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GOOD ROADS CAMPAIGN.

Some of the Benefits to be Obtained by the Establishment of Good Roads Throughout The County.

The campaign for Good Roads and for the bond issue of \$150,000 will close with two more meetings, one at Cain's Mill on Thursday of this week at 11 a. m. at which Mr. H. C. Haynsworth and Lieut. Gov. T. G. McLeod will speak.

The last rally of the campaign will be held in Sumter on Thursday, July 27th. The United States Department of Agriculture at Washington will send Mr. Charles H. Hoyt of that Department to speak in Sumter on that date. Mr. Hoyt will use 50 colored lantern slides and a moving picture film to illustrate his address.

Mr. Fischer of the Lyric Theatre has loaned the use of his theatre to the committee for his purpose. Every one who can possibly do so is urged to attend this meeting. Women are especially invited. This meeting will be at 10:30 a. m. and is free to all.

At 11 a. m. of the same day, immediately following the address of Mr. Hoyt, Commissioner E. J. Watson will address a mass meeting in the Court House on the Need of Good Roads for Sumter County.

The question of securing Good Roads for Sumter County is of vital importance to the people of the county. The adoption of the \$150,000 bond issue, to be voted on Tuesday, August the first, will have a tremendous effect on the future development of this county. Its adoption means a complete system of hard sand-clay roads and the opening of new roads that may be needed. Instead of our present haphazard system of building roads, there will be supervision by a competent engineer. Thereafter these roads can be maintained at one-half the present cost. No one can estimate the loss incurred because of the roads we now have. In fact they have no right to be dignified by the name of road.

Most of them are long, narrow, crooked lanes that have been dug out of the sand by wagons and horses. There is not a citizen of this county who is not ashamed to show these so-called roads to his visiting friends.

The extra cost to every citizen is so slight in comparison to the gain that it is not worth discussion. This extra cost amounts to \$1 for every \$1,000 of taxable property at the present assessed valuation. On the other hand, in addition to the greater comforts of travel back and forth, the improvement in social intercourse, easy access to schools and churches, improved rural mail delivery, increased valuation in property, better markets for farmer and for the cities must be added the saving in total wear and tear on horses, wagons, harness, etc. But greater still is the gain made by the larger load that can be carried. This last item alone will mean enough saved in one year to more than pay for the entire cost. This question of Good Roads will not down. The entire State and country is alive to this need. Sumter county, surely, will not lag behind others in this great movement and will vote to have one of the most complete systems of Good Roads in the entire State.

The work on West Calhoun street has not been completed, although it was found necessary to move the hands from there Saturday to put them to work at another point on the street where it was imperative that the city should have a force of workmen. There is still considerable clay to be put down and two blocks on the street have yet to be rolled and scraped.

A large part of the force of workmen on Kendrick street deserted Saturday to the county owing to the fact that they were not making as much on the contract with the city as could be made with the county. Steps were taken to get more laborers and to change the contract so that the work could be completed right away before heavy rains set in.

COTTON CROP GOOD.

CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT STATE INDICATE BIG YIELD, RAINS COMING IN TIME TO RELIEVE SITUATION.

Heavy Fertilization, Improved Methods of Farming and Deeper Plowing is Telling—Fields Are Clean and Some Sections Expect Much Larger Yields Than in Several Years Past.

Columbia, July 17.—Due, in great measure, to the rains of last week, which relieved the drought before it had done serious damage, except possibly in scattering sections, the 1911 cotton crop in South Carolina, from present indications, promises to be equally as good if not better than last year.

No section of the State, from reports, has suffered materially; but to the contrary, in a number of counties larger yields are indicated than in a number of years past.

Taking the State as a whole, the condition up to the end of last week indicates that the cotton crop this year will not be off on account of the drought that for a time was feared would materially affect the yield. Conditions may be said at this time to indicate a 100 per cent crop, although in some scattering sections where cotton was replanted and did not get a good stand the yield will not be more than two-thirds or three-fourths; but in other sections from 15 to 25 per cent more cotton is expected than last year.

