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THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1909.

Give Us a Fair Deal.

On Saturday, May 15, Mr Stewart Starr, representing the petitioners for the formation of the new county of Rutledge, appeared before Governor Ansel and asked permission to amend the original petition so as to leave out of the proposed area the two Florence county townships and to change the boundary line below Cades.

We are told in the press reports that the amendment was granted by the Governor, the matter being without opposition and uncontested.

This would appear to indicate that very little interest in the whole business is taken by the people of the county not included in the Rutledge area, and that they were indifferent as to the outcome of the hearing.

This attitude of indifference, we may say, is more apparent than real. As a matter of fact there are hundreds of people on this side of the line who are keenly alive to the situation, but who in the circumstances were so handicapped that they were unable to do anything to resist a move on the part of the new county promoters that will put Williamsburg county to the expense of another survey and take still more territory from the old county.

We say that the opponents of the new county scheme were helpless to resist this move, inasmuch as they were totally unprepared for it, being entirely without knowledge of the contemplated action until it was too late to take any steps in the way of effectual resistance.

This leads up to the question, Are we getting a fair deal in this part of the county?

Here is the situation, as it appears to us: When the original petition for the new county was presented to Governor Ansel, he appointed a commission to look after the matter to see that all the requirements for the formation of new counties were complied with.

This commission was composed of six men—two from Florence county, two from Clarendon and two from Williamsburg. Mr R B Smith of Kingstree was appointed to represent that part of Williamsburg presumably opposed to the dismemberment; that is, the part not included in the proposed area of Rutledge county.

Mr Smith, by the way, was made chairman of the commission—quite a distinguished compliment to our part of the county in the light of subsequent proceedings.

The first duty of the commission after organizing was to select two surveyors—disinterested men, not even residents of the counties affected.

Messrs T C Hamby of Columbia and E S Oliver of Marion were employed and the work went merrily on. On April 16 (mark the date)

we gleaned from the columns of our esteemed contemporary, the Rutledge County News, the following bit of information:

Messrs Hamby and Oliver, who have been working on the survey of Rutledge county since March 17, finished their field work last Thursday.

The area has been calculated and Rutledge comes within the requirements of the constitution providing for new counties.

An excellent map has been made. Premature announcement of plans is unwise. Sufficient to say, however that those in charge of the new county matter know what they are about.

Upon reading the above item we immediately looked up Mr Smith, the chairman of the commission, and asked him for some information on the subject. His reply was that the surveyors had made no report to the commission, nor did he know anything about the "excellent map" they had made.

In fact, he assured us that our contemporary's statement was as much news to him as it was to us. This interview took place on Saturday, April 17. From that time on we heard nothing more of the new county matter until an article in the Florence Times of April 27 apprised us that Mr Stewart Starr, while passing through Florence on his way from Columbia, had been interviewed and stated that his mission to Columbia was to consult with Mr R H Welch, the attorney for the new countyites, in preparing an amendment to the original petition, dropping Pee Dee and Hanna townships.

We again sought Mr Smith, the chairman of the new county commission and our representative on the board, who assured us most positively that the surveyors had not yet made their report to the commission and that he had no definite information as to the result of their survey.

The next news was that the time for hearing the request for permission to amend the petition was set for Saturday, May 15, at which time Mr Smith told us that the surveyors had made no report to the commission as to their findings, and even up to this time, Mr Smith says, neither the report nor the map has been submitted.

Now, in the face of these conditions, what could we on this side of the line do to prevent the granting of the amendment, being kept entirely in the dark and having absolutely no data to act upon?

It appears to us that the surveyors have given out information prematurely to interested parties before making their report to the commission. We do not know Messrs. Hamby and Oliver, the official surveyors, personally, and far be it from our desire to accuse them wrongfully; yet it seems to us that they should explain their delay in submitting their report to the commission that employed them and also tell how the information that they were paid to obtain leaked out prematurely.

How did Mr Stewart Starr know on April 16 that the area of Rutledge came within the constitutional requirement unless the surveyors told him, and what right had they to disclose this information before submitting a report to their employers?

Where did Messrs Starr and Welch get their data for preparing the new petition and how could they know that sufficient territory remained to admit of their dropping Pee Dee and

Hanna townships? From whom should Governor Ansel take his information except the duly constituted authority created by himself; viz, the commission that he appointed?

Was it just or fair in the Governor to act on an ex parte statement from Messrs. Starr and Welch in a matter that concerns our whole county?

These are pertinent questions and we, in this part of the county, to whom this is an issue of vital importance, would like to have them answered.

Give us a fair deal!

In our discussion of the new county question we are going according to the lights before us, and we disclaim any intention to be unjust to any one or unfair in any respect. If we are wrong we invite anyone to point out the error and we will cheerfully acknowledge it. If the people in the affected area really want to separate themselves from the old county we have no complaint to make; it is a matter for them to decide. But we do want to see the issue squarely presented, in order that the voters may clearly see just what they are going to do before it is irrevocably too late. We therefore offer anyone interested the matter, whether he be for or against the new county movement, the use of our columns to express his views.

