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## MASS MEETING INTEREST OF THE INN CORPORATION

### Prominent Citizens Discuss Hotel Project.—Committee Appointed to Solicit Subscriptions.

The meeting called Tuesday evening for the launching of the new commercial hotel, "Camden Inn," was attended by a large and representative gathering of the leading citizens of our community, and this, in itself, confirmed the deep interest taken and the universal acknowledgment of the desire for the success of this project. The various speeches, synopsis of which are given below, are in universal accord with the same sentiment.

Mr. H. Savage, as representing the petition for charter, introduced Mr. C. J. Shannon, Jr., as the chairman of the meeting, who in a few well chosen words, indicated the purpose of the meeting, and desired that any or all present express their opinions on the desirability and feasibility of the project, expressing himself as entirely in sympathy with its fulfillment, and suggesting that as the institution was one whose benefits would be of the utmost importance to the civic body, more so greatly than to the individuals who invested the funds to erect it, that the city might remit the taxes on the property for a term of years until it became firmly established.

Mr. W. R. Eve, Jr., was then requested to act as secretary of the meeting and it was called to order.

Mr. E. V. Richards was called upon for a statement of the probable cost, capacity, etc., of the building. He stated that a fifty room building having 20 baths and the necessary offices, parlors, dining rooms, etc., with all the latest improvements—telephone, steam or hot water heat, vacuum cleaner system, letter and message schedules, etc., would cost about \$35,000. This, of course, in a neat, substantial finish, but would not allow much elaborate decoration, and that until the stock holders decided upon the lot, any discussion of the form of building or its outside appearance was impossible, but that he should recommend a three story brick construction, having if possible mercantile building on ground floor, to sustain a portion of the rental costs and enable the host to give the best possible entertainment.

Mr. L. T. Mills was then called upon. He endorsed Mr. Shannon's statement of the necessity, and in support of his statement he mentioned a long list of towns surrounding us, many of them of infinitely less civic and commercial importance than Camden. He spoke feelingly of his and all other Camdenites just pride in their birthright of patriotism, and asked her citizens to come together in this commercial battle, as they had come together in the resolution for freedom, when her sons were foremost and stood shoulder to shoulder as one man. He said that by the coalescence of our people we could carry any point we might desire.

He was followed by Mr. W. B. DeLoache, who said "Camden is awakening, her citizens are seeing the need. The whole state looks upon Camden. She speaks in the highest terms of us, and as the good Lord has showered every blessing upon us—an equitable climate, a beautiful position, and light to be striven and help ourselves. We have a beautifully laid off city, historic traditions to inspire us, have in the course of construction, or contemplated, all other civic improvements, and that we ought to get together and meet this hotel controversy, and jointly pull together for a 'Greater Camden!'"

Mr. T. J. Kirkland said that one way to form an opinion of the future lay in a retrospection of the past. That in the years he had resided in Camden, many projects had come up and in many of them he had had the pleasure of being actively engaged and that many of the institutions were still operating satisfactorily. Among these he might mention the Camden Cotton Mills, the Charleston road embankment, which has been and is now of lasting benefit and satisfaction to both city and county. He also promoted the county court house, which is indeed a handsome building and a credit to all connected with its inception and erection.

Dr. S. F. Brashington and Mr. W. R. Zemp both stated that they heartily endorsed the statements regarding the need of a hotel and would do all in their power to achieve its attainment.

Mr. L. A. Wittkowsky, the city attorney, said the need of a hotel was too apparent to require advocacy, but that he would advise conservatism—to build a small hotel, leaving arrangements for increasing same as the requirements developed.

