

**HIGHWAYS THROUGH
PIEDMONT SECTION**

**In Trip From Columbia via Laurens
to Greenville Joe Sparks Ob-
serves Many Improvements.**

The following extracts are from a two column article in The State of Monday, June 6th. Good roads are the best advertisement for a community or a county. We cannot get as much desirable publicity at so small a cost in any other way, to say nothing of the satisfaction of possessing the road:

The most important highway in South Carolina—the road that connects the capital city and middle Carolina with the rich Piedmont section—the road that would add a trade territory to Columbia bringing thousands of dollars to the merchants, cotton men and others, the road that hundreds of tourists would travel annually to the mountain resorts of western North Carolina and of this State, the road that passes through a fine section of the State, the road that would bind the two sections of the State together more closely, socially, financially and in many other ways, the road that would bring hundreds of visitors to the capital city annually—is possibly, in places, the worst stretch of road in South Carolina.

The road which has degenerated almost into a "hog path" through the old fields and pastures," as one traveling over it expressed himself, lies almost wholly in Lexington, and, therefore would come under supervision of the supervisor of that county.

Mountain Highway.

The people all over upper Carolina are now clamoring for a highway improved from the capital city. Several good roads meetings have been held as to which will be the best route from Columbia. Union is fighting for the highway, just so with Laurens, Clinton and other points along the route. There can be lots of talk and many good roads meetings. Much interest may be displayed. The citizens of the Piedmont section of the State may build the most improved highway down as far as Newberry, for it has been agreed that the "mountain highway" will go as far as Newberry. From that point its route has not been decided upon.

Columbia to Greenville.

From Columbia to Greenville, over 140 miles away, running time: six hours.

This run was made by Frank Kneble one of the best known automobilists in the Piedmont section of the State, driving his 50-horsepower Seldon torpedo machine. Mr. Kneble won the prize in the race from New York to Atlanta last year.

This run was made, necessarily going over that bad stretch of road through Lexington county, which consumed almost as much time as the other part of the trip. The car was of high power and made a good run without a break down. Mr. Kneble was accompanied by a representative of The State.

First Obstacle.

The first obstacle encountered on the trip was the bridge across the river just above Columbia. Here a fee was paid to cross the bridge. This fee keeps many farmers away from the capital city.

"The Jungle."

This road which runs for several miles beyond the bridge was, however, easy sailing for "The Jungle," as it has been called. The hills and hollows were struck and then it was feel the way for 15 miles. Down into a hollow the roads went—then through a muddy, swampy stretch a hill is struck—here are veritable boulders, worn and rough, which the traveler must climb over. It does not seem possible for a wagon loaded with cotton to pass over the road. The road is not wide enough at any point for two teams to pass. On the top of the hills there are sometimes several roads to choose from for a few hundred yards, and it seems that every traveler tries to find a better route around a rough place. Bridges are an unknown quantity, and it seems that the hand of man has never been placed on this important road.

On to Newberry.

From Prosperity the improvement is noticeable and good time was made.

It is here that the good work of the supervisor of Newberry county is shown. He is gradually improving all of the roads leading to the town. For several miles before entering Newberry, there is just as good a road as can be found in any county in the State. The road is of red clay, and could be made permanent and passible for any kind of vehicle in wet weather by the application of some sand.

Out of Newberry.

The "mountain highway" has been decided upon as far as Newberry. From that point the road is undecided. The citizens of Newberry and there are many progressive people in the town, all fighting for good roads will cooperate with the citizens of other towns, no matter which route from that point to the up-country

is decided on. The people say that they will have their part of the road in just as good condition as any other part in any other county.

From Newberry to Clinton, with the exception of possibly five miles out of the city of Newberry, much work is needed. The location of the road is good, the bed is hard, but there are many ruts and the drainage has been neglected. The road is not wide enough. Some work has been done on the road and much more is needed.

Into Laurens County.

Laurens county in a quiet way has been doing much toward the cause of good roads. To one going over the roads in that county after several years, there is a lost feeling. There have been so many marked improvements. Below Clinton to the county line, there is some work needed.

The road from Clinton to Laurens, 10 miles, is possibly one of the best pieces of roadway in the State. All hills on this road have been eliminated and by automobile the trip can be made in 25 minutes running at a moderate rate.

The road follows the Columbia, Newberry & Laurens railroad for four miles, then turns to the right follows the ridge which is known as Pea Ridge, by the county home, Park's Station and into Laurens. It is of red clay and white clay, about 20 feet broad. The drainage is in fine shape.

Laurens to Greenville.

From Laurens to Greenville the distance is 38 miles. The roads have been improved to a marked degree within the past several years. The grades have been cut down and the curves eliminated. The bed of clay and gravel. There are few ruts and holes. This condition is due to the work of the supervisors of Laurens and Greenville counties.

