

# IN THE MATTER OF RUTLEDGE COUNTY.

## FACT, LOGIC AND SENTIMENT WOVEN INTO IRRESISTIBLE ARGUMENT A- GAINST THE NEW COUNTY.

Editor County Record:--

It seems that Lake City in her great, noble soul-inspiring struggle for self-preservation has at last condescended to notice through your paper "bits of argument, clippings and comments on the Rutledge county movement." These they tell us "are provokingly amusing and at variance with the spirit that animates the movement." This reminds us of a French lady who while in animated discussion with her sister, exclaimed: "But I meet with no one but myself who is always in the right!"

We concede to Lake City's new county promoters that their contention is not restrained by any constitutional barrier. That they have the right under the laws of our State to further their natural interest, as they are now doing; but, Mr Editor, we grant this concession with the distinct understanding that it goes only so far as they are justified by the State law.

Under the State law we often see public acts which say in effect: "They should take who have power and they should keep who can." In their plans, "The net is spread in plain and open view of all voters with judgment enough to discern what it is there for." We hold that there is a higher law, that we should be prompted by a higher purpose in dealing with public questions than merely meeting the requirements of the laws of our State. It is now daily drawn to every thinking man's attention who has a cultivated conscience that in public matters people are too prone to think that because their conduct is not condemned by the laws of our country, the laws of the Infinite Power which rules the destinies of the universe are not transgressed.

This view of the matter is one of the greatest calamities and heaviest curses we now have to contend with. The end of man's law is but the beginning of God's law and the basis of God's law is equity and justice in a much higher degree than is contained in any laws created by man.

It is very evident to our mind that Lake City's contention for the formation of a new county, having Lake City as the county seat, is all wrong. Wrong because it is not for the general good of Williamsburg county. Wrong because it is favoring the few at the expense of the many. Wrong because in its purpose it snatches from the citizenship of lower Williamsburg their privilege of the twentieth century. Wrong because it blights the hopes, appropriates the prosperity, binds the hands and shackles the feet of succeeding generations. In its purpose we can see only an act of disloyalty to one's mother county by those who feel their power and forget the right.

That we may not seemingly appear too harsh in passing judgment on our neighbors and friends, we will say for their benefit that it is natural for man to indulge in the illusion of hope, but in so doing they should be very careful not to shut their eyes against a painful truth. They should see to it that they are not numbered among those who, "having eyes see not and having ears hear not."

Lake City had a dream and she awoke! She dreamed that a sister town had appropriated a few square miles of territory, without even a voice from the people, and was then making ready to rejoice in great pomp and glory as a beautiful, progressive county seat. In the twinkling of an eye, as if wrought by some magic hand, the beautiful flower, pride of the people, the glory of the town, was snatched, as it were, from the beautiful city and transplanted in the fertile soil of Lake City, to the glory of the town and honor of her people. "We awoke," says Lake City. "This is sufficient cause for the whole movement." Men of Williamsburg, in the name of common sense and reason, in justice to us all, answer this statement at

the ballot box.

If the people of that section wished it and nothing else could be done, how much better it would be to give up a few miles of territory above Lake City than to shackle the feet of succeeding generations in hundreds of miles of fertile territory in lower Williamsburg and Georgetown counties. Voters of the proposed new county, awake before your friends (?) shall bind you hand and foot. You who have an educated conscience; you who look for guidance beyond the common law; you who would "rather be right than be President of these United States," it is your conception of justice that we are depending upon to win in this fight. Suffer not yourselves to be betrayed with a kiss.

It was just a few years ago that Lake City outgrew her name, then known as "Graham's Cross Roads"; thought of as "Graham's Cross Roads" today by many. Now proudly spoken of by her citizenship as Lake City with the stress on the city. Property values were low there then, before she outgrew her name. She has made great strides forward since then, for which she should get due credit, but, in the light of the recollection of the past, let us not tauntingly refer to property values in lower Williamsburg.

It is to be seen of all men that in the last few years Lake City has made wonderful material progress. Why not in lower Williamsburg in the near future?

We are no prophet and have no inclination in that channel, but we venture to say that with the now rapid completion of the railroad already half across the county, we expect yet to see lower Williamsburg the garden spot of our county. Who ventures to dispute this assertion? There is no good ground for discouragement for those who hope for the formation of a new county in lower Williamsburg and Georgetown counties. The golden future is drawing nearer, no matter how much the present may seem clouded. If you vote for the county of Rutledge your vote will prove a snare to your feet.

We should like to suggest a name for the county seat in lower Williamsburg. Call her "Will Town." This would be in honor of Williamsburg and Georgetown counties, and as a direct descendant of the historic old town of several thousand inhabitants of this name that stood on the banks of Mingo creek a few miles above Mingo bridge quite a century ago.

Where this county seat is to be located is a matter in your hands. You are to be pleased; it is yours. Lake City says "Rosemary!" What a delusion! We will say this for Rosemary's sense of justice: If there be forty just men in the town they would not have it; nay, if there be thirty-five, we say twenty, and as the "last straw that breaks the camel's back," we say ten! Let your county seat be centrally located. The greatest good to the greatest number of people should be your aim.

