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Now see what Mr. McAdoo has gone and done to our street force.

Let us hope that the longer skirts for women will not prove a forerunner for peg-top trousers for men. The one evil is sufficient.

If you didn't make your income tax return last Saturday, better make up a good excuse and get it in soon for Uncle Sam will get you "if you don't watch out."

Weather prophets predict a good year for fruit in 1919. Let's see who is going to be the first one to bring The Advertiser a peck of peaches. Cotton blossoms don't interest us near as much as fruit.

Those who are thinking of welcoming the Thirtieth Division at Charleston or any other port of debarkation should bear in mind early instructions of the war department that returning troops cannot greet relatives and friends until after they have gone through the quarantine camp, which, in this instance, would be Camp Jackson. It is very likely that the troops landing at Charleston will be loaded directly into trains and whisked away to Columbia. However, in view of the changeability of army orders, little can be acted on with certainty.

In the absence of a well defined plan for road improvement as well as uncertainty all over the state as to what policy should be followed in road improvement, Gov. Cooper has taken the wise step in not calling the legislature into extra session now. There is indeed a demand from all parts of the State for good roads, but good roads have been advocated and wanted for a long time. The difficulty has been, is and probably would be in arriving at a wise policy. This is something that cannot be done in a few days and it does not now appear that a rational policy would be adopted unless the people were fully acquainted with the plans before a legislature should meet.

We believe the acreage in cotton will be materially reduced in this county, though there is no likelihood of a 33-1-3 per cent reduction. Acreage reduction appears to be general throughout the South and the effect on the price will no doubt be beneficial to the farmers and the business men of the South. If we consider our duty as world citizens and not selfish individuals we should not attempt to create such a shortage in cotton that the profits would be abnormal and the prices out of reach of those vast multitudes across the waters who are already destitute of clothing as well as food. Our relatively small contributions to the Red Cross and other charitable funds would be but a mockery if we tried to get them back four-fold by raising the price on the commodities we sell. A fair price should be all we ask for.

We often hear it said: "My conscience would hurt me if I did such a thing," and "I couldn't look my friends in the eye if I pulled off such a deal." Does one deserve a great deal of credit if the fear of his conscience only prevents him from doing wrong? It is a pretty question, but such an one can be credited most with having a clear conscience, for if he does right at the dictate of his conscience he benefits himself as well as the possible victim. His own pangs of conscience would outweigh the pleasures he might otherwise receive from his wrongdoing. Then, if we pay our debts to clear our conscience and to maintain our standing in the community rather than to deal justly by our creditors, we are creating an asset of our own on which we expect to profit then and in the future. It is true that our creditor benefits as well, but the fact that we have been extended credit proves that our honesty in the past has been of real value to us. We do not argue, however, that because "honesty is the best policy" that we should not be honest. It is better to be honest from policy's sake than not to be honest at all.

HIGH COST OF CHEAP ROADS. Our readers, especially those who drive automobiles, will be interested in the report given The Advertiser by an automobile man from New York,

who has been spending several weeks in our city. It seems that in his daily rounds he was quite apt to pass by our repair garages and in passing would glance in to see the nature of the repairs being made. After several weeks of observation he concluded that the greatest percentage of repairs was on the rear axle and differential. The reason for this, he explained, was two-fold. The bad roads wear out the cars in this vital spot so that very frequently repairs were needed. Another reason given was the practice of starting and stopping cars too suddenly. It seems that when a car is started so suddenly as to give the occupants a distinct jerk, the effect is the same as would happen to a person, were he to take a sudden jump and start off on a fast run instead of going from a stand to a walk and then to a run. In proof of his statements we have but to observe that our repair shops are always crowded with cars and that long waits are sometimes necessary for repairs. In the meantime this repair bill is a part of the staggering price we pay for poor roads, a repair bill on harnesses, horses, carriage and automobiles. Good roads are bound to come eventually and the sooner the better. Another indictment against our roads is the further fact that the mud and mud-holes cause much wear on tires. The sands of this region are very sharp and the clays are very slippery. In wet weather and in deep mud the wheels slip and skid, chains are needed, and all these things wear the soft rubber rapidly.

### THE OLD 117TH.

Maynechoss, Germany, January 25, 1919. Mr. Editor and People of Laurens County: We have been over here for thirteen months and have done our bit toward winning the war and now the war is won and we are still at it. We have been through many hardships, but we never thought anything of that so long as it would do any good, but there was so much to do that we could not see, just at the time, but it was all for the best.

We have fought very hard for our loved ones at home and we never will regret it. Many a night we were sleeping on the cold ground while you all were in a good clean bed, but it was just our hard luck. I see a good deal in your paper about the Old Hickory Division, and it looks like they have forgotten the boys in the Rainbow Division. The people of Laurens county are trying to get the Old Hickory back but they never think of the poor 117th Engineers which is a part of the forty-second Division—(censored). So do what you can for the 117th Engineers and get us back to South Carolina, and see how we have changed after this old war.