Mr. Henry Savage, for the petitioners, was asked by the chairman, to explain any scheme they had devised to carry the project through. He stated that the soliciting of subscriptions as an investment, based on the undisputable fact of the existing demand for such a hotel, at the same time calling attention to the position we occupy on the Capital automobile road from Maine to New York and that figuring from the number of machines that will go thru here daily, an income of not less than \$50,000 per annum will be spent here if we offer proper

## IN PISTOL DUEL YOUNG KIRKLEY WAS KILLED

### Sons of Prominent County People Met on Public Highway and Fusillade Follows.

A deplorable shooting affair occurred in the Abney section of this county, about six miles out from Kershaw Sunday afternoon, in which young Allen Kirkley was shot to death by Sydney Horton.

The cause of the trouble could not be learned but the evidence at the inquest held on Wednesday showed that the two young men met in the public road, not far from Kirkley's home and opened fire. Horton was in his buggy and Kirkley afoot. Three shots were fired by Kirkley and two by Horton. Neither shot struck Horton, but powder burns were in evidence on his arm. Kirkley received a bullet wound in the thigh and one through the stomach, the latter causing his death. The wounded man walked half a mile to the home of R. A. Taylor, who put him in his buggy and drove to his father's home, where he died early Monday morning.

Young Horton was arrested Tuesday and is now in the county jail. He has employed Messrs. Smith and Blakeney to defend him.

Coroner Dixon held an inquest Wednesday morning with A. J. Gregory as foreman. There were no eyewitnesses to the affair, except the boys' declaration that he had been shot by Sydney Horton. The jury's verdict was that "Allen Kirkley came to his death by a gun shot wound from the hands of Sydney Horton."

Both are young men not over 20 years of age, of prominent families and the affair is greatly deplored.

## WINNERS IN CIVIC LEAGUE "CLEAN-UP" CONTEST

### Report of Judges on Condition of Premises in the Various Wards of Camden.

At a call meeting of the Civic League held in the Rest Room on the 21st day of April, the judges appointed to inspect all premises within the city limits gave in their reports. They all stated that the public entered into the spirit of Clean-Up Week with whole-souled interest. The citizens were most cordial about having their premises inspected and the work of the judges was most pleasant. The first prize this year, which amounts to two dollars, will be given for the most beautiful and the most sanitary yard. The other prize, which is one dollar, will be given for the greatest personal effort at making a yard sanitary.

These prizes will be given at this inspection and at the July inspection and a capital prize will be given at the end of the year.

The following report was given in from Ward 1, read by Miss Ellen Tweed: "We find the premises of A. D. Kennedy the best kept—size, beauty and cleanliness considered—and is therefore entitled to first prize. We find the premises of S. D. Hurst, second best and is therefore entitled to second prize. Those deserving special mention—Joseph Sheheen, L. T. Stewart, John Harrell, C. W. Billings, T. J. Wilson, Moore's stables and several others. The best kept premises among the colored people was T. J. Boykin, and is therefore entitled to first prize. The premises of James Alexander would come in for second prize were such offered. Others deserving special mention—Millie Dickerson, Eli McGirt, John Myers, Silas Fraser, Alice Hampton, Oliver Gaskins. We call attention to 511 Rutledge st., 712 Fair st., and the Blodgett house, which should be cleaned up. Our attention was called to that portion of York st., east of intersection of Mills st., ditch on north side needs cleaning."

Report from Ward 2, given in by Mrs. H. L. Schlosburg and Mrs. J. S. Rhame read as follows: Recommended for first prize, Mrs. L. S. Baxter; second, Mrs. A. R. Bobbitt. The yards of Mrs. N. R. Goodale and R. S. Williams are honorably mentioned. Among the colored population for first prize—Ben Dauby. The premises of Wesley Williams and the Browning Home should be honorably mentioned as having the most sanitary appearance.

Report from Ward 3 was given verbally by Mrs. Ben DeLoach, who with Mr. R. S. Williams, made an inspection of that ward. It is as follows: Recommended for first prize, Mrs. Gus Hirsch; second, Mrs. W. G. Wilson. For prize among the colored population, Evans Collins. Premises of Jesse Withers should be honorably mentioned.

