

COUNTY GOOD ROADS LEAGUE ORGANIZED.

RESULT OF COLUMBIA RECORD'S RALLY HERE--GOVERNMENT TO SEND EXPERT IN OCTOBER.

On Thursday, July 28, in the court house the good roads enthusiasts present enjoyed a rare treat in the address of Mr D H Winslow, the United States Government road expert. Mr Winslow is one of a party touring the State in automobiles under the auspices of the Columbia Daily Record to try to quicken sentiment looking to better roads and drainage.

The meeting was called to order at 12 o'clock m by Capt J A Kelley, who was appointed to represent Williamsburg county as a member of the executive committee of the Good Roads and Drainage League of South Carolina, which organization was formed in Charleston on July 12. Owing to the fact that the good roads meeting preceded the State campaign meeting only one day, the attendance upon the former was not so large as it might or should have been, but they kept coming in and the three score or more present listened attentively and with profound interest to the intelligent discussion of a subject whose vital importance is second to none that confronts the constructive statesmanship of our country today. The audience included the young lady student-teachers from the summer school, who seemed deeply absorbed in the discussion and whose presence elicited expressions of appreciation from all the speakers.

After a few fitting introductory remarks Capt Kelley presented Mr C W Moorman, representing the Daily Record, who made a short talk on the subject of good roads, explaining how the movement was being taken up all over the State, stressing the progress already made and citing a few points of advantage of the rallies held in their county-to-county expedition. Mr Winslow was next introduced and held the attention of the audience for about one hour on the subject of good highways, how to build them and keep them in good order. He explained the useful device known as the "split-log drag" and exhibited a model of this simple but effective aid to road construction. Mr Winslow drove home many of his points with appropriate jokes, which also relieved the tedium of his instructive lecture.

Next week we shall endeavor to reproduce the substance of Mr Winslow's remarks and also give his directions how to construct the "split-log drag," according to the most approved model, which lack of space precludes publishing in this issue.

Congressman Ellerbe, who was present at the meeting, followed Mr Winslow with a short speech germane to the subject and grew quite eloquent in his remarks touching the necessity and usefulness of good high-ways. He expressed in strong terms his hearty desire at all times to co-operate with the people of the district and render his assistance in every possible way.

At the conclusion of Mr Ellerbe's speech Solicitor Stoll moved that a vote of thanks be offered to the speakers, and it was so ordered.

Capt Kelley moved that a Good Roads League be organized in this county, which motion was carried. Officers were elected as follows: President, J A Kelley; vice president J F Cooper; secretary and treasurer, A C Hinds. These officers, it was understood, were to have power to appoint an executive committee of one member from every township in the county. A motion was carried to adopt the constitution of the State League, with such changes as might be deemed necessary, and a committee of four members, Messrs LeRoy Lee, P H Stoll, J N Hammet and J G McCutchen, was appointed to look into the matter and report back to the officers of the league.

The meeting then adjourned subject to call of the president. Mr Winslow promised Capt Kelley

that with the co-operation of Congressmen Ellerbe he would have the Government send an expert in road demonstration work here about next October to build a modern high-way leading out from town in any direction, one mile in length.

KILLED ON PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

Saturday Night John Pendergrass Slew Hezekiah Harrison.

Hezekiah Harrison was shot and fatally wounded by John Pendergrass Saturday night about 8 o'clock. The encounter took place on the public road three miles east of town. The wounded man was immediately brought to Dr Brockington's drug store and given medical attention, but he died about 12 o'clock. Coroner Gamble held an inquest Sunday morning and the jury rendered a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death from gunshot wounds at the hands of John Pendergrass.

It seems that Pendergrass had been abusing and maltreating Harrison's sister, and Saturday night met Pendergrass on the road in a wagon and Harrison told Pendergrass that the trouble had to stop. Pendergrass asked Harrison if he wanted to settle it and Harrison told him to get out of the wagon and they would settle it. Pendergrass then rose up in the wagon and fired at Harrison with a single-barreled shot-gun loaded with small shot, the lead taking effect in the right arm near the shoulder. Pendergrass then "skipped," but it is reported that he was seen in town later on Saturday.

Up to this time Pendergrass is still at large, but the Sheriff expects to have him in custody before many days have elapsed.

Both the negroes are well known about town. The young negro, Harrison, was quiet and industrious, while Pendergrass, the slayer, is said to be a worthless sort of character.

Salter's Sittings.

Salter's Depot, August 1:--Mr. Frank N Mosely is very ill and not expected to live.

Josie, little daughter of Mr and Mrs Chas W Boswell, is also quite sick.

At this writing, August 1, cotton is improving somewhat and several neighbors report shapes and occasional blooms.

There is very little interest taken in politics around here. For Attorney General, I think that if everywhere votes as Salters does, Evans will not know he, is in the race. Ellerbe will also lose some votes here and all the candidates for Governor will get some votes at this poll.

Mrs WH Perry, wife of the Methodist minister here, has returned to the Riverside infirmary, where she will undergo a second operation, having been operated on in the early spring.

Mr James W Moseley of Charleston visited his home for a short while Monday.

Miss May Stubbs, of Marlboro county, is visiting Mr Jas A Ferrell's family.

Mrs Lula Carroway of Mulberry, Fla, is visiting her brother, Mr Jas Whitfield.

Congressional Candidates' Appointments.

We have been requested to publish the following itinerary for Congressional candidates in this county:

Morrisville	August 17
Johnsonville	" 18
Lake City	" 20
Greelyville	" 23

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STATE CAMPAIGN CANDIDATES SPEAK.

