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THE GONZALES MONUMENT.

When Mr. N. G. Gonzales lost his life in the public service the great and special loss was primarily to the poor people of South Carolina, the people who have no rich stake in corporations and accumulations of wealth. Mr. Gonzales usually wrote without asking questions of himself or others as to whether or not private interest would be hurt and his first consideration was men. We recognized when he died that the weak and the unarmed had lost a friend and so we said. Newspaper men in this State are generally honest, relatively, but few are or have been so indiscreetly regardless of powerful men and institutions as he was. Sometimes it seemed to us that Mr. Gonzales espoused the cause of the poor in an unnecessarily emphatic way, when their interests were not actually menaced, but he was frequently their certain and reliable champion against those who were more able and more likely to subscribe for The State and pay for advertising space in its columns. We have therefore been impressed that he was essentially and first of all a defender of common manhood rights and we have been a little surprised that this phase of his character has not received more attention at the hands of his eulogists. We have had in late years many men of prominence in South Carolina who have posed as "people's men" and as a rule, whether they were sincere or not, they were paid for it by the people with offices of profit and honor. When Mr. Gonzales on the other hand urged the passage of a bill to restrict child labor he had everything to lose and nothing to gain. We doubted the wisdom of that agitation but the selfishness of it was self-evident.

In 1894 Columbia consisted of the penitentiary, the asylum, two or three small colleges, an undeveloped canal, the state government officials and the shop keepers, hotel keepers and laborers who were dependent upon the trade and business created by them. The meetings of conventions and the legislative and the state fairs were an occasional stimulus and kept the town from dying out right. One afternoon Mr. Gonzales and the writer, then a young newspaper man, were strolling in the north western suburbs of the city. Mr. Gonzales began to speak of Columbia's future, of its sure, inevitable, oncoming growth and with enthusiastic facts and arguments about the town's resources and possibilities. The writer held his peace but his thought was that the surrounding cabins and prevailing squalor and dilapidation seemed sufficient to stifle any struggling hope. But Mr. Gonzales, in his newspaper, incessantly spoke of Columbia in the same spirit of his conversation and by his persistent and able marshaling of figures and appealing facts drove the apathetic citizens of Columbia to believe in their city and in themselves as city builders. Columbia numbers among its wealthiest business men today some who were moderately well-to-do and fully satisfied ten years ago, men who would have stayed rather than upheld his hands, and who have become rich largely through the stimulation which he gave to the town's expansion.

Behind mere material advancement must always be intellectual and moral forces and these Mr. Gonzales contributed without stint or halting and with a faith born of his vigorous and penetrating mind to the conversion of our village capital into the thriving commercial town. The shaft that has been raised to his memory does not say it in words but some of us who have been to a degree familiar with the community believe that the life he lived and the work he lovingly performed were indispensable to the rescuing of it from a business lethargy that had shadowed it for the century of its existence.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

"Good will toward men" is not merely beautiful and pleasant but it is conducive to digestion and generally sensible. Men are fools to quarrel. Not one time in a thousand is the cause worth the harsh words. We utter them, sometimes deliberately we write them, and then when the fit is over we wonder why. Rarely is any cause sufficient to compensate for the trouble that follows sharp words and the deeds done. Life is short and money getting, over which most serious disputes occur, is a thing of a few years.

At this Christmas season then let us try to drive from ourselves any evil feelings we may have towards our neighbors. Let us try to keep the friends we have. Let us make others if we can, and win back those we have lost. Of course wrong must be rebuked, it is especially the duty of a newspaper to expose and rebuke wrong but the newspaper or the man who ventures to rebuke is on a grave responsibility. Nothing is easier than to misjudge the motives of others. In most cases of conflict we know but half the facts and we rush headlong into the saying of things which better might have been left unbreathed.

