizations of American farmers.

It has long been said that the agriculturist is primarily a business man, but it is only of late that he has compelled recognition in this capacity by adopting the most up-to-date methods of business men in other lines.

Collectively he is the greatest of capitalists, also the greatest of producers. His weak point has been distribution. When he learns to distribute his products as manufacturers do, he will have his business built upon a rock. Through co-operation and the employment of skilled executives to handle his goods, he may do for himself more than the government can do for him.—St. Joseph Gazette.

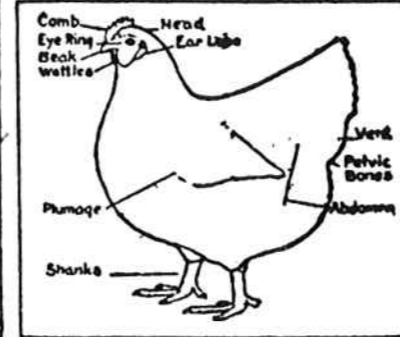
Fully 90 per cent of American industry is working under open shop conditions, according to Noel Sargent of New York, an industrial statistician.

**POULTRY**

**CULLING HEN FLOCK INCREASES PROFITS**

The first essential for high egg production is healthy and vigorous stock, says H. M. Wells, the extension poultryman of the University of Nebraska. Birds that have any physical defects should not be kept. The indications in health and vigor are noted by a good bright eye, a bright red comb and an active disposition. The poor layer will generally appear listless, inactive and have a poor appetite. The hen that is first off the roost in the morning, the last on the roost at night, and has a full good crop of feed when she goes to roost, usually proves to be the best layer.

Certain colors or pigment changes also indicate whether a hen is a good layer or not, especially during the summer months after a period of heavy laying. These color changes can



Points to Observe in Picking Out Layers.

be noted in yellow-skinned breeds. The heavy layers can usually be distinguished by the faded-out appearance of the vent, eye ring, beak, skin, and shanks. This is due to the fact that the laying fowl uses up the surplus fat in the body for egg production, using it especially from the skin. The fat carries with it the color pigment so that the good layer has lighter-colored shanks, skin and beak than has the poor layer.

Poultry profits are not based altogether on the number of hens in the flock, but rather on the number of eggs that the hens lay. The elimination of the poor layer from the flock should begin about the first week in June or as soon as the production begins to decrease perceptibly, and should continue during the summer and fall. The accompanying diagram shows the points that should be given special consideration when culling the poor layers out of the flock.

**Avoid Chilling Eggs in Gathering Eggs for Hatching**

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Eggs saved for hatching should be gathered often enough through the day to prevent any possibility of the germs being killed from becoming chilled, says the United States Department of Agriculture, and for best results should be stored in a moderately cool place where the temperature is between 50 degrees and 75 degrees Fahrenheit. It is not advisable to hold hatching eggs longer than ten days or two weeks before being incubated, and the fresher they are when set the better the chances of a good hatch and strong chicks. It is harmful to wash the eggs intended for hatching, as the pores become filled and the air is shut off from the living embryo.

It is also advisable to test the eggs in each setting for the removal of the infertile ones, which will give a better chance to those that are left. This should be done about the sixth or seventh day. A simple homemade tester can be made in a few minutes from a small wooden or pasteboard box of such size that a common hand lamp, lantern or a candle can be placed in it. A hole should be cut in the top directly over the flame, and another a little smaller than an egg in one side opposite the flame. The testing should be done in a dark room.

In testing, the light shining through the egg held against the hole in the side of the box, shows the condition of the egg. An infertile egg is clear, while the fertile egg will show a spiderlike formation, a center with long, crooked threads, leading outward, and this formation will float as the egg is turned.

**Feed Sprouted Oats to Poultry During Winter**

The poultry raiser who has not yet adopted sprouted oats as a part of the hen's bill of fare, especially during the winter months, is not only depriving his hens of feed that would be relished and which is most valuable in feeding for egg production, but is also overlooking one of the best opportunities to save on the cost of feeding.

