

DOWN AT DAWKIN'S BRIDGE

AND FROM THERE TO MABRY'S MILL.

New County Advocates Meet Opponents to the Movement and Discussed the Issue—The Story of a Map.

The advocates and opponents of new county met in debate at Dawkin's bridge last Saturday morning about 11 o'clock. There was a good sized crowd present and although the opponents to new county had called the meeting the advocates of new county were in the majority by two to one, and if you take away the opposition which went down from Ravena the new county folks had the meeting by about ten to one. The opposition had twenty-two present by actual count and two men counted, among that twenty-two, sixteen from Spartanburg, and THE LEDGER was informed that of the remaining six but three lived had a vote, as the other three beyond the line of the proposed new county. Now this is not campaign thunder. These are facts, and if the figures given are not strictly true they are so very near it that we invite correction.

Messrs. Butler, Hardin, Gantt and DeCamp spoke in behalf of new county, while Messrs. Chalk Lipscomb, Littlejohn and Greer took the opposite side.

M. M. Tate was made chairman of the meeting and he presided in an impartial manner.

Mr. Hardin spoke as chairman of the board of trustees. The burden of his speech is contained in a communication from him in another column. Mr. Butler's remarks were based upon the constitution and the law. Mr. Gantt talked as a Reformer to Reformers and his argument in behalf of law taxes was excellent. He cited the different tax rates of the small counties of North Carolina and Georgia as against the high taxes of the large counties of South Carolina, basing everything upon reports of the Comptroller General of the three states.

Mr. Chalk had a map of the new county present which he had better left at home. On this map he had Gaffney almost in North Carolina. In fact when asked the scale of miles he first said it was two miles to the inch. On measuring it was found that Gaffney was but two and a half miles from North Carolina by the map. Mr. Chalk corrected his statement and said it was four miles to the inch. That made Gaffney but six miles from the North Carolina line, while it placed Pinckney ferry forty-eight miles from Gaffney. Mr. Chalk finally admitted that his map was incorrect and was so disgusted with it that he drove off without it. He also displayed a rubber ball filled with water and some reports which were from twelve to twenty years old which he wished to put in evidence. A lot of sport was furnished the new county boys by all these, for they were perfect boomerangs. Mr. Greer simply made assertions which he could not back up with figures. Mr. Lipscomb talked of the line, while Mr. Littlejohn told an amusing turkey story which had no bearing on the new county.

The meeting adjourned by passing a set of resolutions to the effect that a new county would be beneficial to the largest number of people within the proposed territory and that they did not believe it would increase taxes.

Afterwards the opposition held an independent meeting at which resolution of the White Plains meeting were presented but were finally laid on the table.

The meeting was entirely good natured and although the debaters indulged in some pretty sharp cuts at times everybody went away in a good humor, the new county advocates especially so, while the opposition seemed to accept their defeat as a matter of fact.

During his speech Probate Judge Greer told the people he was not a candidate for office and that he never expected to be again and that they could vote as they pleased—just as if they were obliged to vote to suit him.

A little cross questioning developed the fact that Mr. Lipscomb and his friends were correct in stating that they had signed a petition for the new county and that a second line had been run since then. About a year ago, or perhaps sooner, a petition was circulated asking the governor to order an election for a new county. Mr. Lipscomb and a number of other gentlemen did sign it.

That was during the summer of 1895. The petition was never circulated thoroughly, there being some hitch in the proceedings, so the question was dropped. Professor R. O. Sams was not aware that that petition had ever been circulated, so he was perfectly honest in his affidavit.

Last June the agitation of the question was renewed and since then a second petition was circulated. This petition for some reason was

never presented to Mr. Lipscomb and several other gentlemen in his neighborhood who had signed the first one, and as consequence they never knew of it. Hence it can easily be seen where Mr. Lipscomb and Prof. Sams were both mistaken and yet both were firmly of the opinion that they were correct. THE LEDGER hastens to make amends, because it would not intentionally do Mr. Lipscomb or his friends an injury. We never met Mr. Lipscomb until last Saturday and we found him to be a very agreeable gentleman and although we may differ with him in this new county business we will not knowingly misrepresent him.

AT MABRY'S MILL.

After the adjournment at Dawkin's bridge a portion of the crowd proceeded to Mabry's mill. There Messrs. Wm. Jeffries, N. W. Hardin, T. B. Butler, Robt. Gantt and Ed. DeCamp made short new county speeches, while Messrs. Greer, Walker and another gentleman, whose name we failed to get, took the opposite. The crowd here was more evenly divided, about sixty per cent., being for the new county as far as we could judge. The speakers were given a careful attention. Mr. H. A. Tate made a good presiding officer. The seed sown for new county fell upon good soil and we predict that old Union will roll up a good round two-thirds majority on December 8th.