The report from Ward 4, read by Mrs. Baruch, said: Recommended for first prize, Dr. John W. Corbett; second, L. A. Wittkowsky. Tena Davis among the colored people for the best effort. Honorable mention, Celia Robertson, Geo. McLain.

The report from Ward 5, given in verbally by Miss Kleo Mitcham, who with Captain Brallosford, made an inspection of that ward, was as follows: Recommended for first prize, Mrs. John Williams; second, Mrs. C. J. Barrett. The premises of C. J. Shannon, Jr., Miss Brown, Miss Henriette Johnson, L. A. Kirkland, W. C. Skelly, J. L. Guy, B. P. DeLoach, were found to be in excellent condition. All premises barring two, were decidedly clean and healthful-looking. No colored person owns property in this ward.

The report from Ward 6, which was inspected by Misses Jim and Dorothy Eldredge and Mr. James R. DeLoache, was as follows: Recommended for first prize, Miss Kate Villepigue; second, Mrs. Lewis Clyburn. First among the colored population, William Brooks. The premises of Doc Fraser were found to be in excellent sanitary condition with plenty of lime used freely. Those of Dan Kirkland, Laura Rhodes, Wes Miller, are also worthy of mention.

In this clean-up contest the officers of the Civic League agreed to take no prizes should they have been offered, for the reason that their premises should at all times be clean as an example to others. The officers are: Mrs. E. C. von Tresckow, president; Mrs. L. S. Davidson, vice president and treasurer; Mrs. S. C. Zemp, corresponding secretary; Miss Kleo Mitcham, recording secretary.

It may be stated that the prizes for the cleanest stores will appear later in the newspapers.

Kleo Mitcham, Recording Secretary.

## RUSHING ELECTROCUTED. Man Convicted of Wife Murder Met Death in Chair.

Without a tremor and with indifference, Charles P. Rushing, the Chesterfield county farmer who was convicted several months ago on the charge of killing his wife, walked to the electric chair at the state penitentiary and paid the death penalty. The current was turned on for 55 seconds at 11:54 o'clock yesterday morning and Rushing was pronounced dead at 11:57 by Dr. P. T. Jennings, the prison physician. Rushing did not make a statement after being placed in the chair. He was about 40 years old.

Rushing is the eighth man, and the second white man, to be electrocuted since the installation of the chair at the penitentiary. There were three score witnesses present yesterday in the "death house," which is located in the prison yard. The condemned man was brought from his cell to the death chamber and placed in the chair at 11:45 o'clock. He said that he had no statement to make, upon question by Capt. J. D. Griffith, superintendent of the penitentiary.

Rushing was convicted in Chesterfield county several months ago on the charge of killing his wife. According to the testimony given at the trial he went home drunk one night and after a quarrel shot her to death.

Samuel N. Hyde, who was convicted in Anderson county on the charge of killing his wife, was the first white man to be electrocuted at the state prison.—Saturday's Columbia State.

Mr. Geo. T. Little, of the petitioners for charter, also endorsed all that had been said regarding the hotel and he has since been seen and says that he will go further—"That if a Camden corporation cannot be obtained to build a hotel he will present any corporation so doing with a thousand dollars free of stock or any other liabilities, as he feels that the good and advancement of the whole community are being damaged by the present conditions."

Mr. J. F. Prosser, the agricultural development agent of the S. A. L., then addressed the meeting and said that he was glad to have the pleasure of being here. That his territory reached from Virginia to Florida. He knew of no more likely territory for development than Camden and its surroundings. His business was to assist the farmers, chambers of commerce and all public enterprises. He was especially anxious to see the country surrounding Camden develop many hundred fold in products and values in the next few years.

Mr. C. W. Birchmore compared our city from a commercial and hotel standpoint with several larger and smaller cities and towns surrounding us, which he had lately visited and in every case to our detriment, thus again showing our need in the stronger light.

