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COUNTY BOARD MEETING.

Turkey Creek Drainage Brought Up Again—Other Drainage Plans Considered.

The County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday in regular monthly session with Supervisor P. M. Pitts and Commissioners Thomas J. Brogden, Mims and Young present.

Mayer W. B. Boyle and Aldermen H. C. Haysworth, W. B. Stubbs and H. L. Wright and City Engineer W. L. Lee appeared in behalf of the City Council and advocated that the County assist in the drainage of Turkey Creek. The board decided, at the request of Mr. Boyle, to inspect the creek at the date of the next meeting and then decide as to what the board can do in the matter.

Mr. Theo. H. Richardson called the attention of the board to the fact that there is no official record of the line between Sumter and Lee counties and recommending that same be recorded in the clerk's office and filed with the secretary of state. Mr. Richardson's communication was received as information and the matter will be looked into.

Mr. H. C. Haysworth appeared before the board and asked that certain ditches which were dug conjointly by the county and himself, be cleaned out by the county, as they had been partly filled by the road machines throwing dirt into them, while cleaning the road. The matter was referred to the Supervisor with power to act.

A resolution was adopted directing the Supervisor to have the Court House grounds plowed and harrowed and grass seed sown, and stop further improvements for the present.

Mr. Garner Sanders was granted all as an ex-Confederate veteran.

Acting on the recommendation of the grand jury a resolution was adopted, directing Clerk of Court Parrott, the custodian of the Court House to keep the doors of the toilet rooms locked and thereby save excessive cost of water to the county by restricting the use of closets to those having business in the Court House.

Mr. J. T. McNeill requested that a canal be cut through Cypress Branch, about two feet deep and not exceeding four feet in width, and also cut a ditch along the Shiloh road from A. J. Goodman's to Hudson's bridge, bounded by the lands of Strauss, McNeill, Jones and Tomlinson. On motion it was decided that the work be done if the property owners would bear one-half the cost of said ditching and the county the other half. Mr. J. T. McNeill was requested to take charge of this work and have it done under those terms and the county would pay one-half the cost of said ditching.

It was decided that the county would pay one-half the cost of cutting a ditch along the public road leading from McBride and Warren's saw mill to Clarendon line along Mr. E. M. McEveen's land, provided that Mr. McEveen will pay the other half of the cost of said ditch which will be 1,999 feet in length. Said ditch to be cut by surveyor's level to be furnished by the county. And further that the Supervisor be authorized to make the same arrangement with any other parties on same road who may be desirous of doing so.

A resolution was adopted that the County Attorney be requested to furnish an opinion as what fund, if any, from which they can pay to the Sumter County Anti-Tuberculosis Association, the \$500 which the last legislature directed be given them, without designating what fund said sum should be taken from.

A large number of claims were audited, approved and ordered paid.

ONLY TWO TOWNS REPRESENTED.

Further Effort Made to Organize State League.

Rock Hill, April 7.—Chester and Rock Hill representatives were on hand tonight ready to organize the State League. Bonds protruded from their pockets and they looked as though willing to put up a forfeit for two other towns had any representatives or proxies shown up. Chester and Rock Hill went into executive session, and it appears as though there will be interesting developments later.

The saddest misfortune that can befall a man is to be promoted above his capacity.

The world needs a kind of cold storage in which newspaper-made fame may be preserved.

Farmers' Union News

—AND—

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers

(Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President Farmers' Union of Sumter County.)

The Watchman and Southron having decided to double its service by semi-weekly publication, would improve that service by special features. The first to be inaugurated is this Department for the Farmers' Union and Practical Farmers which I have been requested to conduct. It will be my aim to give the Union news and official calls of the Union. To that end officers, and members of the Union are requested to use these columns. Also to publish such clippings from the agricultural papers and Government Bulletins as I think will be of practical benefit to our readers. Original articles by any of our readers telling of their successes or failures will be appreciated and published.

Trusting this Department will be of mutual benefit to all concerned,

THE EDITOR.

All communications for this Department should be sent to E. W. Dabbs, Maysville, S. C.

Dots From Meeting of County Union.

The doubting ones as to the Union should have been at Gordon's Mill Tuesday. President Harris, Brother Parrott of the Union News, representatives from Clarendon and Lee counties, joined with us in making it the best Union meeting ever held in Sumter county.

The good people of Concord, and our host, Mr. W. L. Brunson at whose residence we met, provided abundantly for the comforts of man and beast.

To the outsider who wants to know what the Union is doing to save dollars, I will say one Union has saved its dozen members between three and four hundred dollars on this year's purchase of fertilizers. And other Unions smaller amounts on various other items.

The meeting appointed a committee to look into the matter of marketing country produce. We expect before long to have an exchange where our stuff can be handled for our protection, and where the housekeepers of the city will know they are getting fresh produce at first cost.

Next meeting will be with the Jordan Union on 1st Friday in May.

E. W. D.

Some Spring Time Musings.