The editor of a Kansas paper says of the new money: "The head of Lincoln appears on the new silver half dollar, the bust of Cleveland will appear on the new \$10 certificate, and that of Grant on the \$50 one. We'll get a sight of Lincoln now and then and occasionally may scrape an acquaintance with Cleveland, but good-bye, General Grant, and God bless you."

The commencements of our State colleges are being featured in all their bloom and beauty and grandeur. But we see very little account of them in the papers published in the cities where most of these institutions have had their invitations and catalogues printed.

In making his fight for a duty on South Carolina tea Senator Tillman should have the backing of at least one Republican member—a certain Beveridge that cheers but not inebriates.

Two Eclipses this Month.

Of the four eclipses scheduled for 1909 two will take place this month—one of the moon this evening and one of the sun on June 17. Both of these eclipses will be visible here. That of the moon will be visible throughout almost all North America. It will be a total eclipse here. The moon will enter the shadow before it rises. The total eclipse will begin in Charleston at 29 minutes and 5 seconds past 7 o'clock and will end at 8:40 o'clock. The moon leaving the shadow at 9:54. The partial eclipse of the sun will take place about sunset and will last from 6:58 o'clock until the sun sets.

Colds that hang on weaken the constitution and develop into consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar cures persistent coughs that refuse to yield to other treatment. Do not experiment with untried remedies as delay may result in your cold settling on your lungs. D C Scott.

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STATE AND GENERAL NEWS.

A tornado of great fury struck the little village of Zephyr, in the eastern portion of Brown county, Texas, at 1 o'clock Sunday morning and left a path of death and destruction seldom paralleled. The death list has reached a total of 32, and the number of seriously and fatally wounded will reach 50. A score are more or less injured.

An unknown negro was shot and killed at Campfield church, Abbeville county, Sunday. A "big meeting" was in progress with a poker game on the side, and in the latter some friction arose as to the winning of a pot.

May 30 falling on Sunday, Monday, May 31, was observed as Decoration day at the North and in some parts of the South—wherein the Blue and the Gray joined into one in paying tribute to the dead.

In Edgefield the railroad traffic resumed. The strike lasted thirteen days.

J Ben Smoak, a young merchant of Smoaks, in Colleton county, was foully murdered Saturday night. It is supposed that a tramp committed the crime for the purpose of robbery.

Twenty two persons were killed and probably forty injured in Oklahoma Saturday night, May 29 in a cyclone.

While on a Sunday-school picnic excursion, Willie Shannon, aged 11 years, was drowned near Columbia Saturday while bathing in a mill pond.

A charter has been issued to the Crystal Ice Co, of Orangeburg, empowering the company to manufacture, ice, fuel and power. The capital stock is \$100,000.

Senator E D Smith delivered his maiden speech in the Senate Monday. His speech was devoted principally to a denunciation of the pending tariff bill and a strong argument for free trade.

Rev A B Kennedy, a pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, has been a member of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The society is throwing a dog out last Sunday that the derelict put out.

Eber Ashford, one of the "tenderloin" district in Columbia, Sunday, May 23, died Monday afternoon of wounds inflicted in the fight.

William Camp was killed by lightning Monday afternoon in Spartanburg county. William Simmons, a neighbor, and his family of four children were terribly shocked and their home set on fire.

The report of the U S census bureau places the total number of bales of cotton produced last year at 13,587,306.

The State Press Association will meet in Greenville July 6-7-8.

The newly discovered disease, pellagra, found a victim in Spartanburg last week.

The Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which cost \$10,000,000, was opened yesterday at noon. President Taft pressed the button.

On Tuesday, near Anderson, a bolt of lightning from an apparently clear sky killed Jim Bird, a negro plough hand, also the mule he was ploughing.

Monroe Ward shot H R Miller twice with a 44 calibre pistol Tuesday in Union. The cause of the shooting is unknown. Miller is likely to die.

Col J H Averill, a prominent railroad man and commissioner of the Charleston exposition, died at Summerville Tuesday.

Walker C Jones was drowned in Congaree river, near Columbia, Tuesday. He had gone fishing and it is supposed was taken with an epileptic fit and fell into the water.

John T McGrady, who lived in the upper part of Richland county, died Tuesday of hydrophobia in a Columbia hospital.

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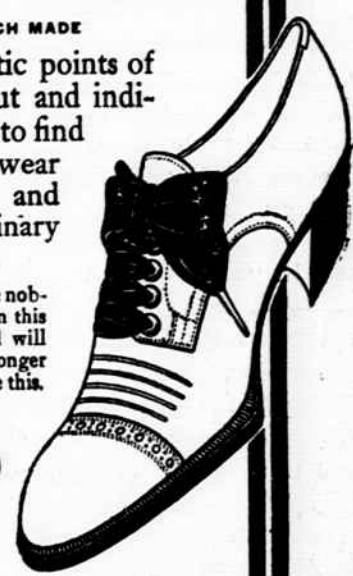
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