Mr. Jeffrey, a commercial traveler, heartily endorsed the need of the hotel, and said that under the shrewd, careful and conservative management of such men as the business men of Camden, a hotel must succeed.

A motion was then made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of five to solicit subscriptions who will commence work at once.

## MANY TOURISTS VISITED CAMDEN DURING SEASON

### How the Visitors Help This City in Various Ways.—Number Grows Each Season.

The season of 1913 for the tourists in Camden is over with, and when one thinks back of all the different pleasures and pastimes which have been indulged in by the many travelers who have been down this season, it makes one realize that Camden stands in line with the many resorts of the South and is becoming to be known as one of the most popular ones in the list.

It has as one of its advantages its wonderfully dry climate which even when the warm weather starts in does not have that debilitating effect that Florida has. Then too, among its other advantages of being within easy access to the different Northern cities, business men can run down for a weeks vacation with their families and enjoy the different sports afforded, such as quail shooting, golf, tennis, horseback riding and polo, and now the perfection of its good roads, enable those owning motors to bring their cars down and drive them back in the spring.

Three large tourist hotels which this season have been crowded to their capacity, numberless cottages rented for the season and half a dozen boarding houses full of people, the aggregate number being between two and three thousand per season who annually visit Camden proves its popularity without a question, but one side of it has never been fully appreciated and that is what advantages Camden has gained by it?

Let one stop and itemize just a few of the minor things that are gained. First of all take the extra sale of postage stamps, which has meant an increase of the postmaster's salary and the establishment of free delivery in Camden; take the sale of milk to the tourist trade and one would be surprised when itemized the amount spent. Then again ask the merchants in town as to their sales during the winter and they are nearly doubled.

The servants wages and tips given yearly here are naturally spent right here in Camden. The caddies fees from the two large golf courses, where are they spent?

Yet one hears continually the cry that the hotel men carry off the bulk of the money spent here by Northerners. Perhaps it has not occurred to some minds that had it not been for the untiring efforts of these hotels Camden would never have been the popular resort it has grown to be. This winter alone one of the proprietors at his own expense has furnished the music and amusement and sport for this season. He has also kept Camden before the public eye in all the leading magazines and sporting papers throughout the North and has worked diligently in raising large sums of money for the completion of an 18 hole golf link which will eventually be the means of keeping tourists here longer in the spring—another advantage to Camden.

The question now arises what is Camden doing or going to do to help this along? Is there not enough enthusiasm started to want to keep pushing ahead? The Civic League has been one of the first movements which shows their determination and has made Camden into a beautiful spot. In fact, its charms has so effected outsiders many are now property owners and have their winter homes down here. This season alone three sales of valuable property has changed hands, and many more people are looking about with a view to buying.

Golf being the magnet for drawing the large crowds of tourists to Pinehurst, our "sister resort," why can't Camden with its two large courses already started and nearly completed, vie with Pinehurst as to its amusements? The hotels keep these courses going the entire year around, but thru the summer when the tourists leave very little money is left to expend on them, and there is where Camden can lend a hand and help keep the courses in fine repair and condition, and that can only be done by constant work the year round and not by six months. After having enumerated the many advantages Camden gains by keeping the tourists here late in the spring, here is one of the many ways of doing it.

The Bethune Hotel.

One of the latest improvements to the growing town of Bethune is the new hotel owned by the Messrs. King Brothers. It is a handsome three-story brick building furnished throughout with new furniture and having all the conveniences necessary to make it a most desirable home for the traveling public. The cuisine of the hotel can be expressed only in the superlative degree—the very best.

New Agent.

Mr. R. L. Benton, who has been the efficient cashier at the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad freight depot for past two years, leaves tonight for Camden, where he has been appointed agent for the North-Western Railway Company. Mr. H. B. Hart of Rocky Mount, N. C., will take Mr. Benton's place at the A. C. L. freight depot.—Thurs. Sumter Item.

