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### THE COLUMBIA ROAD.

#### Committee Appointed Makes a Report and Calls a Mass Meeting.

The committee named last week to look into the matter of raising funds to build a hard-surface road to connect with the Richland project had another meeting with members of the Chamber of Commerce and the delegation in the general assembly Monday and made a report to them that day which will be found below. Another meeting of all the citizens of the county is called for Monday, November 8th, at which time the matter will be thoroughly discussed, and it is hoped there will be a representative body of men from all sections of the county present that day. Everyone seems heartily in favor of the road provided it can be built without additional taxation.

#### To the Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce:

Your committee has endeavored to gather such information in regard to the revenues, expenditures and obligations of the County as would be useful in deciding the question of paving the Columbia Road.

In the time at our disposal we could not go into the details of County affairs and did not feel justified without express authority in probing or investigating the operations of those officials charged with the expenditure of County funds. We merely applied to them for a summarized statement along certain lines. We also examined the budget of appropriations for this County, contained in the Statutes for the past two or three years, and we inquired as to the bond debt and taxable values of the County and its various subdivisions, such as school districts, town, and townships. A closer study of the subject, however, may reveal some feature that we have overlooked, limiting the bond issuing capacity of the County. We believe that we obtained sufficient reliable data to warrant us in reporting that in our opinion the County can raise One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand (\$175,000) dollars towards the road paving project, not only without detriment or disadvantage to the other roads and interests of the County, but with co-operation between our Legislative Delegation, the County Commissioners and the Camden and Kershaw County Chamber of Commerce, we are convinced these objects can be fully realized.

Our conclusions have been based upon the continuance of the revenues from the River toll bridge, at the present average amount. Hence the vital importance of the adequate insurance of the bridge against fire, water and wind.

We regard the issuance and sale of County obligations (whether notes or bonds) the only practicable means of raising the money for the proposed paving. The interests and retirement of any such obligations could in our judgment be provided from the available surplus proceeds of the toll bridge, and such application could be authorized by Statute. If a levy, say of two and one-half (2 1/2) mills, the bridge funds would be thereby released for meeting other expenses of the County and enable an equivalent reduction in the tax levy, or prevent an equivalent increase. The results would be the same whichever plan is adopted. A tax levy should be imposed only in event the bridge funds did not suffice to meet interest and retirement fund of the notes and bonds.

Hard roads for Hard Times!  
L. O. Funderburk,  
Thos. J. Kirkland,  
L. C. Shaw,  
Committee.

#### Mass Meeting Called.

At a meeting of business men and citizens of Kershaw County called by the Chamber of Commerce at the Court House at eleven o'clock the 9th instant for the purpose of considering building a permanent road from Camden to the Richland County line, it was resolved: That it is the sense of this meeting that the road from Camden to the Richland County line be hard surfaced, if, upon further investigation from all standpoints, it is found feasible, and that a mass meeting of all the citizens from all sections of the County be called to meet at the Court House at eleven o'clock a. m., on Monday, November 6th, to more fully consider and discuss this proposition.

(Signed) Thos J. Kirkland,  
L. C. Shaw,  
L. A. Wittkowsky,  
John W. Cantey,  
L. O. Funderburk,  
Norman S. Richards,  
J. B. Mann.

#### Death of Young Man.

Mr. Murdock Brannon, a young man 17 years of age, died last Sunday in this city of typhoid fever. He had not been sick long. He was the son of Mr. R. H. Brannon, who resides on the J. L. Camp place, a few miles south of Camden. The funeral was held at the Camden cemetery on Monday, services being conducted by Rev. J. Jeter Johnson.

### GREEN BOOK TOUR.

#### Number of Inquiries For Entry Into Florida Tour.

Boston, Mass., October 4.—Although entry blanks for the A. L. A. Personally Conducted Tour to Florida were issued only last week, a vast number of inquiries have been received by the Tour management. The first entry was from Mr. Frank Kilmer of Grafton, Mass., and he will have the place of honor at the start. The inquiries have come from all the New England States, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland. From present indications there will be over thirty-five cars in the Tour this year.

S. von Loesche, Touring Manager of the Automobile Legal Association who was on the Tour last year, states that the roads are now in much better condition than in 1921.

"Between Boston and New York the roads are in excellent condition. From New York to Philadelphia the route is generally very good except for between Princeton and Trenton. By going via Penn's Neck this rough stretch can be avoided."

