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CAMDEN ON THE ROUTE.

Florida Selects Route for Lee and Jackson Highway.

The suggestion made from time to time by the Manufacturers Record looking to the building of a through highway from Richmond to Florida, to be known as the Lee and Jackson highway, in honor of the memory of Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson, has attracted increasing attention. This suggestion has been enthusiastically received in Florida, a state which is probably doing more in proportion to population for road building than any other state in the Union, and at a meeting of the Central Florida Highway Association, held at Lakeland two weeks ago, a commendation was given to it. The route suggested at the Lakeland meeting will awaken widespread discussion in the Carolinas and Georgia especially. Some links in the route as outlined are in exceedingly bad condition, while some are exceptionally good. What is needed is a broad plan for a through route from Washington, Florida, built in the most substantial manner, so that it will be available for use under all sorts of weather conditions.

Mr. L. P. Dickie, of Tampa, secretary of the Central Florida Highway Association, in a letter to the Manufacturers Record, writes: "At a meeting of this association at Lakeland on September 9 a unanimous resolution was adopted endorsing the Lee and Jackson Highway to be routed from Washington, D. C., to Tampa, Fla., and pledging the association to use its efforts to see that this route is a complete highway as far as possible."

"One reason for recommending this route was that we know it covers a territory and routes that are traversed and have been logged and are published in the Blue Book. Another reason is to cause agitation, for if the Lee and Jackson Highway is to be really those places not listed on it certainly would desire to be located on the route, and it would cause that friendly rivalry that will make the highway a most important one and use the road to be built quicker and better. The highway we have proposed is as follows:

Washington via Fredericksburg to Richmond via Petersburg and Oxford to Raleigh.
Raleigh to Fayetteville.
Fayetteville to Lumberton.
Lumberton to Cheraw.
Cheraw via Hartsville to Camden.
Camden to Columbia.
Columbia via Aiken to Augusta.
Augusta to Waynesboro.
Waynesboro to Savannah.
Savannah to Brunswick.
Brunswick to Jacksonville.

From Jacksonville, following the Jacksonville Tampa Scenic Highway to Orlando; thence along the Dixie Highway to Gaines City; thence west along the main line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad through to Lake Alfred. From Lake Alfred, thence following the Jacksonville-Tampa Scenic Highway to Tampa.

"The meeting at Lakeland was the most enthusiastic good-roads meeting ever held in the state of Florida, and this association has an enrolled membership of 1,000 members scattered throughout the state and some members from outside of the state. We were assured that our recommendation for the Dixie Highway would be approved, and we have designated the routing of the Dixie Highway as follows:

From Miami north to Jupiter; thence northwest through Okeechobee City, west through Arcadia, north through Bartow, Luce Park, Haines City, Kissimmee, Orlando, Eustis, Ocala, Gainesville, Newberry, Trenton, Perry, Silmans and LaMont to Tallahassee.

"The association has done a great deal of good along good-roads lines since its organization on June 10, and expects to do a great deal more. The next meeting will be held at Gainesville, Fla., on Thursday, December 9, which time we hope to have even larger attendance than that at Lakeland."

"I trust that you will see fit to give publicity not only to matters concerning the Lee and Jackson Highway, as suggested by you, but that you will give publicity to other good-roads matters."—Manufacturers Record.

Five Executed at Penitentiary.

Columbia, Sept. 29.—Denying their guilt, five negro murderers, Joe Malloy, Meek Griffin, Tom Griffin, John Crosby and Nelson Brice, were executed at the State penitentiary this morning between 11 and 12 o'clock. Governor Manning several days ago refused to interfere.

The Griffins, Crosby and Brice were convicted in Chester on the charge of murdering an aged Confederate veteran. Malloy paid the death penalty for killing two white boys in Marlboro county.

Many citizens from Chester and Marlboro counties were present to witness the executions. A crowd of several hundred persons swarmed about the doors of the state prison unable to gain admittance.

Mendenhall Found Guilty.

