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Newspapers the Best Protection the People Have.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, speaking of the lawlessness imposition, noise and failure of the city government to do its full duty by the people, closes his letter with these words: "Decent, law abiding people would hardly have the priviledge of existing here if it were not for the newspapers." That is doubtless true. The newspapers are in advance of the government, national, state or city, in their demand for what is lawful and just and thus creating public opinion have been enabled to secure for the people more blessings than they would otherwise enjoy. The newspapers have their faults; but counting all these in, they are the best protection the people have. They are a police force, medical corps, public service board, city council, board of education, all combined, and the people of a city could better lose these than the newspapers.

There is no vanity about this whatever. There is logic all through it. The press leads, informs, inspires public opinion, and without this invigorating influence back of authority it wouldn't amount to punk. It is not a newspaper that says decent, law abiding people could hardly exist if it were not for the newspapers—it is an intelligent citizen who sees and knows what is going on. The best friend an honest, true, upright man has is an honest, true, upright newspaper.—Ohio State Journal.

Goodbye.

Goodbye is a hard word to speak. Some may laugh that it should be, but let them. Icy hearts are never kind. It is a word that has choked many an utterance, and started many a tear. The hand is clasped, the word is spoken, we part, and we are out on the ocean of time—we go to meet again, where? God only knows. It may be soon, it may be never. Take care that your goodbye be not a cold one—it may be the last one you can give.

Capt Smith For Governor

Edgefield News.

Among the political predictions made in Columbia last week was one to the effect that Mr. M. L. Smith of Camden would be a candidate in 1910 for Governor on the prohibition ticket.

In the election on Tuesday Taft was elected, of course—a veritable landslide for the Republicans. This country is a queer one.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION.

Call Issued By Representatives Richards And Smith.

To The People of Kershaw County:

In the recent compaign in this County we stated at each meeting that if we were honored by the Democratic voters with the nomination for the House of Representatives, we would issue a call for a mass meeting of our white citizens who were interested in good roads, with a view of having a full and free discussion of this great question and formulating some plan whereby we hoped to work an improvement in our public highways and the present system of maintaining the same.

Having been honored with the nomination, for which we not only feel deeply grateful, but shall earnestly and conscientiously endeavor to show our gratitude by our works and loyalty to the peoples' interest, we hereby call a convention of our Supervisor, Township Commissioners, old and new, other county officials and all other persons who are in the least interested in the subject of good roads, to be held in the Court House, at Camden, Tuesday, Nov. 17th, 1908, at 11 o'clock a. m.

We have reached a period when something must be done along this line. We are willing to do what we can, but we want the assistance of the people. We do not believe that a more important or urgent convention of our people can be called at this time. Nothing can more definitely contribute to their industrial and social welfare than good roads.

In a recent communication to one of our papers in this state, Mr. W. W. Finley, President of the Southern Railway Company, who is well informed and has made a careful study of the subject, says:

"The construction of good roads leading from a market town has practically the same effect as bringing the farms nearer to the town. It extends by several miles in every direction the area of territory in which farmers can profitably engage in market gardening and dairying. That this is true has been effectively demonstrated in those localities in the Southern States and in other sections of the country where road improvements have been carried out intelligently and systematically.

The cost to the farmer of hauling his products over poor roads is not always appreciated, for the reason that it is rare that a farmer pays for having his hauling done. The United States Department of Agriculture has made an investigation of this matter, however, and the results show the cost for cotton, for instance to be an average rate of twenty seven cents per ton per mile for an average haul of 11.8 miles. That road improvement would materially reduce this cost is shown by the following striking statement in the Year book of the Agricultural Department for 1906:

"If it were possible to increase the average weight of a wagon load of cotton in the United States from three bales, as it now is, to four bales, without increasing the cost of hauling the load, the saving on a crop equal to the one picked in 1905 would amount to $2,000,000; and if the average load of wheat, now 55 bushels, were increased by 20 bushels, the saving effected in hauling a crop like that of 1905 would be more than $8,000,000'."

