

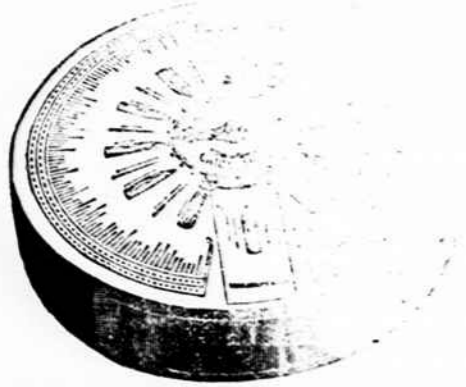
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A VARIETY OF NEWS FROM LAKE CITY.

BARN AND STABLES BURNED—A NEAR ACCIDENT WITH PISTOL—MRS CARTER REAPPOINTED POSTMASTER.

Lake City, June 29.—Mr Claude S Lucas of Florence visited our town last Monday and spent the day.

Geo B Wilson, Esq, of Richmond, Va, was here Tuesday last.

Mrs Della D Carter received notice Monday that the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, had appointed her as postmaster at Lake City for the term of four years, beginning June 16, 1909.

Miss Daisy McCutchen visited at her old home last week. As is well known, she now lives at Latta.

Mr J F Eppes, whose home is at Due West, spent two days last week with friends in town. He graduated in the law course of the University of South Carolina at the commencement held a few days ago. His frame of mind was serious, he being now "up against" that momentous problem which confronts every young man about to enter upon the active duties of life: "What shall I do?" "Where shall I go?"

The barn and stables of Mr J L C Moore on Murphy Street was entirely consumed by fire Saturday night, together with all contents except horses and mules, which were saved. The fire was discovered about midnight, and to the alarm the engine and hose cart quickly responded, but it was at once realized that no power could save the building. Therefore all efforts were directed towards saving nearby property, that in most danger being the residences of Mr Moore, Miss Mollie Murphy and Mr E T Moody. By strenuous work these were saved. Two negro boys named James Davis and Arthur Burgess, being suspected of the crime of starting the fire, were arrested and locked up until Monday morning when they were released for lack of evidence sufficient to warrant holding them. There seems to be no doubt that the house was set on fire purposely. The starting place was in the second story on the inside where there was stored a lot of hay, fodder and other feed stuff, and some are of the opinion that these boys were sleeping

up there and accidentally set the fire from a match or cigarette, and becoming frightened ran away. They are small chaps, something like fourteen and sixteen years of age, and live in or near Kingstree.

Mr Redden McGee fired a pistol in his face last Friday night, but sustained nothing more serious than severe burns. He was lying on the floor of the piazza of his dwelling house. The pistol was directly in his face when it was fired, but in some unaccountable way the bullet did not strike him. On account of the burns it is difficult to say positively that the ball did not strike him, but if it did, it certainly did no more than graze the skin.

Messrs F C Thomas of Manning and H C Thomas of Florence visited their sister, Mrs Della D Carter Tuesday.

When Mr W E Hanna moved his crowd of children from Lake City to his old home, one of our trustees remarked that the staff of teachers of the graded school could be reduced one, but at that time this trustee did not know that Mr Gravely would become a citizen of the town. W L B.

Prof. Sheridan Goes to Walterboro.

A dispatch from Walterboro to the State says Prof Hugo G Sheridan was elected principal of the Walterboro Graded school. There were a number of applicants for the position, but Prof Sheridan secured the place. He is one of the best known educators in the State and will doubtless prove popular and successful in his work there. Prof Sheridan has been at Lake City the past year but will move his family to Walterboro in a few weeks. The school bids fair to be in a prosperous condition this year, as an election has been ordered for a high school for next year, and also the town has been bonded to erect a new school building.

Here is Relief for Women.

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DOES THE NORTHERN ONE-THIRD AREA PAY TWO-THIRDS OF THE TAXES?

STATEMENT SHOWING THE TOTAL ASSESSED VALUE OF ALL PROPERTY IN THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS OF THE COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1908—FACTS AND FIGURES TO PONDER OVER.

When the Rutledge county movement first took form some of its promoters—to give impetus to the enterprise—made all sorts of extravagant statements as to the vast amount of taxable property and wonderful resources of the section included in the proposed new county. In contrast with the rich northern section of the county the lower part not to be cut off was sneeringly referred to as the "pauper section," and the boast was made that the upper one-third area paid over two-thirds of taxes levied in the county. These wild and reckless claims having been contradicted from time to time by people who knew better, might have been pardoned in the exhilaration and excitement attendant upon the early bringing forth of an infant county with such a grand endowment of glittering prospects, had the boast stopped when the promoters for it admitted they had exaggerated the facts—but the same claim still being made? We are told that many people, not having access to the auditor's books, have given credence to a statement that is absolutely without foundation in fact.