Clearwater, Fla., Sept. 28.—J. J. Mendenhall, a prominent orange grower and mill owner, was found guilty today of first degree murder in connection with the death of Miss Susan Elliot, whose body was found in the ruins of Mendenhall's burned automobile near here July 2. The jury recommended mercy. Sentence was deferred. Mendenhall also is under indictment for killing Miss Elliot's mother, Mrs. Bessie Elliot, also found in the burned car.

DEBRUHL COBB DEAD.

Was Father of Solicitor Wade Hampton Cobb of This Circuit.

DeBruhl Cobb, father of Wade Hampton Cobb, solicitor, died yesterday morning at his home in the Messers section of Richland county, about 15 miles from Columbia. The funeral services will be held at 12 o'clock today at Salem Methodist church, conducted by the Rev. R. E. Turnipseed, pastor of the Main street Methodist church.

Mr. Cobb would have been 79 years of age had he lived until October 13. He had been in failing health for some time. About three weeks ago he suffered a fall and with his advanced age and weak condition he gradually grew worse. He was a man who had many friends who will be grieved to learn of his death.

For four years Mr. Cobb fought in the army of the Confederacy as a member of Company C, Second South Carolina cavalry. He was a lifelong resident of Richland county. He served on the county commission and as school trustee several times.

Mr. Cobb was one of the founders of Salem Methodist church, where his funeral services will be held. He was a consistent worker for its growth during the half century of its history.

Surviving Mr. Cobb are three sons and two daughters: Solicitor Cobb, John H. Cobb, Jesse Cobb, Mrs. Virginia L. Brazell and Mrs. A. B. Haithcock. Mrs. Cobb died about eight years ago.—Tuesday's Columbia State.

Charlotte Boosters Coming.

A train load of Charlotte business men are expected in Camden next Thursday, the Camden Chamber of Commerce having been notified to that effect. Speaking of the proposed trip the Charlotte Observer says:

"The contingent of Charlotte men will be accompanied by a band, which will render music for the entertainment of the trippers and the inhabitants of the towns on the journey. The train will leave here at 7 o'clock on the morning of Thursday of next week and will return that night at 10:45 o'clock. Stops will be made at Pineville, Fort Mill, Leslie's, Catawba Junction, Lancaster, Heath Springs, Kershaw, Camden, Chester and Rock Hill.

"The trip will not be exclusively in the nature of a Charlotte boosting expedition. The Charlotte people believe that their South Carolina neighbors have industries of their own whose scope and efficiency is not realized here, and they plan to include in their program wherever possible such visits as will inform them about the accomplishments of these towns and what they have to offer the world. The opportunities for this, will, of course be greatly restricted by the limited time that is allowed, but that, at any rate, is the spirit in which the local manufacturers, jobbers and others will go. They do not assume to know it all, by a big margin, and they expect to learn much on the journey, as well as establish cordial personal relations with the South Carolinians as the basis of future business intercourse which will be mutually profitable."

Highland Rice.

A specimen of fine rice is on display at The Chronicle office. This grain comes from the farm of Mr. D. M. Bethune at Bethune and is about five feet tall. It was grown on the highlands around that place and is said to be exceptionally fine for that locality.

New Ordinance in Effect.

The new ordinance relating to automobiles and vehicles in the city limits went into effect last Saturday, and it is already proving to be a good one. Officer Jones had the honor of being first to direct traffic around the corner of Broad and DeKalb under the new regulations. He made good at his job. The drivers take readily to the new rules and it will not be long before the city and county teams learn the new orders and there will be less confusion at this important crossing. No cases have been made against violators.—The officers preferring to warn those who are not familiar with the new orders rather than use harsh measures. Parties violating this ordinance after having been warned can look for a case to be made against them.

Change in Firm Name.

The hardware company formerly doing business under the name of Malone-Pearce-Young has been changed to Pearce-Young. Messrs. Pearce and Young having taken over the interests of Mr. W. F. Malone.

Miss Starnes Dead.