So at this season let us not only remember the poor but let us remember that in the larger sense we are all poor, very poor, and very needy-much in want of forgiveness and indulgence. What man in Laurens dares to deny that he is "an object of charity"-of the "charity that suffereth long"-his shortcomings and misdoings and "is kind" in dealing with his infirmities.

We could wish this morning that here in Laurens all asperities could be wiped out, all bickerings and antagonisms forgotten and that every man,

woman and little child of us could begin the new year with a clean ledger without one word of dislike or hate or envy "brought forward" from the books of 1905. During the coming year new causes of anger would arise and when another Christmas had come around the book would be found ugly and foul with the wounds given and taken in 1906. It seems that we might at least yield to oblivion the old troubles, ceasing now to nurse and coddle them. Let us try-humbly and truly try to start all over again.

So today THE ADVERTISER wishes everybody, all its readers, a merry, merry Christmas-free of care and full of joy.

Dying of Famine

Is, in its torments, like dying of consumption. The progress of consumption, from the beginning to the very end, is a long torture, both to victim and friends. "When I had consumption in its first stage," writes Wm. Myers, of Cearfoss, Md., "after trying different medicines and a good doctor, in vain, I at last took Dr. King's New Discovery, which quickly and perfectly cured me. Prompt relief and sure cure for coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis, etc. Positively prevents pneumonia. Guaranteed at Laurens Drug Co. and Palmetto Drug Co. Price 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle. Trial bottle free.

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE.

The Auditor's office will be open from the 1st day of January to the 20th day of February, 1906 to receive returns of Personal Property and Real Estate for taxation in Laurens County. For the convenience of the Taxpayers the Auditor or his deputy will attend the following named places to receive returns for said year, to wit: Tyllersville, January 8th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. W. L. Lynn's January 9th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Renno, January 10th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Clinton, January 11th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Duck Youngs' residence, January 12th, 9 a. m. to 11 a. m. Carroll, January 12th, 1 to 4 p. m. Cross Hill, January 13th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Waterloo, January 15th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. J. D. Culbertson's store, January 16th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Daniel's Store, January 17th, 9 a. m. to 12 m. Brewerton, January 17th 1 to 4 p. m. Sharp's Store, January 18th, 9 a. m. to 12 m. Princeton, January 18th, 1 to 4 p. m. Tumbling Shoals, January 19th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. D. D. Harris, January 22nd, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Abner Babb, January 23rd, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. V. A. White, January 24th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Cook's Store, January 25th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Youngs Store, January 26th, 10 a. m. to 2 p. m. Pleasant Mound, January 27th, 9 a. m. to 12 m. Lanford, January 27th, 1 to 4 p. m. Real Estate and Personal Property in Laurens Special School District No. 11, and Hunter Special No. 5 must be listed separately from other property in the townships. It is always required that the Auditor get the first given name of the taxpayer in full. Under the head of "place of residence" on tax return, give the township. All male citizens between the ages of twenty one and sixty years, on the 1st of January, except those who are incapable of earning a support from being maimed, or from other causes are deemed taxable polls, Confederate veterans excepted. And all taxpayers are required to give the number of their school districts. They are also requested to state whether the property is situated in town or country. After the 20th day of February next, fifty per cent penalty will be attached for failure to make returns.

C. A. POWER, County Auditor. Dec. 5th, 1905-1f.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LAURENS.

By O. G. Thompson, Esq., Probate Judge. Whereas, John F. Bolt, c. c. c. p. g. s., made suit to me, to grant him Letter of Administration of the Estate of and effects of Susan G. Gray.

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Susan G. Gray, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate to be held at Laurens Court House, S. C., on the 3rd day of January, 1906, next after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1905.

O. G. THOMPSON, Probate Judge L. C. Nov. 22, 1905-16-6t

FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 30th day of December, 1905, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of Adele A. Martin, deceased, in the office of the Judge of Probate of Laurens County, at 11 o'clock A. M., and on the same day will apply for a final discharge from my trust as Administrator.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified and required to make payment by said date, and all persons having demands against said estate will present them on or before said date duly proven or be forever barred.

