

**THE ALCOLU RAILROAD.**

**INSPECTED AND OPENED FOR TRAFFIC.**

**An Interesting Account of the Railroad Built and Owned by D. W. Alderman & Sons Company.**

Alcolu, September 15.—It was the writer's pleasure to be one of a party who were invited by the Alcolu Railroad Company to take a trip over their road yesterday on its inspection by the Railroad Commission.

On account of the illness of the other members of the commission the inspection devolved upon its genial chairman, Col. J. H. Wharton, who announced at the end of the trip that he was very much pleased with the condition of the roadbed and rolling stock, and that he officially declared the road open for a general freight and passenger traffic.

The honors of the occasion were happily performed by the following officers of the company: The far-seeing vice-president, Mr. D. W. Alderman and his able co-adjutor, Mr. Paul Alderman, one of the office force; General Superintendent F. L. Collins, General Timber and Right-of-way Agent Furman Cole, and Station Masters J. H. Garland and W. D. Gamble. The rest of the party were Messrs. H. D. Moise and E. J. Brown, of the engineering corps; Hon. D. L. Green, member of the House from Clarendon; Magistrate J. S. Sellers, of New Zion; Messrs. Buddin, Johnson, Green and Cole and others from along the line.

The train left Alcolu where the line connects with the Atlantic Coast Line at 10:30 o'clock and reached Beulah, in Florence county, its present terminus, at 12:30 o'clock, the run of 25 miles having been made at low speed to give every facility for a careful inspection. At Beulah the train was met by an enthusiastic crowd of the Beulahites, headed by that gallant old Confederate Veteran Squire Thompson. After congratulations and a general handshaking (and by the way the young "old veteran" who presides over the railroad commission is an adept.) The party dispersed to see the varied attractions of the city of Beulah. One of the points of interest is the shady grove with its bold artesian well where the good people of five counties assembled to the number of two or three thousand every fourth Saturday in July for a grand Confederate reunion and jolly picnic.

Two churches, a half dozen large mercantile establishments, a system ginny and saw mill, five public roads that radiate like the spokes of a wheel into one of the best farming countries in the State, the building of a cotton mill under serious consideration, it would not be a surprise to see Beulah a court house town inside of the next decade.

At the right time for those of us who had breakfasted quite early, an elegant lunch was served in the dining compartment of the "vestibule," as the new train is called. A gratifying feature was the entire absence of wines and liquors that sometimes mar the dignity and proprieties of such an occasion.

At 3 o'clock "au revoir," for we are going back sometime, and the return trip was begun. The party gradually thinned out as we passed stations until at Sardinia we left very few besides the officials of the road. The writer took Col. Wharton by buggy from Sardinia through the Black river country and the old Brick Church to Maysville.

Now something of the history and prospects of the Alcolu railroad which is destined to play an important part in the development of the middle-eastern section of the State, and in the transportation facilities of several important towns. Some twelve years ago the Messrs. Alderman found it necessary to cross Black River with their tram road to secure timber for their immense lumber plant at Alcolu on the Central railroad about three miles north of Manning. People along the line who had to haul their cotton fertilizers and other freight from twelve to twenty miles began to ask that freight be delivered along the line. They could not see why a railroad, even but a timber line, should pass by their doors and yet not bring a keg of nails on the flat car that was used to transport tools and feed for the laborers and mules in the logging woods. The demand became a clamor and a freight car was added, then carload shipments were made when the line could risk the cars on the light track. But as this was a private enterprise, and in no wise was the road a common carrier, shipments were uncertain and charges of discrimination were made. The road would transport for one man when convenient and not for another when inconvenient. The conclusion of the matter was that the Messrs. Alderman found it would be advisable to secure a charter and become a common carrier, but solely with a view to freight traffic and such passengers as would ride on the tender or a flat car were carried free. But like the history of all the conveniences of life put them in reach of the people, and they soon find out that they cannot do without them, wonder how they stood

it before, and clamor for better facilities.

As the line had to be built further out for timber, more people had to be accommodated, and now when 25 miles of road had been in use long enough for the railroad bed to become firm, we find it opened for passenger travel and a regular schedule put on this, the 15th day of September, 1905. And it is very probable that four trains a day will have to be operated, two each way, to accommodate the freight and passenger business.