Put up your own public buildings and be independent. We have friends in lower Williamsburg and Georgetown counties who are abundantly able to build and devote to the people public buildings that would do credit to larger towns than Lake City and then continue to do business at the same old stands, if so disposed, and the volume of their business would compare favorably with that of the town of Lake City. You ask, but will they do it? We answer for them in their absence: We know them to be a large-hearted, generous people and if conditions require it they will do it, and this statement stands undisputed till they say they will not. We fancy we now see the court house nearing completion in the not far distant future and we exclaim with joy: "Let it rise, let it rise till it meet the sun in his coming; let the earliest light of the morning gild it and parting day linger and play on its dome!" Voters and friends, on the morning of the 17th of August while Lake City is guarding the interest of her town, preaching "all to gain and nothing to lose"; while she directs her attention now and then to Johnsonville with what they term the

"true gospel", the promise of a court house with no mention of a jail—begging them to "shout" to their preaching, when they must know that shouting comes only after the fullness and joy of the spirit and that Johnsonville disclaims to have (new county spirit), let us old county folks draw near to the polls and just before opening the boxes for voting, let us extend to those who have sinned against dear old Williamsburg by turning their backs upon her, the last invitation, while singing hymn No 1180:

"If you are sorry for what you have done,  
The vilest sinner may now return."  
No collection.

W E N  
Cades, August 3.

### CHOPPEE DEFEATS ROME

#### In Snappy Game of Ball Played on the Latter's Diamond.

Rome, August 2:—Choppee defeated Rome in an exciting and snappy game of nine innings on the latter's diamond Saturday afternoon, July 31. The home team has the consolation of knowing that it was organized only since July 24 and this was their first practice on the diamond for this season. They deserve credit and praise for their good playing. B Baker's pitching was the feature of the game.

The line-up was as follows:

CHOPPEE.		ROME.
Altman, S	3b	Thomas, G
Beatty	ss	Chandler, G
Altman, E	cf	Altman, S
Bruenton, D	rf	Graham, W
Johnson, L	c	Brockinton, C
Bruenton, B	lf	Hammah, J
Altman, A	p	Baker, B
Munnerly, J	2b	Altman, H
Altman, Sam	1b	Chandler, W

The score:—  
Choppee.....1 3 3 2 0 0 0 0—11  
Rome.....0 2 0 0 2 0 0 0—4  
X X X

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### Venters and Vicinity.

(Received too late for last week's issue.)  
Venters, July 27:—Farmers of this section are wearing broad smiles since the rain, a few days ago. Corn and cotton crops are generally good. Tobacco men are very busy curing and getting tobacco ready for the market.

Most of the young folks and some of the older ones, too, are attending the picnics and fish fries trying to make everything lively for boys and girls during vacation.

Mrs G W Davis of Chapman is visiting relatives in Georgetown.

Mr Richard Poston of North Carolina is visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs J A Cockfield and Miss Edna Davis have returned home, after spending a very pleasant week with friends in Durham, N C.

Miss Bessie Van Keuren of Kingstree is visiting relatives in this section.

Rev and Mrs W B Baker and son were guests of Dr and Mrs Walter Hemingway last week.

Mrs Callie Huggins and son, Charlie, are visiting relatives at Johnsonville this week.

Dr R L Cockfield left Saturday for Baskerville, Va.

Mr Reese Cockfield left Saturday for Durham, N C.

We are sorry to note that Mr F E Huggins has been sick for several days.

FORMEE.

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Clerk Board Trustees.

J. G. COLBERT,

Superintendent.

Kingstree, S. C.

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SELL	LANDS	SELL

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## Summons for Relief.

(Complaint not served)

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSBURG

Court of Common Pleas.  
Bank of Lake City, a corporation created and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, Plaintiff,

against

D E Motley, Defendant.  
To the Defendant, D E Motley:—  
You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action which has been filed in the office of the Clerk of Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions for the County of Williamsburg in the State of South Carolina, and to serve a copy of your answer to said complaint on the subscribers at their office in Lake City, S. C., within twenty days after the service hereof, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.  
Dated this July 1st, 1909.

BASS & STALVEY,  
Plaintiff's Attorney.

To the Defendant, D E Motley:—  
Take notice that the complaint in this action, together with the summons, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas and General Sessions at Kingstree in the County of Williamsburg and State of South Carolina on the 3rd day of July, 1909.

BASS & STALVEY,  
Plaintiff's Attorneys

## Registration Notice.

The office of the Supervisor of Registration will be open on the 1st Monday in each month for the purpose of registering any person who is qualified as follows:

Who shall have been a resident of the State for two years, and of the county one year, and of the polling precinct in which the elector offers to vote four months before the day of election, and shall have paid, six months before, any poll tax then due and payable, and who can both read and write any section of the constitution of 1895, submitted to him by the Supervisors of Registration, or who can show that he owns, and has paid all taxes collectable on during the present year, property in this State assessed at three hundred dollars or more.  
J. Y. MCGILL,  
Clerk of Board.

## Departure of Passenger

Trains at Kingstree.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad has promulgated the following schedule, which became effective Monday, May 17, 1909.

—NORTH BOUND—

No 80 7:31 a. m.  
\*No 46 11:42 a. m.  
No 78 5:58 p. m.

—SOUTH BOUND—

No 79 10:52 a. m.  
\*No 47 5:58 p. m.  
No 89 9:15 p. m.

\*DAI LY, EXCEPT SUNDAY.