It is better to go to Washington over the Capital Highway through Rising Sun and Conowingo as this avoids the toll bridge at Perryville and the roads are particularly good. At present there is a detour system between Frederickburg and Spottsylvania, but the construction work will be finished before the Tour leaves Boston.

"The stretch of road between Cheraw and Camden which last year was very poor is now improved. The building of the bridge across the St. Mary's River much improves the route between Savannah and Jacksonville and makes it possible for the Tour to go that way this year."

Arrangements are now being made with Capt. Averill to take the management of the Service car. Capt. Averill was with the A. E. F. in charge of one of the repair bases in France. He has had considerable experience in this country having been connected with several of the prominent automobile plants before and since the war.

Entry blanks, giving total costs, itinerary, and map of the route with various optional routes may be had from the Scarborough Motor Guide Company, of Boston, Mass.

#### For a County Fair.

For several years Kershaw has been without a county fair. Last year the fair was revived on a small scale chiefly through the efforts of the Home Demonstration clubs working in co-operation with the Home and Farm Demonstration Agents. This initial effort to revive the fair was a splendid success.

It is our plan to repeat this effort this year and conduct it on a larger scale. Our success will depend entirely upon the attitude which you display towards it and the assistance which you render individually.

I am taking this means of calling upon you to help make it a success by bringing your farm products to exhibit on this occasion. You may not think your produce the best, but bring it anyway. See how good or how poor it is by comparing it with your neighbor's products and determine to beat him next year.

Get acquainted with your neighbor; you might like him. Meet him at the fair on Wednesday and Thursday, November 1st and 2nd.

Prizes will not be large but they will be worth competing for.

J. W. Sanders,  
County Agent.

#### Building and Loan Elects Officers.

The officers and directors of the Camden Building and Loan Association met at the office of the Loan and Savings Bank Tuesday and the affairs of the association were found in excellent shape. All were gratified with the showing made and more than twelve hundred shares have been subscribed to in the new series.

The old officers of the association were re-elected. They are as follows: Messrs. John T. Nettles, president; John S. Lindsay, secretary; Kirkland and Kirkland, attorneys.

The following board of directors were elected: Messrs John T. Nettles, John S. Lindsay, L. C. Shaw, H. I. Schlosburg, J. P. Lewis, L. A. Kirkland, W. D. Barrett, J. H. Osborne, H. D. Niles, John Whitaker, Jr., R. E. Stevenson, and E. P. Truesdale.

#### Masons to Meet.

A regular convocation of Rising Star Chapter No. 4, R. A. M., will be held on Tuesday evening, October 17, 1922, at which time the M. E. Mester's degree will be conferred. All members are earnestly requested to be present. M. Billings, Secretary.

### POSTPONE OPENING.

#### Tax Books Open November 15th Instead of October 15th.

Columbia, October 5.—Walter E. Duncan, the comptroller general, with the approval of the governor, yesterday extended the time for the opening of the tax books for the collection of state, county and school taxes for 1922 from October 15 to November 15.

The extension was granted because of delays in getting out assessments of corporations by the tax commission and because of the recent extension of the time for paying 1921 state, county and school taxes along with other reasons, Mr. Duncan said. The tax commission has been busy with the new revenue laws and short delays were occasioned from this heavy work, it was announced. The auditors were able to get their books ready by the 15th of this month and as a consequence the comptroller general thought an extension wise.

Mr. Duncan's order granting the extension is as follows:

"Under the provisions of Section 707, Volume I, Code of Laws, of South Carolina, I, Walter E. Duncan, comptroller general, with the approval of the governor, do hereby postpone the time for opening the books for the collection of state, county and school taxes from the 15th day of October to the 15th day of November, 1922."

#### Bethune News Notes.

Mrs M. L. Kelly, Mr and Mrs A. K. McLaughlin and daughter, Mary Louise, spent the week-end in Whitmire.

Movement is on foot to have a community fair sometime next month.

Rev J. M. Forbis and J. N. McLaughlin attended Synod in Chester last week.

Miss Gussie Hough begins her school near Kershaw this week.

Miss Marguerite Davis delightfully entertained last Friday evening with a five table card party. Percy Mays won the prize for scoring the highest. The rooms were tastefully decorated with pot and cut flowers. Kitty Best and Kathryn Truesdale assisted the hostess in serving pound cake and cream.