Yours truly, Pvt. John B. Check, Co. B, 117th Engineers, A. P. O. 715 A. E. F.

The Advertiser is in receipt of the above letter from a Laurens county boy in France. It is of course with deep regret that we learn that some of the soldiers overseas feel that The Advertiser and the people of Laurens have not shown a proper appreciation of their services. The Advertiser has no doubt carried more news of the Thirtieth Division than of any other division in the army, but the reasons therefor are very apparent. It is composed more largely of South Carolina and Laurens county troops than any other division in the army and to it fell the privilege, and we are sure it was considered a privilege, to have been assigned one of the most spectacular if not the most difficult roles in the war. The division created news such as the 117th Engineers would have created had they been given the opportunity, but this privilege fell to the Thirtieth and it must be admitted that the facts in the case, rather than partially justified more publicity from South Carolina papers than for other divisions. The engineers of the army had a difficult role to play and played it well. The people of this country are proud of them on account of it and await their return as well as the return of all other American units with a genuine and hearty welcome.

The Advertiser has not printed all of the dispatches referring to any of the divisions. It could not have done so for mechanical reasons. It has tried to print all of the soldiers' letters sent to it, even when they were of but a personal nature. It still has a few which it will yet publish. While we do not like to say so, some of them have been left out because they were illegible and some because they were not signed. None have been left out on account of a lack of news value.

Chautauqua in May. Mr. L. G. Balle received a letter several days ago from the management of the Redpath Chautauqua bureau in Chicago stating that the Chautauqua would probably open here this season on May 9th, which the calendar will show falls on Friday. The letter did not go into details of the program, but it was stated that representatives are now in Europe listing foreign talent and that the program this year promises to surpass any hitherto shown.

### STREET FORCE STRIKES.

Street Workers Want Shorter Hours or More Pay. No Work on the Streets Yesterday.

The street workers of the city, laid down the shovels and the hoes yesterday and refused to pick them up again until the City Fathers had met with their demands for better pay or shorter working hours or both. The consequences is that Supt. Wiss Riddle was out of a job yesterday and the streets went unkempt, unswept and unsung. What attitude the Council will take toward the strike has not yet been indicated and the city may remain in the throes of the disturbance for some time to come.

The striking workers went to the barns as usual yesterday morning and hitched up preparatory to going to work. When Supt. Riddle came on the scene to start things arolling, he was advised in indefinite terms that a change in working conditions was very much to be desired. Something was said about shorter hours and more pay like the men "on the railroad" and that unless the demands were met no work would be done that day. Mr. Riddle, being without authority to make any advances, called off the work for the day and the men put the teams back in the stalls. They have been working on a ten hour schedule at \$2.00 per day. They have not stated exactly what they want in the future.

### Charles Thompson University Orator.

Charles Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thompson, of this city, has been selected by the committee of judges at the University of South Carolina, to represent the university at the annual oratorical contest to be held in Greenwood in April. Mr. Thompson has been prominently identified with literary society work in the university and is one of the leading men of the Junior class. His friends here are highly gratified at his success and will be on hand to cheer him on when the speaking takes place.

### Laymen's Meeting.

There will be a special laymen's meeting at New Prospect church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. Rev. J. R. Williams, Pastor.

We are showing a splendid line of Baby Carriages. S. M. & E. H. WILKES & CO.

### Notice of Opening Books of Subscription.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a commission issued to me by Honorable W. Banks Dove, Secretary of State, dated 15th day of March, 1919, the undersigned as Board of Corporators will open books of subscription to the capital stock of Harris Springs National Bank, Laurens, S. C., at 10 o'clock A. M. Thursday, March 20th, 1919, and at said time and place the subscribers to said capital stock will meet for the purposes of organization. The proposed capital stock is \$20,000, divided into 200 shares, of \$100.00 par value each. The company proposes among other things to bottle, sell and carbonate mineral waters, to operate and conduct hotels or boarding houses, and otherwise develop mineral springs.

W. C. WHARTON, H. K. AIKEN, T. D. LAKE, R. F. JONES, JOHN A. FRANKS, Board of Corporators. March 17, 1919. 35-11-A

### ABBEVILLE-GREENWOOD MUTUAL INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

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### SPECIAL NOTICES.

