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We are publishing in another place in this paper today statements from Magistrate Hinson, at Blaney, and Clyburn, at Westville, in which they state emphatically that they presented their books at the court house for audit at the call of the auditors and offer proof of same. These officers have been done a great injustice and put in a bad light before the people. We are publishing their letters with pleasure and we hope the auditors will make amends for the wrong done them.

The heavy downpour of rain Sunday afternoon shows very forcibly the need of our principal streets being paved. The worst damage occurred on Broad and DeKalb streets where the streets and pavements were badly washed. Permanent paving on these two streets would do away with an immense repair bill, and if we ever get it started it will spread to other streets of the city. We are glad to know that the paving question is being talked again and that petitions asking that it be commenced will soon be circulated among the property holders.

Much criticism has been heard of the light fines imposed on violators of the law at a recent term of court held here. But it does not seem that it is confined to this county alone for we note in the papers where the grand jury of Oconee county, with Judge Prince presiding, embodied the following unusual paragraph in its presentment:

"We desire to recommend, if we may be permitted to do so, that the circuit judges impose more severe sentences in Oconee County for the infractions of the criminal laws of this State. We call attention to the sentences of this court at this term for violation of prohibition laws, the sentences imposed in many cases being hardly sufficient to make an example of the offender for the deterrence of others."

This remarkable presentment causes the Greenville Piedmont to truthfully remark:

"For a grand jury to tell the presiding judge, in effect, that his sentences were too light is a most extraordinary and unusual proceeding. Not having any information as to the cases referred to or as to what might be said in support of His Honor's course. The Piedmont cannot pass judgement, but, right or wrong, the grand jury of Oconee County unquestionably has the courage to utter its convictions boldly."

In our court last week four of the worst alleged gangsters ever apprehended in this state, with a long list of crimes charged to them, were placed on trial for robbing a safe. Twelve men, property holders, tell them they are not guilty, and so they are freed to ply their nefarious trade again. A white man, of mature age, kills a lad of fourteen years, shooting him in the back, yet he gets off with five years. Is it any wonder we have a crime wave?

The grand jury of Charleston county in its presentment directs attention to the statute prohibiting the carrying and the sale of pistols less than 20 inches long and under three pounds in weight. Had this statute been enforced since July 1, 1910, when it went into effect, the number of pistols in South Carolina would be fewer by at least 2,000.—Columbia State.

Because he is accused of preaching social equality to the negroes, Rev. Phillips S. Irwin, arch-deacon of the English Episcopal church, and head of that church among South Florida negroes, was tarred and feathered at Miami, last Sunday night. After the minister had concluded his night services he ran into a number of white men who were lying in wait for him on his way home. They took him in a car to some woods near the city, tied him to a tree, struck him forty lashes with a strap, applied tar and feathers to his body, put him into a sack, carried him back into the city and dumped him out. Before carrying out their programme they asked him if he would leave the country within 48 hours and he said no. After being taken to police headquarters, he told the police that he had information that three other white men and one negro are to receive the same treatment. One negro has already been driven out of the country to Nassau. Rev. Irwin is a British subject who has been living in Miami for five years.

An Anderson county negro was committed to jail at Iva last Saturday for writing letters to three white girls. The sheriff of Anderson, however, managed to get the fellow transferred to Greenwood before the mob arrived in sufficient strength to begin operations on the jail at Iva.

Four negroes were killed and Monroe Ferguson, business man, was seriously wounded in a 40-minute battle near Rayville, La., last Saturday, resulting from an attempt of deputy sheriffs to arrest two negro women charged with beating a number of small children they found in swimming. The scene of the clash was the plantation of William Gaines, three miles north of Rayville. A desperate battle took place, hundreds of shots being fired. The dead are: Cleo Collins, Charlie Kelly, Scott Redfield and William Gibbs. Friday a group of white lads found a swimming hole and went in. The negro women are said to have reproached them for their lack of clothing, the boys retorted and trouble followed. Several of the boys are said to have exhibited to their parents blue and white marks about their necks where they had been choked. Saturday morning deputies were sent by the Richland parish sheriff to arrest the women. Some hours later they returned and reported they had been met by threats of death if they prosecuted their quest. They added that the women, abetted by a number of negro men, had gone to the George Collins farm on the Gaines plantation and had "fortified" themselves there. A posse of 25 was formed. As the citizens, some of whom are said to have been prominent merchants and business men of Rayville, approached the farm, a volley of rifle shots greeted them and a furious exchange followed. The negroes were supplied with a large quantity of ammunition. A bullet pierced the thigh of Mr. Ferguson, the only white man wounded.

