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MR. REARDON'S SERVICES.

Mr. E. I. Reardon rises to a question of personal privilege, and in a lengthy article, which we print today, replies to Mr. L. D. Jennings, and incidentally discuss fully, and with much attention to detail, his past services to Sumter as an official and as a private citizen.

POSTPONED, NOT DEFEATED.

From The Daily Item, Aug. 2. On the face of the returns received the good roads bond issue has been defeated by a majority of four votes.

It can and should until it possesses a complete system of well built roads—but they are not defeated and have no idea of giving up the fight for good roads.

Our Old Jack.

I am going to reserve a page in memory to thee, thou kind, affectionate, faithful old dog, for it is only a dog (as some would say) that I am writing of, but to us it was our good old Jack, our old red-brown Irish setter, gone forever now, laid low by a cruel and ruthless hand.

Day after day, when demands were made for thy faithful services, wouldst thou respond so joyously, so often to return at sunset, or in the still night hours to thy master's household, with weary stiffened limbs, and receive thy food from loving hands, yet when the golden sunshine lit up the eastern sky thou wouldst accompany that master in the daily duties of life.

Yes, who is it that was not familiar with thy faithful brown form, as thou didst travel so patiently and oft-times so soberly by his side, his faithful friend and companion.

Gentle old dog, no more will tender baby fingers, with fearless touch, hold thy platter of food for thee, or even feed thee with her tiny fingers, which thou wouldst take with such careful, tender care.

Now that baby's voice calls in vain from room to room, "Jack, here Jack." Cease thy calls, little one; no more he'll come to thee.

Never again will he respond to the sharp report of the rifle. Too often had he heard that sound to fear that the hand of man would be raised in enmity against his old faithful body.

Fear not, again, pretty wild, brown partridge! Safe art thou. No more by his careful quiet aid will he lead the successful sportsman to thy haunts.

Go on thy way, little nimble squirrel, or timid little rabbit. No more will he startle thee from thy hiding places.

Hushed forever the mighty spirit of the hunter within him. Oh, who shall arise in judgment against thee or condemn thee for those traits which the Mighty Bestower of all things gave thee.

Good-bye, old faithful Jack, good-bye. A tender spot in memory will always be touched whenever we think of thee.

Enjoyable Straw Ride.

Tuesday evening some of the young men of the city gave a straw ride in honor of Miss Rixie Lewis of Wilmington, who is the charming guest of Miss Edna Phillips on Kendrick street.

Three wagons were provided for the occasion and were filled with about thirty of the young folks of the town, all of whom were in for a good time and who heartily enjoyed the delightful ride during the evening.

Various kinds of games were played and all who were in the party spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mr. L. L. Bradham has gone on an extended trip through the northern States and Canada.

CLOSE ELECTION.

Opponents of Bond Issue Win by Majority of Four Votes—Manchester Still to Be Heard From.

From the Daily Item, Aug. 2.

The opponents of the bond issue and the plan to build a complete system of good roads in Sumter county in the next five years were victorious in the election held Tuesday to decide whether or not the people of the county were willing to issue \$150,000 road improvement bonds.

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With Manchester still to be heard from the majority against the bond issue is four votes. At Manchester, which is a doubtful box, it is thought that one vote was for the bond issue and the others against, thus making the total majority against the bond issue six votes.

The passage of the bond issue three weeks ago was an assured certainty. The day before election it was a very doubtful uncertainty. The opponents of the bond issue were unable to say whether they would win, and the most that the proponents of the issue could say was that they hoped that they would win.

ELECTION RESULTS IN THE VOTE.

Vote Stands 403 to 403—Neither Side Quite Willing to Acknowledge Defeat.

The result of the unofficial count of the votes cast in the recent election is at last a certainty—as far as a certainty can exist until the election commissioners make known their official count next Tuesday.

This vote practically means the defeat of the bond issue for the time being, as the law requires that a majority of the votes cast in the election be for the bond issue in which case the bonds shall be issued.

The opponents of the bond issue are very much elated over their practically assured success, while the promoters of the measure have not yet given up hope as the result was so very close that there is still a chance for them to have the majority.

The unofficial result of the election as received at The Item office is:

Table with 2 columns: Location and Votes. Total: 403 403

NOTICE.

I have sold my interest in the firm of The S. M. Pierson Co., to Mr. S. M. Pierson and will after August 15th be with Mr. J. J. Whilden, who bought out the firm of Von Oshen and Shrier last January, is doing business in the same lines at the same old stand on East Hampton avenue.

FOR SALE—A fine milk cow; several sow pigs, graded and pure; milking goats. A few pieces choice bacon.

FOR SALE—Fresh lot seed rye just received. Booth-Harby Live Stock

MORE ROADS BEING BUILT.