Miss Stella Bethune spent the week-end in Hartsville, while there she attended the Russian Symphony Orchestra which was given Monday afternoon.

Rex Josey, who is attending school at Clinton, spent the week-end at home.

Mr Knight and S. H. McCaskill, who have been working in Florence, have returned home.

Miss Josie Blackmon of Darlington spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs L. A. Johnson.

Mrs L. A. Johnson entertained Saturday evening in honor of her sister, Josie Blackmon. Quite a number of the younger set were present. Refreshments consisting of sherbet and cake were served.

#### Circles to Meet.

Circles of the Missionary Society of the Camden Baptist church will meet at the church for the general meeting, Tuesday, October 17th, at 4 o'clock, p. m.

#### New Jewelry Store.

Mr. Dess Goodale, who for several years has been with the Folsom Jewelry store in Sumter, in their repair department, will return to Camden about the first of November where he will go into business for himself. He is having a neat store room fitted up in one of the English buildings on east DeKalb street where he will open a jewelry and repair store. For the present he will devote most of his time to the repair department, adding a stock of goods later.

#### Medical Office Opened.

Dr. J. Ralph Dunn, who is associated with his father, Dr. W. J. Dunn, in the practice of medicine in this city, has opened up neat offices in one of the buildings on east DeKalb street, where he has them neatly fitted for the treatment and examination of persons suffering from diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. The younger of the firm specialized in this branch of the profession and has already built up quite a practice in his line, having performed more than one hundred successful operations since his graduation. Quite a number of these coming here from out of town. A delicate operation was performed on a Lee county lad several weeks ago. The youngster had his eye ball injured to such an extent that the ball had to be removed. He was fitted with an artificial eye and such a clever piece of work was done that the artificial member can scarcely be detected.

### TELLS OF DETOURS.

#### Capt. Pennell Says Road Can Care For Traffic.

"At the present time it is possible to travel from Columbia all the way to Pontiac via the old road except for one mile over which a detour is necessary," said Capt. J. Roy Pennell, engineer of the Richland county permanent roads commission, yesterday when asked about road conditions between Pontiac and Columbia.

"Forces are now at work on the first mile of road from Pontiac to Columbia and over that first mile a detour is necessary," he continued.

"Within a week, however, the work of paving will have progressed to such an extent that a detour over a large part of the road will be necessary. This detour will lead off from Pontiac to Spears Creek school house, then over the Percival road via Boyden Arbor and the old Camden road to Taylor street."

"Signs will be placed along the detour to indicate to travelers which way to go. The section of road from Pontiac to Columbia can not be blocked entirely because of local traffic, but through traffic will be detoured and the signs will show the way."

"The state highway department will maintain this detour for through traffic; it now has and has had for about two weeks a force working on this detour."

"This detour will not be a boulevard, but it will be possible at all times and will be in condition to care for the traffic during fair week."

From Pontiac on to the county line there is no detour at present, nor will there be any during the next 60 days. When a detour from Pontiac to the county line became necessary, an additional sand-clay road will be built by the state highway department. This detour will be able to care for all through traffic."—Tuesday's State.

#### Supper at Pisgah School.

The ladies of Pisgah Baptist church will give a box supper at Pisgah school house, Friday evening, October 20th. Refreshments will be sold and the proceeds will go towards paying for the piano in the church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

#### Catholic Church Services.

Services at the Catholic church on Sunday, October 15th, will be as follows: Mass at 10 a. m., Sunday School at 9:30. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

#### "No Bill" Is Reported.

York, October 6.—It was reported here today that a "no bill" was returned by the grand jury at Warren, Ga., in the case of W. T. Hall of Camak, Ga., charged with the killing of Bratcher and Dan Lattimore, brothers, of Hickory Grove, York county, at Camak, August 28. Hall, a railroad guard, admitted killing the brothers and claimed self-defense. Relatives of the Lattimore brothers claimed they were killed with robbery as the motive and alleged that a large sum of money was missing from the clothes of Bratcher Lattimore when the dead bodies of the two were found on the railroad track at Camak.

Both brothers were World War veterans. Dan Lattimore had been living at Camak several years, and his brother, Bratcher, was on a visit to him when killed.