We fill our space this week with reasonable hints for flowers and two Easter selections. As a general rule farmers do not pay enough attention to beautifying his home and farm and that is one reason so many farmers' sons and daughters leave the farm for attractions of city or town life. When a few dollars and some attention to the aesthetic side of our nature would have kept them at home.

Nor do we give enough thought to the God who giveth the increase. "Consider the lilies of the field," As I write a large bunch of wild Easter lilies that a little boy brought to his teacher is before me, and truly "Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Yet they grow in profusion in damp places in our pine lands without any care of man. Surely where nature has done so much to please the eye and our sense of the beautiful, we might at least give her a chance, and not plant cotton up to our very door steps.

E. W. D.

The Easter Message.

Something happened nineteen hundred years ago in the gray light of the first Easter morning which transformed and transfigured the face of the earth. History began again. The world's heart beat with new and gladder thrill. Henceforth and forever, beneath the all-beholding sun, there is nothing which is "to good to be true. It has not entered into the heart of man to conceive a good which is better than the reality of things. But we are afraid of imagination. It is a vain thing, and must be yoked to a servile mass of matter lest it soar upward and outward, into the blue sky, above the mountain tops, toward the glorious sun, and lose itself in the eternal light and eternal truth of God!

O! brother-man or sister-woman, are you afraid of your own prayers? He is God. He is the Father-God, the Mother-God, the God of the buttercups and daisies, of sunshine and spring, the God who cares for the sparrows and clothes the lilies, who spreads out the heavens as a curtain and calls all the stars by name, who longs for you as the child of his heart, and loves you with an everlasting love, so that sin and death cannot separate you from the might of his affection nor quench His hope in you. Morning light shames our midnight fears. And the shame is that in the darkness you were not sure of the coming dawn. You ought to have known that after midnight comes the morning; in the blackest night of the year you ought to have kept God's sunshine in your soul. Angels have rolled the stone away from the grave of your ascending Lord. Clouds turn

to solid rock beneath your feet. And Christ is risen indeed.

GET READY NOW FOR THE SEASON'S FLOWERS.

Every Home, No Matter How Humble, May be Made a "Thing of Beauty and a Joy Forever," by Liberal Planting of Flowers, Vines, Trees and Shrubs—There is No Time to Lose and These Suggestions Should be Acted Upon at Once.

The very commonest mistake is to fill one's front yard with all sorts of highly colored abnormal things—variegated elder, purple-leaved plum, weeping willow, cut-leaved maple, red-flowered horse-chestnut, and that piercingly magenta outrage on the optic nerve—Sprigga Anthony Waterer. Often you will see all these things in one small yard. It is just as bad to cover one's lawn with such things as to sprinkle fourteen kinds of spice all over one's food. Use native kinds chiefly, or species that fit into our landscape. The "horticultural forms" are only for accent. Don't scatter shrubs or plants of any kind over a lawn. Avoid isolated specimens. Group them. Shrubs are for the border of a place. Don't plant one of each in a long row. You will get a much better effect by having a big solid mass of one or few things in the background, with whatever space in front you think necessary. Don't plant shrubs in straight lines, because straight lines are not the rule of nature. If you hire a man to plant, and fail to watch him he will surely set your plants in straight lines.

How to Make the Flower Bed.

Dig the soil a foot deep at least. Use plenty of well rotted manure. If the soil is very wet, dig out two feet deep and put in a layer of stones, clinkers, or broken crockery. Annual plants want all the sun they can get.

Making a Lawn.

Seed the new lawn by the middle of April. It may be done later if the weather is cool, or even in the fall. But the best time is the four weeks from the middle of March to the middle of April. It is useless to attempt to make a lawn on water-logged, unprepared land. Better defer seeding, until everything is in proper condition, than to waste labor.

Timely Suggestions for Planting. Early plants of marigold flower in pots before replanting and never stop until frost.

Morning glory is the best vine for the trellis. Soak the seed in warm water before planting. It self sows. The first frost kills it.

Ordinary petunia flowers profusely all summer, thrives anywhere and self sows.

Annual phlox is the best dwarf plant for general purposes. It self sows. It is a good pot plant.

The Japanese and Chinese plinks are showy flowers three inches across with a curious mixture of colors. They will stand cold but not wet.

The California poppy is the most brilliant red annual. Do not transplant.

Sunflowers are the tallest growing annuals. The seeds are good for chicken food.

Sow sweet peas early and cut the flowers promptly, if you want flowers through the whole season.

Sweet William, the "cluster-flowered pink," is very fragrant. Remember it likes moist, rich soil.

Zinnia is gorgeous and always in flower. It is well to get selected strains for pure colors.

Moon Flowers and Morning Glories. The moon-flower, or evening glory, has large trumpet-shaped white flowers, often very fragrant, which open during twilight and sometimes last until noon of the following day. They usually expand so fast you can see them move, a bud often becoming a full-grown flower within a minute.