See Me Quick if you want to rent my farm at Barksdale Station for this year. Farm has 65 acres in high state of cultivation, about 11 acres cleared only two years. Has nice five-room cottage, large barn and all necessary out-buildings. Party who has lease on this farm has to leave on account of financial reasons. There is about 20 acres sown in wheat and oats which will be turned over to party who rents for the price of the seed used. Rent very reasonable. A. D. Putnam, at Post Office, Laurens. 35-11-pd

Lost—Set of false teeth somewhere in Laurens last week. Finder please notify "X", care The Advertiser. 35-11-pd

Wanted—Three rooms down stairs for light house-keeping. Call 215. 35-11

Lost—Either in the cemetery or between the cemetery and Dr. Ferguson's home, a brooch set with jade and gold. Reward if returned to this office. 35-11-pd

For Sale—Several barrels of nice table syrup at 75 cents per gallon. Other grades down to 20 cents—all good values. Also a few bags of seed Irish potatoes. Machen Grocery Company. 35-11

For Rent or Lease—Improved two-horse farm seven miles west of Laurens near McDaniels mill. Good out-buildings and pasture. Apply to W. H. Irby, Enorce Drug Company, of Miss M. H. Irby, Wells Clardy Company. 35-11

Lost—Between oil mill and Armstrong's market last Wednesday morning long yellow pocketbook containing long yellow pocketbook containing return to Advertiser and get \$5.00 reward, or mail pocketbook to Wade Finley, W. Hampton St., Laurens. 35-11-pd

For Sale—Cow fresh in milk. Price right. B. F. Simpson, Gray Court. 35-11-pd

For Sale—Eggs from my pure bred Barred Plymouth Rocks and S. C. White Leghorn. \$2.50 per setting of 15, postpaid. I also have a few nice cockerels. G. C. Roper, Laurens, Route 6. 35-31-pd

For Sale—Horse carriage and harness. N. B. Dial. 35-11

Lost—Between City Market and Minter Company Saturday afternoon, pocketbook containing \$10.30 in silver and one dollar bills; also receipts. Finder please notify Fannie Williams, Laurens, Route 4. 33-11-pd

For Sale—Eggs from purebred White Leghorns that have been in-closed in walk all season. Seventy-five cents for fifteen. Ruth Todd, East Main Street, Laurens. 35-11-pd

For Sale—Two bred registered Berkshire sows, and one registered Berkshire boar at sacrifice sale. D. E. Todd, Laurens. 35-11-pd

For Sale—About ten bushels of heavy yielding clay peas, slightly mixed. Good variety. Price \$3.50 per bushel. J. D. Graydon, Route 1, Gray Court. 35-11-pd

Notice—I will have some seven weeks' old pigs up town Saturday at \$5.00. Cross between Berkshire and Duroc-Jersey. L. M. Beacham, Laurens, S. C. 35-11

Veterinary Supplies—We carry a complete line of fresh veterinary antitoxins and we use only the very best of drugs in your doctor's prescriptions. Treat your stock right. Call on Dr. E. C. Owens and we will do the rest. Yours for prompt and courteous service. Putnam's Drug Store. 35-21-pd

For Sale—Plenty of six-weeks-old pigs. Duroc-Jersey-Berkshire cross, at \$5.00 each. Better be safe than sorry. L. M. Beacham at Tom Shaw's farm, Phone 85. 24-21-pd

Eggs—Rhode Island Reds that stay red. See my chickens before you buy. \$1.50 per setting from Pen No. 1; \$1.00 from Pen No. 2. Early hatched chickens make fall layers. W. R. McCuen, Laurens, S. C. 33-51-pd

For Sale—You Farmers: Let me sell you a Western Electric lighting plant which will make your lights, furnish power for your water works, pump water, saw wood, grind feed, etc. I now have this agency, which will furnish more power for the money than any other company. See me at Laurens, S. C. Theodore B. Sumerel. 27-cow-51-chd

Wanted—To rent my upstairs. Three rooms, modern conveniences. Mrs. S. D. Young. 33-51-pd

Liberty Bonds—If you have them for sale, see me. Clyde T. Franks, at Farmers National Bank. 32-51

For Sale—I now have in stock a cut off wood saw, can be operated by two men. Will cut any size of log and any length from two inches up. Lumber and cord wood men see me at Laurens, S. C. Theodore B. Sumerel. 27-cow-51-chd

Rooms—Attractive front rooms over J. C. Shell & Company's store opposite postoffice; also front room over Clardy's. Apply phone 34 Gray Court, or J. C. Shell or Wells Clardy. 31-51

Insure Tires—Insure against punctures by using Rapid Sealer, a preparation of rubber, gums, etc., to put into your tires, which will fill the cavity as soon as nail is removed. No take-off. For sale by T. B. Sumerel, Laurens, S. C. 27-cow-51-chd

Mules—Another lot of fresh mules on hand. Come and see them at Bolt's old stable. W. H. Wharton. 30-11

Anderson Car—We are now offering for sale the famous Anderson "6-40"—A Little Higher in Price But—Made in Rock Hill where the famous Rock Hill buggies are made, of the very best material and workmanship. No shoddy. Red Seal Continental motor. Real steel body and genuine leather upholstery. all or phone T. B. Sumerel at Farmers National Bank for demonstration. 27-cow-51-chd

City Opera House NEXT WEEK SPECIAL ATTRACTION Girls Glee Club of The Greenville Woman College Will give a recital that will warrant the attendance of every person in the city of Laurens. This aggregation of Musicians is one of the best known in the State and their program will be replete with Songs, Piano Numbers, and Violin Solos. Price 25 cents and 50 cents

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