#### Giants Again World Champions.

New York, October 9.—The New York Giants once more are champions of the world. They reached that pinnacle of success for the second consecutive year in a furious uphill rush this afternoon that flung the Yanks to defeat, 5 to 3, and crushed a disgusted pitcher, Bullet Joe Bush.

It was the second successive time the Yanks have bucked the Giants in a world's series and failed. This year they went down ingloriously without the solace of having captured one of the five games that comprised the battle for the title. All the Yanks could do was to tie the second game of the series. The Giants won the other four.

#### Hours Changed.

The Community Market will open on Friday morning at ten o'clock instead of nine o'clock. Please every one notice the change. Our market is doing a splendid business. Come and visit us.

Miss Jennie Boyd,  
County Home Demonstration Agent.

#### New With Hays' Garage.

Mr. L. A. Campbell, who has been with the S. A. Burrier Garage, is now employed with the W. O. Hays Garage on Broad Street where he will be glad to serve his friends. He has had a number of years experience in all classes of automobile work.

### A GREENVILLE ROMANCE.

#### Man Travels 1,500 Miles in Prairie Schooner to Wed Widow.

A unique romance was culminated here last week when George Albert Juber, 60-year-old farmer of Clinton, Iowa, was wedded to Mrs. Alice Crawford Benson, 54, widow of the late J. W. Benson, at her home, 205 Richard-son street, after making almost the entire trip to Greenville—1,500 miles—in a covered wagon in 40 days. Mr. Juber arrived here Sunday night and up to that time had not seen his bride. The decision to wed came after a year's correspondence, during which time photographs were exchanged. Rev. W. P. Jordan, pastor of the Christian church, performed the ceremony.

The two became acquainted about a year ago when Mrs. Paul Patterson, traveling saleswoman, returned to Clinton, Iowa, after a stay at the home of Mrs. Benson in this city, she telling Mr. Juber of the South Carolina widow. Letters were then exchanged with more and more frequency and later photographs.

Finally the East beckoned Mr. Juber and so, harnessing his team to a covered wagon, he started across the prairies and reached Athens, Georgia, Sunday. His wedding day drawing near, he abandoned the wagon and caught a train to Greenville. Reaching this city that evening, he at once called upon his bride and spent the evening with her making plans for the wedding.

He spent yesterday looking over the city and last night, although he had planned to return to Iowa with his bride, decided to make Greenville his permanent home. With this view he will leave this morning for Athens with his team and wagon to return to this city as soon as the drive can be made. In just what part of the city the couple will make their home was not decided yesterday.

Mrs. Benson is mother of four children, Mrs. Annie Belle Williamson of Athens, Georgia; Mrs. Nellie Herrin of Pendergrass, Georgia; J. E. Benson, and M. L. Benson of this city. Her husband died about 3 years ago.

"There aren't many boys nowadays who would travel that far for a wife," said the groom jokingly, "but then it was worth every bit of the trouble."—Greenville News.

#### Had to Close the Doors.

The big sale advertised by the Schlosburg store opened on schedule time last Friday, and on Saturday the crowd in the store was so great the management had to close the doors and no more were admitted until those inside were waited upon. Notwithstanding the fact that twenty extra salespeople had been employed for the occasion the crowd of eager bargain hunters could hardly be served. Mr. Schlosburg had used every conceivable means of bringing his side to the attention of the public and he succeeded well.

A unique advertising scheme was that of a huge truck with banners on all sides that was driven over the city before and during the sale. This store always attracts for the people know they have bargains to offer when they put on a sale.

#### Auxiliary to Meet.

A meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the old school building, Friday afternoon, October 13th, at 4:30 p. m. The members of this unit are anxious to have a generous box of jellies for the sick soldiers in hospital number 26, at Greenville and beg that any one willing to contribute to this little luxury, for these suffering boys, will send their contributions to Mrs. R. M. Kennedy's residence or notify her and she will gladly come for them. The auxiliary members so far have contributed 50 glasses of jelly.

Mrs. T. J. Kirkland,  
President.

#### Circles to Meet.

The general meeting of the circles of the Methodist Missionary Societies will be held in the Sunday school room, of the Methodist church, on Tuesday afternoon, October 17th, at 4 o'clock. It is desired that the entire membership be present.