Blaney, S. C., Sept. 24.—Miss Martha Alma Starnes, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Starnes, died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Kate Kelly, in West Waterce Sunday morning. She had been ill several months and her death, though not unexpected, was a great shock to her family and many friends. The funeral was held at Smyrna Methodist church, of which she was a member, services being conducted by the pastor, the Rev. A. C. Corbett. Miss Starnes was in her 37th year and is survived by two brothers, J. W. Starnes and T. W. Starnes, and a sister, Mrs. Kate Kelly.

Camden Cotton Market.

Strict middling cotton was quoted in Camden yesterday at 11 3/4 cents. The highest price paid this week was on Tuesday when the top price reached 12.20. Quite a large lot has been sold on the Camden market this season.

BRITISH AND FRENCH GAIN.

Captured Many Prisoners and Long Line of Trenches in Two Days.

Associated Press review of last Monday gives the following account of important doings in France:

Twenty thousand unarmored German prisoners and an unestimated number of dead and wounded on both sides is the toll taken in the first two days drive of the Anglo-French forces who have begun a great offensive movement along the western battle line, which extends from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier.

Two distinctive operations are under way, one north of Arras, and the other in the Champagne region, while there has been an incessant bombardment along almost the entire front.

Both the British and French have been successful, carrying trenches extending over a distance of 20 miles and a depth varying up to two and a half miles. It is officially reported both from Paris and London that the advance is still being continued, and that the ground gained in a large measure has been held and consolidated.

Berlin admits the retirement of the German forces at various points, but minimizes the result of the engagements.

For several weeks British and French artillery have been pounding fiercely and continuously at the German line. The forward movement of the infantry began Saturday morning when thousands of Allied troops threw themselves against the German trenches, in which, though battered and torn by heavy shells, the Germans waited, having long expected the onslaught. Much of the fighting was at close range, hand to hand encounters being carried from trench to trench. The heavy artillery continued to pour forth a rain of heavy projectiles, while aviators took the air to direct the fighting and themselves engaged in many combats.

In addition to having captured Souchez, a much disputed point of vantage, the French have succeeded in forcing a passage of the great series of trenches and fortifications in Champagne between Amberive and Ville-sur-Tourbe, driving the Germans to the second line of trenches, two or three miles to the rear. This offensive is still in progress.

The British gains have been made to the north of Arras. They have taken the town of Loos and the quarries northwest of Hulluch, and have compelled the Germans to draw on their reserves to check the advance.

For the time being the dramatic development of events in the west have overshadowed those in the eastern theatre, where the Russians have stayed the progress of the Austro-Germans at many points, and have apparently succeeded in getting themselves well in hand for further offensive and defensive operations.

The quick answers of Greece to Bulgarian mobilization has probably been a factor in clearing the atmosphere with respect to Bulgaria's intentions. The Bulgarian government has notified the powers that the mobilization of the Bulgarian army was ordered in the National interests and that it was not intended as an offensive measure. Individual members of the Bulgarian government also have expressed themselves to the same effect. Nevertheless both Greece and Roumania continue to make ready for any eventuality.

TRIP POSTPONED.

Columbia Crowd Will Come to Camden Thursday of Next Week.

A telephone message received by Secretary von Tresckow from the Columbia Boosters who had planned to be in Camden Thursday, stated that owing to weather conditions the trip will be postponed until Thursday of next week.

At a meeting of the Camden Chamber of Commerce held Monday afternoon, Capt. W. M. Shannon was named as chairman of a reception committee to the Columbia people. It had been planned to meet the boosters at the forks of the road near the Waterce bridge and accompany them to the speakers stand on Monument Square.

Mrs. N. R. Goodale, of the Civic League had been appointed to head the committee on refreshments for the afternoon. The same program will very likely be carried out next Thursday afternoon.

MET AT PISGAH.

Kershaw Woman's Missionary Union Had Pleasant Meeting.

