

TO BETTER PROTECT OUR CITY PROPERTY

Insurance Commissioner McMaster Sends Letter to City Authorities Regarding Inspections.

State Insurance Commissioner F. H. McMaster has sent out to all municipal authorities a circular letter in which it is advised that a regular building code be adopted, that careful inspection of all property be made at regular intervals, removing all combustible materials, and that the authorities see that only such buildings as conform to the code be allowed built.

The letter is as follows: "In the hope of reducing the fire waste in this state I call to your attention section 4 of the act of 1904 which gives the chief of the fire department, or chief of police, or incumbent, where there is no chief of the fire department, the right to make examination of all buildings and premises within their several jurisdictions, at reasonable hours, and whenever any of said officers shall find in any building or upon any premises combustible material or inflammable conditions, dangerous to the safety of such building or premises, they shall order the same to be removed or remedied."

"It is the desire of this department to act in co-operation with the municipal authorities of the State, and to render such assistance as is within its power in such matters. In order that the assistance which this department is able to give, may not be over-estimated, it is proper to say that the only fund at the disposal of the department for this purpose amounts to about \$1,500 a year, derived from a tax on fire insurance companies. This fund must be used primarily for the investigation of incendiary fires. The deputy of the department may aid in the inspection of buildings, only when he is not employed in investigating supposed incendiary fires.

"Hence the appeal is made to the municipal authorities to have made periodic examinations of all buildings and premises within their jurisdiction to discover combustible material, or inflammable conditions, and to have these evils corrected. The suggestion is made that a house to house examination be made at least once each quarter.

"This matter is of such great importance that I should be glad to give all aid within my power, to furnish information concerning building codes or fire protection means. All requests for information or correspondence will be gladly answered.

"I believe the following to be axioms: (1) The destruction of property by fire is a loss of wealth to the world, and especially to the community in which it happens.

"(2) Property destroyed by fire, if insured and replaced by insurance money, is paid for by the other insured members of the community through their insurance premiums. Insurance companies merely act as the clearing houses for the collection and distribution of fire losses, and so far as they are able they attempt to make each community pay for its own fire losses through the rates charged for fire insurance. In cases of great conflagrations, as Baltimore, San Francisco, and Chelsea, the whole country is held under contribution. But as a general rule each community has its fire insurance rates fixed by its fire losses.

"(3) Careful property owners should not be subject to loss either by direct destruction of their property, or by being held under contribution to repair the losses of their careless or criminal neighbors.

"Therefore the great need for the municipal authorities to take steps to prevent fire loss. It preserves wealth and money in the pockets of those who take care of their own property.

"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. The removal of combustible material, or correction of inflammable conditions, may save thousands of dollars, or may prevent the loss of life or limb of firemen who attempt to put out the fire after it has started.

"With due respect I suggest: (1) The adoption of a building code by each municipality.

"(2) The careful inspection of all buildings in process of construction to see that they conform to the building code.

"(3) The quarterly inspection of all buildings and premises (whether a building code is adopted or not) to see that combustible material is removed, or inflammable conditions are remedied."

German soil feeds nine-tenths of her people.

A cubic foot of gold weighs 1210 pounds; silver 655.

THE CITY SCHOOL BUILDING.

Visitors Here Last Week Praise the Magnificent Structure.

Last Tuesday morning, with the speakers from the educational rally, was Mr. W. W. Ball, representing the Columbia State. On Wednesday, appeared the following dispatch from him to The State: "At 10 o'clock this morning, the hour for the beginning of the educational rally, the rain was falling steadily with abundant signs that it would continue to fall. Consequently, County Superintendent Pitts, after consultation with others interested, resolved to postpone the rally and August 25 was fixed as the day for it."

"President Mitchell of the University of South Carolina, Superintendent Swearingen and Mr. John D. Cappleman of Charleston, who were here to speak, visited the new school building of Laurens this morning, where the rally was to be held, and thoroughly inspected it, pronouncing it a most excellent building and rallying point. The building is at the top of a high hill on a principal street, 300 yards from the county court house, the school park including nine acres.

"Laurens people observe in their confident way that the building and the site are the most superior ever and none of the educational rallies today had the temerity to withhold assents to a proposition that is quite self-evident in Laurens. Anyway, the school house is creditable to Laurens, as it would be to any city in South Carolina of treble the size (if any such there be) and it has 'sanitary drinking fountains' in the corridors which point perpendicularly. Impudently arguments whenever you turn a little wheel. That is because Mr. Featherstone is one of the board of trustees. Moreover the class rooms have green blackboards, whereby the nature of a paradox is impressed upon the plastic mind of youth, and upon these dustless chalk is used. The one objection that educational rallies find to coming to Laurens is that it tends to bedim the recollections of the magnitude of Spartanburg."