Morning glories grow rapidly from seed sown in early spring in the open ground. In very rich soil the vines often reach fifteen feet, but

flower less than in poorer ground. If neglected, the plants sometimes become weeds because of their self-sowing habits.

Have Some Hollyhocks.

Everybody knows that a "hardy perennial" is a plant that dies down to the ground every winter like a peony and comes up again in the spring for an indefinite number of years; and most people know that there is a bewildering assortment of them ranging in height from two inches to three or four feet. It is a surprising fact that there are barely a dozen first class perennials that normally grow as high as a man and are suitable for the back of a border of hardy shrubs. The best of these are single hollyhocks. They have by far the greatest range of color of any tall hardy herbs and are harder and more permanent than double hollyhocks. They are biennial and bloom the second year, and sow themselves year after year all over the garden.

The Mock Orange Needed on the Home Ground.

What sort of a home is it that does not have a mock orange or syringa bush? Lilacs and mock oranges are the two flowers that do the most to fill the whole world with fragrance and make May the most intoxicating month in the year. If you want the most fragrant variety of mock orange, get the old-fashioned kind. A much showier, but less fragrant kind, has flowers an inch and three-quarters across, and of a pure white. It is also a most graceful bush; the old kind is rather stiff.

The Cheapest and Most Permanent Way to Get Flowers.

We want shrubs on every home-place in America because they furnish more flowers for less money and care and for a longer period of years than any other plant. True, some trees have big flowers and lots of them, but they are higher up in the air, while a bush is just where you can see it and smell it. Shrubs are more permanent than "perennials" and they are nothing like the bother annuals are. You plant trees for posterity, but shrubs for yourself also. You get flowers the second year, if you pay a decent price, and if you go away for a summer, the place does not look like an abandoned home. The plain truth is, that a home without shrubbery is all wrong. Shrubbery is just as necessary to a place as clothing to a man. Nine time out of ten the straight line where a building meets the ground should be hidden by shrubs.—Selections made for The Progressive Farmer from the Garden Magazine for April.

Kamenetz, Russia, April 6.—Thirteen schoolboys were drowned near here today as a result of the floods. They were on a bridge over the Morrich river at the village of Orina when the structure collapsed and they were precipitated into the water.

LUMBER MEN ASK PROTECTION.

South Carolina Manufacturers Request Delegation to Work Against Removal of Duty.

Washington, April 7.—A delegation of South Carolina lumbermen arrived here to day to urge upon the South Carolina members of Congress their claims to a duty on lumber. They conferred with Messrs. Ellerbe, Finley, Johnson and Lever in Mr. Ellerbe's room this afternoon and discussed with them the situation. The lumber men present were D. W. Alderman, of Alcolu, D. W. Andrews and G. A. Doyle, of the Atlantic Coast Lumber company, Georgetown; J. W. Allen and T. W. Boyle, Sumter; J. W. Maynard, Cheraw.

They told the South Carolina members that to take the \$2 tariff duty off lumber would not lower the price to the consumer in South Carolina and would put them practically out of the Northern market, where the bulk of their lumber now goes. Only about 5 or 6 per cent. of the lumber manufactured in South Carolina, they said, is sold in South Carolina. Most of the lumber used in the State, they said, is made at the small mills, which do not do any export business. The duty, they claimed, would not effect these small mills one way or the other.

Tampa Business Man a Suicide.

Tampa, Fla., April 6.—Harvey L. Fowler, a prominent young business man, committed suicide this morning at his home here by shooting himself through the head with a 38-calibre revolver. His mind has been falling since January, when he gave up his position with the Tampa Hardware Company. He leaves a wife and two children, who are now visiting relatives at Carabelle, Fla.

CHARGED WITH AWFUL CRIME.

North Augusta Negro Accused of Outraging His Own Child.

Aiken, April 6.—Charlie Fisher, a negro, has been committed to jail without bond, on a charge of criminal assault. It is alleged that he assaulted a child, said to be his daughter, about 8 or 9 years of age. Fisher was committed to jail by Magistrate Hahn, of North Augusta, near where the crime is alleged to have been committed. There appears to be a strong case against him, as several witnesses give direct testimony for the State. It is said that the crime was committed several days ago. The negro denies any knowledge of the crime.

Negro Child Burned.

The ten months old child of Sarah Jamison, colored, who lives on Grier street was seriously burned Thursday, about 11 o'clock while the mother was absent from home. A child five years old and the baby were alone in the house and the screams of the baby attracted the attention of neighbors. When they reached the house they found the baby crawling toward the door with its clothing in flames. The flames were smothered immediately, but the child had already been seriously burned, and while it is still living its injuries are serious.

Killing at Construction Camp.

Spartanburg, April 6.—Elliott Davis, colored, shot and killed Walter McCullough, also colored, at J. C. Dunn's construction camp on the line of C. & O. railroad, a mile from Cherokee, this morning. The shooting was the result of a quarrel over a negro woman. Davis and the woman escaped.

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