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The Weather.
 South Carolina: Fair Friday and Saturday.

Happy New Year!
 Peace to thy ashes, 1914.
 Do your license paying early.
 Rub out that 4 and make it 5.

We resolve that we shall never have less and owe more than we do now.
 Happy New Year to Dr. E. A. Hines, the new superintendent of the hospital.

Good bye, old 1914. Taken all in all, we trust we shall never see thy like again.

Resolved that next Christmas we shall eat all our turkey that day so there will be no hash to follow.

If the New Year spirit hasn't hit you yet it's because 1915 is delayed in getting here through the mud.

A scientist pronounces the earth one hundred million years old. Fine, now we won't be worried about that any more.

Make Greenwood a better place to live in 1915.—Greenwood Journal. But don't go about it by killing off all undesirable.

Austria seems to get a divorce every time she sues for peace.—Greenwood Journal. Sometimes that's the best way to get peace.

How could a man be sentenced in May, 1905 for a crime committed in December 1907? Ask our esteemed afternoon contemporary.

Does the fear of political death deter the county delegation in agreeing upon that appropriation of \$800 for an agricultural expert for this county?

Had a card from a Charleston friend yesterday reading "Merry Christmas." About July 4th we expect to receive another bringing New Year greetings.

Brother Gardner of the Greenwood Journal was saving off a tune about the grand old name McDuffie being chosen for the newest county. Too bad! His name is McCormick, neighbor.

Our belligerent contemporary, the Greenwood Journal, rises to remark that Greenwood may have her killings but Anderson has Fair Plays. Oh, you sap head, where's your knowledge of geography? Fair Play is in Oconee.

We resolve that we shall resolve to do nothing until satisfied that our resolving to carry out such a resolution will resolve in our being better off for having resolved to resolve to promulgate this resolution. Next, Columbia State.

They who knoweth and seeth all things even unto the end, lift not the veil shrouding the vista of coming years over. Standing today upon the threshold of a new and untrodden way, we thank Thee that we are permitted to travel it one day at a time, strong in faith when we lie down at night, disappointed and broken in spirit over the reverses of that day, that the morrow will be better. Amen.

Like Anderson's Mayor.
 A providence R. L. man allowed his tooth brush while polishing his teeth. He was operated upon and the brush was found unharmed, but what's that to the man?—The Times and Democrat.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

This is the first issue of The Intelligencer in the new year, and it will carry the best wishes of the newspaper to all its readers and friends. The year that has just gone, has been one of the most remarkable in the history of the world. Great and strange things have happened, and the closing of the year sees much that is food for thought, much to wonder at and philosophize over.

But whatever the past has in its storehouse, let it remain there and let us turn our faces resolutely to the future, and make the year 1915 the best that has ever been for ourselves and for those whom we can help. Three hundred and sixty-five days seem a long time when viewed from the starting point, but will it seem as long when viewed from the other end? There are bound to be many things we shall wonder at during this time. Men who are prosperous now may be unfortunate during this time and may be poor at the end. Men who are poverty stricken now may be wealthy then, so wonderful are the mutations of time in this county. Good health may give way to disease; sickness be changed to health. Families that are united now and happy may be separated and unhappy; some members may pass on to await the coming on the other side.

But whatever may be the vicissitudes of life, one can only do what he feels to be the best. We must think of the future when we act in the present. Life crowned with age was no lived in one year, but the product is the accumulation of years of experience and thoughts. One becomes what one really wishes to be. We grow to be like those we love, and we grow to be like the ideals we have formed. To one, therefore, who has not high ideals, we urge the study of the true and the good, not to say the great.

The passing of the years for the young seem fraught with most possibilities, and with their faces turned to the sunrise, may they emulate those good souls who have finished the climb and whose faces are turned to the sunset. How the years scamper on in middle life. They pass as swiftly as do the telegraph poles as viewed from a fast moving train. They seem to the busy man or woman all to short for the accomplishment of life's duties, but each one is a unit in life's span, and the deeds done in them make up the history of the man or the woman. How is that history being written in your life?