The Kershaw W. M. U. met with Pisgah Baptist church, Sept. 23rd and 24th, the superintendent presiding. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Attaway of the Methodist church was inspiring. Address of welcome by Mrs. Elmore, president of W. M. S., and responded to by Mrs. R. T. Goodale, who gave the union a start in spiritual and social influence that continued throughout the entire session. Through a misunderstanding our corresponding secretary and acting vice president of Central division, Mrs. J. R. Fryer, failed to meet with us, which was a disappointment, but the delegates from societies filled in the program, and many plans were discussed and much enthusiasm shown for next year's work. There has been progress along all lines of work in the past year and personal work especially is telling for good and has shown earnestly as the one thing each individual could do at home and abroad as opportunity offered.

The W. M. U. was divided into four divisions with a presiding officer and secretary for each division. This plan will help get societies in every church.

The organization of W. M. S. Bands, Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A. was urged for the work of next year.

Rev. J. A. Davison made an earnest address on State Missions Thursday evening in the open meeting which was much enjoyed.

Miss Mildred Goodale sang a sweet solo, which was very appropriate and also enjoyed.

A club of ten was gotten up for Foreign Mission Journal and also for Royal Service.

The quiet season with the bible was the keynote of the meeting as the members repeated aloud the promises of God without hesitation. The sweet and solemn influence was felt that: "Surely God is in this place."

Election of officers—Mrs. S. E. Goodale, supt.; Mrs. R. T. Goodale, sec. and treas.; Division No. 1—Mrs. J. W. Kenny, pres.; Miss Theo. Davis, sec.; Division No. 2—Mrs. M. G. Huckabee, pres.; Miss Ernestine Bateman, sec.; Divisions 3 and 4—to be supplied. After singing "Blest be the tie that binds" and giving the parting hand, the meeting adjourned to meet with Mizpah church the last week in September of next year.

Big Powder Plant.

Columbia, Sept. 22.—The E. I. Dupont de Nemours Company, the great powder manufacturers of Wilmington, Delaware, today applied to the secretary of state for papers of domestication. Irene Dupont, as vice president of the company, signed the papers. The corporation is capitalized at \$240,000,000. The office of the company will be at its plant at Georgetown.

While there is nothing in the papers to give an intimation, it is thought that a great powder plant will be erected at Georgetown to supply the allies.

Football Game Next Friday.

The Camden High School has arranged a game of football for next Friday afternoon between their team and the team from the Lexington High School. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock at the base ball park. An admission fee of 15 and 25 cents will be charged.

Ridgeway Notes.

Ridgeway, S. C., Sept. 29.—A number of the young girls have recently left for college. Among them are Miss Mary Corpening, who goes to Greenville; Miss Ernestine Johnson to the Columbia College, and Miss Sara Kennedy to Chlorea college.

Mr. Leland L. Bolick, formerly of Ridgeway, died suddenly at the Columbia hospital on Sunday last. Mr. Bolick had many friends here, where he spent the greater part of his life and was very popular.

Cotton reached nearly 12 cents on Monday, an advance of one-half cent in a single day.

Mr. D. W. Ruff, Jr., is at home from the Atlanta Business college.

A business gentleman of our town made a flying trip to Camden a few days ago by automobile. The trip was made in one hour and twenty minutes.

A number of persons went to Columbia to hear the lecture of Wm. J. Bryan. All were highly pleased with the great orator.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Adams spent Thursday in Columbia.

THE NEWS AT BETHUNE.

Happenings of Interest In and Around Our Neighbor Town.

Bethune, S. C., Sept. 30.—The little two-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Outlaw, who lived about a mile from town, died yesterday about 12 o'clock, after several days' illness with pneumonia. The sympathy of the entire community is extended the grief-stricken parents in their great sorrow, as they were especially devoted to this, their youngest child. The funeral services will be held today at the Brannon graveyard. Mr. Outlaw has another child very ill at present.

Mrs. W. B. Brown and children, of Hamlet, are spending several days with the family of Mr. J. J. Horton.

A protracted meeting will begin at the Bethune Methodist Church on Friday, October 15th. The pastor, Rev. O. N. Rountree will be assisted by Rev. J. L. Harley, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League. The meeting will last two weeks.

A meeting will begin at the Lucknow Methodist church on Sunday night, October 3rd. The pastor will be assisted by Rev. D. Oscar Spires, formerly pastor of the Methodist church here.