Ernest F. Cochran of Anderson, has been appointed United States district attorney for the Western district of South Carolina. Mr. Cochran is understood to be in sympathy with the Tolliver wing of the Republican party, but the understanding is that there was no fight against him. It is stated that Senators Dial and Smith will offer no objection to his confirmation.

At the annual meeting in Greenville the South Carolina State Press Association elected officials for the ensuing year as follows: President, H. G. O'Leary; Secretary, J. R. K. Williams; Vice president, J. R. K. Williams; Treasurer, August Kohn, Columbia.

R. O. Hornsby, Columbia, was robbed of \$200 Sunday morning while doing business on market square. Evidently three negroes thought they might as well do a little business themselves. According to Mr. Hornsby's report to the police he was surrounded by three negroes, showing some chickens, and a short time after he missed his purse.

Richard and Jim Davis of Orangeburg were arrested and released under \$200 bond each for appearance at the fall term of court. They are charged with manufacturing a so-called "munkus rumbus". The still was found on a swamp island and 650 gallons of mash were stored nearby.

Theodore Roberts and Walter Hiers appear in support of Ethel Clayton, the popular Paramount star at the Majestic Monday in "Sham" a picture of a limousine life on a trolley car line.

HIGHWAYS NEAR COMPLETION Only Few Gaps in Cross State Roads Yet to Be Rebuilt.

(Columbia State.)

South Carolina's road progress within the last few months has been very pleasing to highway enthusiasts, despite the fact that a lot is yet undone, and the improvement on the highways of the state, especially the main arteries of travel has reached a point that all travelers are pleased with.

Conditions of cross state roads now are far above those several months back. Three or four of the leading state roads are soon to be completed in their entire length and work toward this end is being pushed as rapidly as possible.

The Washington-Atlanta highway, one of the principal tourist thoroughfares of the state, and of prime interest to Columbians, will soon cease to be noted as one of the worst roads in the country. The section of this road between Columbia and Camden is now nearing completion and the advertising signs telling unfortunate tourists where to buy new automobile springs already seen out of place. The section from Camden to the Chesterfield county line was let to contract last week. J. M. Gregory, who has done much road work in other parts of the state, is the contractor and is expected to push this section through to rapid completion.

Further up, in Chesterfield county, the highway department has turned over one of its new caterpillar tractors for use on this road. The work to be done with the tractor, together with a federal project extending about six miles out of Cheraw, will keep the road in passable condition through Chesterfield county until this 25 mile stretch can be substantially improved. In Marlboro county no arrangements have been made for improving this road, but this section is said to be in fair shape most of the time.

Going south of Columbia this road is constructed almost entirely across Lexington county. The contractors, Simpson & White, will probably finish it within the next few weeks. The improvements between Lexington and Leesville is more noticeable perhaps than any other section of this highway. Through the corner of Saluda county, about three and one-half miles a survey has already been made by the highway department and it is hoped to get construction under way as soon as certain right of way difficulties can be straightened out.

From the Saluda county line to Aiken the road is being constructed by contract and is about 60 per cent complete. The section between Aiken and Augusta has been completed and under state maintenance for several months.

The second big highway soon to be completed in the mountain to sea road, running from Charleston by way of Orangeburg, St. Matthews, Columbia, Newberry and Spartanburg or Greenville to the mountains. This highway is being very heavily traveled at present, and except for the 15 mile stretch immediately south of Columbia in Lexington county, with a remarkable degree of comfort. Temporarily the traffic from Charleston is coming up over the old state road by way of Goose creek, Holly Hill, Cameron and St. Matthews. This road is in fair shape through the summer while the alternate route by way of Orangeburg is under construction through Dorchester county, and the highway department is now advertising the section from the Dorchester line to Orangeburg as well as the Four Hole swamp bridge in Dorchester county. Most of this work will be completed within the year, and in the meantime the other route is giving satisfactory service, except for the part mentioned above in Lexington county, which is common to both routes. Highway officials are gratified that funds amounting to about \$25,000 have already been provided by the county and state, together with local subscriptions, for building this Lexington section.

