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ASSESSMENTS REVISED.

TRUE VALUATION TO BE PLACED UPON ALL RAIROADS.

Many Protests Expected—Hearing to Be Had on Increase of \$30,000,000 in Valuation at Meeting Wednesday.

Columbia, May 30.—The State board of railroad assessors decided at a meeting yesterday to place the valuation of all railroad property in South Carolina on a basis of 100 per cent. or at its true market value. This means that the valuation upon which all assessments upon railroad property are made by county and State will be over \$62,000,000 as against \$32,000,000 last year.

The board, consisting of comptroller General Jones, chairman ex-officio; Secretary of State McCown, State Treasurer Jennings and Attorney General Lyon, has been in session two days and went over all of the returns and figures for previous years. Attorney General Lyon moved that the law, as expressed on the statute books, be carried out. This law calls for all assessments at a true valuation of property. The motion was unanimously adopted and the board proceeded to consider the value of all railroad property in this State. The results are as follows:

Alcolu railroad, valuation last year \$1,500 per mile; this year \$2,500 per mile. Total valuation \$62,500.

Atlanta and Charlotte Air Line, value last year, per mile, \$19,800; this year \$50,000 per mile. Total valuation \$6,249,500.

Atlantic Coast Line system, value per mile last year \$11,095; this year \$25,000. Total value in South Carolina \$19,747,750.

Bennettsville and Cheraw, value per mile last year \$1,500; this year \$3,500. Total valuation \$50,750.

Blue Ridge railroad, value per mile last year \$3,850; this year \$13,000. Total in State \$572,000.

Branchville and Bowman, per mile last year \$1,500; this year \$2,800; total \$30,800.

Carolina and Northwestern, last year \$5,000 per mile; this year \$15,000; total \$444,000.

Carolina and Western, value per mile last year \$1,800; this year \$3,000; total \$21,000.

Charleston and Western Carolina, value per mile last year \$7,697; this year \$12,800; total \$388,750.

Chesterfield and Lancaster, value per mile last year \$2,500; this year \$6,000. Total valuation \$108,000.

Conway Coast and Western, value per mile last year \$1,500; this year \$3,500. Total valuation \$106,960.

Columbia, Newberry and Laurens, valuation per mile last year \$6,000; this year \$10,000. Total in State \$825,000.

Georgetown and Western, per mile last year \$4,000; this year \$8,500. Total valuation \$260,000.

Glenn Springs, value per mile last year \$2,000; this year \$3,500. Total valuation \$35,000.

Hampton and Branchville, value per mile last year \$1,200; this year \$3,000. Total for State \$63,900.

Lancaster and Chester, value per mile last year \$3,025; this year \$5,000; total in State \$142,000.

Northwestern Railroad of South Carolina, value per mile last year \$3,000; this year \$5,000; total \$457,100.

Pickens railroad, value per mile last year \$1,500; this year \$3,500; total for the State \$31,500.

Seaboard Air Line system, value per mile last year \$11,595; this year \$20,000; total for State \$6,835,700.

Southern railway, value per mile last year \$11,548; this year \$22,500; total for State \$10,246,500.

Southern railway, operating the Carolina division, value per mile last year \$11,626; this year \$25,000; total for State \$21,987,250.

Union and Glenn Springs, value per mile last year \$1,500; this year \$3,500; total for State \$66,500.

Charleston Terminal company, value last year per mile \$11,000; this year \$30,000; total \$158,400.

Raleigh and Charleston, value per

mile last year \$1,500; this year \$3,500; total for State \$58,400.

Seivern and Knoxville, value per mile last year \$1,500; this year \$2,500; total for State \$52,320.

Union station, Columbia, last year \$66,000; this year \$100,000.

The total assessed value of property of the railroads for this year will amount to \$63,500,000 in round figures, against \$32,940,319 for 1906. The board, in anticipation of any protests made by the roads, had fixed June 19 as the day for a hearing and in the meantime another meeting will be held to consider the assessments of express companies telephone and telegraph companies, street railway companies and the Pullman Car company. The action of the board is considered of the greatest importance because of the anticipated protests on the part of the railroads and the hearing on June 19 will probably be largely attended.

YORK PHYSICIAN SUICIDES.