Work on Bethune's new \$8,000 brick school building actually began last week and it will be rushed to completion from now on.

The writer and family have been feasting the past two weeks on new sorghum syrup. We are indebted to our good friends, Messrs. J. E. Stokes, of route 1, J. W. Jones, of route 2, and W. H. Gardner, of McBee, route 1, for buckets of delicious syrup. Mr. J. E. Baxley, of route 3, has our thanks for a sack of nice scuppernon grapes.

Mrs. E. C. Stokes and children, of Charlotte, N. C., spent a few days in town with the family of Mr. R. A. Stokes the past week.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve oysters and ice cream at the town hall tomorrow (Friday) night, Oct. 1, for the benefit of the church. The public is invited to attend.

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 19th, at 4 o'clock, at Flat Creek school house, Miss Ethel Seegars, daughter of Mr. W. D. Seegars, of Bethune, and Mr. G. Wiley Griffith, of Jefferson, were married. Rev. Mr. Cupstid, of Blaney, officiating.

Mr. H. E. Hyatt, of Bishopville, has bought the handsome residence here from Dr. J. D. Ingram, which formerly belonged to Dr. H. H. Holder, and will move into it with his family tomorrow.

Mr. Hyatt is proprietor of the People's Grocery Co., at this place and evidently believes in Bethune real estate, as he already owns the residence and lot now occupied by Chief of Police Brannon and family. Mr. Hyatt will also buy cotton here the balance of the season.

At regular intervals during the past year the Bethune correspondent of The Chronicle has advised the farmers of this section to plant wheat and plenty of it. A majority of the farmers of this vicinity planted a small acreage in wheat last fall, probably as an experiment and also on account of the low price of cotton and high price of flour. Nearly everyone who did so was pleased with the result. However, on account of the fact that cotton is now selling for over 11 cents a pound and still going higher and the price of wheat going down, a number of our farmers have indicated that they probably would not sow any wheat at all this fall, the inference being that they will plant all the cotton they possibly can next spring. We acknowledge that the lands in this part of the country are not especially adapted to the raising of wheat, but it can be raised without loss, or rather the amount made will amply pay for the labor and expense of cultivating it. On the other hand, whenever a big cotton crop is made and the price goes down a great howl goes up, especially from the one-horse share-croppers or renters. They fall behind with their landlords and the merchant and the next thing in order in such cases is to "stand off" these gentlemen till the following year, as the farmer will "catch a fair price" next fall. And so the same old struggle goes on year after year and poorer. Why? Because has been incalculated into his brain from his youth up that nothing but cotton can be raised in the South at a profit. We do not insinuate that wheat is the salvation of our small farmers. There are other products that will help make them more independent. More corn, oats, peas, potatoes, hay, sorghum, live stock, fruit and trucking will also assist in turning the trick. Last fall and winter we heard a number of farmers say that last fall's experience with cotton had learned them a lesson. But has it? Time alone will tell.

Mr. H. B. Stokes, of route 1, spent Monday in Charlotte on business.

A little son of Mrs. E. W. Hall, of route 1, has diphtheria at present.

A photographer from Lyles' studio, Columbia, will be in Bethune on Friday, Oct. 15th, for the purpose of making only high grade pictures. All work guaranteed.—adv.

Mrs. M. J. Cooper, of Charleston, is visiting her niece here, Mrs. W. L. Clyburn, for a few days.

Mr. J. J. Horton, a good prohibitionist and a particular friend of ours, told us the following snake story one day last week: In his hen house was a box for the hens to lay in. One day last week his little grandson ran into the house and told his grandmother that there was an awful fat snake in the box where the eggs were. Sure enough a large chicken snake was coiled up in the box. A negro woman was called and shot the snake's head off and on being cut open, it

KILLING AT KERSHAW.

Walter Sowell Shot to Death by Jas. H. Watson.

Walter Sowell, colored, an employee at the shop of W. J. Watson & Son, was shot Saturday night by Jas. H. Watson and died yesterday morning from the effects of the wound.