**Spring Range for Fowls Needed for Good Health**

As soon as spring comes, the fowls should be given the range of a large yard where they can pick green food and dig for worms. If any of the fowls have diarrhea, add to each gallon of their drinking water one teaspoonful of powdered muric acid of ammonia. Supply this three days, then give pure water three days, then the medicine, and so on. Diet is more than medicine in most cases of indigestion.

**INDICTMENT OF FELDER BY FEDERAL GRAND JURY**

New York, March 7.—A federal grand jury to day indicted three persons for obstructing justice and attempting, for a price of \$65,000, to bring United States Attorney General Daugherty and other government prosecutors to protect men who since have been sentenced for using the mails in fraud which netted \$175,000.

Those indicted were Thomas B. Felder, head of a well known law firm, president of the Georgia society and defense counsel in several big bootleg cases; Gaston B. Means, a former agent of the department of Justice and Elmer Jarnecke, secretary to Means.

Means, Jarnecke and nine others were indicted last October for using the mails to defraud and engage in a conspiracy through which 512,000 cases and 12,000 barrels of whiskey were removed from licensed distilleries and diverted into bootleg channels. Felder is Means' attorney in the case.

Today's indictment charged the trio with having received \$65,000 from officers of the Crager System, Inc. and the Glass Casket company of Atlanta, Pa., of whom 17 since have been sentenced to terms ranging from a day to two and one-half years in federal and county institutions after 40 persons indicted with them had been acquitted on charges against them dismissed. Safir has not been sent to prison and his conviction is under appeal.

In addition to promising Safir and his co-conspirators, immunity from prosecution, Felder, Means and Jarnecke are charged with having promised to obtain from Attorney General Daugherty a letter stating that the stock brokers' arrest was an error to obtain for Safir et al. certain business records government officials had seized; and to enable the brokers to continue selling stock through the mails without further molestation.

Felder is the attorney who figured conspicuously in the winding up of affairs of the South Carolina dispensary, and it is alleged obtained immense fees and commissions. Late if we mistake not he was indicted in this state and Gov. Blease who was in office at that time ordered his arrest if he could be caught anywhere in South Carolina. Felder was cautious enough not to pass through South Carolina after that.

**FOR THE EIGHT CORPS AREA.**

Infantry, Field Artillery, Engineers, Medical Department.

**FOR THE NINTH CORPS AREA.**

Infantry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Engineers.

In addition to above branches enlistments may be made for assignment to posts as indicated: Camp Lewis, Wash... 6th Engineers. Fort Douglas, Utah... Infantry. Camp Lewis, Wash... Infantry. Field Artillery. Fort Missoula, Mont... Infantry. Vancouver Barracks, Wash... Infantry. Fort Lawton, Wash... Infantry. Presidio of Monterey, Calif... Cavalry.

Fort George Wright, Wash. Infantry. Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo... Field Artillery.

Coast Defenses of San Francisco Calif., Fort Winfield Scott, Coast Artillery.

Coast Defenses of Puget Sound. Fort Worden, Wash... Coast Artillery.

Infantry, Field Artillery, Coast Artillery, Engineers. Bands: 33rd Inf. 14th Inf., 16th Band C. A. C., 11th Engrs. Band, 5th Band C. A. C.

See recruiting agent now in Camden.

**A STITCH IN TIME.**

Camden People Should Not Neglect Their Kidneys.

No kidney ailment is unimportant. Don't overlook the slightest backache or urinary irregularity. Nature may be warning you of approaching dropsy, gravel or Bright's disease. Kidney disease is seldom fatal if treated in time, but neglect may pave the way. Don't neglect a lame or aching back another day. Don't ignore dizzy spells, headaches, weariness or depression. If you feel you need kidney help begin using the reliable, time-tried remedy, Doan's Pills. For 50 years, Doan's have been found effective. Endorsed by Camden people. Ask your neighbor!