Heavy fertilization and the unusually fine preparation of the soil, deeper plowing and the application of new methods is telling this season, but for which it is safe to say that the drought would have proved of greater damage; but compared with last year at this time the crop is in far better condition. The fields are clean, there is no grass, and indications are that a much larger per cent of the cotton will be picked this year than last. Last year at this time the fields were full of grass, making the cost of production greater than this year, and, indeed last year the farmers had a hard fight to keep the grass from over-running the cotton.

What grass that follows the recent rains will be easily kept in check this year.

If the conditions at present can be compared with conditions existing at this time last year, the two seasons being absolutely different, the one extremely dry and the other extremely wet, the farmers of the State are, from reports received, in better shape now than then, and the indications for a full crop a great deal better than last year.

GENERAL IMPROVEMENT NOTED

Memphis, July 1.—The Commercial-Appeal tomorrow will say:

An improvement in cotton condition during the past week is generally reported. In Central and Eastern States the crop conditions could hardly be improved upon, as the plant is growing rapidly and fruiting heavily. With average favorable weather during the remainder of the season a record crop will be made over this large area.

Boll weevils are more numerous in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas, but the damage so far is small.

The earliness of the crop is a notable feature in the Eastern and Central States and grown to half-grown bolls are reported in the most northern districts.

In Texas and Oklahoma moderate showers to heavy rains, widely distributed, served to arrest the deterioration that had set in over wide areas and the outlook there is for improvement. The planting in some places is small, however, and good rain is needed to put in it, good condition.

"ABSOLUTE LIFE" CULT CASE.

Chicago, July 14.—Evelyn Arthur See, founder of the Absolute Life cult, who was convicted last night of the abduction of Mildred Bridges, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000 today, pending arguments for a new trial.

Fair Association Buys Grounds.

St. Matthews, July 13.—The Calhoun County Fair Association bought twenty acres of land from Messrs. J. H. Loryea and J. C. Redmond today on the outskirts of town for \$4,000. The place is ideal and beautifully located for the purpose.

Court convened Monday morning to hear appeals from the magistrate's courts and equity cases that were brought up for settlement. Judge S. W. G. Shipp, of Florence, is presiding.

The weather of the past few days has been excellent for the crops which are growing like all forty since the drought was broken.

NOTHING KNOWN ABOUT ROAD.

Mayor Jennings States That He Knows Nothing About Proposed Columbia-Sumter Highway.

In another place in this paper is an article taken from the Columbia State of Sunday which contains an interesting article headed "To Go To Sumter By An Air Line," which states that a road between Columbia and Sumter has been begun which will cut off about 29 miles of the distance for automobiles going from one town to the other.

Mayor L. D. Jennings was asked this morning what he knew about this proposed road and ferry and he stated that he knew absolutely nothing about it. He said that there had been some discussion of building such a road and ferry about a year ago and there was talk of this county putting up as much as \$1,000 for the road—the money to be raised by private subscription among the automobilists in the county—but that the matter had been dropped and he had heard no more about until he saw the article in the Sunday State.

Mr. R. B. Belser, who knows more about the roads of Sumter county than anyone else just now, unless it be the supervisor, stated that the ferry would be a good thing for automobilists, but that the county had absolutely nothing to do with it. It was a private enterprise as far as he knew that would only be beneficial to a few automobilists and that if any money for the building or maintenance of the road came from this county it would probably come from private subscription. He thought that it would be a bad plan for either the county or the Chamber of Commerce to have anything whatever to do with the building of the road and ferry across the Wateree river. He said further that it was a business proposition, as far as he knew, which had been taken up by private capitalists and these capitalists were the ones who would receive the benefit or the loss occasioned by the building of the road through the swamp and the ferry across the river. Mr. Belser stated further that the bond issue of \$150,000 had nothing whatever to do with the building of the road and ferry and he wished everybody in the county to understand this.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES.

Phone No. 299.

The following list of papers, trade and advertising journals, farm papers, etc. are on file at the Chamber of Commerce for the use of the citizens of Sumter and all visitors:

- Charleston News and Courier,
- Columbia State,
- Sumter Item,
- Watchman and Southron,
- Sumter Herald,
- Harper's Weekly,
- Manufacturers Record,
- Chattanooga Tradesman,
- Printer's Ink,
- Southern Good Roads,
- Farmer's Union Sun,
- The Trucker and Farmer,
- Advertising and Selling,
- Municipal Development,
- Town Development,
- Denver Municipal Facts,
- Buffalo Live Wire,
- Providence Board of Trade Journal.