Sowell lived in a small tenant house on the lot of Mr. Watson's home, and the shooting took place at Sowell's yard. The ball entered above the left eye and ranged to the right side of the head, passing through the brain, and imbedded itself behind the right ear. The wounded man was attended by Drs. Brasington and Gregory, and he was examined also by Dr. Fennell, of Rock Hill, who came down on Monday, but nothing could be done to save his life, the shot being fatal.

The cause which led to the shooting could not be ascertained, but it was learned that Sowell had been drinking and that he was advancing on Mr. Watson with an open knife when he was shot. So far as we could learn there were no eyewitnesses but the participants. Sowell's wife was at home but came to the door about the time the shot was fired.

Mr. Watson is a quiet and peaceable citizen, and we have never heard of his being engaged in a difficulty before. He has retained as his counsel Blakeney & Williams. He went to Camden Monday to surrender himself to the sheriff of Kershaw county.—Kershaw Era.

To Be Released.

Application has been made by Mr. Watson's attorneys for bail and it is understood that bond has been granted in the sum of \$2,000. It is expected that he will be released from jail in the next few days.

GIVING GOOD SHOWS.

Managers of Opera House Endeavoring to Please Theatregoers.

The opera season opened in Camden last week with Mutt and Jeff, the fun-makers. Followed Wednesday night with the "Yellow Ticket." Owing to rainy weather only a small audience witnessed the show. This show has been drawing large crowds in the cities. The chief incidents in the drama have been taken from life in modern Russia, and the author spent some time in St. Petersburg, in order to acquire the proper atmosphere. And as one said who knows "It is Russia all right."

The offering for next Wednesday night will be "Peg O' My Heart." The mere announcement that this company will return to Camden should fill the house. Last season when it played here everyone was highly pleased, and it will be good news to the public to know that Miss Rea Martin will appear again as "Peg."

Messrs. Schlosburg and DeLoache have fitted the opera house up nicely and have booked some of the very best shows on the road for this season, and they deserve a good patronage if the people of Camden want this class of shows. Many go from here to Columbia to see the same class of shows, and at a greater cost than they can see here for.

R. A. Dunningford, a 16 year old boy of Charleston, was drowned last week off a wharf in that city.

was found that he had swallowed a half grown chicken, besides an egg or two. We are unable to understand how a snake could swallow a half grown chicken whole.

The chain gang has just completed working up the public road between here and Cassatt and it is in better condition now than it has ever been. The gang is working the road between here and Tiller's Ferry this week.

The writer took a trip around on a portion of route 1 on Tuesday and we were surprised and gratified at the evidences of substantial improvements made at some places along the road. There is not a farmer in this section who is achieving greater success in the farming business than Mr. T. Hower Josey, near Turkey Creek church and he is not doing it by raising all cotton either. He has the best corn crop we have seen this year, also a fine field of pea vine hay, a good cotton crop, besides potatoes, peas, etc. He has nearly an acre planted in artichokes, which he will feed to his hogs. Mr. Josey expects to gather about 1,000 bushels of corn from 20 acres and an immense amount of pea vine hay. He is having a splendid new residence erected, has a water works system on the premises, improved farm machinery and a number of nice hogs.

Mrs. E. E. Tiller, whose husband died the first of last year, is also making good in the management of her splendid farm. She has one of the best farms in the Tiller's Ferry section and will make an excellent crop this year. Last year Mrs. Tiller bought in the neighborhood of 40 bales of cotton paying something over \$900 for the lot. She sold this cotton last week and after paying the interest on the money invested, she made a net profit of over \$500.

Laura Hough, colored, is another woman who is demonstrating the fact that women can accomplish things as well as men. Last year she made ten bales of cotton, sold seven and still has three bales of her old crop on hand. She used over \$300 worth of fertilizer last year and this year only a little over \$100 worth. She will make eight bales this year, giving her eleven bales in all to sell. Her expenses this year were less than half to that of last year. This is certainly a good record for a woman and a colored widow at that. Lots of men don't do half as well.



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