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We are publishing in another place some interesting communications under the caption "Letters From the People" in regard to the paving project. And we think that Mayor Carrison has taken care of himself in the controversy. Ten years ago not even the main street of Greenville, S. C., was paved. Today the entire city is paved and a great many of the highways of Greenville are paved. It is today recognized as the most progressive city in South Carolina. Numerous other towns of South Carolina have gone ahead with this progressive work and we have yet to hear of a city that regrets the step. Surely not all of the men who represent these towns in their councils are possessed of bad judgment. We believe, however, that those who are opposing the paving at present will eventually come around and want it abutting their property.

Rev. F. H. Harding, president of the Chamber of Commerce, is undertaking a great work by trying to get an elevator for the Camden Hospital by popular subscription. He is asking fifteen hundred citizens of Kershaw county to donate a dollar each. A great many have already responded and we feel sure that those who have not will only need their attention called to the fact. The lists have been placed with both newspapers and other places in Camden, so call and leave your contribution—make it a dollar or make it more.

"Drive safely. A fatal accident occurred here." A number of signs bearing that inscription have been posted on a Massachusetts highway near Boston, at points where persons have been killed by automobiles.

An election will be held by the General Assembly at this session for one member of the South Carolina Railroad Commission to succeed "Candler of Tirzah" whose term expires this year. Hon. John G. Richards of Liberty Hill is a candidate for this position and his friends confidently expect that he will be elected. Mr. Richards rendered to Kershaw County, and to the State at large, distinguished services for many years, both as a member of the General Assembly and as Railroad Commissioner. We know very little of the other gentlemen in the race, but we feel that Mr. Richards is the best qualified man in the race, and that the General Assembly will make no mistake in elevating him to this position.

It has become public that there is an investigation in progress to determine whether Dan Murphy, the Orangeburg convict, who was serving a life sentence for the murder of Treasurer Copes of that county, was a victim of foul play. Murphy died on November 16. His death was supposed to have been caused by apoplexy. A few weeks afterward rumors began to reach the governor through letters that convicts had written to relatives and friends that he had been poisoned. The old man was a stowaway on the penitentiary and was generally known to have some money. Very little of it was found after his death, and hence the suspicion. The body was exhumed but so far the findings have not been revealed to the public. The investigation which was instituted by Governor Harvey is still going on.

That Ira Harrison, prisoner in the state penitentiary where he is awaiting electrocution for his part in the murder of J. C. Arnette, Columbia filling station proprietor, last May, is faking his state of coma is the decision of Dr. E. L. Horgan, specialist at the state hospital. Dr. R. T. Jennings, the penitentiary physician, one of the three doctors who examined Harrison prior to his sentencing in December, asked Dr. Horgan to examine the prisoner, and Dr. Jennings stated Tuesday that the hospital physician had rendered the same verdict, that Harrison is faking. Harrison is still in the penitentiary hospital. He has to be fed and he has to be attended to by the guards. He is an excellent imitator. He has been known to imitate the sound of a typewriter, and he has imitated the sound of a typewriter so well that he has been caught unawares.

Mrs. Alice King of Richland county, who lost her husband, Clarence King, in June, was acquitted in the circuit court of Richland county Thursday on the ground of self-defense. This was her second trial, the first having resulted in a disagreement of the jury.

Letters From The People

IN DEFENSE OF PROGRESS.

It is an undeniable fact that newspaper controversies in the main, accomplish but little, and personally as a citizen or public officer I would prefer to avoid them, however, in justice, this cannot always be done, hence my reply to an article signed "A Reasonable Enquirer" published in this week's Water Cure Messenger and other articles of a similar type.

First: Why does the present city administration favor an extensive paving program instead of a conservative project as was advocated by myself last year? In reply might I say why are we at this time holding office? By the voice of the majority who desired to place us there, no other reason. Very well, a conservative paving project was put under way as was advocated, with the cooperation of the people as a whole, and it has proved to be a success, both to ourselves and to the majority. Streets better in every respect, maintenance reduced, city more modernized, property consequently more valuable. Why then not extend, provided that the people want it? Let our critics read over the signatures on the various petitions which have been circulated and see what the majority think about it. Before going further let's take the town of Abbeville, S. C., who undertook at first to pave exactly what we did and now as a result has six miles of paved streets and twelve miles of sidewalks. One is tempted to wonder how many "shrewd business men" have profited by sheriff's sales up there. How fast their fire department can run over paved streets, and to what extent "hot air artists" were abroad in the land.