Camden, N. J., Board of Trade Journal,

Boston Commerce News.

The following United States Department of Agriculture Bulletins.

- Winter Oats for the South,
- Barley Culture in Southern States,
- Canning Peaches on the Farm,
- Oats, Growing the Crop,
- Demonstration Work on Southern Farms,
- Oats, Distribution and Uses,
- Seed Corn,
- Corn Cultivation,
- Feeding Hogs in the South,
- More Profitable Corn Planting Method.

Commercial Fertilizers in South Atlantic States,

Profitable Cotton Farm,

Canning Vegetables in the Home,

Onion Culture,

Dairy Industry in the South,

Cotton Wilt,

Building Up a Run Down Cotton Plantation,

Sweet Potatoes,

Method of Breeding Early Cotton to Escape Boll Weevil Damage,

Sand-clay and Burnt-clay Roads,

Poultry Management,

Comparative Value of Whole Cotton Seed and Cotton Seed Meal in Fertilizing Cotton,

Successful Hog and Seed Corn Farm,

Soil Fertility,

Production of Good Seed Corn,

Tomatoes,

Strawberries,

Grape Growing in the South,

Corn Culture in the South,

Manning of Cotton,

System of Tenant Farming,

Hog Houses.

FRIENDLY TUSSELE, MAN DEAD.

Payton Kelly, of Darlington, Shot Through Heart—Two Men Intoxicated.

Hartsville, July 14.—Payton Kelly, aged 23, of the Kelleytown neighborhood, six miles from here, was shot through the heart and instantly killed at 9 o'clock by his first cousin, Lenoir Kelley. The killing took place at the home of William Tyner, where the two young men had gone in an intoxicated condition and was the result of a friendly tussle, which developed into a fight, in which a knife, a shotgun and a pistol in the hands of the two parties were used.

Kelley was shot five times; three times through the heart and twice in the left arm. His slayer was said to have been cut. He will surrender to the officers tomorrow morning.

SEVERE A. C. L. WRECK.

Apparently Deliberately Planned—None Sustains Serious Injuries.

Florence, July 16.—Train No. 86, the Coast Line's "Palmetto Limited," which left Charleston at 4:10 and Florence at 7:45 yesterday, was badly wrecked at the Buck Swamp siding, two miles north of Latta, about 9 o'clock last night.

The train, which was made up with one of the Coast Line's big copper-head locomotives, mail and express cars, two coaches and two sleepers, with Engineer Reddip Bullock and Conductor John W. Cotton, Jr., was speeding along at a 45-miles an hour clip, when suddenly the locomotive, entering the siding, followed by the heavy cars, soon rushed on off through the siding into the swamp, ploughing its way through mud and earth until its force was checked by the weight of the cars. The engine remained in an upright position, and that was the reason why Engineer Bullock and his fireman were not injured.

The mail car left the right of way to the right, the express car to the left and the two coaches jammed themselves against the wreckage. Only the front truck of the forward end of the two Pullman cars left the rails.

When it was all over it was found that a tramp by the name of Woodward had his feet and hand badly mashed, and that the mail agent, the express messenger and his colored helper and the train porter were slightly injured by being bruised and shaken up. Not a passenger on the train is reported to have been injured.

As quickly as possible the wrecking train, in charge of Mr. Alex Sessoms, and carrying Assistant Superintendent R. B. Hare, Dr. B. C. Gregg and Special Agent C. E. St. Amand, left here for the scene. The track was found to be blocked upon its arrival, but was soon cleared, all trains being detoured last night and early this morning via Elrod and Chadbourne.

Upon investigation as to the cause of the wreck it was found that the switch had been opened and the lock removed. The lock could not be found, showing that it was a wilful and diabolical act of some miscreant. The attempt proved to be successful and it is, indeed, a miracle that all on board were not slaughtered outright.

The Buck Swamp siding is what is known in railroad parlance as a "one-ender," with the switch opening to the south end, from whence the train approached, the other end being open, and nothing to prevent a train from going into the woods should it enter the open switch at any kind of speed. As soon as the engine entered the siding the sudden swoop threw Engineer Bullock from his seat, but he quickly recovered himself, shut off steam, applied the emergency brakes and reversed his engine, but by the time this was all done she was ploughing herself through mud and earth, having passed in, through and off the siding.

