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Regular council first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. Visiting Brethren are welcomed. D. J. CREED, L. H. JONES, Councillor. Recording Secty.

KERSHAW LODGE No. 29
A. F. M.
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Bridge Goes Down Over Broad River

Four spans and one of the old granite and concrete piers of the Broad River bridge on the outskirts of Columbia had been washed away at an early hour this morning, leaving only one span standing, that nearest the Newberry side. This practically completes the destruction of the bridge.

The first span went down under the swirl of raging flood waters at 12:45 Thursday night, and the second gave way to the terrible pounding at 2 o'clock. The rest of the bridge withstood the pressure until yesterday at 1:10 a third span fell, followed by the fourth at 1:45. The last span seemed to be in fairly good shape last night.

The large pier which washed away yesterday afternoon was one of several concrete and granite piers which supported the old covered bridge which was burned in 1924. The old piers have stood many seasons of high water, but weakened under the strain of years of pounding, and one of the grim, gray sentinels washed out yesterday afternoon. Engineers said that when they went to the edge of the stream the piers were all standing, but when they went back one in the center had gone.

The workmen of the Hardaway Construction company had fought to save the structure for five days, and had apparently succeeded, when the violent rain storm of Wednesday in the upper state flooded that region, and sent a newer and larger torrent rushing to the sea through the Saluda and Broad rivers. This caused the receding streams to begin another and more disastrous rise.

Three bents or supports under the bridge went out with the first freshet but engineers lashed the weakened sector to the stalwart granite piers, protecting it for the time. Workmen for the construction company breathed a sigh of relief when the waters began falling Tuesday, but the relief was not for long. The already sagging structure could not stand longer, and when the record-breaking high waters came down in full force Thursday night and yesterday it fell.

Engineers of the construction company were keeping watch over the one remaining span, but were handicapped from any further salvage work due to the continued rise of the Broad river. That span was standing at dark and apparently safe, according to advices from engineers at the bridge.

A crew of men were laying sandbags across the Southern railway tracks half a mile above the bridge in an effort to save them from complete inundation and any great damage. Water was said to be over the tracks all the way from Columbia to Alston, 20 miles distant.

At 1:30 last night the river at the bridge had reached 29.7 feet, a rise of 2.3 feet in ten hours. Just how high the water might go was a matter of speculation, but it was still rising at that hour.—Saturday's Columbia State.

Watch Your Step!

Friday afternoon of last week I came within a few inches of crashing into two little boys playing on the highway. These children, perhaps four and five years old, had their little wagon in the road near their home at Peachland. One was pushing and the other pushing, going in the same direction as my automobile. I gave them nearly all the road, but just before reaching them, the boys suddenly darted across the road right in my path.

Driving at a speed of 35 miles an hour, I was shocked to find that an automobile could skid 20 or 30 feet before it could be stopped. I jammed on the brakes, turned off the road to avoid striking the kiddies, but in doing so came near turning the car over on top of them.

A man I had picked up for a ride said: "You were in your rights, all right."

"Rights, hell!" I ejaculated in my excitement. No one has any rights when he runs down innocent and irresponsible children.

I should have slowed down because no one can anticipate the actions of children on the highway. And those children's guardian angel certainly was with them last Friday afternoon.

And since writing the foregoing, I have learned that should the hitchhiker, who I picked up at his solicitation for a ride, would have had action for damages had my car turned over and injured him.

Indeed this day and time, one needs to watch his step!—Eugene Ashcraft in Monroe Enquirer.

The rainfall at Greenville this month of 13 inches is the most in any month for 20 years, there according to its weather bureau station.

Newspaper Views

Doctor says one woman in every 10 is bowlegged. As if we needed a doctor to tell us.—Dayton News.

Early to bed and early to rise, and you'll miss seeing a great deal that doesn't go on in the daytime.—Roanoke Times.

Adolphe Sax, inventor of the saxophone, during his lifetime, was knocked down a flight of stairs, swallowed a pin, was burned twice, drank poison, and was nearly asphyxiated, and blown up. His grievances were great but he managed to even the score.—Council Bluffs Nonpareil.

Now that the Democratic nominee has declared his position, perhaps his campaign song will be changed to "East Side, West Side."—Christian Science Monitor.

There isn't a doubt that America's greatest uplift movement is that which is done with the automobile jack.—Louisville Times.

It's all clear now, about Hoover's ability to attract the elephant: He eats three bags of peanuts a day.—Detroit News.

The most surprising thing about Mussolini is that such a personage could be raised on spaghetti.—Tulsa World.

The Republicans doubtless expect Curtis to put the Indian sign on the Democracy.—New Orleans Times-Picayune.

The Republicans appear to think any ills of the country would be cured by their Herb.—Chicago Tribune.

