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Camden, S. C., January 1, 1915.

"Filled with Christmas spirit, he pulled his weapon and" would be a pretty good way to start some of the holiday stories.—Greenwood Journal.

It would very fittingly describe the killing just above Camden Christmas eve. We understand that an effort will be made to suppress the lawlessness in that section of our community at an early date.

Dr. Geo. W. Dick, of Sumter, has been nominated by Congressman A. F. Leffer for the position of postmaster to succeed Geo. D. Shore, at the expiration of his term of office. This is practically equivalent to Dr. Dick's appointment to the office, as there will probably be no serious opposition to his appointment.

There seems to be more interest in orcharding in South Carolina this year than ever, according to reports being received at Clemson College. This is the time for pruning old trees and setting out new ones. Don't wait until spring to work on the home orchard.

Boost the build now movement. It is a favorable time to build, and the man who has the money ought to build. The man who wants to build and lacks the money, should do some tall hustling for the cash. The opportunity offered by present conditions means big savings to all who build at once.—Rock Hill Herald.

Those planning to enter the butter-scoring contest of the South Carolina Live Stock Association must make their applications to Prof. J. M. Burgess, of Clemson College, secretary of the association. There is but a short time before the annual meeting of the stockmen will be held in Columbia.

REASONS FOR BUILDING NOW.

In line with the position constantly taken by the Manufacturers Record of late months, that now is the time in which manufacturers and others who are financially able should do such building and improvement work as they know they must do within the next year or so, is a leaflet by the Turner Construction Co., of New York, entitled, "Is Your Courage Equal to Your Opportunity?" In which some specific facts of interest are given showing that a particular building which in 1908 cost \$94,000 to construct could now be built for \$80,000. The general business depression has brought about a decrease in the cost of materials, lumber, steel and other things as well as a larger supply of labor to such an extent that building can be done at a much lower cost than it could have been done a few years ago, and much lower than it can be done when the next period of activity comes.

In showing the fluctuations in the cost of building operations, the Turner company says that this particular building was erected by it in 1908, and that the other figures from year to year are the estimates which they would have put on the same job, based on a thorough study of similar estimates sent out on other jobs since 1908. In pointing out why present conditions should be availed of in order to get the best results in lower cost of construction, the company says:

"It might at first appear, from a study of this cost curve, that the steady decrease in concrete building cost for seven years past promised a further drop which justified the prospective builder in waiting for even lower figures. This is not the case. Considering the admittedly abnormal business conditions in this country during the past five years and the extreme drop in the last few months, every indication points to a sharp rise in the cost curve in the next year. The best that can be expected for the next few months is a leveling-out at present prices, similar to that apparent at two other intervals in the curve. The man who waits for the bottom of the market never buys. To most men's minds a tidal wave of prosperity is just over the horizon. Its arrival will bring demands for larger manufacturing facilities. The time to let the contract for the new buildings that will surely be needed is within the next two or three months."

County Agents Reporting.

Clemson College, Dec. 29.—The county demonstration agents are now gathering and compiling the facts that are to go into their annual reports and submitting these reports to State Agent W. W. Long, at Clemson College. The state agent's report of all the demonstration work for the year will be made up shortly after the first of the year. The report for 1914 will contain information indicating that Clemson College and the national government have assisted the farmers of the state in larger measure this year than ever before and that the next year promises to see the college still more helpful to the farmers.

Do Not Advertise.

"The merchants in this town do not seem to do much advertising," remarked the caller.

"No," replied the editor of the local paper. "Some of them are so far behind the times that they still have pictures of Roosevelt in their show windows."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

WARNING TO GREAT BRITAIN

Received With but Little Surprise by English Diplomats.

London, Dec. 29.—The United States' protest to Great Britain against detention of American cargoes by British warships caused little surprise in official circles here. For several months negotiations on the subject have been in progress between Ambassador Page and Foreign Secretary Grey, and the American note, a synopsis of which was published here today, is regarded as a summary of the grievances of the United States in this connection. The note itself has not yet reached the foreign office and until it does no official comment is expected. The foreign office has constantly reiterated its regret at the delay to American ships and high officials have expressed a desire to expedite examination of American cargoes as much as possible under the existing trying conditions.