Dr. David G. Thompson Cuts His Throat With a Razor—Was One of the Ablest and Most Popular Physicians in York County.

Fort Mill, May 27.—Dr. David Glenn Thompson ended his own life here last night, about 2 o'clock, by cutting his throat with a razor. The deed was committed in the rear of his home in a back lot.

His devoted wife is prostrated and a heavy gloom is cast over the entire town by the death of this popular young man and able physician. Dr. Thompson came here to practice his profession about seven years ago, from the eastern part of the county. He was an able man and very popular personally, and so devoted to his work that he became a slave to it, and laboring night and day to keep up with his large practice, it is said that he began to resort to stimulating drugs to keep up his strength, and that this led to his final undoing.

He was a friend to all and could never say no to a supplicating hand. It is a well known fact that he would not only attend professionally but actually nurse the poorest patient with the same care and attention that he would give his wealthiest patient, even neglecting the latter if necessary.

The deceased was 29 years of age, was a Mason, Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias and Woodman. He was married about four years ago to Miss Effie Culp, a daughter of the late T. G. Culp, and she has been a constant and faithful helpmate in his work, and now in her hour of saddest bereavement the hearts of the entire community go out to her as one in their feelings of deepest sympathy.

The funeral services were held here this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock.

ELECTRIC ROAD WRECK.

Seven Killed and a Number Injured in Ohio.

Elyria, Ohio, May 31.—Seven persons are dead, another fatally injured, and seven in a dangerous condition as the result of a rear-end collision last night between two Cleveland, Southwestern and Columbus traction cars. C. N. Feurndiener, the motorman in charge of the car, was arrested today and held on the charge of manslaughter. All of the dead lived here. Maiming of the injured in a horrible manner was the result of the wreck and several had one or both feet amputated. Others had their legs crushed. The dead and injured were caught on the rear platform of the forward car. It required fourteen minutes to disentangle the wreckage. The motorman escaped although threatened with mob violence. The cause Motorman Feurndiener declares was that he had run over a dog and was looking to see how badly it was injured and failed to notice that the car ahead had stopped. Feurndiener jumped before the crash and ran.

DECORATION DAY OBSERVED.

A Great Parade of Federal Pensioners in Washington.

Washington, May 30.—Veterans marched along the same line of march today that they and comrades followed when Lincoln reviewed them at the close of the civil war. At Arlington cemetery where twenty thousand heroes sleep, Comrade James Tanner, former commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., made the principal address. Many Spanish-American war veterans were also in the parade, and speeches were made under the auspices of the G. A. R. society of the Army of Tennessee and the Society of Army of Virginia. Monuments were unveiled to the memory of Major

STATE LEAGUE GAMES.

The boys from the City on the Edisto put it all over the Game Cocks Tuesday, and when the game was over they had the chickens picked clean, but the pin feathers were nevertheless standing straight up, indicating their readiness for the combat Wednesday.

Score by innings:
Orangeburg . . . 2 0 2 0 2 1 0 2-9
Sumter 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0

Spartans Lose Again.

Darlington, May 28.—A comedy of errors was the game here today on the part of the locals. Spartanburg should have won, but heavy hitting at opportune time saved the game for Darlington. The feature of the game was the exceptional hitting of both teams.

Score by innings:
Darlington 103 130 00*-8
Spartanburg 104 000 011*-7

Excitement at Anderson.

Anderson, May 28.—Anderson won again this afternoon from Greenville by a score of 7 to 6. Red Russell, recently of Columbia, made his first appearance as a player-manager and pitched for Anderson. Bagwell has been retained as manager, but has been retained as a player.

The Game Cocks went into the pit Wednesday with a vengeance. They had been trimmed the day before; their combs had been cut close to their heads, and with their newly sharpened gyes they were ready for the fray. The birds kept the steel flying, one thrust in the first flutter, another in the second, and, after being repitted in the third, five successive wounds were inflicted in such fast order that the Cotton Pickers took to the woods, and the birds crowed so lustily that it was evident that their opponents would have to be tied in the ring to complete the combat and decide the winner.

The score is sufficient to show how the game was won.

Following is the official score:
Orangeburg . . 0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0-3
Sumter 1 1 5 0 0 1 2 0 *-10

Spartans Lost Third.