But, how does this affect several towns in middle-eastern Carolina? may well be asked. Very well, we will try and answer this question—just now it pours the trade of this rich Black River, Pudding Swamp and Lynch's river country into Manning, the lively capital of Clarendon county, where heretofore Sumter, Maysville, Magnolia, Timmonsville, Florence, Lake City and Kingstree had an equal showing with Manning. Of course, Sumter via Alcolu, might get some of the business, but she will have to hustle for it.

Further, the charter now permits only about three miles more extension to Lynch's river, and to that point the road will be built in the near future. Is that the end of it? If so you have made much-a-do of nothing, some one will say. But that is not the end of it, if the far-seeing business men of Florence, Timmonsville, Hartsville, Lydia and Sumter will investigate the possibilities of an extension.

The road is the property of the D. W. Alderman Company, built and paid for with sufficient money to complete it to the charter limit, and put up fifty or a hundred thousand dollars more for an extension under a new charter, if the business men of the places named will do their share, and the road can be built and operated without ever issuing a bond.

From its present terminus to Florence is 25 miles. Does Florence want it or need it in her business? It is for her to say.

From its present terminus to McBee on the Seaboard via Timmonsville, Lydia and Hartsville is 50 miles. Do these places want it? It is for them to say.

From Gamble to Sumter via Goodwill is 15 miles, or from Beulah via Shiloh and Goodwill to Sumter is 22 miles. Does Sumter and the intervening territory want it? It is for them to say.

The present road traverses a fine farming country along its entire 25 miles; every one of these extensions mentioned above would run right through the heart of some of the best lands of South Carolina. Put these fine farming lands in touch with the outer world, by a Seaboard connection at McBee, and the development will be phenomenal. And Manning and Sumter and Timmonsville will double in population inside of ten years. Gentlemen, what are you going to do about it? The Alderman Company are the pioneers; they had to combat prejudice and fought for every inch of their road, and today there are men who fought most strenuously to keep them at a distance who would give more to have the line run through, or by their places, for it is no longer a logging road, but a railroad that will in the near future be one of the most valuable pieces of railroad property in the State.

**Dr. Finn's Testimony Interesting.**

Dr. Thomas Finn, of Boonsboro, Mo., who has practiced medicine for 22 years, says he has used every prescription known to the profession for treatment of kidney and bladder diseases, and says he has in both chronic and acute kidney and bladder trouble used Foley's Kidney Cure. It stops irregularities and builds up the whole system. Durant's Pharmacy.

If Sumter had a good angel with plenty of money like Mrs. Beckwith, Bennettsville's benefactor, the Presbyterian college would be a certainty.

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The hay crop is fine this season and as the cotton crop is short a larger per centage of the hay crop will be saved as cotton picking will not require the services of all the hands all the time until frost.

**The Original.**

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**FAKE DOCTOR CAUGHT.**

**Practiced His Profession on the Ignorant—Eluded the Officers for Some Time—At Last in Jail.**

From The Daily Item Sept. 20.

For about six months Health Officer Reardon has had his eyes wide open for a fake medical doctor, posing as a physician, who has been imposing upon some ignorant colored people as a medical doctor, magnetic healer and chemical operator.

The subject of this sketch who is now holding forth in jail, is a tall, coal-black, ignorant negro, who signs his name "Dr. W. H. Harris, M. D." He has his office and residence in Ricker's Hundred, East May street. He had been slick enough to cover up his tracks as an illegal medical practitioner quite successfully until one of his patients, Lavena Nelson, colored, died yesterday. Then it was up to the "doctor" to come across with a written certificate of death to the health officer, who must keep track of all citizens from the time they are born and must issue transportation papers when they die. The health officer, receiving application for a permit to remove the dead body of Lavena Nelson, who had been attended by "Dr. W. H. Harris, M. D.," of Ricker's Hundred, called at the office of the "doctor" and left a blank certificate of death with the request that if the "doctor" had been the attending physician of the deceased that he would fill out said certificate and sign the same and return it to the health officer. Dr. Harris promptly filled out such information as to the deceased as he knew, giving as the cause of her death "consumption" and signed the certificate "Dr. W. H. Harris, M. D."

He stated to the health officer that he was the attending physician of Lavena Nelson, deceased, and said other things, which proved he was posing as a full-fledged physician. Prescriptions written by and signed by "Dr. W. H. Harris, M. D.," and admitted by him, were introduced at the preliminary hearing before Recorder Hurst.