In the Police Court.

Samuel Jenkins, non-payment of contract painters license, \$7.50 or fifteen days.

William Singleton, non-payment of contract painters license, \$7.50 or 15 days.

Charles Holmes, non-payment of restaurant license, two charges, \$10 or 20 days.

Joe Wells, riding bicycle on Washington street sidewalk, \$2.00 or 4 days.

B. W. Levan, non-payment of barber shop license, four chairs, \$10.00 or 20 days.

Time to Begin Work.

Mr. W. R. Bonsal stopped here a short while last Tuesday evening on his way to Sumter. He told the committee to go ahead and get things in proper shape by the time the engineer gets here next week to locate the line. There is no time to lose and the committee should be ready to accept the proposition.—Bishopville Vindicator.

JUDGE SMITH TO HEAR CASE.

Hearing on Lumber Company Receivership—Judge Pritchard's Order.

Asheville, N. C., July 16.—In the Circuit Court of the United States for the district of South Carolina, Judge J. C. Pritchard signed a restraining order in the case of W. B. McLaughlin, receiver of the Linson Lumber Company, a South Carolina corporation, vs. H. J. McLaurin, Jr., on complaint of and motion of the counsel for complainant. It was ordered that the defendants be restrained from enforcing in the Courts of the United States or taking any proceedings to rely on the award set forth on the complaint until further order of the Court. The award was made, amounting to more than \$2,000. It is contended by the plaintiff that the payment of the award will be a bar of proceedings. It is further ordered that the defendant appear before Judge H. A. H. Smith, District Judge, August 10 to show cause why he should not be restrained until further hearing. The defendant has leave to move before Judge Pritchard by giving five days' notice. The complainant is required to file bond of \$500 for payment of defendant's damages and costs sustained by reason of the order should it prove to be improvidently made.

JOKE ON THE COP.

Kicked a Bomb Thinking It Was a Football.

New York, July 14.—As he was leaving a Brooklyn police station early today, Sergeant Michael Lane espied an object on the sidewalk which looked like a rubber football. He stepped back a few steps, got a running start and gave the supposed ball a kick. It was a bomb. The sergeant fell to the street unconscious and every window in the station house was shattered. The sergeant was removed to the hospital in an unconscious condition. Detectives who examined the fragments of the bomb said it contained enough powder to blow up a city block.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTES.

Retail Association.

The following is a list of the business firms who have signified their intention of becoming members of the Sumter Retail Association.

A large number of the merchants are yet to be seen and it is hoped that by the middle of next week, at least fifty members will have been secured and the work of the Association started:

- Joseph M. Chandler,
- O'Donnell and Company,
- The Sumter Clothing Company,
- Cuttino and McKnight,
- T. M. Bradley and Company,
- Knight Brothers,
- H. L. Tisdale,
- Burns Hardware Company,
- Bultman Bros.
- A. A. Straus and Company,
- McCormack Jewelry Company,
- The Sumter Dry Goods Company,
- D. J. Chandler Clothing Company,
- Levy and Moses,
- T. C. Scaffa,
- J. D. Craig Furniture Company,
- DeLorme's Pharmacy,
- Phelps Grocery Store,
- J. W. McKelver,
- W. L. Williams,
- New York Bakery,
- Geo. F. Epperson,
- Booth-Harby Live Stock Co.
- L. W. Folsom,
- DuRant Hardware Company,
- Witherspoon Bros. Furniture Co.
- J. E. King.

Mrs. Stoudenmire Entertains.

The pleasant evening of the week was enjoyed by the friends of Mrs. S. F. Stoudenmire on Tuesday evening, who entertained in honor of her guest, Miss Georgina D. Still, of Atlanta, Ga.

The home was tastily decorated for the occasion, the party being entertained on the verandas where Japanese lanterns made the corners cozy. A game of hearts was indulged in. Miss Lucile DeLorme winning the first prize and Miss Jennie Walsh, the booby.