Between Columbia and the mountains this road is substantially complete by way of Greenville, except that in Richland county, which has become badly worn and is to be resurfaced with concrete as a part of the county hard surface program. By way of Spartanburg the only section not constructed between the Richland county line and North Carolina is about 19 miles between Newberry and Whitmire. This section is already under construction by the county and will probably be completed within the present summer.

The National highway, a third important cross state road, running across the northwestern part of the state is in excellent condition with the exception of the Tiger river bridge in Spartanburg county, the Big Thickety bridge in Cherokee and a short section of road in Anderson county near the Georgia line. The work necessary to complete the road throughout is either under way or in immediate prospect. The road is already under

state maintenance from one end to the other.

The Dixie highway, a fourth cross state road of much importance, is substantially complete and under state maintenance from Greenville to Edgefield. An important link in this road has just been completed in Edgefield county, but no definite arrangements have yet been made for constructing the section from Edgefield to the Aiken county line. Through Aiken county there are good prospects that this road will soon be put in shape for state maintenance. Incidentally the county organization in Aiken has rendered efficient co-operation in getting the main state highways improved through that county.

In addition to these four main roads that are carrying a tremendous volume of traffic across the state, other state roads are gradually becoming connected in every direction, as example: The road from this part of the state to the Pee Dee section will branch off from the Washington-Atlanta highway at Camden. Sections of this road are already completed, under contract, or being advertised in Kershaw, Lee, Darlington, Florence, Marion and Horry counties. If progress continues at the same rate for another year, automobilists should be able to drive from Columbia to Myrtle Beach at any season, except when the Pee Dee ferry is not working, which should only occur at high stages of the river.

The road from Columbia to Greenwood, Abbeville and Anderson, by way of Saluda, branches off from the Washington-Atlanta highway at Batesburg. This road is complete through Greenwood county and sections are now being advertised in both Saluda and Abbeville counties. The only gap that should be missing at the end of this year is between Saluda and Batesburg.

The road from Columbia to Charlotte, by way of Camden and Lancaster, except for a section in Kershaw county, should be complete and under state maintenance by the end of this year.

The road by way of Orangeburg and Bamberg to Fairfax is also provided for throughout, except for a bridge over the Edisto river.

Many other similar examples might be enumerated, but at the end of this year only 1,200 miles out of 3,600 on the state system will be under state maintenance. The other 2,400 miles will remain to be done, and as already noted, important gaps will be left in

Ice Notice
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By R. L. MOSELEY

some of the most heavily traveled roads. Much of the construction work being done is by counties without state or federal aid. Richland, Newberry and Clarendon are particularly active on independent work at present and are securing first class results.

Governor Cooper has paroled Jobe Bell, convicted of housebreaking and larceny in Anderson county. Bell has served about 18 months of his six years.

Monday, at the Majestic see Ethel Clayton in "Sham," a Paramount picture, supported by Theodore Roberts and Walter Hiers.

A watermelon patch near Anderson is the reason caused for Alfred Herring being in the Anderson hospital from the effect of being shot by Louis Hanna who confessed to doing the shooting. Mr. Hanna has a watermelon patch near Orr mill, and he has been missing some of his finest melons. He decided to watch and see for himself what method of voodooism was being worked on his melons. He did not have to wait long before several young men entered the patch. Mr. Hanna fired one shot, and now Mr. Herring is in the hospital.

See Georges Carpentier, the popular prize-fighter in "The Wonder Man" at the Majestic today, matinee and night.

The Story of Our States
By JONATHAN BRACE
IV.—GEORGIA
ON JANUARY 2, 1788, Georgia accepted the Constitution and became the fourth state in the Union. The settlement of Georgia was conceived as a buffer against the depredations of the Spaniards and Indians, whose invasions of South Carolina had reached a climax in 1715 with a raid in which four or five hundred settlers had been massacred. To protect South Carolina from future incursions James Oglethorpe planned a colony to the south, and in 1732 he obtained from George II a grant of land. The new territory was consequently named Georgia, after the king. The deed stated that the land was granted "in trust for the poor." This referred to Oglethorpe's plan to have as the settlers the insolvent debtors who, according to the laws of that time in England, were cast into prison. Many of these were released from prisons and re-enforced by some Germans and Scotch Highlanders, founded the town of Savannah in 1733 and rapidly spread up and down the coast, where successful plantations of rice and indigo soon became established. Georgia continued to prosper until the population of its 59,265 square miles entitles it to a representation of 14 presidential electors.
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