The figures given below tell the truth more eloquently than words. The only satisfactory way to settle a matter in dispute is to refer to the highest authority on the subject, and in this case there is but one authority, which is the auditor's books. The figures speak for themselves and we defy anyone to dispute them. A glance at these figures gives us some interesting information. Let us see:

The total property value in Williamsburg county is \$5,013,895, of which amount \$3,272,679 is in the territory not included in the Rutledge area and \$1,741,216 is in the "northern one-third area that (as claimed) pays two thirds of the taxes." Somewhat surprising, isn't it?

As a matter of fact, if any one wants to figure it out, he will find that the old county, i. e., the part not included in the Rutledge area, will pay this year \$42,544.82 in taxes, while the Rutledge portion will pay 23,635.80 on the basis of the present levy of 13 mills. Quite a considerable difference between these figures and the boastful claims of the new countyites.

These are facts to consider and the voters who do not want to go blindly into a scheme merely on the alluring promises and assurances of interested parties will do well to read and inform themselves before irrevocably committing themselves to a proposition that at best is a very doubtful experiment.

Total Property in "Old County" Area:		Total Property in Proposed Rutledge Co	
Hope Township.....	\$ 369,475	Sumter.....	\$ 142,371
Laws.....	181,397	Mouzon's Township	34,913
Penn.....	210,547	(approx)	144,320
Suttons.....	89,459	Ridge (approx)	133,078
Anderson.....	208,222	Indian "	252,469
Mouzon's (approx)	104,740	Johnson.....	113,294
King.....	192,890	Lee.....	153,382
Turkey.....	179,503	Lake City.....	367,836
Mingo.....	176,417	N E R R (approx)	395,278
Ridge (approx)	67,150	Pullman Car Co, Tele-	
Indian "	22,180	graph, Express, etc	
Kingstree.....	472,070	(approx)	4,275
N E R R (approx)	666,246		
G & W R R.....	91,250		
Paroda R R.....	1,000		
Central R R.....	148,040		
G & W Logging R R	23,500	Total value of prop-	
Pullman Car Co, Tele-		erty in whole county, \$5,013,895.	
graph, Express, etc			
(approx)	67,793		
	\$3,272,679		

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement showing the assessed value of all property, real and per-

sonal, in Williamsburg county for the year 1908, copied from records of Auditor's office.

J J B MONTGOMERY,
COUNTY AUDITOR.

Kingstree, S C, June 28, 1909.

KINGSTREE MARKET WILL HAVE BUYERS.

BOTH THE AMERICAN AND THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANIES WILL BE REPRESENTED HERE.

A party interested in the Kingstree tobacco warehouses has handed us a letter written him by a friend to the Kingstree market stating that certain persons at Lake City are industriously circulating the report that there will be no buyers on the Kingstree market except "pinhookers" and that the American Tobacco Co will not have a buyer on Kingstree market.

If the parties circulating this report honestly believe what they are telling, they are simply mistaken, and should at once seek to correct the wrong impression they may have created. If they really know better and are seeking to injure the Kingstree market, such methods will only recoil upon themselves and hurt their own market instead of building it up at the expense of another.

The buyers will be here. The Imperial Tobacco Co has a buyer already assigned to this point and the American Tobacco Co will have a buyer on Kingstree market just as soon as they put one at Lake City or any other market in the State. We have this information from those who are in a position to know and when the season formally opens

Kingstree will be found right in the band wagon, ready to pay top-of-the-market prices for all of the tobacco that comes this way.

There is no objection to honest competition—it helps both markets. But there is no use or sense in trying to tear down one market to boost another.

Death of Mr. S. L. Lifrage.

Mr S Leard Lifrage died at the hospital in Charleston last Sunday and was buried at Union church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the funeral services being conducted by Rev E E Ervin. Mr Lifrage's family were gathered at his bedside when the end came, and he died confessing the peace that comes to those who believe that their sins are forgiven.

The deceased was about 60 years old and was a Confederate veteran. He leaves a wife and four children and a number of sorrowing relatives.

The funeral rites were solemnized in the presence of a large crowd of sympathizing friends and neighbors who mourn the loss of a good man in their community.

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