So, let us all be a bit more kind in 1915 than we were in 1914. Let us help those who have been unfortunate, and let us straw roses with the thorns cut off. What a splendid place this world would be if all men were only kind and thought of the rights of others as they would have them think of their rights. Be unselfish, and work for the public good a little during the year.

Knock off from the knocking and go give yourself a change;
 Just try your hand at bosting, though the art be hard and strange;
 Just knock off from that grumbling and grouch a little while,
 And see how things will brighten when you touch them with a smile.
 Just knock off from that habit of a snicker and a sneer,
 And go out scattering roses over people far and near;
 Just knock off from that knocking both yourself and other men,
 And see how life grows brighter when you help to boost again.
 —Bentztown Bard.

WILL GIVE PUBLICITY

The Intelligencer has come in for some criticism because it did not publish the names of the offenders who were caught shooting craps a few days ago, and it has been intimated that it was because this paper lacked courage to give publicity because those involved were "respectable and prominent young men of the city." Now, we do not believe that anyone will give much credence to such statements. We propose to publish the police court proceedings without fear or favor, reserving, however, the right to suppress any story we think deserves to be suppressed. Now we do not mean that we shall refrain from publishing a story about some son of a worthy sire, in fact we shall rather give the preference to these, because they will be so much more interesting. So if fair haired "Johnnie" does not wish to see his name in print, he had better not go before Recorder Russell or any of the magistrates in the city. If publicity is what is desired The Intelligencer shall try to give it.

Now, we are giving this warning because we wish to be absolutely fair in the matter, and to put all parties on notice as to what we propose to do. So do not blame this newspaper if you insist on gambling and getting drunk, and your name should happen to appear in the writup of the police court proceedings. The Intelligencer has no desire to do anyone an injury, and we hope this publicity will prevent crime, as we believe it will, for we find that people much prefer the legal

penalty than the publicity given in the newspapers. We trust that few names shall appear in The Intelligencer during 1915, but if they do, please do not blame the newspaper.

A GREAT WORK

The Intelligencer looks upon the work being done in South Carolina by Col. W. W. Long and his associates, as being the greatest work engaging the attention of the people of the State just now. Going into every county and community, they are giving advice and suggestions to those who need this advice, and they are making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before. Their work is being done where the productive masses are striving to obtain greater harvests so that their returns may be better, and they may be able to do some of the things for themselves and for their loved ones they see others doing. These missionaries of progress and independence are spreading a gospel of thrift and prosperity wherever they go, and the people are catching the enthusiasm of their teachers, and are fast coming to believe as does the rest of the world that theirs is the greatest of the professions. No longer is a man ashamed to say he is a farmer, and no longer does it mean he is a hewer of wood and a drawer of water for other folks. There are some as independent and cultured farmers today as there are in any other calling, and the most independent.

Coupled as Mr. Long wishes this work to be with the educational interests of the State, one cannot estimate the value of their efforts on the future. A race of strong and intelligent men will grow up to thank them and their government for the work they have been doing to raise the profession of agriculture to a level with other professions and callings. We take off our hats to Col. W. W. Long and the able corps of patriotic men he has working with him and under him for the emancipation of the farmers of the State, and through them of every other class.

We regret that the delegation saw fit to put off the decision to appropriate the money asked for yesterday for the purpose of placing the splendid worker Mr. Long has in mind for this county. We hope this delay will not be for long, so that the man, chosen may get here in time to begin early in the new year to do his work.