G. M. Boyd, Administrator with Will annexed. Nov. 28th 1905-td.

CORRECT DRESS

The "Modern Method" system of high-grade tailoring introduced by L. E. Hays & Co., of Cincinnati, O., satisfies good dressers everywhere. All Garments Made Strictly to Your Measure at moderate prices. 500 styles of foreign and domestic fabrics from which to choose. Ask your dealer to show you our line, or if not represented, write to us for catalogue.

L. E. HAYS & CO. CINCINNATI, OHIO. Advertisement for clothing with an illustration of a man in a suit.

For Sale

105 acres land on South Rabun Creek, dwelling and outbuildings at a bargain. Eleven room house fronting on North Harper, lot 64 feet front, 87 feet back; well and city water, cheap. One 10 room house, 4 halls and bath room, with 13 fire places, good well of water; also water works and electric lights. On corner of Laurel and Hampton streets. At a bargain. One seven room house in the city of Laurens.

400 acres at Madden Station, 250 in cultivation and balance in forest, with good 7 room dwelling, good outbuildings and six tenant houses. 400 acres one mile from Madden, good dwelling, three tenant houses and outbuildings. 178 acres, 7-room dwelling, good outbuilding, mineral spring on place, two miles of Ora, S. C.

Three lots, 32 acres, 85 acres and 58 acres within the incorporated limits of the town of Laurens. Will sell lots separately or the three as a whole. Terms made easy. 446 acres, beautiful 8-room dwelling, good outbuildings, 5 tenant houses; 160 acres in cultivation, fine bottom lands, balance in forest; within 2 1/2 miles of Lanford Station; a beautiful county home; easy terms. 500 acres in four miles of the city of Abbeville Court House with good improvements and a fine brick yard, at a bargain.

502 acres of land, beautiful residence and eight tenant houses, with 20 acres within the incorporated limits of town of Woodruff. 140 acres in one mile of town of Woodruff. One modern residence, on Peachtree St., in town of Woodruff. One dwelling and two acres of land in town of Woodruff. Beautiful eight room house on Main Street of Woodruff.

One dwelling, on Main Street, with nine bed rooms, parlor, cook room, dining room and closets, 70 acres of land, good outbuildings in town of Woodruff. 17 1/2 acres on Beaverdam Creek, near Lanford half mile from rail road, with corn and wheat mill in good running order, capacity 200 bushels a day; good rock quarry, and survey for yarn mill has been made on place. 247 acres with good 4 room house, good out buildings, 125 acres in cultivation, lot of oak and 1500 cords of pine, two miles from M.P.G. Co. 2 lots 1-4 acres each, dwelling on lot no. 1, in town of Fountain Inn. 178 acres of land with two good dwellings and splendid well of water near Mt. Olive Church, Waterloo township.

2 acres suitable building lots, located in Jersey city of Laurens. 1 lot acre, granite store house, town of Milton. 3 acres land dwelling and store house on Sloan street, town of Clinton. 1 six room house and 3-4 acre lot, main street Clinton. 1 five room house, 3 1/2 acres land on Sloan street, Clinton. One 2 acre lot, suitable for building lots, on East Main street, in Laurens at a bargain. One house and lot, 4 acres, in town of Woodruff, on Sawmill Street.

112 acres, with dwelling and outbuildings, 70 acres in cultivation, 10 acres fine bottoms on Reedy River, near Rabun Creek Church. 20 acres on North Rabun Creek, 20 horse waterpower, with wheat and corn mill, gin house and outfit; known as Nash's Old Mill place, at a bargain. 2 acre lot and nice 5 room house, at a bargain on Conway Avenue, Laurens, S. C. One nice six room dwelling, good building, 2 acres, 1 acre front on Peachtree street, in Woodruff. 2 1/4 acres, suitable for building lots, on Sullivan street, City of Laurens. 424 acres at Hobbyville, Spartanburg county, good dwelling, tenant houses, store and post office, at a bargain. A beautiful 5-room house and 4 acres of land in Gray Court.