I have no desire to be a party to imposing burdensome taxation, and certainly on no widow or maiden lady who is a property owner, nor is there any on an average to be imposed. Of course where one's city property consists of acres instead of feet, the figures naturally run high, but in almost all cases such property owners are financially able to pave, and if not why not try selling off a bit and help develop the town; their lots need not be "fifty feet and surrounded by glistening asphalt" either.

Camden, thank the good Lord, of the cool, lazy, sleepy days is fast becoming a thing of the past, and while I, like many others cherish the sentimental halo which surrounds those good old days and deeply respect those whose lives are largely connected with that period, I, like the majority of our citizens, want to see her move forward and develop, want to see more homes, more places of business, more manufacturing enterprises, and lastly modern comforts for the little man as well as the man more fortunate. With our tourist friends who come here for rest and recreation and who are financially able to forego any development to their property and who wish their streets left as they are in the northern part of Camden, it is entirely all right with us, and with the exception of the continuation of Broad Street to Hobkirk Hill, those streets will be left alone as per the wishes of the majority up there, and that paving put elsewhere. And finally with apologies for the length of this article which shall be my last on the subject, let's recognize the spirit of Camden's business men which is more of a get-together nature than for many years past, and let's recognize the fact that Camden is moving forward as is evidenced by the increasing bank deposits and property on the tax books, calamity howlers to the contrary notwithstanding, and let's for just a little while longer pull together, counsel together, and save our political thunder for twelve months more, and then fire loose hammer and tongs at a time when all can enjoy it.

Very respectfully,
H. G. Carrison, Jr., Mayor.

FACTS.

It is said "Figures do not lie." Several years ago a teacher in the Camden schools, a native to the soil, invested some of the hard-earned earnings, only \$10 a month then, in a lot on one of the quiet, desirable residential streets, (mark you, not business streets) and two modern houses were put there on through building and loan associations.

For six years taxes and insurance have steadily increased, likewise expense of upkeep, etc. The highest

Organizes Women of "Invisible Empire"



Mrs. R. H. Davis, of Portland Ore. is now in Louisiana where a class of 1,000 women are to be initiated into the Klu Klux Klan Auxiliary. The women claim to have branches in 33 states.

rental ever paid for a year was \$80 per month, reduced last year as times were said to be so hard. Commission likewise had to be paid and unavoidable circumstances compelled arrears. The owner was approached by several as to paying said street (from the view-point, evidently, that it would give the auto owners a circular speed-way). It was splendidly presented that the silver line of glistening asphalt in center of street would enhance the property value so tremendously that the increased value for sale or rental would more than cover expense of paving.

All the advantages of additional glare, fine white dust and heat were thrown in gratis. Figures were resorted to. The minimum price of \$2.67 per foot of paving, say 150 feet, made \$400.50, then add 6 or 7 additional mills to city tax, 27 mills next year, etc., ad infinitum!

The owner made the following proposition: If any good business man will collect sufficient rental from the property promptly each month, to cover his commission, taxes, upkeep, building and loan dues, insurance, repainting and rehailing every two years, and \$400.50 or equivalent of amount to be paid in cash and balance at 6 per cent for 15 years, the owner would appoint him agent and gladly sign petition. No one would guarantee it. No one would take up proposition. Why? Because "it can't be did."

The salaries of the home makers of Camden do not warrant large enough rentals to cover cost of paving in retired residence sections. Will salaries immediately rise so as to enable a man who now pays \$25 to pay \$35?

Will insurance rates go down at once because it is easier for the Fire Department to run on asphalt?

Owner was seriously offered \$2,000 for one piece of property as a fine, fat sum last week. Needless to say it was not taken.

If the paving is done over the protest of owner, what then? If owner will have to raise rental to \$35 a month and then the debt will not be met. If no one can afford that amount owner will be loser and expenses go on. Or if rented for lower amount, owner will have to borrow at 8 per cent to keep property and pay enforced paving, or the property will by default go to building and loan office for taxes. The sheriff will sell at nominal sum and one of the shrewd business men and the building and loan associations will divide the spoils.

And the last state of that owner is worse than the first.

My children, beware of "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing!" The hot air artist is abroad in the land!

Look before you leap!
Progressive Property Owner.

A Plea for Co-operation.

Everyone perhaps knows that no school can accomplish without the aid of the parents and guardians what they might wish that aid.

It is true that many, many people in the little city of Camden are doing their best to co-operate with the school authorities in seeing that their children get that which the schools are able to give. It is true also that a great number of the parents of pupils of school district No. 1 are not giving the co-operation necessary for the proper advancement of their own children. The following are some of the things we ask of the parents and patrons of the schools of number one:

1. That you see that your children are in school every day that it is possible for them to be there. There are only 180 days in the school year, therefore, it is vitally important that pupils should attend every day. It has been estimated that every day spent in school is worth slightly over nine dollars.