**Revolts at Cold Steel.** "Your only hope," said three doctors to Mrs. M. E. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., suffering from severe renal trouble, lies in an operation; then I used Dr. King's New Life Pills," she writes, "I'm wholly cured." They prevent Appendicitis, cure Constipation, Headache. 25c at the Laurens Drug Co. and the Palmetto Drug Co.

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CHARLESTON AND WESTERN CAROLINA RAILROAD.

Arrival and Departure of Trains, Laurens, South Carolina.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1909.

WEST BOUND.

No. 1. Leave Augusta... 10:10 a m  
No. 1. Leave Laurens... 2:02 p m  
No. 1. Arrive Spartanburg... 4:05 p m

No. 5. Leave Greenwood... 6:50 a m  
No. 5. Leave Laurens... 7:55 a m  
No. 5. Arrive Spartanburg... 9:50 a m

No. 53. Leave Greenville... 12:20 p m  
No. 53. Arrive Laurens... 1:45 p m

No. 85. Leave Greenville... 4:30 p m  
No. 85. Arrive Laurens... 6:25 p m

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 2. Leave Spartanburg... 12:20 p m  
No. 2. Leave Laurens... 2:32 p m  
No. 2. Arrive Augusta... 6:15 p m

No. 6. Leave Spartanburg... 5:00 p m  
No. 6. Leave Laurens... 6:35 p m  
No. 6. Arrive Greenwood... 7:50 p m

No. 87. Leave Laurens... 8:10 a m  
No. 87. Arrive Greenville... 10:20 a m

No. 52. Leave Laurens... 2:35 p m  
No. 52. Arrive Greenville... 4:00 p m

Trains 86 and 87 daily except Sunday. Tri-weekly through Pullman Parlor Car service between Augusta and Asheville on trains Nos. 1 and 2; North bound, Tuesdays, Saturdays; Southbound, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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THREE LARGE FAMILIES.

One of Which Formerly Lived Between Newberry and Laurens.

The Scrap Book for August, 1908, contains a very interesting article—too lengthy for our columns—under the caption, "Who Was the Greatest Mother?" We make room for two short paragraphs, following:

"The extreme limit of size for modern American families seems to have been closely approximated, if not quite reached, by Mr. and Mrs. William Boyd, of Oklahoma, to whom the twentieth child was born on February 2, 1908. But the registry of births in the United States is so incomplete as to be practically worthless. So, there may well be larger families of which no records are available.

"Two families, less in size than the Boyd family, but more famous, are those of former Mayor Edward F. Dunne, of Chicago, and Dr. William E. Folk, quarantine officer of the port of Georgetown, South Carolina. Dr. Folk and his wife are the parents of fourteen children, all of whom are alive, well and happy."

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FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Take notice that on the 28th day of August, 1909, I will render a final account of my acts and doings as Administrator of the estate of L. S. Abercrombie, 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 on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before said date, duly proven, or be forever barred. L. F. Abercrombie, Administrator.

July 28, 1909.—1 mo.

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All persons indebted to said estate are notified and required to make payment on that date; and all persons having claims against said estate will present them on or before that date, duly proven, or be forever barred. J. S. Winebrenner, Administrator.

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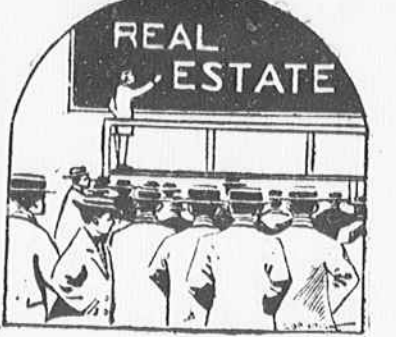
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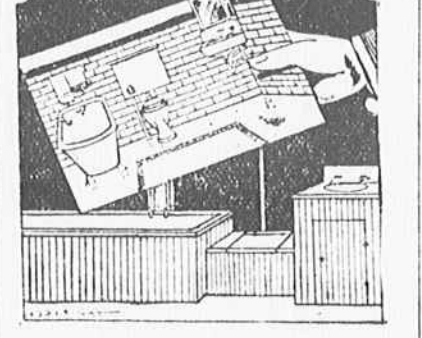
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