Statements that the delaying of cargoes by the British authorities is held responsible for a certain depression in American trade have created some surprise. Officials expressed the opinion today that Americans holding such views must fail to take into consideration the sweeping effect upon American commerce of the disappearance of German merchant ships from the sea, as well as other effects of the war beyond control of Great Britain and her allies.

It is believed generally in London that the foreign office will make a detailed statement as to the activities of the navy in detaining suspected cargoes which will put these contraband troubles in a different light. The foreign office again has expressed its view that merchants in no way violating the laws of neutrality should suffer delay because copper and other articles declared contraband frequently have been found hidden under coal or other cargoes. At the same time it takes the position that transshipments at sea and other sharp practices have made careful inspection imperative. Frequently cargoes are so loaded that an inspection makes necessary shifting of virtually everything in the vessel.

The statement that the American protest is thrily approved by President Wilson has created much comment here and has added weight to its effect. There is some disposition in London however, to regard it to a certain extent as a measure to satisfy insistent demands in congress.

Particular surprise has been expressed by officials at the disposition of certain Americans to hold Great Britain partly responsible for the depression in cotton. Officials believe that to be due to overproduction and not to any action on the part of the government.

WOUNDS NOT DANGEROUS.

Young Women of Jonesville Getting Along Well.

Union, Dec. 27.—Information from Jonesville today with reference to the condition of the young ladies who were wounded last evening in that town by a shot from the pistol of a negro, who fired at another negro, is to the effect that neither of the young ladies are dangerously hurt, unless complications develop.

Two negro men were firing at each other on the streets of Jonesville, when a ball from the pistol of one of them struck and went through the body of one young lady and slightly wounded her companion. Several hundred white men had gathered when Sheriff J. Hayt arrived. There were many demonstrations, but the sheriff succeeded in landing the negroes in jail without either of them being injured. The pistols used were of large calibre, and it is almost a miracle that the young women who were hit were not killed on the spot.

John W. Davis, of Orangeburg county, was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by a neighbor named Smook.

Mr. George Smith, a well known farmer of Bay Springs section, was found dead in his home Monday with a shot gun by his side. The top of his head was blown off and was lying several feet away. He had pulled off one shoe and sock and held a fire poker in one hand. The supposition is that he pulled the trigger with his toe and fired the shot that brought instant death. He was about 60 years old, and he lived by himself. He was worth good property. At first there were suspicions that some one had killed him, but these were not founded. There is a story that he was an unsuccessful suitor for the hand of a 16-year old girl of his section, and the grief incident thereto is ascribed as the cause of his rash act. The deceased was a brother of Mr. J. S. Smith, of Ruby, and an uncle of Mrs. J. C. Blackwell, of Pageland.—Pageland Journal.

At Florence two young boys who were playing with a parlor rifle on Christmas day, brought trouble to their parents. A son of Mr. Gregg Banks was shot through the stomach by a son of Mr. Morgan C. Hewitt, out in the back swamp section. The boy was brought to the Florence Infirmary for treatment and the attending physicians think that he may possibly survive if pneumonia does not set in. The gun was discharged accidentally. Brooks Young, Wade Young, Olin Varnadore and Lawrence Gibson, all white, of the Rossville community are in jail in Chester on the charge of stealing horses.

NOTICE.

C. L. Kirkley, a merchant of Smithville, in Lee County, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. The general merchandise stock of this estate is now for sale by the agent of creditors and assignee. This stock amounts to about Thirteen Hundred Dollars (1,300.00) and bids are invited to be made for same as a whole. This sale must be made not later than January 15th, 1915.

Anyone who may desire to bid on this stock is invited to call on either of the undersigned at Smithville, S. C., and examine the stock and file a bid for same.

G. A. MOSELEY, Assignee.
D. V. KEELS, Agent of Creditors.
Dated December 31st, 1914.

FROM THE COMMISSIONERS

(Continued from First Page.)

was made with result that the leakage test showed a loss through the mains of 3818 gallons during the two hours. The leakage of the system of old mains under test was 87 miles. The leakage thru the mains then was 217.4 gallons per hour per mile of line, or approximately 5 1/2 times the amount allowed by the contract. We take the above from the report furnished us by our engineer, which I think was concurred in by Mr. Ludlow, who was the engineer for Mr. Harrington, and who came here representing him. The leakage of 3818 gallons in two hours is approximately 25 per cent of the rate of consumption for the whole City of Camden, so says our engineer in his said report.