Enjoyable Fish Fry.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Elliott and family, of this city, attended a most enjoyable fish fry held at DuBose's pond on the plantation of Mr. Jim West in the eastern section of the county on Wednesday. The night before the good fishermen of that section had caught an abundant supply of fish and together with the other tempting eatables and the meeting of old friends a most pleasant day was spent.

We could make "Sensation" cheaper, but won't. Would make it better, but can't.

## BUSINESS MEN IN FAVOR OF CREDIT RATING PLANS

### Permanent Organization to Oust "Deadbeats" Soon to Be Organized Here.

Many people, especially the business men, will hail with delight the movement to organize a Credit Guide for Camden. Plans are now on foot to have this book issued in the next few weeks, and many Camden business men have subscribed. It is the same as the movement taking hold all over the country and will work untold good to the business men who let their goods out on credit. It is not intended to show up a man's financial rating but on the other hand tells if he is "slow pay," "prompt pay" or "no pay"—in other words it will sound the death knell of the "riders" or "dead-beats" so well known to every community.

One of the organizers states the purposes of the association as follows: "What the trading public should insist upon is that their merchants give them a rating, so that when they ask for credit all that is necessary is to refer to the guide."

"There are many people who are not intentionally slow in paying their accounts, but are neglectful, and when they understand that they must be rated they will endeavor to secure the best rating possible, and will be more prompt, instead of allowing their bills to accumulate."

"The book is now published in the greater portion of the United States and renewed every two years. In many states every hamlet in the state is organized under this system."

"People moving from one state or county to another are followed by special agents, which show if they are good or bad risks for credit and for what amounts. This Credit Guide places the honest and prompt persons in a position that every merchant can discriminate between those who pay and those who do not. It is, therefore, a benefit alike to both debtor and creditor."

"Supplements to the Credit Experience Guide are issued every 60 days in the form of a secretary's report, keeping the rating book constantly up to date."

"Each subscriber is furnished with letters to send to delinquent debtors that he may have on his books, giving them due notice to adjust their accounts, so no one can complain there was an injustice done that one after the book has been distributed."

DeKalb News Notes.

Special to The Chronicle: DeKalb, S. C., April 23.—Farmers in this section are out through planting cotton.

Miss Etta Lingle, of Lancaster, has returned home after a pleasant stay with her brother.

Miss Annie Kirkland, of Columbia, spent the week end at home.

Mrs. Robert Sill, and baby have returned after a pleasant stay with friends and relatives at Union and Columbia.

Mrs. J. F. Clark, was in Camden Thursday.

Mr. S. C. Truesdale, our efficient post master, was in Kershaw Monday.

Miss Ora Watts, of Bishopville, stopped here several hours last Monday on her way to visit her sister at McBee.

Miss Mary Edna Clyburn and little brother, of Camden, spent Saturday and Sunday with Capt. and Mrs. L. M. Honeycutt.

Mrs. T. M. Honeycutt spent several days with friends in Camden last week.

Messrs. Oscar Crow and P. A. Hilton, of Kershaw, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. A. B. Young.

The school taught by Miss Hattie Truesdale closed last Friday. She gave perfect satisfaction and we hope to have her again when school opens.

Mr. Twitty, of Heath Springs, has been here a couple of days this week, surveying the lands of Mr. J. C. Hilton.

Mrs. Bruce McLeod and baby, of Dalzell, is spending the week with her brother, Mr. H. J. Truesdale.

Dr. W. B. Turner, of Kershaw, was here Wednesday. He is very popular with the people of this community as this is his old home. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Spears, a girl.

## CHANGES GO IN EFFECT ON SEABOARD SUNDAY

### New Train Between Columbia and Hamlet.—Warning to Boys Who Jump on Trains.

Beginning at 12:01 p. m., Sunday, April 27th, the following schedule will be in effect on the Seaboard Air Line Railway on its trains passing Camden:

Northbound.  
No. 4—6:47 a. m.  
No. 36—8:55 a. m., New train.  
No. 18—5:05 p. m.  
No. 2—7:31 p. m.