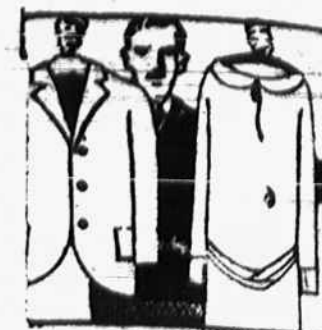
Entomologists say the life of an ant is from eight to 10 years. It is believed, however, that after they have passed their fifth birthday they are too feeble to attend picnics.—Louisville Times.

The easiest way to find a needle in a haystack is to run through the stack on rubber tires.—Canton News.

Highbrows get the publicity, but the country still is safe in the hands of people who enjoy the comic section and eat breakfast in the kitchen.—Roanoke World-News.

It takes two to make a bootlegger.—Boston Herald.

The bodies of John Hornby and two of his nephews, well known explorers, were recently found in a cabin in the Hudson Bay country by Canadian mounted police on the west bank of the Lon river. The men had starved to death. The party went into the wilderness in 1926.



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"Crazy Dream" Made Millions

Back in 1900 Eldridge Johnson, of Camden, N. J., ran a machine shop in an unpretentious one-story structure. Camdenites who knew of him thought well of his ability until he started to experiment on his talking machine. While Johnson labored hard and long on his secret passers-by would remark on the "funny noises" emanating from the shop. "He's in there, shouting and singing," they gossiped. "He's still fooling with that crazy invention."

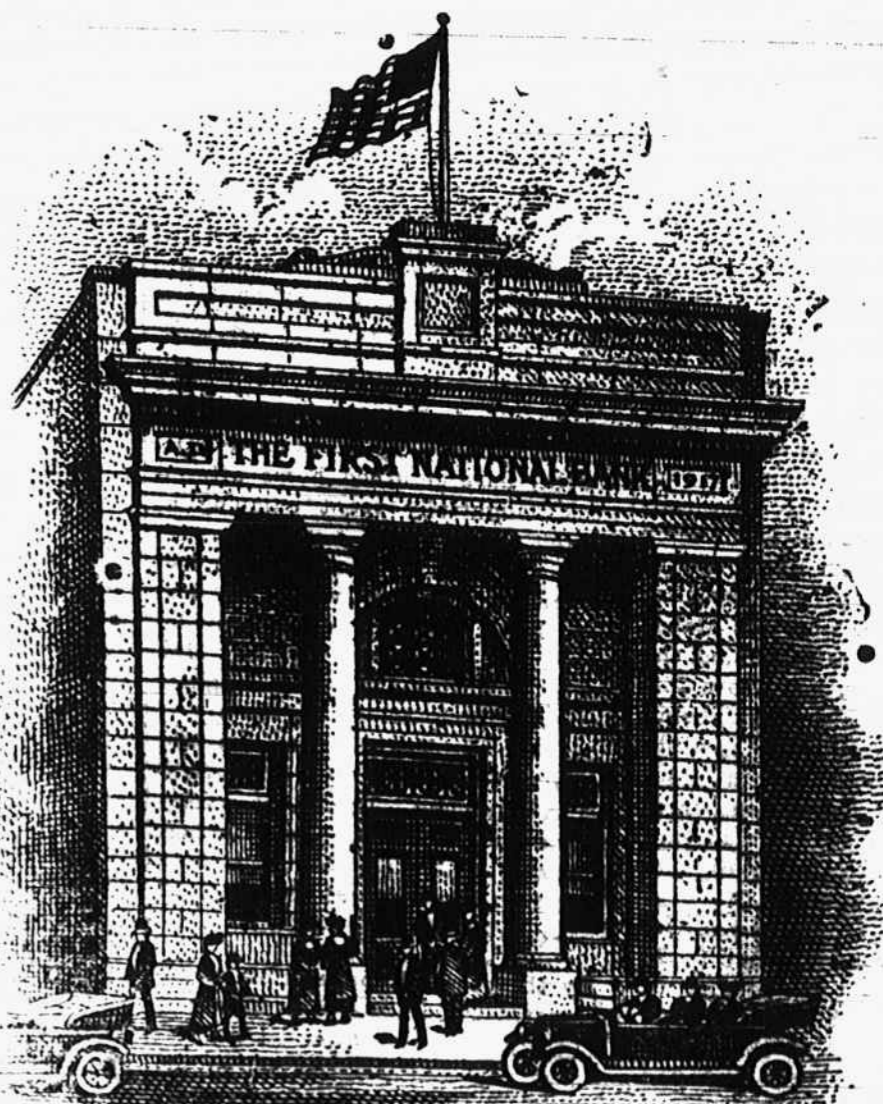
But after a while Johnson interested three men in his talking machine and they together formed a company. The machine was gradually developed and improved and soon "His Master's Voice" began to be heard throughout the country. The Victory Talking Machine Co., as it is known, now oc-

cupies six city blocks in Camden employs constantly over 5,000 sons. Whether Johnson's "crazy invention" has been a success may be judged by the sale recently of majority stock valued at more than \$28,000,000.—The Pathfinder.

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