Where once was found a rocky, rough road up and down hill is to be found a smooth level highway, where one team could haul one bale of cotton in fair weather and none in wet weather; one team may haul two three and four bales of cotton.

The statement can be made that the Piedmont section of the State has done just as much if not more than any other section for the improvement of the highways.

None of the counties have voted bonds for the improvement of the highways, but the work has been done out of the funds of the counties raised by taxation.

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Notice.

Misses Mattie Tarrant and Wil Lou Gray will coach a limited number of pupils for six weeks beginning Monday, June 13th, 1910. This work has the hearty endorsement of Mr. B. L. Jones. The examinations given in the school will, if passed, admit a pupil to the next grade in the Laurens city schools. Terms five dollars per month, hours 9 to 12 o'clock, location the Dial-Gray block, over J. C. Shell's store. Those desiring admission to these classes should phone 125.

The Laurens County Teacher's Institute.

The Laurens county board of education met Saturday and perfected the plans for the county institute for teachers. It was decided that the school will open June 20th, and close July 15th. The school will be held in the Laurens city graded school building. Every teacher who expects to attend is urged to be in the auditorium at 9 o'clock of the first day in order that the organization and scheduling may be perfected without delay. Each teacher will be required to take three of the branches of study and may take four. No teacher will be allowed to take more than four studies. Each of the four instructors are requested to keep a strict account of the work done by each teacher, noting the time of entrance, times absent and times tardy. Those who do satisfactory work and attend regularly may have their certificates renewed.

As will be seen further in this article there will be a faculty of four instructors, and that there will be nine branches taught. One may readily see that the faculty and course of study are very strong and complete; very much more so than is usually found in a county institute.

Prof. D. T. Kinard of the Mathematical department of Clemson college will be principal of the school and will teach Arithmetic, Algebra, and Pedagogy. Mr. Kinard is considered one of the most thoroughly educated and best teachers of the State. The position he holds at Clemson is a strong recommendation within itself. Laurens county is indeed, fortunate to be able to secure the services of such a man. Mr. Kinard will use the State adopted Arithmetic and Algebra. Barrett's Practical Pedagogy is the text on that subject.

Miss Lella Morgan will have charge of the department of English Grammar (Beuhler's) and Civics (State adopted).

Miss Morgan comes highly recommended and enjoys the reputation as being one of the most cultured ladies of the State.

Miss Maggie M. Garlington will present Primary Methods, Drawing and Geography. Miss Garlington needs no introduction as a teacher in Laurens, and the information that she has accepted a position in the Institute, especially as teacher of Primary Methods and Drawing, will be cheerfully received by teachers of the county. The adopted Geography will be used. The other two branches under Miss Garlington will be practical work with note books. No text will be used.

Prof. T. E. Jackson, of the Agricultural department of Clemson, will be here for the first two weeks of the school and will have charge of the Agricultural department of the institute. This course will be taught entirely by lecture, only using the text books as reference. Honeycutt's book will doubtless be used. A great deal of importance is at last being manifested in this very important study. No doubt all the teachers will take this

course. Mr. Jackson is a practical as well as an experienced man, and comes strongly endorsed by the Clemson faculty.

As may be at once seen, the text books will cost very little. No doubt most of the teachers have those books already or can secure them without cost. Any of the books may be found, however, at the Dodson-Edwards Drug store. There will be no tuition or other fees. The only expense attached to the month school will be the board bill and possibly the cost of one or two books. The majority of the teachers of the county have already signified their eagerness to attend. We will have the largest attendance the county has ever had at one of these institutes. Every teacher of the county and those who expect to teach here next session are invited and urged to attend the full time. The week throughout will be practical with the view of assisting the teacher to present the subjects in the classroom. If further information is desired write,

Geo. L. Pitts,
45-21 County Supt. of Education.

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5.00 " **3.49**
4.00 " **2.98**

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One lot of Ladies, pat, vici, gunmetal and tan Oxfords, worth \$2.50, 3.00 and 3.50, size 2 to 5, special Friday at Saturday **\$1.98**
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One lot Regal \$1.00 corsets, at **.49**
One lot 50c Girdles, at **.25**
40-inch White Lawn in short lengths, special Friday and Saturday, yard **.05**
One lot of Lace, worth up to 10c yard, special Friday and Saturday, yard **.04**
One lot Colored Muslin, special at yd **.05**
One special lot Muslin, at yard **.10**
Ladies' extra size Panama Skirts, 30, 32, 34 and 36 waist, at **\$6.50**
One lot Parasols, at **.98**

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One lot Men's two-piece nobby colored suits, \$12.50 value, Friday & Saturday **\$9.98**
One lot \$10.50 value, at **7.98**
One lot Men's Negligee Shirts, with or without collar, special at **.48**
Men's white feet socks, special per pair **.10**
Men's Wash Ties, special at **.10**
Men's Undershirts and Drawers in Balbriggan, at Friday and Saturday, each **.23**

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