Now I am sure the Commissioners would have been justly criticised if they had paid Mr. Harrington for a pipe line a certain price agreed upon, which was to stand a test when that test showed that the pipe line had a leakage 5 1/2 times the amount allowed by the contract. While the City of Camden has an abundant supply of water and the loss of the water itself would not have been a very expensive one to the City, yet the burning of coal to pump that water is one of the greatest expenses connected with the municipal plant. It has been estimated that the leakage in the lines as shown by the reports herein, would cost the City in the neighborhood of Five Dollars per day. You can make your calculations and see how much we would lose during the twelve months, so you see the Commissioners have been living up to their contract as they see it, and have been endeavoring to protect the rights of the citizens of the City of Camden. We would like to state here that sometime after we had entered into our first contract for the purchase of these said mains, we learned that the old plant was in no condition to continue to furnish water to the citizens and certainly was in no condition to furnish any pressure if a fire should break out. With this in view, and after a discussion of the matter with some of the business men of the City, and taking the same up with our engineer, we entered into this second agreement whereby we were to furnish the citizens with water from the municipal plant. We are sure the citizens have never realized the condition that the City was in at this time, and we did not care to alarm them, but went to work to remedy, as best we could, the matter, and since taking over the said pipe line we have been furnishing water to the citizens and also fire pressure. At about the same time we learned that the said old plant was so dismantled or in such physical condition that it could not furnish lights to the citizens but a very short while, and as the citizens know they were without lights for a while. We pressed forward our work as rapidly as possible in order to give them lights, and we did this also in order that the old electric lines of the old plant might be removed from the City, as we understood that they had become very dangerous. In fact, we have been informed, that one man was killed, getting the current from one of these lines which had been hanging down in or near a public place. Under these circumstances we were very anxious to have the old lines removed and they were removed. We have endeavored to exercise great patience with these representatives of the old company, but we feel sure that they have never appreciated it, as it seems to us that they have endeavored to give us all the trouble that it is possible for them to give us, and it seems to us that they have very little consideration for the Commissioners or for the citizens of Camden. We certainly did not want to deprive them of any of their rights. There is a time for all things, and as we urged upon them when they demanded this test in December at the time when the hotels were being filled with guests, and at a time when the Commissioners were desirous of obtaining this business and giving to the hotels and all of the citizens the very best service, we were called upon by Mr. John T. Harrington to give him this test which it does seem to us could have been given two or three months hence without any very great inconvenience to the citizens, and we do not know and we do not so charge it, but it would seem that when the said John T. Harrington demanded of us that we turn back to him our pipe lines stating that he could furnish the citizens with water at almost a moment's notice, that perhaps the revenue during the winter from the citizens and the large hotels was some inducement for him to make this demand. Please allow us here to state that we would be delighted to have any of the citizens of Camden to examine into the work of the Commissioners and we would be glad to have them examine the books of the Commissioners, which our most efficient bookkeeper, Mr. John J. Goodale will take pleasure in going over them at any time showing them the cost of construction and all the money expended by the Commissioners, not one cent of which has been spent unnecessarily, and all of which has been spent with the greatest care looking to economic management. We confidently believe, that with proper economical management that this municipal plant will not only give to the citizens the best service for water and lights, but will pay a good revenue into the City Treasury. This of course cannot be expected at once, as we have got to get the plant running. We are always ready and willing to correct any errors that we might make or that might be made, as the plant certainly belongs to the citizens and not to the Commissioners, and the Commissioners are merely serving the citizens. We hope, at an early date, when we get the matter settled in regard to the water mains, and when we get them properly repaired, which repairing we asked the said John T. Harrington or his representatives to allow us to do ourselves, so that we would be sure that they were repaired, and not merely repaired to stand standpoint pressure temporarily, to get the insurance rates in the City of Camden reduced. Mr. Watkins, Chief of the Fire Department, has stated to the Commissioners that at a recent fire in the City, that they had plenty of water and a high pressure, and with their fire equipment they readily controlled

the said fire.