We want everybody who can to be present at the meeting, because its success will depend largely upon its representative character. If you have a plan, or have given the matter any consideration, come and give us the benefit of your ideas. Your plan may be the very thing we want. Though you live in the remote parts of the County you will only lose one day. In view of the importance of the occasion and its intense interest, we hope to see one of the largest, most representative and public spirited gatherings in the history of our County.

Jno. G. Richards, Jr.
Mendel L. Smith.
Nominees House of Representatives

Tribute to Mrs. J. S. Meroney.

Holly Hill, Oct. 31.—Mrs John S. Meroney, whose maiden name was Katherine E. Reid, was born in Charleston Feb. 19, 1838, and died at "Holly Hill," her home, near Camden, October 21, 1908; was buried in Columbia on the 23rd.

On every side she was of genuine aristocratic lineage—entirely European—all branches of her ancestry bore a coat-of-arms, as the "College of Heraldry" shows.

Her father, who had titled relatives, left his beloved Ireland for political reasons in the early part of the last century. The Ledwich branch of his family is specially distinguished for generations of brilliant doctors. The "Ledwich Medical college" of Dublin was established 100 years ago, having at one time more medical students than the University of Dublin. At present it is known as the "Royal College of Surgeons, Carmichael and Ledwich Schools." His wife, Mrs C. E. Reid, an Episcopalian convert to Catholicism, was born in 1819 at "Castletown House," Celbridge, the superb home of Lady Louise Lennox Conolly, daughter of the Duke of Richmond, and named for her sisters, Caroline, first Lady Holland, and Emily, Duchess of Leinster. Another daughter of this noted family was Lady Sarah Lennox, whom George the Third desired to make Queen of England. She afterwards became the mother of three of Wellington's generals. Mrs. Reid's early days were passed among these and even more noted personages.

She and her husband finally settled in Charleston long before the Civil war, were slave-owners and in sympathy with their adopted home, giving two sons to the "Lost Cause," Oscar John Daly Reid, who went through the war and fell in one of the last battles, and Walter Fitz-Gerald Reid, recently deceased.

Mrs. Meroney was their eldest child, and when young was a popular society belle in Charleston, being not only beautiful, but cultured and highly accomplished, having had every school advantage procurable at that time and place, also the opportunities of new York. She was specially noted for her delicate, exquisite complexion, and for that reason on one occasion, when she was chosen to christen a gunboat, was introduced as "The Pearl of the Casket." Another time the late Gov. Manning selected her as the most beautiful woman in Charleston to open a ball with him.

She was first married to Mr. W. J. Palmer of the Charleston firm of Douglass & Co., a Western gentleman, who gave his life for the southern cause—entering active service at the beginning in opposition to his Ohio relatives. Two brothers and a cousin, a general in the Northern army, fought against him. His only relatives in South Carolina were Col. Clinton Ward of Wards and the wife of Dr. Augustus Fitch in Charleston. Mrs. Palmer, afterwards Mrs. Meroney, devoted her mind, time and purse to the cause, and no lady in Charleston gave more freely of herself at the hospitals.

Her second marriage was to Mr. Jno. S Meroney, son of Col John Alexander Meroney of North Carolina, whose direct line is a long one, besides the authentic history of the O'Meroney clan and territory that dates as far back as the year 1014.

Like hosts through the South, Mrs. Meroney, and others very dear to her, experienced reverses after the war. She bore them bravely, though unfitted by nature, desire and a frail constitution to cope with the world; fortunately she had little of this to do. For some years she was a successful teacher, and received a flattering offer from the Moravian College at Salem, which declining health prevented her accepting. But she then sacrificed like other noble ones, all personal feelings and made a public but successful venture totally unsuited to her from all standpoints, but the lofty, fine effort raised her as it will any woman, to the pedestal of a heroine in the minds of all who are really worth while. To her generous and sympathetic heart a number of poor girls owe their happiness in life. She was great enough to set aside sterotyped conventionalism when occasion arose, for she was a true and broad woman—not a superficial character obstructing the Divine light, ready to illuminate all darkness of earth, waiting only for mediums.