Cole L Blease, the last candidate for Governor, irrepressible and undaunted by past reverses, coolly told the audience as he mounted the stand that he came to Kingstree today solely to give the people of Williamsburg the opportunity to look upon their next Governor. Said he had been elected to House at age of 20 and had been given the highest offices within their gift by people of home county and town (Newberry). Easy to say what I have done or will do. Look up tax receipts and compare from year to year. Governor's office should be filled by a man who can and will restrain extravagance. State college should be run cheaper. State is now borrowing money to pay interest on borrowed money. Opposed to compulsory education. Stands for local option; ridiculed so-called prohibition. Pointing to Senator Appelt in the audience, he said: "There sits the man who first introduced a local option bill in the State Senate in 1898." Mr Blease is a forcible speaker and presents his ideas clearly and convincingly. He was warmly applauded.

Chairman Stoll announced that Candidate Jno T Duncan, the last of the "Governors," had wired regrets--"missed train."

Lest we be charged with coloring the report of Congressional candidates' speeches we give our readers the account written by the News & Courier correspondent, who seems to be "boosting" Mr Ellerbe for reelection. We may be wrong in the surmise; we hope we are. At any rate the report is fairly accurate except that we failed to note the continuous "ovation" accorded Mr Ellerbe:

By no means of secondary interest was the meeting of the candidates for Congress from the 6th district. The Hon James E Ellerbe is opposed by Messrs P A Hodges, Ben B Sellers and George W Brown. The crowd was plainly with Ellerbe, he being the only one receiving cheers as he advanced to the stand. The issue in this campaign is Mr Ellerbe's vote on the lumber schedule in the tariff bill. That seems to be the only matter under discussion. Mr Ellerbe is called a Republican by two of his competitors. Mr Brown, while criticizing his opponent, does not use the term.

Mr Hodges was the first speaker today. He told what he thought a Congressman ought to be and drew the distinction between a Democrat and a Republican. He charges that Mr Ellerbe's vote on lumber favored lumber producers and hurt the consumers, "the dear people."

Mr Ben B Sellers came next, making a vigorous attack, of the nature now rarely heard on a stump in this State. Such expressions as "You ain't got a blasted thing outer Ellerbe," "he will find himself in a hell of a minority," and "he smells like sawdust and turpentine," with reference to the charge of Ellerbe's favoring the interests of the saw-mill men, and the like, were indulged in by the speaker. Mr Sellers says he's nothing but a farmer, while his opponents are "a college agent, a lawyer and a braggart." Mr Sellers says that the audience at Georgetown was packed against him with saw-mill magnates.

The Hon George W Brown, of Darlington, made a clear-cut, dignified speech, giving his views on the issues. He favors Government aid in drainage in the South. To this Mr Ellerbe replied to the effect that the Government could not drain private lands, and that the money being spent on irrigation in the West was on public lands.

Congressman Ellerbe hurriedly reviewed his work in Congress, making the statement that if it could be proved that he had not done more for his district in these six years that had been done since the War Between the States, that he would withdraw from the race, and that, said he, is the only means by which any of my opponents will get to Congress this year. He says there were 39 rural routes in his district six years ago, now there are over a hundred. He had gotten post-offices for Darlington, Bennettsville and Marion. He had gotten \$600,000 appropriations in the rivers and harbors bill for South Carolina. He opposed the tax on potash, which saved millions to the farmers. He was the first to attack Wickersham's prosecutions of the bulls, in a speech in the House.

Replying to a criticism of his vote on lumber in the Kingstree County Record, namely, that thereby the

cost of lumber had been advanced, Mr Ellerbe said that Editor Wolfe had erred, for the schedule had been reduced from \$2 to \$1.25. He had contended for the \$1 rate. He argued that the cost had not been increased, and that it did not affect lumber consumers in the State, but helps the manufacturers of his district. Mr Ellerbe produced something over a hundred wires and letters requesting him to vote as he did, these coming from all classes of men in all occupations, and from all over his district.

Regarding his action, and as to whether or not it was Democratic, Mr Ellerbe said:

"When several thousand men had requested me to vote against free lumber I asked Mr Clark, the Democratic minority leader, to call a caucus on the matter, that we might vote together. When a majority of the Democratic members decided not to have a caucus, I went to Mr Clark and asked him what I must do. I quote from a letter from him: 'I told you that I did not intend to make a vote on any particular schedule a party matter, that what I wanted was a united vote on the whole bill, that it was every man's business to represent his own constituents, and that you had a perfect right to vote as your constituents wanted you to vote. You have always stood by me and with me in my fight for Democratic principles and policies.'

(Signed) CHAMP CLARK. "I was carried in the House of Representatives in the arms of the Hon Wyatt Aiken and sat in my chair for more than eight hours that I might vote against the tariff bill." Mr Ellerbe concluded amid loud cheers and applause.

The court house was crowded, the audience varying in number from 200 to 400. The statement made at the outset by Chairman Stoll that Williamsburg audiences were noted for their love of fair play and the promise that each candidate should have a respectful hearing, was more than justified by the perfect order that prevailed and the impartial bestowal of applause upon every candidate who spoke. Only in one or two instances did one candidate receive more applause than his competitors. The heat was oppressive and to sit for nearly five hours in the crowded hall showed patience and intensity of interest that sets at naught the oft-repeated dictum that these campaign meetings have played out and the people care no longer to hear the aspirants for office discuss the issues. The candidates all expressed great appreciation for the generous greeting given them and every one went away doubtless feeling that he had helped his chances for election by being here Friday.

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