W. B. deLOACH, for Commissioners of Public Works.
J. Aldrich Wyman a large planter and one of Bamberg's foremost citizens, shot and instantly killed a negro tenant on his farm about three miles from Bamberg Monday afternoon.

A movement has been started to have the Legislature pass a compulsory education bill.
The \$75,000 Y. M. C. A. for Clemson is assured.

Administrator's Notice.
All parties indebted to the estate of Benj. H. Burdell, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.
H. G. CARRISON, Administrator.
December 24, 1914.

Notice to Pensioners.
All persons who wish to make application for a Pension must do so during the month of January, 1915. Those already on the roll do not have to make new application, they can report to me in person or by writing me, so I can carry their names on the roll for the ensuing year.
W. F. RUSSELL.
Dec. 10, 1914. 3t

Administratrix's Notice.
All parties indebted to the estate of John S. Brown, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties, if any, having claims against said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.
MRS. ISABEL BROWN, Administratrix.
Dec. 12, 1914.

TRESPASS NOTICE.
All parties are hereby forbidden to trespass upon my lands near Cassatt, S. C., known as the N. J. West lands, for any purpose whatsoever. Any one disregarding this notice will be dealt with according to law.
S. J. E. PEACH.
December 19, 1914.

Administrator's Notice.
All parties indebted to the estate of J. T. B. Elliott, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all parties having claims against the said estate will present them duly attested within the time prescribed by law.
J. F. ELLIOTT, Administrator.
Dec. 19, 1914.

SERIES NUMBER ELEVEN
Notice is hereby given that the Enterprise Building & Loan Association has opened books of subscription to the eleventh series, which will be issued January 1st, 1915. Subscribe for stock now. There is no better or safer investment you can make. Call upon the secretary To-Day and subscribe for as many shares as you can carry. \$1.00 per share, payable first Monday in each month.
Series Number Eight
Will be liquidated December 31st, 1914.
W. E. Johnson, Secretary and Treasurer.

TAX NOTICE.
Office of Treasurer, Kershaw Co., Camden, S. C., Sept. 15, 1914.
Notice is hereby given that the books will be open for collecting State, County and School taxes from October 15th, 1914 to March 1st, 1915. A penalty of 1 per cent. will be added to all taxes unpaid January 1st, 1915; 2 per cent. February 1st, 1915; and 7 per cent. March 1st, 1915.

The rate per centum for Kershaw county is as follows:

	Mills
State taxes	6
County taxes	4 1/2
Special taxes	2 1/2
Road taxes	2 1/2
School taxes	3
Special School taxes	1
Total	19

The following school districts have special levies:

Special school tax District No. 1	5
Special school tax District No. 2	4
Special school tax District No. 3	4
Special school tax District No. 4	4
Special school tax District No. 6	4
Special school tax District No. 7	4
Special school tax District No. 8	4
Special school tax District No. 9	4
Special school tax District No. 10	5
Special school tax District No. 11	5
Special school tax District No. 12	4
Special school tax District No. 13	4
Special school tax District No. 14	3
Special school tax District No. 15	3
Special school tax District No. 17	3
Special school tax District No. 18	4
Special school tax District No. 19	4
Special school tax District No. 21	2
Special school tax District No. 22	4
Special school tax District No. 24	4
Special school tax District No. 25	3
Special school tax District No. 26	2
Special school tax District No. 28	2
Special school tax District No. 29	4
Special school tax District No. 30	2
Special school tax District No. 31	6
Special school tax District No. 32	4
Special school tax District No. 33	4
Special school tax District No. 34	4
Special school tax District No. 40	11
Special school tax District No. 46	8
Special school tax District No. 47	4

The poll tax is \$1.
All able bodied male persons from the age of twenty-one (21) to sixty (60) years, both inclusive, except residents of the incorporated towns of the county shall pay two dollars (\$2.) as a road tax, except ministers 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 this State, and persons who served in the late war between the States, and all persons actually employed in the quarantine service of this State, and all students who may be attending school or college at the time when said road tax shall become due. Persons claiming disabilities must present certificates from two reputable physicians of this county. All information as to taxes will be furnished upon application.
D. M. McCASKILL, County Treasurer.

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