Many acts of noble charity are to her credit. This, with the patient suffering through long, weary years of invalidism and the intense agony of the past two months, have gained for her a glorious awakening in a happier world.

Her body lies in an holy atmosphere, betwween her church and the convent, but her spirit is with God. Sad with heart-breakings from the human side, tempered by a desire to be reconciled to the will of the Creator, her loved ones have laid her to rest believing that "lengthened breath is not the sweetest gift that God sends his freinds and that sometimes the sable pall of death conceals the fairest bloom His love can send," but on her grave, and in memory, they will keep blooming forget-me-nots and immortelles to speak to her and to them in symbolic language until shortly at best, they will see her dear, dear face—

"Not changed, but glorified!"

Mrs. Meroney is survived by her husband, one brother and five children, Clinton Ward Palmer, of South America, two sons and two daughters by the second marriage; also a grandson, Dr. Palmer Keller, of Chicago.

K. M

5,000 Acres Of Land For Sale.

Five thousand acres of land for sale four miles South of the town of Kershaw. From Southern Railroad East to Lynches Creek; from Lynches Creek on both sides of the Lockheart Road to the Lockheart old field. Will sell from (100) one hundred acres up to suit purchasers. Terms easy.

L. L. CLYBURN.
Oct. 30th. Kaib. S. C.

TAX NOTICE.

Office of Treasurer of Kershaw County
Camden, S. C., Sept. 4, 1908.

In accordance with the Act to raise supplies for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1908, notice is hereby given that the books will be open for collecting State, county and school taxes from October 15, 1908, to March 15th, 1909. A penalty of 1 per cent will be added on all taxes unpaid by January 1st, 1909. A penalty of two per cent on all unpaid by Feb. 1st, 1909. A penalty of seven per cent will be added on all unpaid March 15th, 1909.

The rate per centum for Kershaw county is as follows:

	Mills.
State taxes,	5 1-2
School taxes,	3
County taxes,	3 1-4
Railroad taxes,	1 3 4
Court House Bo	1-4
Road,	1
Total,	14 3-4

The following special levies have been made also:

Special School tax, District No. 1, for interest on School Bonds Graded School Building.

	Mills.
District No. 1,	¾
Special School tax Dist. No. 1,	3
" " " " " 2,	1½
" " " " " 4,	3
" " " " " 7,	2
" " " " " 10,	2
" " " " " 11,	2
" " " " " 12,	2
" " " " " 17,	3
" " " " " 18,	3
" " " " " 19,	2
" " " " " 22,	2
" " " " " 26,	2
" " " " " 27,	2
" " " " " 40,	7

The road tax of two dollars can be paid the County Treasurer from October 15th, 1908, to March 15th, 1909.

The poll tax is $1.

All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.

In sending for Tax amounts and Receipts, state with whom the Taxpayer lived in January last, and if known by two names, give both, and be sure to give Township and No. of School District.

D. M. McCaskill,
County Treas.

SUPERVISOR'S MONTHLY REPORT.

The following is a list of claims approved and ordered paid at the regular monthly meeting held Monday, Nov. 2, 1908:

J L Williams, work at c h	$ 4 75
G W Dabney, supt poor house	11 00
John Dye, road work	2 00
W A Schrock, adv, and sta,	14 85
M B Kabon, supplies	26 85
W T Smith, supplies	4 00
A H Duncan, sup	8 00
Henry Savag, sup	10 22
E E Tiller, sup	12 00
J C Gos Co., tents	98 50
J L Hinson, supplies	8 00
H L Schlosbbug, sup	40 27
L Mohr & Sons, convict clothing,	156 60
Lugoff Mercantile Co, sup	53 50
Lorick & Lowrance, sup	37 06
G S King, sup	2 44
B H Baum, sup	22 73
J M Carson Co., sup	181 35
A D Kennedy, sup	64 55
L E Alford, road work	57 00
Boyd Fisher, road work	4 50
H E Williams, road work	15 00
Fred Eli, road word	4 50
James Duren, road work	4 50
R D Williams, Supt chain gang	141 10
J A Shaw, Supt chain gang	166 90
H E Munn, Supt cham gang	115 93
W F Russell, salary and post	82 45
D M McCaskill, salary and post	33 65
Richard Price, salary	25 00
D P C Murchison, salary	12 50
W B Turner, sal and postage	60 38
M C West, sal and postage	67 16
N A Bethune, supplies	2 94
J S Trantham, sal and fees	202 00
Lewis & Christmas, supplies	24 10
J S Ross, Lumber	7 20
Burns & Barrett, sup,	142 63
W L M Stokes, election boxes	32 15
W J Dunn, M D, ex. lunatic	5 00
D J Graham, building bridge	122 50
R L Smyrl, rd wk	3 00
F Leslie Zemp, medicine	1 50
Springs & Shannon, supplies	102 35
John Mickle, lumber	40 00
O M Fort, building flat	340 00

M. C. WEST,
Supervisor Kershaw County.

For Rent.

Three furnished rooms—bed room, kitchen and dining room. Apply to Camden Store.

JEWELRY,

DIAMONDS, WATCHES, STERLING SILVER, CUT GLASS, OPTICS, ART GOODS.

Our stocks are now complete in all the lines, of all new and absolutely beautiful goods. Come in whenever you have an opportunity, and take a look at the new designs in all lines, and remember we only handle solid and genuine goods. If not convenient to come in, send us your mail order, which always has our personal attention, with a guarantee to please. Always glad to see you at

SYLVAN BROS,
Jewelers, Silversmiths And Opticians, Corner Main & Hampton Streets,
Columbia, S. C.

Colored State Fair.

To the Colored Farmers of South Carolina:

We invite you to the Colored Fair which meets in Columbia, Monday, Nov. 9th to Friday Nov. 13th. There will be special lectures at the grounds each day by prominent white and colored citizens, including the Governor of South Carolina. There will be side shows and the like. There will be exhibits of farm products, cattle, hogs, poultry, etc. Come to the Fair. Reduced rates will be granted on all railroads in South Carolina leading to Columbia.

Ask of your agent a Colored State Fair Ticket.

Richard Carroll, President.

The Atlanta Journal's $30,000 Prize Contest

Are You One of the 215 to Share In The Magnificient Prizes?

In addition to the Capital Prizes of $3,500 in gold and $1,500.00 in gold offered for the person who receives the highest and next highest votes in The Atlanta Journal Contest, the following prizes are offered in this district.

KNOWN AS GRAND PRIZE DISTRICT, D.

The states of Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

A Magnificient Automobile Touring Car

And in this district exclusively, composed of the following territory, known in the Contest as:

Sub District D, No. 3
South Carolina

The Following Prizes

1st. An Upright Piano.
2nd. A Business College Scholarship in any of Draughon's Colleges.
3rd. A Beautiful Art Lamp.
4th. A Game Set of Dishes.
5th. A Fish Set of Dishes.

In addition, Diamond Rings, and Solid Gold Watches are offered as special prizes during the Contest.

Any, or all, of these can be had in this District.

If you would enter the Contest at once, and write

The Atlanta Journal
Contest Department

For full particulars, do this right now!

TAKE WARNING!

Hirsch Brothers & Co. are preparing to slaughter the biggest stock of Merchandise ever thrown on a Camden market. Beginning November 12th and continuing to November 25th. We will establish a new low level of prices. If you don't get your share of these bargains it will be your own fault. COME!

HIRSCH BROS & CO.