2. See that your children leave home in time to reach the school by five minutes to nine o'clock. We have been very much handicapped recently because of so many tardies. Help us train your child to be prompt. Ask any business man what promptness means in business.

3. See that your children are giving the amount of time to their lessons that is required to master them. Recent observations and a recent survey leads us to believe that very little attention is being paid by some parents to what their children are doing with their spare time. Many are spending their week nights at parties instead of studying. An example, one of the school boys on being asked by the superintendent how much time he gave to his lessons at home made the reply that he was only studying on an average of one-half an hour per day at home. We suggest that every patron of the schools look into this matter.

4. Examine the monthly reports carefully each month and report the fact to the authorities if no report is brought home. A report is issued each month and the parent is supposed to sign this report after looking it over. This monthly report will give you an idea as to the progress and behavior of your children at school.

5. Lend your interest. Help the community make of the system one of the best systems in the state. We need books for a library; such as, reference works, dictionaries, stories for the children, books for parallel reading. We need a curtain for the stage in the auditorium. We need a sewing machine for visual instruction. We need many, many things, but most of all we need your cooperation in the matters mentioned above.

J. G. Richards, Jr.

Rev. J. Marvin Pettit has been installed as rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist of New Brunswick, N. J., in succession to the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall, who was murdered on September 16. Mrs. Hall, widow of the dead rector, gave a reception to the new rector to introduce him to the congregation.

Efforts of a mob of vigilantes to break up a railroad labor union that is on strike have brought a reign of terror to the town of Harrison, Arkansas, during the past few days. It appears that employes of the Missouri and Northern Arkansas railroad had been making trouble for many months, and finally the business men and farmers at Harrison, to the number of 1,000 or more—that's the statement—took the matter up. They claimed that the strike had disorganized business and caused suffering; that the strikers were committing sabotage and the like and they would have no more of it. When the vigilantes called upon E. C. Gregor, one of the strike leaders and demanded his surrender, he replied with a pistol and the next morning his body was found hanging from a trestle, near town. George W. O'Neal, a wealthy hotel man who had gone on the bond of strikers, was whipped as also a number of others. The situation is being investigated by state and Federal authorities.

The "Unloaded" Pistol.

Perry Burrus, 28, superintendent of the Cotton States Seed and Fertilizer company, who was accidentally shot on Monday night in Macon, Ga., by Mrs. T. A. Fuss, died at 10:30 o'clock, at a local hospital. He was an athlete and former Georgia Tech student.

Burrus lived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fuss. He was late for supper Monday night and Mrs. Fuss told officers, the latter reported, that she playfully pointed a pistol at him when he entered the house, and scolding him for being late said, "I've a good mind to shoot you." She snapped the trigger at the time, not knowing, she said that the pistol was loaded.

T. Ashby Fuss, manager of a local sporting goods house, told the police that he loaded the pistol Monday evening, as a protection against burglars. He said that the pistol had been a plaything for their child, but he placed the gun on a mantel and forgot to tell his wife that he had loaded it. No warrant has been taken out in connection with the case.

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WANTED—To buy, Poplar, White Oak, Ash, Cypress, Soft Maple, Soft Elm and Red Cedar Logs. All of these except the Ash and Cedar to be 14 inches and larger in diameter and 10 to 16 feet long. The Ash to be 12 inches and larger in diameter and 10 to 16 feet long. The Cedar 6 inches and larger in diameter and 8 to 16 feet long. We are in the market for this material every month in the year, and will be glad to figure with you on any or all of these kind of logs. We pay cash on board cars or delivered at Cayce and can send rep-

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THE "GRAY LADY" has reappeared and may be seen at several places in town. 42 tf

FOR SALE—Peavine hay number 1 at \$25 per ton. Balded out straw. Apply W. D. McDowall, Route 3, Camden, S. C. 42-44 pd

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FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms, also two rooms for light house-keeping. Good location. Address "R. J. S." care of The Chronicle, Camden, S. C. 42-43pd

SERVICE, SERVICE, SERVICE—Ford service, battery service, tire service, radiator service, crank case service and differential service. Most of it free. Drive in at Beard's Filling Station, Camden, S. C. 40-43 pd

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WANTED—Several tracts of good, short or long leaf Pine timber from 100 M. feet to 5 million feet. We also pay cash for No. 1 poplar logs 22 inches and up and No. 1 pine logs 12 inches and up. We buy good logs the year round. Address, The Zickgraf Company, Denmark, S. C. 40-43 sb

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