Darlington, May 29.—Darlington won from Spartanburg again this afternoon by a score of 4 to 3. This game was more interesting and the contest more exciting than yesterday's or day before. The batteries were: Darlington—Heisman and Dearmond; Spartanburg—Gibbes and Taylor.

Greenville Gets One.

Anderson, May 29.—More than 2,000 persons witnessed Greenville walloped the Anderson team by a score of 11 to 2 this afternoon. Armstrong was just too much for the Electricians. Only one man got any hits off of him and he was Bagwell. The game was called at the end of the seventh inning to allow both teams to catch the 5.20 o'clock train. Derby was in very bad form. He yielded 13 hits and walked nine.

The enthusiasm and rooting that has characterized all the games played on the local grounds this season was absent from Thursday's exhibition between the Electricians and the Game Cocks. Every one seemed to take it for granted that the victory would be an easy one; but they lost sight of the fact that Anderson has lost no time in strengthening her team since the reverses of the opening week. Sumter's opportune hitting won the game for her. The boys connected at the proper times, and the scores were chalked up.

Tribble and Schmidt, the opposing pitchers, had almost an even break, the advantage being slightly in favor of the local slaban.

The game was played in an hour and a half, and was lively enough.

Score by innings:
Anderson . . . 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0-1
Sumter 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 *-3

Darlington Shut Out.

Orangeburg, May 30.—Darlington came to Orangeburg tied with the local team for first place and confident of victory, but the game this afternoon caused a change to come over the spirit of their dream. Darlington was shut out by a score of 4 to 0 in a fast and snappy game. Batteries: For Orangeburg, Stowers and Buesses; for Darlington, Oehme and Malloy.

Spartanburg Won.

Spartanburg, May 30.—The Musicians outclassed the team from Greenville here this afternoon in the first game of the series, defeating them by a score of 6 to 2.

The Anderson-Sumter and Darlington-Spartanburg games were postponed

Friday on account of rain.

The only game played Friday was between the Musicians and the Mountaineers, resulting in a victory for the former by a score of 2 to 1. The Mountaineers are now in the cellar.

On a wet field Spartanburg took the second game of the series from Greenville Friday afternoon by a score of 2 to 1. The game was the best exhibition of pitching seen here this season. Both Omarra, for the Musicians, and Weaver, for Greenville, were in good form. In the eighth inning Coles knocked a home run, putting the ball away over the right fielder's head, but he was called out at first by Umpire Davern, who claimed he did not touch the bag.

RAIN AGAIN SAVED ANDERSON AND CHEATED SUMTER.

Score Stood 3 to 0 Saturday When Rain Ended the Game—Darlington Shut Out By Orangeburg and Greenville Defeated Spartanburg.

Sumter went in to win the final game from Anderson Saturday afternoon and chalked up three scores in the first inning and had men on base and none out when the rain came in such a flood that there was no possibility of continuing the game.

Drumm was in the box for Sumter and Red Russell for Anderson. In the second Drumm had a finger split in stopping a hot liner and had to be relieved by Richardson.

Darlington Shut Out.

Orangeburg, May 1.—Darlington was again shut out by Orangeburg this afternoon, and the Darlington team leaves without having made a single score during the series in the city. The score was: Orangeburg, 4; Darlington, 0.

At Spartanburg.

Spartanburg June 1.—The locals failed to hit Laval and the Mountaineers won easily, the score being 5 to 1. Greenville scored four runs in the fourth inning, which the Spartans were never able to overcome, although three pitchers were used.

SUMTER WINS.

Had Columbia University School Defeated—Rain Stopped Play at End of the Fifth Inning, With the Score 4 to 1.

Columbia Record, May 31.

Only five innings were played yesterday at the college park between the Sumter High School team and a club representing the Columbia University school. The visitors won the game by a score of 4 to 1, rain breaking up the game at the end of the fifth inning.

Sumter Takes First Game of Series by a Score of 4 to 0—Orangeburg Gives Greenville Terrible Drubbing—Anderson Wins in Spartanburg.

Darlington, June 3.—Darlington was shut out by Sumter here today.