OUR DAILY POEM

A New Year's Prayer.
 (By David Cory.)
 God grant that I the new year through
 May strive with heart and soul to do
 Those things which are most good and true.
 God grant that I each morning start
 My duties with a cheerful heart,
 And cheerfully perform my part.
 To wear a smile all through the day,
 To banish thoughts unkind away;
 And when my bedtime comes, to pray,
 To say my prayers with folded hands
 As night comes softly o'er the lands,
 To Him, who always understands.
 And when the bells on New Year's dawn,
 Proclaim the bright New Year is born,
 And I awake on New Year's morn,
 I pray Him whisper, low and sweet,
 To help me guide my wayward feet,
 Lest I forget my prayer to meet.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

How About Knife Blades?
 It is said that a New Jersey baby swallowed a dime and it cost its father \$5 to get it back. Moral. Don't let your baby swallow dimes.—Spartanburg Journal.

Only a Few.
 Greenwood will have a municipal election next year. The names of possible candidates for mayor will make a column of interesting reading matter.—Spartanburg Journal.

Should Study Geography.
 McDuffie county certainly has a grand old name.
 Of course McDuffie is going to be a dry county even if she did see the light on a wet day.
 Greenwood may have a few killings but you will have to give Anderson credit for her Fair Plays.—Greenwood Journal.

A Good Resolution.
 If it has been your habit to knock the town and its enterprises in the past, resolve to lay aside your little hammer during 1915. Co-operation is what we need now.—Houses Path Chronicle.

Why the Difference?
 We have been informed that there were over seventy arrests in a nearby dispensary town Christmas eve. If there were any at all in Laurens, we haven't heard of them, though there were probably several. Why the difference?—The Laurens Advertiser.

For Shame!
 Why should W. W. Smoak—or Ball, either—if he wants to?—Spartanburg Herald.

COUNTY DELEGATION HELD LONG MEETING

HEARD REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS BY OFFICERS

SUPPLY BILL

Matter of Levy for 1915 Considered—Prof. Long Asked For Appropriation.

A request of Prof. W. W. Long, state agent of the Farmers' Cooperative Demonstration Work, for an appropriation for \$800, to be supplemented by \$1,200 to be furnished by the United States government and Clemson College, and used for the purpose of placing in Anderson county a practical and experienced expert on matters pertaining to agriculture, who shall assist the farmers of the county in their many problems, was the principal matter brought before the meeting yesterday of the Anderson county legislative delegation, who met at noon in the courthouse for the purpose of considering the 1915 tax levy and hearing petitions and suggestions pertaining to proposed legislation.

No Action Taken.
 The delegation did not take definite action on the requests of Prof. Long, as one member of the delegation, S. A. Burns, was absent and they did not wish to act without all members of the delegation being present and thoroughly understanding the proposition. It is probable that the delegation will take some action within the immediate future, however, as Prof. Long stated he is anxious to know what is going to be done about the matter. If the delegation decides to act favorably on the matter, Prof. Long wishes to secure the agricultural expert and put him to work here at once.

Other Matters Taken Up.
 The delegation heard reports from the county supervisor with reference to the financial condition of the county. The supervisor stated that the county now owes in the sum of notes something like \$102,500, and that the levy for current funds, which will be used to retire as far as possible these notes will produce only \$3,000. He figures that the county will be in debt approximately \$20,000 in January after the outstanding notes are paid.

The taxes now coming in. The supervisor declared that the county is now supporting the largest chalmers in the history of the county, approximately 100 convicts being on the two gangs. Also the county farm has the largest number of paupers, approximately 50. The county feeds three times a day exactly 175 people. Mr. King asked that the members of the delegation go to inspect the county farm; explained that the drought last year prevented a large yield. Told of the vast improvements made at the home, the building of a hospital, a large barn, and said that about \$5,000 had been spent in buying more mules. He estimates that amount of money spent in permanent improvements in this way to be \$18,000. When he went into office in July 1913, the county owed \$65,000. The levy had been given seven mills, but delegation that is setting reduced the levy for county purposes to 6 1/2 mills. The supervisor asked for an liberal levy for his department as is consistent with the best judgment of the members of the delegation. He suggests that some plan be adopted by which county can get money in large amounts from one person or corporation at low rate of interest, to issue notes maturing one, two, three and four years, etc., so as to gradually retire the debt.