#### Mr. Dendy to be Here.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church has asked Mr. S. Wilkes Dendy, Field Secretary of Christian Endeavor for South Carolina, to conduct their prayer meeting on next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Dendy spoke to the young people of Camden last Spring and was much enjoyed by old and young alike. Come out and hear him again.

### AFTER FORTY-FOUR YEARS.

#### Man Arrested in Florida Wanted For Murder in North Carolina.

Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 28.—Joe B. Kemp, charged with shooting and killing Daniel E. McNeill in Robeson county August 18, 1876, forty-four years ago, has been arrested in St. Augustine, Fla. Sheriff R. E. Lewis has gone to Florida for the prisoner, who will likely be tried at the November term of criminal court for murder.

Kemp waived requisition papers and agreed to return to this county. Kemp was about 18 years old when the killing took place and is now 62 years old. The coroner and six of the nine jurors who conducted the inquest are dead. There were two eye witnesses to the killing and both of these are said to be living in the county.

St. Augustine, Fla., Sept. 28.—Joseph B. Kemp, alias J. W. English, aged 62, was arrested yesterday by local authorities in connection with the killing of Daniel McNeill, at Red Springs, N. C., August 18, 1878.

To a newspaper representative Kemp admitted the shooting, claiming self-defense. He stated that during a quarrel with McNeill who he said, was related to him, McNeill threatened him with an axe, and he shot him with a pistol. McNeill's brother, he stated, is the only living witness to the affair which occurred 44 years ago. He left the small town that night and has been in Florida over a score of years and in St. Augustine a year, he said.

Several months ago Kemp seated himself on a bench beside a stranger. Conversation developed that they came from the same locality, and when a discussion of the McNeill killing came up Kemp appeared so familiar with the details of the affair that the stranger became suspicious. He communicated with the relatives in North Carolina and obtained a description of the man with a tin-type picture of him. A scar on his right forehead identified him. It was learned that Kemp had been indicted for first degree murder in connection with the killing, and he was placed under arrest yesterday.

Family dissention, he stated, played a large part in the shooting. He refused to comment on this, and said that he would not do so unless compelled to on the stand.

He was just 17 years old at the time of the shooting, which he said occurred when McNeill attacked him with a wood axe after he had implied that McNeill was a liar.

#### Court Week Near.

Court of general sessions for Kershaw County will begin on Monday, October 23rd, with Judge T. J. Mauldin, of Pickens, presiding. The jurors for the first week were published last week. Those to serve for the second week are as follows:

#### Second Week Jurors.

- Rufus Hinson, Lugoff.
- Walter B. Fletcher, Kershaw.
- E. H. Bowers, Kershaw.
- G. P. Bell, Lugoff.
- H. B. Denton, Camden.
- J. T. Rayle, Bethune.
- J. D. Bradley, Heath Springs.
- Ira B. Catoe, Kershaw.
- J. H. Osborne, Camden.
- D. F. Owens, Westville.
- J. W. Huggins, Camden.
- L. G. Young, Westville.
- John Taylor, Lugoff.
- Frank Jordan, Westville.
- B. T. Rabon, Lugoff.
- Ernest Ellis, Lugoff.
- O. P. Jones, Lugoff.
- H. J. Catoe, Kershaw.
- J. E. Sowell, Kershaw.
- J. C. Baxley, Camden.
- S. H. Truesdale, Westville.
- J. T. McCaskill, Lucknow.
- A. C. Rose, Blaney.
- Victor Ward, Lugoff.
- P. A. McDowell, Kershaw.
- M. B. Wooten, Lucknow.
- G. W. Small, Kershaw.
- W. H. Gardner, Camden.
- H. S. Hunter, Kershaw.
- F. S. Shirley, Camden.
- S. H. Mickie, Camden.
- O. M. Forte, Camden.
- J. F. Roberts, Westville.
- T. C. Fletcher, Kershaw.
- J. H. Watson, Kershaw.
- L. C. Clyburn, Westville.

#### Election Commissioners Named.

The following named gentlemen of Kershaw County have been appointed by the State Department to act as commissioners for State and Federal elections:

State and County: D. M. Kirkley, Kershaw; John Rabon, Jr., Lugoff; G. R. Clements, Liberty Hill.

Federal: John McCaskill, Bethune; E. H. Bowen, Blaney; J. Franklin West, Camden.

It is the duties of the commissioners to name the magistrates, prepare the boxes and tickets for the general election in November.