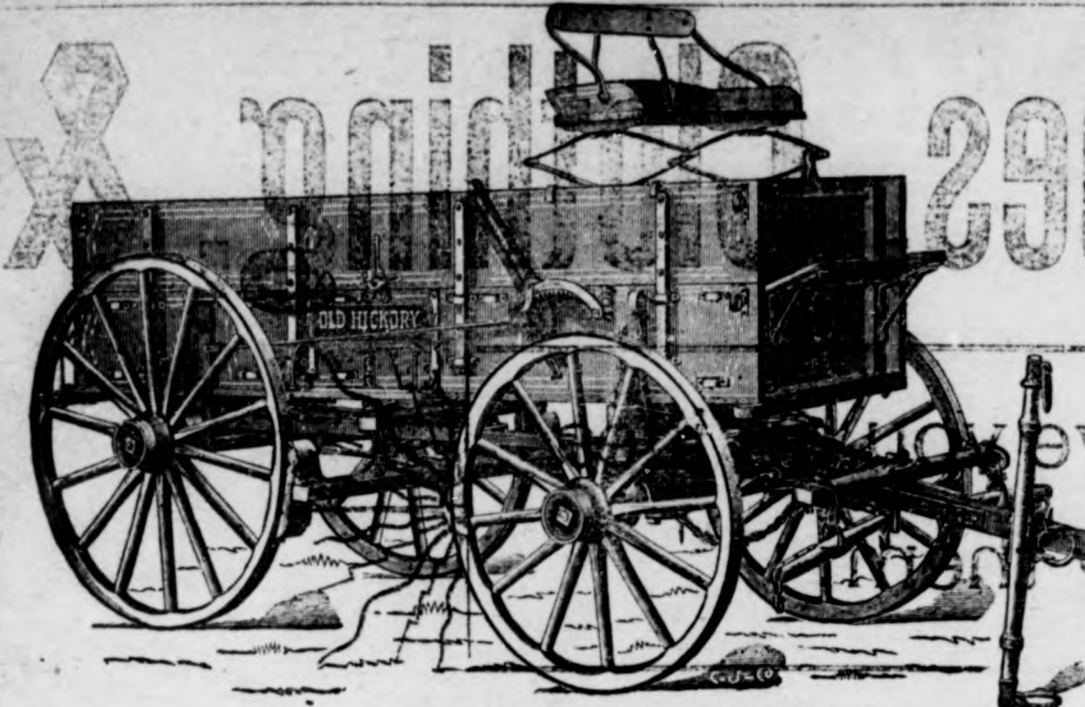
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The proposed territory to be taken off from Spartanburg county and to be incorporated in the proposed new county is as follows: Beginning at the mouth of Brown's branch and running up branch 76-99 chains to where G. W. Webster now lives, placing him in the proposed new county, thence S. 75 W. 62 1/2 to rock, N. E. corner lot of Pacolet Manufacturing Company, at Brown's old mill, thence N. 63 W. 35 1/2 to line of said Company's lot 63 rock, thence S. 45 W. 57 1/2 to maple, thence same course 87 links to Pacolet river, thence with said river up stream 7 1/2 to stake on Pacolet, thence N. 15 leaving H. L. C. Murphy in old county, —Hammett in new county, Hammett school house, near cross roads, in old county, Mrs. Mary Brown in proposed new county, W. 59 1/2 chains to stake one mile east of the town of Cowpens, thence N. 23 W. 74 chains to line of Livingston Township, thence West with said Township 39 chains to southwest corner of said Township, thence north 106 1/2 chains with line of Livingston Township to marked line running N. 24 W. leaving Joel Petty and Cleveland Gossett in old county, passing through house of J. G. Powell, leaving Andy Martin in Spartanburg county, also house of Mrs. Price, placing Cooks house and Peter Martins in new county, passing through store house of Thresh Martin, but leaving his dwelling house in Spartanburg county, leaving John Walker and Mrs. Ould in Spartanburg county, 58 1/2 chains to stake on North Carolina line, thence with said line to middle of Broad river, thence down the center of said river to center of said river opposite Pacolet river, thence up Pacolet river to mouth of Brown's branch, beginning point, including the voting precincts of Maad, Ezells, Macedonia, Thicketty, White Plains, James Alton, Grassie, Pond and Gaffney, now established by law.

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