

OLD RAILROAD BONDS.

Attorney T. P. Cotbran Writes Communication About Old Bonds.

Editor Daily News:

Many years ago the townships of Dunklin and Oak Lawn voted bonds to a large amount in aid of the Atlantic, Greenville and Western railroad. By a great blunder on the part of somebody these bonds were not made conditional upon the operation of the railroad, but were issued and delivered before the work was done. They were transferred to "innocent purchasers" and when the railroad company failed these innocent purchasers brought suit to enforce the bonds. The supreme court of this state held that the bonds were invalid, but subsequently the matter was carried to the federal courts and the supreme court of the United States finally held that the bonds were good and had to be paid. Thereafter a compromise was effected and new bonds were issued in Dunklin for \$15,700 and in Oak Lawn for \$110,000, payable January 1, 1907, with interest payable semi-annually at 5 1/2 per cent per annum.

To provide for the interest upon these bonds an annual tax of 3 1/2 mills is levied upon all property in these two townships; this amount in Dunklin township to \$603.50 and in Oak Lawn to \$665, a total of \$1268.50.

If the railroad had been built the county as a whole would have received the benefit of the taxes collected from the railroad, and of course the townships other than Dunklin and Oak Lawn would have received their pro rata of these taxes. The enterprise was therefore not solely for the benefit of these two townships.

Other bonds in aid of railroads have been issued in the county. There are outstanding bonds to the amount of \$80,500 issued by the county in aid of the Air Line railroad and \$44,500 in aid of the Greenville and Laurens railroad. The annual interest upon these bonds is \$4172.50 and \$1812.50—total \$5985. These being county and not township bonds, the annual interest is paid by all the townships, and although neither of the railroads touch Dunklin or Oak Lawn townships they are forced to contribute their pro rata of the interest upon these bonds.

Even if the railroad had been built and the people in Dunklin and Oak Lawn had gotten the benefit of a railroad through their section, they would not be upon an equal footing with the other townships, for Dunklin and Oak Lawn contribute to pay the interest upon bonds for railroads which do not touch them, while other townships would not help Dunklin and Oak Lawn to pay the interest upon the bonds of their railroad, while getting a pro rata benefit of the taxes upon the railroad.

Dunklin and Oak Lawn by the fate of events get no railroad, pay the entire interest upon these bonds, and help the other townships to carry their burdens. Together they pay nearly \$600 per annum upon the \$600 of interest upon bonds of railroads which do not touch them.

The levy for state, county and school taxes is 16 mills. In addition to this Dunklin and Oak Lawn pay 3 1/2 mills for this interest, making a total of 19 1/2 mills—nearly 2 per cent.

Recently there is no obligation upon the county to pay any part of the interest due by these two townships; they made a bad trade, and a harsh view of the situation would be that they must grin and bear it at the same time the enterprise was projected for the benefit of the entire county, and there is no reason from a moral standpoint why the county as a whole should not pay the interest upon bonds for a railroad through Dunklin and Oak Lawn townships as it does for a railroad through Greenville and Chick Springs, or through Greenville, Darke, Austin and Fairview.

In view of these facts, I think it would be fair in any case of simple justice—certainly one of justice liberality—to reimburse the county with a bond debt, for the county as a whole to make provision generally for the interest upon these bonds. If only interest to \$100,000, and upon an assessment of \$17,000,000, a levy of one-eighth of a mill would be sufficient. This means only one cent and a quarter upon \$100 of property assessed at 12 1/2 cents on the \$1000. Dunklin and Oak Lawn have already paid something like \$10,000, possibly more, on account of interest upon the Air Line and Greenville & Laurens bonds, which enterprises have given them no other benefit than the small pro rata of the taxes paid by these railroads. These bonds have been running over thirty years and every year Dunklin and Oak Lawn have contributed their shares.

T. P. Cotbran, Greenville, S. C., Aug. 5, 1909.

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If for no other reason, Chamberlain's Salve should be kept in every household on account of its great value in the treatment of burns. It relieves the pain almost instantly, and unless the injury is a severe one, heals the part without leaving a scar. This salve is also an excellent for chapped hands, sore nipples and diseases of the skin. Price 25 cents. For sale by Laurens Drug Co.

JOHN SHANG BOLT. By W. D. S.

In connection with his letter last week telling of the two Confederate mothers residing near Tumbling Shoals, one of whom was the mother of the late John S. Bolt, Mr. William D. Sullivan enclosed the following short story:

John Shang Bolt first volunteered in the South Carolina regulars under Capt. George James and was at the capture of Fort Sumter. Lieutenant Henry Farley commanded the mortar battery at Fort Johnson that threw the first shell into Fort Sumter. Bolt was in this gun crew. He gave me their names but I have lost the list. One man was from Union county, one from Spartanburg and another from Laurens.

The Laurens Baptist Association.

The Laurens Baptist association will meet with Mt. Pleasant church eight miles south of Laurens Sept. 28-29-30. Let all Baptist churches see that delegates are elected and let all delegates elected come to stay till close of the session. Brethren, this is our dear Saviour's business and an annual meeting, and can't we give three days to this great work? Brethren, what have we done about raising our apportionments? The time is short, but much can be done in the next few weeks. Let each church do her best to meet her obligations, and let us all pray for and expect a real spiritual meeting. E. C. Watson.

The Whites in Laurens.