J. N. LEAK Gray Court, S. C.

There Are Styles In Watches

As well as in clothes. The latest in women's watches are now here, including some daintily beautiful chatelaine styles. In women's watch and lorgnette chains, we are showing a fine variety of Artistic Patterns

Simmons Chains.

Although they are what are called GOLD-FILLED chains, they are in every essential particular as good as the more costly all-gold. Your inspection of these is especially invited.

Fleming Bros.

SAW MILLS. LIGHT, MEDIUM AND HEAVY WOOD-WORKING MACHINERY FOR EVERY KIND OF WORK ENGINES AND BOILERS AND SIZES AND FOR EVERY CLASS OF SERVICE. ASK FOR OUR ESTIMATE BEFORE PLACING YOUR ORDER. GIBBES MACHINERY COMPANY COLUMBIA, S. C.

DR. CLIFTON JONES Dentist OFFICE IN SIMMONS BUILDING Phone: Office No. 86; Residence 219. Advertisement for dental services with a logo.

EVERYBODY COME TO LAURENS Christmas Week. THE BARKOOT AMUSEMENT Co. K. G. BARKOOT, Manager, Takes Pleasure in Announcing that he Will Present His Complete SHOWS. 10-Big, Clean and Moral Exhibitions-10 -AT- week of Dec. 25 SIX DAYS-Evening and Night-SIX DAYS 3-BIG FREE ACTS DAILY-3 Capt. Darella, the Champion one-arm High Diver of the World, at 4:30 and 10:30 p. m., Daily. Prof. Scott, Champion Slackwire and Juggler, 3:00 and 8:30 p. m. Col. Tree, Flying Trapeze, 2:00 and 7:30 p. m., Daily. See the Old Plantation, Red Dome, Counterfeiters, Electric Theatres, Doleta, Streets of Cairo, Esau Ferris Wheel, Merry Go-Round and lots of other Grand Exhibitions. FREE-Royal Italian Band Concerts Daily-FREE

Make Christmas Money Count Those items we have in our lines of Holiday Goods are sensible, pleasing ones; the kind that give full returns in usefulness and enjoyment for every cent of cost. We have made an extra effort this year to get practical as well as the newest and most attractive gifts in our lines; and we have put prices on them that will appeal to those who want worthy goods at the Lowest Possible Cost. In justice to yourself and those you buy for you should see what we have before making selections. We have told you previously something of the articles carried, but telling is largely in vain, you will have to see them to appreciate the goods and prices. We want you to see them and save. The STORE that has it.

Dodson's Drug Store. We Take this Method to Thank Our Customers For their liberal patronage during the year which is now drawing to a close and we hope by renewed effort to merit a continuance of the same. Wishing all a happy and prosperous New Year. Respectfully, W. G. Wilson & Co.

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Money Burned Up Will Not be Your Sorrowful Answer if You Let The Bank of Laurens KEEP IT FOR YOU Fire-proof Vaults Insures Against Safe Crackers, and Bonded Officers who handle the Money. We have a Savings Department that pays 4 per cent per annum compounded January and July. If you need money call on us with good collateral and you can get it. Capital \$50,000. Undivided Profits, \$20,000. Deposits, \$200,000. O. B. SIMMONS, President. J. J. PLUSS, Cashier. W. P. CAINE, Assistant-Cashier.