Treasurer Speaks.
 Dr. W. A. Tripp, county treasurer, stated that he thought the county should arrange to borrow as much money from one source and not be owing persons here and there. He stated that he believed the county could save at least \$200 a year by borrowing all its money from one source.

Representative West said that in his opinion a provision could be made in the levy for retiring a part of the indebtedness every year, and that in this way the debt could be wiped out. It was explained that this was the custom heretofore, making a levy of one-half mill of one mill for "paid indebtedness." A levy of one mill in Anderson county means approximately \$13,250.

Auditor Smith says that the indebtedness of the county when he made his audits in 1913, was \$65,000.

Mr. J. L. Jackson suggested that a resolution be adopted by the delegation appropriating the money for road work so that it would be distributed equitably over the county.

Mr. J. B. Felton, county superintendent of education, discussing the condition of the schools, with especial reference to the financial condition. He hoped that the present provisions for the schools would remain. Also called attention of the delegation to the state superintendent's recommendations that term of office of the county superintendent be changed to conform with the fiscal scholastic year—that is July to July; also to the recommendation of Mr. Swearingen about making the term four years, and an increase in the superintendent's salary. The superintendent now receives \$900 annually. Dr. Tripp, president of county trustees association, said the association voted unanimously in recommending the very changes suggested by the state superintendent. He knows that the superintendent is not getting anything near the right compensation for his work. He suggests and the trustees association suggests that the superintendent's salary be raised to \$1,500 per annum. Dr. Tripp called attention to the fact Superintendent McCants of the city schools gets a salary of \$2,100 and has 3,600 children, while county superintendent has 11,000 children and

gets only \$900. Said that city schools getting value received from salary paid to Mr. McCants and knows county will do likewise if Mr. Felton's salary is increased to \$1,800.

Representative Reed addressed the meeting briefly, as did Representative Felton. Reed accomplished a great deal in working the roads of the county; that Mr. King had done a great work during his term of office. Mr. Wolfe inquired to learn the feasibility of a bond issue for permanent road improvements.

Sheriff Heard From.
 Sheriff Ashley appeared before the delegation and asked that the law which was passed some time ago putting the sheriff's office on a flat salary basis and cutting out the fees for the sheriff be repealed. He explained that on the salary of \$1,800 paid him he could not conduct the affairs of the office. Sheriff Ashley stated that he employed two or three deputies, kept up two automobiles and was put to other heavy expense in carrying on the affairs of the office, which he could not maintain if the office was to be put on a flat salary basis and cut out of its fees.

Clerk of Court.
 Clerk of Court Pearman appeared before the delegation and asked for some additional shelves for the file room of his office. The delegation instructed him to obtain estimates of the cost of the furnishing the filing

cabinets and report back later.

Other Matters.
 A few other matters, all of a minor nature, were brought before the delegation. About 2:30 the meeting was adjourned, after which a conference of the delegation was held for the purpose of discussing the request made by Prof. Long.

Mr. Long stated that Greenville has appropriated \$1,000; Spartanburg \$800; Richland \$1,000; Georgetown \$750 and Chesterfield \$1,000. He said that no science is so complex as agriculture, and especially is a trained man, who has had scientific and practical experience, needed now since farming has reached a transition period, good from one crop to diversification. He told how the trained demonstrator could save to the people of Anderson county his salary several times. He stressed the importance of having a trained man here to stamp out hog cholera, to show how lands could be best fertilized and as cheaply as possible. He stated that he would send a trained man here, not a college boy just out of college. Mr. Long said that the demonstrator would have to use the automobile, and that cost of operating the automobile would greatly reduce his salary, so that \$2,000 would not be a big salary after all.

Several citizens in the meeting expressed their hope that the delegation would see fit to make the appropriation of \$800 as asked for, declaring that the presence of a trained agriculturalist as described by Mr. Long would be of the greatest benefit.

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