"Dr." Harris presented a certificate from a school of correspondence up North, giving him the right to practice the art of hypnotism, but the recipient of the certificate had inserted in his own handwriting after the name "Willie Harris" the letters M. D., with which he fooled innocent and unwise patients whom he attended.

The "doctor's" explanation of his right to practice the noble art of healing, when arraigned before Recorder Hurst, was amusing, but showed how very dangerous it is to have ignorant, unprincipled persons running around professing to be medical doctors.

He is a very ignorant negro, but withal evidently shrewd enough to fool many of his race. He has never seen the inside of a medical college or any other institution that teaches the art of surgery, practice of medicine, or any healing practice, and had no diploma, certificate or other evidence to show that he had any legal right to practice medicine, or to prescribe.

Dr. Walter Cheyne, of Sumter, councillor of the South Carolina State Medical Association, was present at the preliminary hearing, and manifested great interest in the proceedings; besides he assisted the health officer in getting evidence. Dr. Cheyne will see that the case is fully prosecuted, and that similar violations of the medical laws of this State meet with prompt prosecution. Harris was remanded to jail in default of \$200 bond for his appearance at the Circuit court.

**Men Past Sixty in Danger.**

More than half of mankind over sixty years of age suffer from kidney and bladder disorders, usually enlargement of prostate gland. This is both painful and dangerous, and Foley's Kidney Cure should be taken at the first sign of danger, as it corrects irregularities and has cured many old men of this disease. Mr. Rodney Burnett, Rock Port, Mo., writes: "I suffered with enlarged prostate gland and kidney trouble for years and after taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure I feel better than I have for 20 years, although I am now 91 years old." Durant's Pharmacy.

The many automobiles owned in this city are undoubtedly an indication of prosperity and progress, but that is no reason why they should be permitted to go tearing through the streets at fifteen or twenty miles an hour. The ordinance respecting speed should be rigidly enforced.

**Can You Eat?**

\*J. B. Taylor, a prominent merchant of Christman, Tex., says: "I could not eat because of a weak stomach. I lost all strength and ran down in weight. All that money could do was done, but all hope of recovery vanished. Hearing of some wonderful cures effected by use of Kodol Dyspepsia Cure, I concluded to try it. The first bottle benefited me, and after taking four bottles, I am fully restored to my usual strength, weight and health." Kodol Dyspepsia Cure digests what you eat and cures. Sold by all druggists.

**MEETING**

**United Daughters of the Confederacy, San Francisco, Cal., October 3-7, 1905.**

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Special Pullman Sleeping car will leave Charleston, S. C., September 25th, 3:20 a. m., Columbia, 7:10 a. m.; Spartanburg 10:25 a. m.; Asheville, 2:15 p. m., through to St. Louis. If sufficient number will take this Pullman same will be arranged to run through to San Francisco. They are only a few short. For full and detailed information apply to any Southern Railway ticket agent or

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Have you heard who will run for mayor next spring?

The sale of several thousand acres of land under water, on the coast of the state, made by the sinking fund commission, has been revoked. It seems that the land, as heretofore stated, under water, contains some valuable oyster beds and is worth several thousand dollars. It was sold for \$10, and an opinion given by the assistant attorney general revokes the sale.

**THREE JURORS CURED**

**Of Cholera Morbus With One Small Bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.**

\*Mr. G. W. Fowler, of Hightower, Ala., relates an experience he had while serving on a petit jury in a murder case at Edwardsville, county seat of Cleburne county, Ala. He says: "While there I ate some fresh meat and it gave me cholera morbus in a very severe form. I was never more sick in my life and sent to the drug store for a certain cholera mixture, but the druggist sent me a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy instead, saying that he had what I sent for, but that this medicine was so much better he would rather send it to me in the fix I was in. I took one dose of it and was better in five minutes. The second dose cured me entirely. Two fellow-jurors were afflicted in the same manner and one small bottle cured the three of us. For sale by all druggists."

Wadesboro, North Carolina, after two years experience with prohibition has gone for liquor again. We would like to know if those Wadesboro people have in view the selling of liquor to the dry counties in this state after the Bryce law cyclone has passed?—Florence Times.

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