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**THURSDAY, JULY 29, 1909.**

Opponents of the scheme to form Dillon county by cutting Marion in two, claim that the part cut off for the new county does not contain the 400 square miles required by the constitution as the minimum area for a new county. To test the official survey of Messrs Hamby and Beatty, they employed Surveyor Howard Wiswall of Charleston, who found "several large errors" made by Hamby and Beatty, which would cut the Dillon territory below the constitutional area required. It will be remembered that one of these surveyors, Mr Hamby, was employed with Mr Oliver to make the official survey for the proposed Rutledge county. If it be proved that the survey was wrong in Marion county, it is not improbable that similar errors were made in the Rutledge survey. With only four miles and a fraction to spare, a very small error would reduce the area below the limit. We shall watch with interest the outcome of the Marion controversy.

A very important election will be held to-morrow in our neighbor town, Lake City; an election that will bring distinct advantages to the school, besides increasing its revenue several hundred dollars annually. All this is to be had, if we understand the question, merely for the asking in the form of an election. The high school question will undoubtedly be answered in the affirmative by the people of Lake City, who are loyal to the school, and we are surprised that they have neglected the opportunity so long to merge their graded school into a high school with all the attendant advantages of increased prestige, broader curriculum and higher standard of scholarship. The election will doubtless be carried unanimously for the high school, there being absolutely no excuse to vote against it, and we hope to see a big vote polled as an emphatic endorsement of this step forward in the way of educational progress.

Attorney General Lyon is making some pretty rank decisions lately, which are causing amusement among really capable attorneys over the State. Only a short while ago he rendered a decision which had the effect of closing the books of registration in this county thirty-three days before the ensuing elections, when the law distinctly provides that the books shall be closed thirty days before the date of the election. This decision on the part of Mr Lyon has practically disfranchised a considerable number of white men, citizens of Williamsburg county, who, had they been given a fair deal, would have been entitled to cast their votes in two very important elections. Mr Lyon's latest abortive effort to construe a very simple and plainly worded act of the Legislature is set forth in a press clipping from

the News and Courier, which appears elsewhere in this issue.

We understand that the Rutledge county promoters are claiming that the Williamsburg part of the Paroda railroad should be included in their territory. Well, give it to them and it only adds \$1,000 to their property valuation. Remember, the auditor's and the comptroller general's figures show Rutledge to be more than half a million dollars poorer than the poorest county in the State, so that, comparatively speaking, a thousand dollars more or less is a mere drop in the bucket.

The city of Florence was bonded in 1889 for \$24,000 to build a court house and jail. They built it then at that figure, but that was twenty years ago when labor and building material were at least 100 per cent cheaper than today. A conservative business man of Florence county expressed the opinion less than a month ago in our presence that these buildings would cost not less than \$50,000 on the basis of present high prices of labor and material.

Suppose that the town of Florence did erect the public buildings in that county, that is no evidence that Lake City will bond the town and put up a court house and jail. Lake City is bonded to the limit already and the two cases are not analogous, anyway. Lee county and Calhoun county, where the people were fooled by mere promises and pledges, would bear more directly upon the present situation.

The people in the lower part of the county will take care of

this county seat question when they see fit to try for their county. The taxable property may not all be there now, but it is bound to come in a few years. If Rutledge county be formed all hope of relief for these people and their children's children is buried forever.

Miss Estella Smoak, the fair editor of the Branchville Journal, became Mrs G B Herndon on last Sunday evening. We extend felicitations and wish both bride and groom much happiness.

Some men fail from knowing too little, but more fail from knowing too much, and still more fail from knowing it all.