Southbound.  
No. 1—11:05 a. m.  
No. 17—10:37 a. m.  
No. 35—6:48 p. m., New train.  
No. 3—11:15 p. m.

Change in Train Numbers.  
No. 81 will be known as No. 1.  
No. 84 will be known as No. 2.  
No. 43 will be known as No. 3.  
No. 66 will be known as No. 4.  
No. 57 will be known as No. 17.  
No. 58 will be known as No. 18.  
No's. 35 and 36 are new trains.

There is a practice at nearly all railway stations of young boys jumping on and off moving trains. Boys who are guilty of this practice will do well to heed the following sent out from the office of the superintendent of the Seaboard and addressed to the agents and yardmasters:

"There is an ordinance in each of your towns prohibiting the swinging of trains by parties not actually engaged in train service, and I will be glad if you will take up with the City authorities, quietly, and ask that this ordinance be strictly enforced. Put the matter before them as a question of preventing personal injuries to the public, and say to them that the railroad is endeavoring to eliminate all personal injuries and accidents of this nature and that they earnestly solicit the co-operation of the town and city authorities. You may say that our records show an enormous amount of personal injury, due to boys ranging from eight to sixteen years of age being injured on account of trying to board and alight from moving trains or cars and that with their good assistance this could be greatly reduced."

CHURCH DEDICATED.  
Baptists of Bethune Have Handsome House of Worship.

Last Sunday was a red letter day for the Baptists of Bethune, and not for the Baptists alone but all the other denominations as well for all the Churches of that charming little town work together in great christian unity and the prosperity of one is rejoiced in by all the others.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Bolderidge of Lancaster. The church building is a handsome structure 60x35 feet, situated at a convenient location not far from the business portion of the town. Curved pews are used and in the rear of the church are two class rooms which by raising the large sash, forms a part of the main auditorium.

The music on last Sunday was exceptionally good. Miss Mary Nicholson of Camden presided at the organ with violin accompaniment by Miss Maggie Bee Turner. The choir is composed of about a dozen good voices.

A unique feature of the exercises was having lady ushers. Misses Kate Luo Holder and Ethel Brannon served in this capacity and did their work well.

At the evening service Mr. Bennie W. Brannon was ordained a deacon of the church. The ordination services were exceedingly interesting and impressive.

Rev. W. F. Estridge, a most excellent and consecrated man, is pastor of the church and has a strong hold upon his members.

The Baptists of Bethune are to be congratulated upon the splendid work they have done in erecting this handsome church and the outlook for it is very bright.

SYRIAN CONFESSES.  
Now Admits He Killed His Pal and Claims Self Defense.

Rev. Benjamin John, the Syrian preacher confined in the county jail charged with the murder of his companion, Abraham Michael, near Lugoff, last Monday, has confessed that he committed the deed. When first arrested John denied all knowledge of the crime, and gave as his reason that he knew nothing of the laws of this country and was afraid if he admitted the deed he would not be given proper protection.

His statement now is that he and his companion intended "working" Lugoff and returning to Cheraw, but on the way a dispute arose in which blows were passed and Michael pulled a pistol. That he wrenched it from him and fired twice. In accounting for the large amount of money found on his person when arrested he stated that he was the treasurer of the two and always carried the money. He also said the weapon with which he committed the deed could be found near the scene of the murder. His plea will be that of self defense.

Death of an Infant.

Callie Mays Munn, infant daughter of Mr. D. J. and Quillie Munn, died on Wednesday morning shortly after midnight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Munn in the factory village. The little one was only 18 months old but had been a sufferer nearly her entire life. The burial took place yesterday.

Cemetery and Memorial Associations To Meet Monday.

The Cemetery association will meet at 5 o'clock on next Monday afternoon, April 28th, in the Presbyterian lecture room.

The Memorial association will also meet on next Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Presbyterian lecture room.

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