Mrs. J. A. Kennington, Waterree Mill, Camden, says: "My kidneys were in a terrible condition. I felt drowsy and sleepy most of the time. I became awfully dizzy and dark spots floated before my eyes. Sometimes my back felt as stiff as a board. I had such pain that someone had to turn me over in bed. I took Doan's Pills and they quickly fixed me up in A-1 condition. I haven't been troubled since."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Pills—the same that Mrs. Kennington had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

**Bids Invited.**

The undersigned school trustees of District No. 16 will receive bids for the erection of two school houses for colored children in School District No. 16, each building to contain three class rooms. Plans can be seen at the office of R. W. Mitcham, architect, Camden, S. C. All bids must be filed with the board of trustees by three (3) o'clock March 17th, 1924. The trustees reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

A. E. MILLER, Chairman.  
W. B. BRANHAM,  
W. M. GETTYS,  
School Trustees District No. 16.

**TAX NOTICE**

Office of Treasurer Kershaw County, Camden, S. C., Sept. 22, 1923

Notice is hereby given that the books will be opened for the collection of State, County and School Taxes from October 15th, 1923, to March 15th, 1924. A penalty of 1 per cent will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1923, 2 per cent February 1st, 1923 and 7 per cent March 15th, 1924.

The rate per centum for Kershaw county is as follows:

State Taxes,	Mill
County Taxes,	1/2
Hospital,	1/4
School Taxes,	1/4
DeKalb Township Road	1/4
Bonds	1/4
Total	2 1/2

Dog tax \$1.25. All dog owners are required to make a return of their dogs to the County Treasurer, who is required to furnish a license tag. All dogs caught without the license tag the owners will be subject to a fine of Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars. The following School Districts have special levies:

School District No. 1	23
School District No. 2	19
School District No. 3	15
School District No. 4	15
School District No. 5	8
School District No. 6	8
School District No. 7	15
School District No. 8	8
School District No. 9	4
School District No. 11	15
School District No. 12	15
School District No. 13	8
School District No. 14	15
School District No. 15	8
School District No. 16	4
School District No. 17	8
School District No. 18	15
School District No. 19	8
School District No. 20	8
School District No. 21	8
School District No. 22	18
School District No. 23	11
School District No. 24	15
School District No. 25	8
School District No. 27	8
School District No. 28	8
School District No. 29	8
School District No. 30	8
School District No. 31	8
School District No. 32	8
School District No. 33	8
School District No. 34	15
School District No. 35	15
School District No. 36	15
School District No. 37	8
School District No. 38	8
School District No. 39	8
School District No. 40	25
School District No. 41	8
School District No. 42	8
School District No. 43	8
School District No. 44	15
School District No. 45	8
School District No. 47	8

The poll tax is \$1.00

All able-bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to fifty (50) years, both inclusive, except residents in incorporated towns, shall pay \$4.00 as a road tax except members of the gospel actually in charge of a congregation, teachers employed in public schools, school trustees, and persons permanently disabled in the military service of the State and persons who served in the War Between the States, and all quarantine service of this state and all residents who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificate from two reputable physicians of this county.

All information with reference to taxes will be furnished upon application.

D. M. McCASKILL,  
County Treasurer.

**NOTICE**

I desire to inform my friends that I am local agent for the Daily, Sunday, and Semi-Weekly State, South Carolina's leading newspaper, and will appreciate the favor if you will allow me to send in your new or renewal subscriptions. Following are the rates:

Daily and Sunday State, \$9.00 a year. Daily, without Sunday, \$7.00 a year. Semi-Weekly State, \$1.50 a year. All subscriptions mailed same day received.

J. E. Gardner,  
Bethune, S. C.

**The regular communication of Kershaw Lodge, No. 29, A. F. M., is held on the first Tuesday evening of each month at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers cordially welcomed.**

M. BRIDGINS, Secy.  
W. F. Nettles, W. M.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA**

Is your section merely a rural region, or a solid and cohesive country community? What do you do towards its organized activity?