Long, long time ago it was said by some that did not know much about these good people that they were mean to the colored people; but all this is untrue—the very best feeling exists between the white and colored people in Laurens. This was seen a few weeks ago in an effort on the part of the colored people to raise money to pay on a debt. Mr. Babb, the mayor of the city, led the way, Mr. McCravy, the postmaster, Messrs. Burns, Bennett, Philpot, Bagwell, Terry, Nichols, Simpson, Miller, Sanders, Nash, and others. We are very thankful for the amounts received.

These good people and hundreds of others that I have not mentioned stand ready to help those that help themselves. We are thankful to our heavenly Father for these good friends to our work. Let the colored people behave themselves, work, have manners and be honest and they will always have friends.

Mr. A. J. Graham of Greenville also sent us \$10.00 for the work, for which we are thankful.

I stand for the moral uplift of my people and for the welfare of humanity.

Jas. H. Walker, Laurens, S. C. P. O. Box 93.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

Whereas, petitions signed by more than one third of the qualified electors and freeholders residing in Cross Hill school districts Nos. 1 and 2, Cross Hill township, Laurens county, South Carolina, asking for an election upon the question of levying a 1 1/2 mill tax upon property in said school districts to be used for school purposes have been filed with the County board of Education, elections are hereby ordered upon said question, said elections to be held on the 4th day of September, 1909, at Long View school house in school district No. 1, and at Pine Grove school house in school district No. 2 and at the management of the school trustees of said school districts.

Only such electors as own real or personal property for taxation and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificate as required in the general election shall be allowed to vote. Those favoring the tax shall vote a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon; those against the tax shall vote a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

Polls shall open at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon and remain open until four o'clock when they shall close, and the ballots counted. The trustees shall report the result of said election to the County Auditor within ten days thereafter. GEO. L. PITTS, Co. Supt. Education.

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NOTICE.

State of South Carolina. Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a commission issued to the undersigned, by the Secretary of State of said State, books of subscription to Greenville-Greenwood & Augusta Railroad Company will be opened at Room 6th in the Palmetto Building in the City of Greenville, South Carolina, on September 18th, 1909, at 4 P. M.

Notice is further given that the undersigned will apply to the Secretary of State at his office in Columbia, S. C., on the 30th day of September, 1909, at 11 o'clock A. M., for a charter for said Greenville-Greenwood & Augusta Railway Company, with power on the part of said Company to condemn lands for the right of way for its proposed railroad, which will run from the City of Greenville, S. C., through the city of Greenwood, and the town of Edgefield, to some point on Savannah River opposite or nearly opposite the City of Augusta, and which will pass through the city of Greenville, and the following townships, or some of them, in Laurens County, to wit: Sullivan and Waterloo, and through the town of Princeton.

Harry Briggs, Frank Hammond, J. P. Charles, J. C. Fawcett, and Harry L. Zimmerman, Corporators. 3-41

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

Whereas, petitions signed by more than one third of the qualified electors and freeholders of Cross Hill school districts Nos. 3 and 4, Cross Hill township, Laurens county, South Carolina, asking for an election upon the question of voting out of High school district No. 13, in said township, county and State, have been filed with the County board of education, an election upon said question is hereby ordered, said election to be held on the 4th day of September, 1909, at the Wade school house in school district No. 3, and at the Pine Grove school house in school district No. 4, under the management of the trustees of said school districts. Only such electors as own real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificate as required in the general election shall be allowed to vote.

Those who desire to vote out of said High school district shall vote a ballot with the word "Yes" written or printed thereon; those who desire to remain in the said High school district shall vote a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon. Polls shall open at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon and shall remain open until the hour of four o'clock, when they shall close and the ballots counted.

The trustees shall report the result of said election to the County Auditor within ten days thereafter. GEO. L. PITTS, County Supt. Education.

ANSWERS By Dr. F. J. Inman

Q. Why do school children with good sight, require glasses?

A. Mainly to rest the eyes. The eye does not obtain its growth until the child is about the age of twelve. The growing eye is taxed beyond its strength; the proper glasses rest and preserve the eyes.

Q. Why do children squint?

A. By squinting or frowning the muscle in the eye is relieved of strain, this is nature's way. Study-glasses relieve this strain and thus prevent squint.

Q. Why do children have eye headaches?

A. An eye headache is a reflect pain caused by straining the eyes; the pain may be over the eyes or through the temples.

The remedy for eye headaches is relief glasses, to be worn while studying.

Dr. F. J. INMAN Eye Specialist Enterprise Bank Building Laurens, South Carolina

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167 acres of land bounded by lands M. H. Holder, W. D. Abernethy and others; 8 room dwelling, 3 tenant houses, good barn and out-buildings. Price \$25.00 per acre. Terms: \$1000 cash, remainder in five equal installments.

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122 acres of land, bounded by lands of Mansel Owings, Eva Jackson, and Warrior Creek. Price \$29 per acre.

117 acres of land near Gray Court, bounded by lands of E. T. Snell, W. E. Gray; seven room cottage, fine barn and out-buildings and fine pasture. Price \$30 per acre.

200 acres of land near Darlin Creek church, bounded by lands of W. T. Parks and Laurens White; 3 tenant houses, well improved, good state of cultivation. Price \$10.00 per acre.

57 acres land, bounded by lands of J. R. Wells, Thomas Harris, and others with five room dwelling, good out-buildings; near Ekens. Price \$15 per acre.

One lot at Watts Mills, with seven room cottage, 200 feet front and 100 feet deep, with front market. Price \$1200.

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