By innings:
Darlington 000 000 000-0
Sumter 301 000 000-4

Summary:
Two base hit, Heisman. Earned runs, Sumter 2. Hits off, Heisman 5, Tribble 6. First base on balls, Tribble 1. Struck out, Heisman 5, Tribble 4. Left on bases, Darlington 5; Sumter 2. Sacrifice hits, Welsh. Stolen bases, Moore 2. Duncan, McLaurin, Wynne 2. Welsh. Batters hit, Moore, McLaurin. Double plays, Heisman to Colle, Lidsay to Wynne to Murrow. Umpire, Weeks, Scorer, McCullough.

Orangeburg Still Wins.

Greenville, June 3.—Orangeburg won the opening game here this afternoon, outplaying Greenville at every point. After the first inning the locals had no hope of winning and as the game progressed the despair grew.

Score: Orangeburg 12; Greenville 1.

Anderson Wins One.

Spartanburg, June 3.—The team from Anderson defeated the Spartans in the first game of the series by a score of 3 to 1. The Musicians were simply outplayed at nearly every point.

JUDGE LOVING'S TRIAL.

A Change of Venue Granted and the Trial Will Begin Next Month.

Livingston, Va., May 29.—Judge Parks today granted a change of venue in the case of ex-Judge Loving, who is charged with the murder of Theodore Estes, and it was decided to try the case at Houston, the county seat of Halifax County, beginning June 24.

PYTHIAN GRAND LODGE.

Gratifying Increases as to Membership and Finances Reported—Appropriation for Widows and Orphans Increased Six-Fold.

Anderson, May 28.—The twenty-first annual session of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, was called to order in the court room at 10 o'clock this morning, by Grand Chancellor M. Rutledge Rivers, of Charleston.

About 400 members, many Knights, and hundreds of interested citizens, were in attendance upon the meeting, all showing marked interest in the proceedings. Mayor P. K. McCully, in his usual happy and forceful manner, extended a hearty and whole-souled welcome to the convention, declaring the "Electric City" at the disposal of its distinguished visitors.

Incidentally the speaker made some glowing remarks about the city, which is just now attracting such wide-spread attention. Even some of the low country lovers were made to question their old-time belief that their's was "God's own country," and the only country that was His.

Mr. McCully's speech was a fortunate opening for this auspicious occasion. The welcome of Anderson's mayor was reinforced by those of Messrs. T. F. Watkins, in behalf of Chiquola Lodge, No. 32, and J. K. Hood in behalf of the other fraternities of the city. These two gentlemen are prominent members of the local bar and won hearty commendation for their city by their impressive addresses.

In reply to the warm welcome voiced by the above named gentlemen, Mr. M. Rutledge Rivers in behalf of the convention, assured the Anderson people that their hospitality was fully appreciated and that the pleasures of this visit would never be forgotten. This speech was one of the most apt, enthusiastic and forceful ever heard in a Pythian gathering.

The convention then passed into a business session for the disposal of such matters that annually demand consideration and action. Among these are the appropriations that are made each year. According to the usual custom \$100 was appropriated to each of the three orphanages of the State, viz: Thornwell Orphanage at Clinton, Connie Maxwell Orphanage at Greenwood and Epworth Orphanage at Columbia. A matter of special interest is the increase in the appropriation to the widows' and orphans' fund. Heretofore this amount has been only \$300. At the meeting today it was raised to \$1,800. A special tax of five cents per capita on the members was levied to raise a part of the above amount.

The reports of the various officers of the grand lodge were submitted in pamphlet form and adopted as printed. The report of Grand Chancellor Rivers was a resume of the past work of the lodge, a comprehensive review of the past year's record, and a prospectus of its future. This report is most encouraging and should give deep satisfaction to every Pythian who has contributed to the order in South Carolina.

The report on finances was a pleasurable document, showing as it did the excellent condition of the order. On April 1st, 1906, there was a cash balance of \$12,100.85 on hand. On April 1st, 1907, the balance was \$14,738.85. Besides this amount there are \$2,276.06 invested in stocks, and during the year a profit was made on these stocks amounting to \$1,063.64. The total assets of the order are \$124,967.43. The report on membership also was encouraging, showing a steady gain throughout the year. On December 31, 1905, there were 2,546 enrolled members. A year later the membership numbered 10,829. During the year 1,648 candidates were initiated, 152 members reinstated and 286 admitted by card. There are now 168 active lodges, 13 being instituted in the last 12 months and one has had its charter restored. The report on membership was exceedingly gratifying.