Calenders 1906 We have purchased a Calendar this year, for 1906, that cost us 15 cents each, and if our friends want them, they must show some effort. We have only 100 of such Calenders. The issue of this paper ONLY will bear our coupon, which must be accompanied by a purchase of 15 cents worth of goods to entitle you to one of our handsome calendars. This offer expires December 22d. Palmetto Drug Co. Laurens, S. C. With a purchase of 15 cents and this Coupon we will be glad to give our handsome Calendar. Name No.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LAURENS. IN THE COURT OF PROBATE. D. W. Mason, in his own right, and as Executor of the last Will and Testament of D. H. A. Mason, deceased, Plaintiff, vs. Elizabeth Adair, et al, Defendants. PURSUANT to a decree in this action, I will sell at public outcry, at Laurens C. H., S. C., on Salesday in January, 1906, it being Tuesday the 2nd day of the month, during the legal hours of sale, the following real estate, to wit: All that tract of land situate in Laurens County, S. C., containing Two Hundred and Seventy-four (274) Acres, more or less, known as the home place of D. H. A. Mason, deceased, bounded by lands of John Y. Gary, M. E. Browning, D. W. Mason and others. Also, all that lot, piece or parcel of land in Laurens County, said State, containing Fourteen Acres, more or less, bounded on the north, east and west by lands of Mrs. M. E. Browning, and on the south by lands of J. Y. Gary. Terms of Sale-One-half of purchase money cash, balance on a credit of twelve months; credit portion to be secured by a bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises, bearing legal interest from day of sale, with leave to purchaser to pay all cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. If purchaser fails to comply with his bid the property to be resold on the same terms, on subsequent Salesday at the risk of the former purchaser. O. G. THOMPSON, Probate Judge. December 5th, 1905-4t.

Notice of County Treasurer. The County Treasurer's Books will be open for collection of State, County and Commutation Road Taxes for fiscal year 1904 at the Treasurer's Office, from October 15th to December 31st 1905. Those who prefer to do so can pay in January, 1906, with one per cent. additional; those who prefer paying in February, 1906, can do so with 2 per cent. additional; those who prefer to pay in March, 1906 to the 15th of said month can do so by paying an additional 7 per cent. After said date the books will close. All persons owning property or paying taxes for others in more than one Township are requested to call for receipts in each township in which they live. This is important, as additional cost and penalty may not be attached. Prompt attention will be given those who wish to pay their taxes through the mail by checks, money orders, etc. Persons sending in lists of names to be taken off, are urged to send them early as the Treasurer is very busy during the month of December. The Tax Levy is as follows: State Tax, 5 1/2 mills County Ordinary, 3 mills Special County, 2 mills Public Road, 2 mills School, 3 mills Total, 15 1/2 mills Laurens Special School, 3 1/2 mills Gray Court-Owings, 2 mills Fountain Inn, 4 mills Ekorn, 2 mills Waterloo, 2 mills Cross Hill, 3 mills Mountville, 2 mills Clinton, 2 mills All able-bodied male citizens between the ages of 21 and 60 years are liable to pay a poll tax of \$1.00, except old soldiers, who are exempt at 50 years. Commutation Road Tax \$1.00, in lieu of working the public roads, to be paid at the time as stated above. J. H. COPELAND, County Treasurer. Laurens, S. C., Sept. 26, 1906-1d.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LAURENS. Dugas C. Martin, individually, in his own right and as Administrator de bonis non of the estate of Dr. B. E. Martin, Plaintiff, against Martha Corrine Martin, et al., Defendants. Pursuant to a decree in this action, I will sell at public outcry, at Laurens C. H., S. C., during the legal hours of sale, in January 1906, it being Tuesday, the 2nd day of the month, all that lot, piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Laurens, in the county of Laurens, State of South Carolina, on the West side of the public square, and known as the Ben-Della Hotel, containing seven-tenths (7/10) of an acre, more or less, bounded on the North by Jail Alley, on the East by public square, on the South by lot and building of Travlinham & Dial, and on the West by Caroline Street, formerly known as Jail Street. Terms of Sale: One-half cash, the other half on a credit of twelve months, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises, with leave to purchaser to pay the entire bid in cash. Purchaser to pay the entire bid with his bid the property to be resold on the same terms, without further order of the Court and at the risk of the former purchaser. O. G. THOMPSON, Probate Judge. Dec. 11th-1d.