The Punch bowl was presided over by Mesdames Scott and Dowling. Those present were:

- Miss Lucile DeLorme with W. K. Tavel, Miss Natalie Norman with Mr. C. S. Anderson, Miss Jennie Walsh with Mr. Mur Hall, Miss Bertha Bultman with Mr. Willie Crowson, Miss Veva Randle with Mr. George Warren, Miss Eileen Hurst with Mr. Frank Patton, Miss Estelle Crowson with Mr. Riley Bradham, Miss Georgiana Still with Mr. James Cuttino.

After the games were over refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cakes, nabiscoes and nuts. Every one expressed themselves as having a most enjoyable evening.

Dillon Man Patents Hatpin.

Washington, July 12.—G. C. Johnson, of Dillon, S. C., was today granted a patent for a hatpin.

FOR NEW ASYLUM BUILDING.

Plans Submitted to Commission by Architect Ware.

Columbia, July 14.—Plans for a building for 150 chronic cases of insanity were submitted today to the members of the State Hospital by F. B. Ware, the architect of the commission. These plans were carefully considered, and as soon as Mr. Ware makes a few suggested changes, specifications will be prepared and the building operations at "State Park" will be begun. In the meantime, the commission will advertise for brick, lime, cement and other material needed for the building.

The members of the Hospital commission met today at the State Hospital for the Insane for the regular monthly meeting. All members were present except J. M. Payne, of Anderson, who was detained on account of illness. Reports were received from Dr. L. C. Corbett, of the United States department of agriculture, on development of the farm at "State Park," from J. H. Foster, of the national agricultural department, on the forestry situation, and from H. P. Kelsey, on the landscape development of the property. The committee was pleased with the reports submitted, all of them being very complete. These reports will be made a part of the commission's report to the General Assembly.

The committee will meet in Columbia in two weeks, when other matters relative to the development of "State Park" will be discussed. The next monthly meeting will be held August 11. The commission has 300 acres of "State Park" under cultivation and the crops are reported in excellent condition.

Dr. Brown Takes Trip.

Dr. C. C. Brown left town Tuesday morning for a trip to Beaufort where he will spend the month of August. The pulpit at the First Baptist church will be filled on July 23, the fourth Sunday in the month by the Rev. W. E. Wilkins of Greenville, the secretary of the Baptist Laymen's movement. On the following Sunday, July 30, the Rev. W. T. Derieux of Greenville will preach.

The Item and Watchman and Southron Popularity Contest.

Following is the list of nominees: District No. 1.—City of Sumter.

- Miss Annie Dollard... \$12,015
- Miss Ellen Beach... 9,971.01
- Miss Schuyler Cooper... 161,849
- Miss Anna Jennings... 277,014
- Miss Macy Smith... 74,666
- Miss Jaunita Bradford... 170,600
- Miss Katie Hinson... 69,070
- Miss Minnie Blanding... 68,350
- Miss Nell McKnight... 50,390
- Miss Mary Ramsey... 49,425
- Miss Laurel Carr... 15,780
- Miss Elizabeth Hood... 12,500
- Miss Jennie Walsh... 12,410
- Miss Erlene White... 16,250
- Miss Arrie Stuckey... 9,400
- Miss Elethea Reardon... 8,910
- Miss Agnes Richardson... 7,310
- Miss Bonnie Nunnemaker... 6,450
- Miss Edna Tobin... 4,800
- Miss Rosie Hogan... 3,500
- Miss Katie Clark... 2,000
- Miss Susie McKinney... 1,800

District No. 2.—Outside of Sumter.

- Miss Pauline Cummings... 257,675
- Miss Louise Warren... 256,025
- Miss Bessie Hodge... 229,395
- Miss L. E. McCoy... 186,100
- Miss Pauline Jones... 111,195
- Miss Lucile Parrott... 102,580
- Miss May Weeks... 86,500
- Miss Hester Hodge... 87,090
- Miss Dora Dick... 70,960
- Miss Bessie Tallon... 55,735
- Miss Edith Wells... 52,625
- Miss Edna Ramsey... 30,960
- Miss Sadie Rogers... 27,425
- Miss Janie Bell Gaylord... 25,000
- Miss Pearl Moore... 20,000
- Miss Beulah Richardson... 18,975
- Miss Bessie F. Aycock... 18,200

Work is still going on on Oakland Avenue and it is probable that the laying of the pipe for the sewerage line will be commenced sometime soon.

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Guaranteed Cure for all
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