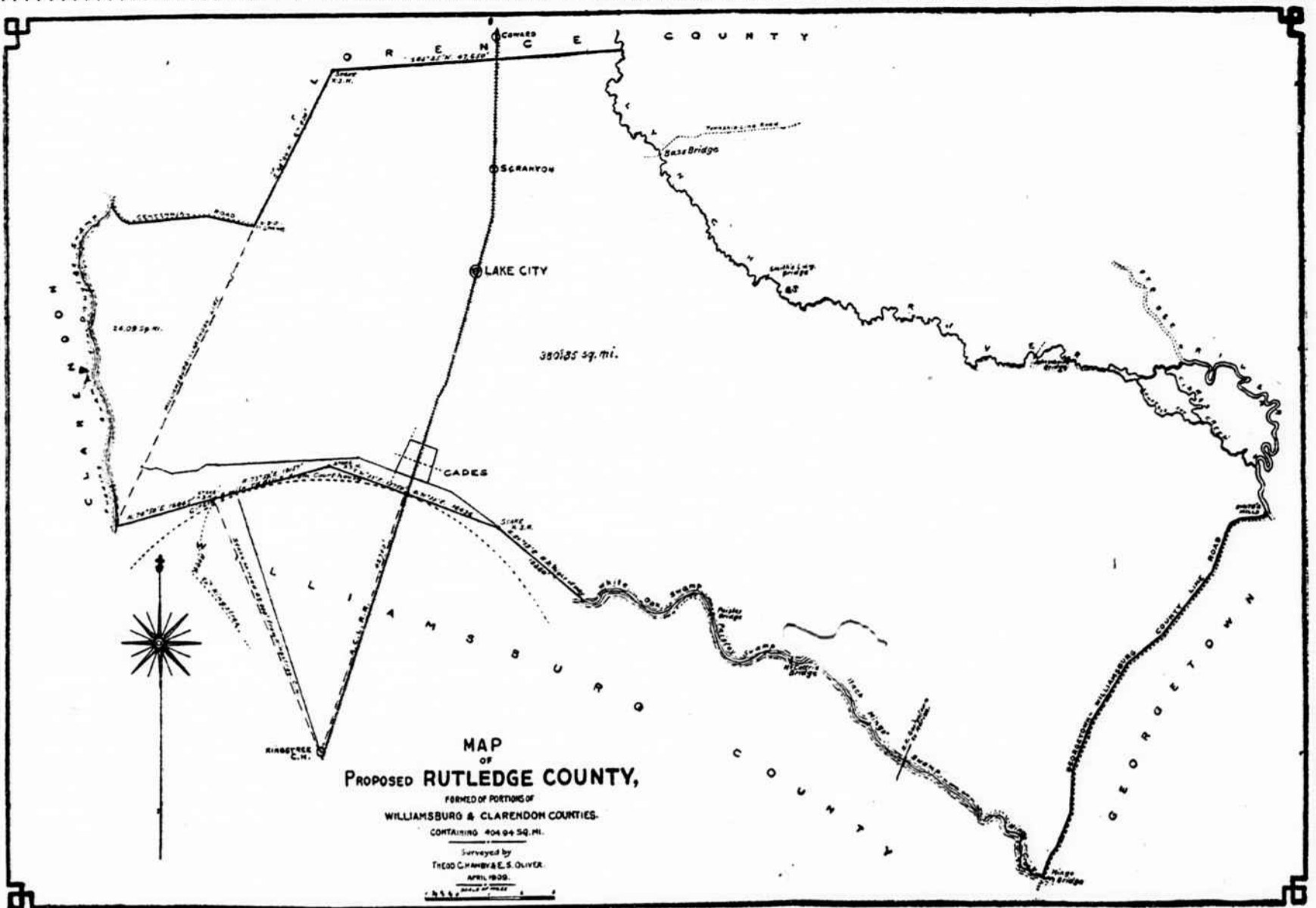
**A Card.**

Editor County Record:— Please allow me space in your paper to reply to the statement of Mr C K Feagin of Harper concerning the game of ball played between Moody or Spring Gully and Choppee. I am not concerned in the matter personally, but only reported the game on information obtained from Mr H A Wheeler, who is one of the players of the Moody or Spring Gully team.

Hoping that this will acquit me of any seeming intention to misrepresent the affair, I am,

Respectfully yours,  
 RED COON.

Note—The question of whether it was Spring Gully or Moody baseball club that played Choppee a game of ball some time ago on the Morrisville diamond is of small interest to the general public. In the immediate locality affected the facts are doubtless known to everyone concerned. We think, then, that the further obsequies of the game referred to may be omitted without serious disappointment to most of our readers.— Editor The Record.



**A "SHOE STRING" COUNTY.**

For the benefit of all parties concerned whether for or against the new county, we publish this week a map of the proposed county of Rutledge. Lest we be accused of substitution by some people who are ready to believe one who differs honestly from them guilty of any kind of sharp practice, we will explain that the cut published is made from a reduced photograph of the blue print fac simile of the official map, which was sent to Mr R B Smith, the chairman of the election commission for Rutledge county. The photograph camera does not lie, hence the map must be a correct copy of the original.

Having only recently been able to obtain a copy of the Rutledge county map, we were dependent wholly upon reports emanating from the new county promoters as to what it looked like on paper. We had heard so much of that "nice, compact, symmetrical little county" that we were led to hope that the map would show some argument in favor of the new county to offset the many points against it. But we were distinctly disappointed when we actually beheld the much-talked-of map. Several of our correspondents this week refer to Rutledge as a "shoe string" county, and anyone can see at a glance how well the term fits. For convenience of our readers the map is drawn to a scale of four miles to the inch; hence, to get the distance from any given point to another, all one has to do is to measure the inches and multiply by four. For instance, the rule shows the length to be 8 3/4 inches. Multiply 8 3/4 by 4 and we have 35 miles as the extreme length of the proposed county. Now, measure across at the narrowest part and we have just about nine miles, while the widest place is only about thirteen miles. The average width shows for itself. From Lake City to Smith Mills is 24 miles, an air line; while to the nearest point west to the Clarendon line the distance is only seven miles.

On the whole the claim of a "nice, compact, symmetrical little county" falls as flat as that of the vast resources of Rutledge, which has come to be a joke.

**THE SAGE OF POSSUM FORK**

Talks Right Out in Meet- Rutledge County Neither Needed nor Wanted.

Editor County Record:—

I suppose we must dance to the tune of about \$2,000 as expenses of surveying the "shoe string" meant for Rutledge county. But we beg to be excused from dancing to the music of the new county itself. You struck the key note in your "Why Rutledge County?" in the last issue of The Record. And, too, your level-headed, philosophic correspondent "Majority Man" is right. No good will come to the masses by means of the new county except Lake City and surrounding country, and even that is doubtful. We don't want the new county; don't need it in its present shape, and seeing no other practical way to cut it, we pronounce it no good and don't intend to have it if we can help ourselves. And it is said that our section has been taken advantage of in that some of the Lake City folks phoned to the Governor and caused him to stop our registration officers three days ahead of time and prevented about fifty of our citizens from obtaining registration certificates, and then bragged about it. Now, Mr Editor, is that fair? We ought to have a square vote and a fair count. Let's sift the matter; everybody come out to the temperance picnic on the 12th of August at Johnsonville Graded school house. But don't forget to come to the election on the 17th of August armed with tax receipts and registration certificates, and if the new county fails to materialize, Lake City will not be hurt if she will take her court house money and build that trolley line and connect herself with the country around

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