The matters of chief interest for tomorrow's session are the choice of a meeting place for next year and the election of officers for the ensuing year. It is understood that the Charleston delegation will extend an invitation to the convention and in all probability will be chosen. As to the election of officers it is quite certain that Vice Grand Chancellor Mendel L. Smith will be advanced to the chair of Grand Chancellor, that Grand Prelate L. S. Mattison will be elected vice grand chancellor and that the Rev. J. H. Thornwell will succeed himself as grand keeper of records and seal. Much interest is manifest in the race for grand prelate. Among those being spoken of for this office are Messrs. A. G. Rembert, of Spartanburg; E. C. Doyle of Seneca; C. S.

Brown, of Abbeville, and J. F. Williams, of Columbia. The friends of these men will doubtless look after their interests at the business session tomorrow.

AFFIDAVITS REQUIRED.

President Smith's Idea About Salary Limit—Secretary Farrell of National Association Holds That Plan is Legitimate.

Columbia, May 29.—President M. L. Smith of the South Carolina State league has adopted a scheme by which he hopes to keep each club in the circuit within the salary limit. He requires a sworn affidavit from every player in the league every two weeks of the amount of money he has received for his services during a period of two weeks, or any concessions he has been granted in consideration of his services, or whether he has been promised anything in the future for past services. The form of affidavit adopted by the president is sweeping and any ball player who has any sense of honor cannot refrain from making a clear and concise statement.

In addition to this President Smith requires affidavits from each club at the expiration of two weeks showing the moneys received by the clubs from any source whatever and also the players they have carried during a specified time and also the amount of salaries paid, together with actual expenditures.

By these methods Mr. Smith hopes to keep tab on the league in every instance. For instance, each club has made an agreement not to withdraw from the league until it can show that at least \$1,500 has been "legitimately lost," and by keeping an accurate account of the gate receipts and knowing the expense of the club, President Smith can tell whether a club has lost the \$1,500 if the point should ever come up. The clubs are required to send a statement to the president at the end of each series showing the total attendances.

When Mr. Smith announced that he would also require affidavits from the players as above specified, there was some comment that the national association would rule such requirements null and void. Mr. Smith then wrote to Secretary Farrell of the national association laying the matter before him and the secretary wrote that in his opinion President Smith's plan was an ideal one in effort, keeping clubs within the salary limit, President Smith was complimented very highly by the national secretary on his efforts and says he will endorse Mr. Smith's plan and advise other minor league associations to adopt it.

Mr. Smith is very much gratified at Secretary Farrell's recommendation. He is striving earnestly to make the league a success and so far his efforts have been successful. He is giving practically his entire time to the work at present and without any compensation for his services. President Smith is a true baseball fan.

THE CHINESE REBELLION.

Troops Being Sent Into the Rebelious Province.

Hong Kong, China, May 29.—Two large detachments of troops are now en route from Swatow and Shuihing into the rebellious Kwang Tung province. It is reported that the rebels have captured the family of a Chinese brigadier general and compelled each member to commit suicide by leaping into a well. The troops marching from Swatow Canton and Shuihing number only three thousand, while the rebellious triads number thirty thousand. Until heavy reinforcements are received it is expected that little can be accomplished toward quelling the uprising.

Missionaries Fleeing.

Swatow, China, May 29.—Missionaries from the interior districts are flocking here fearing for their lives in the triad uprising in which the German mission at Lien Chow has been destroyed. The missionaries fear the uprising will assume an anti-foreign character.

STENOGRAPHER HILL RELEASED.

Harriman Asks Court to Be Lenient With Man Who Published Letter.

New York, May 29.—After causing the prosecution of Frank W. Hill, his former stenographer, who gave out the now famous "Where do I stand" letter, which precipitated the dispute between Harriman and Roosevelt, E. H. Harriman today begged clemency for the stenographer when he pleaded guilty to making the letter public. Hill escaped under a suspended sentence and Harriman and his confidential adviser both think Hill will be punished enough. It is expected that Hill's release marks the close of the wrangle precipitated by the publication of the letter.