Supervisor Building Road to Paxville and from Powden's Mill Road to Black River Causeway.

Notwithstanding the fact that the bond issue for \$150,000 worth of good roads was not passed in the election Tuesday, County Supervisor Pitts is not in the least stopping his present work to grieve over the result of the election, but is going ahead with what funds he has on hand and is building more roads for the county.

At present two roads are in course of construction. One of these roads is the Paxville road which is being built up into a model sand-clay roadbed and the other is the recently made road from the Powden's Mill road to the new causeway over Black River.

The Paxville road is being built by contract and at present work is going on at the A. J. Jones place—formerly owned by W. R. Wells—one of the worst sandbeds in the county. It is hoped to build up this road before the time comes for hauling cotton in the fall, and if the supervisor's plans are carried out the farmers of that section will have much to be thankful for in the good road that they will have to haul their cotton over.

The new road which was lately granted to the public as a highway by the county board will also mean a great deal to the merchants of the city. The road will run from the Powden's Mill road to the new causeway over Black River.

The road is being built by the chain gang and is being put in the best possible condition. It, when completed, will shorten the distance from the Salem section beyond Black River to Sumter by two and a half miles or more and will mean a great deal to the farmers of the Salem section, who will find access to Sumter so much easier, and the merchants of Sumter who will get more trade from that section.

WOMAN BANK EXAMINER

Miss Margaret Kelly Appointed by Government as Mint Examiner.

Washington, Aug. 1.—A woman is now in actual charge of the mints of the United States. Miss Margaret Kelley, long connected with the mint bureau, was today appointed examiner, in which position she will be next in authority to George E. Roberts, the director, and much of the active administration of the coinage of money for the government will devolve upon her.

A Question of Figures.

Mr. Boyle has stated to me that in his article in the paper of July 29, he gave the bond issue plan of Mr. Belser credit for the \$14,000.00 regular county income. In my article to your paper, I had reference to his article in your issue of July 29, in which, I contended, he does not credit Mr. Belser's plan with this sum, it is true, he does add it to the \$10,000 to get \$54,000 for the use of roads each year, but this is not the point.

Try an ad. in the Daily Item, and watch results.

Farmers' Union News - Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers - (Conducted by E. W. Dabbs, President Farmers' Union of Sumter County.)

Some Random Thoughts.

On my recent trip to Williamsburg I ran across some things that denote progress. At Gourdin's I dined with Mr. Clarkson who has a fine farm and beautifully appointed home.

Near Blooming Vale Mr. Camilla had me to stop to see his fine corn in Smith's bay; a Black River tributary some 15 miles southeast of Kingstree. He has corn good for 60 bushels per acre on land that has made 20 consecutive crops without any fertilizer.

In the matter of consolidated schools that county is far ahead of ours. The one room school in Williamsburg will soon be a memory. Numbers of them are now corn cribs or tenant houses.

To come from the favored sections of that county where rains have been abundant and travel to this Salem and Mayesville section, where our crops are literally burning up, and to read the accounts of the dearth of water at Charlotte and the shutting down of 152 cotton mills because of the lack of water in the Catawba river, and to hear of sections where it is too wet, is calculated to impress upon our utter dependence upon a high power.

FARMERS URGED TO ORGANIZE.

By E. W. Dabbs, Vice President of the Farmers' Union.

Benson, July 25.—Hon. E. W. Dabbs, vice president of the Farmers' Union of South Carolina, spoke to a number of farmers at the school building Wednesday afternoon.

bears will produce. And there are some who will say 10 cents is a pretty good price for cotton, but 10 cents for this crop of cotton will be little better than 5 cents fifteen years ago, and before we can adjust ourselves to 10 cent cotton, millions of values will be wiped out.

"Everyone who is interested in the general prosperity of our country should join the Farmers' Union, get in touch with his fellow farmer and thus strengthen his lines of defense and cement the bonds of union, so that at the first onslaught of the bears we could shut down tight on every bale of cotton and stop the wheels of the world's commerce unless we get a fair return for our toil."

He said this can be done if we can convince the farmer that the fight is before him. "To do this the union is making an active campaign to reach every neighborhood of every county in the cotton-growing States. Our greatest difficulty lies in the disposition of the farmers to trust to luck, or blind fate, or a disastrous visitation of Providence in some other section.

Mr. Dabbs went on to say that the farmers have no system in marketing their crops, they go to market blindly, as it were, with their cotton and simply ask, "What is cotton doing today, or what will you give me for mine?" of course accepting the price of the buyer.

A TALK TO FARMERS.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, vice-president of the State Farmers' Union, reached Kingstree, the last point in his itinerary, Tuesday and addressed an audience of from sixty to seventy-five—mostly farmers—in the court house.

Mr. Dabbs expressed profound appreciation of the cordial reception that had been given him in the hospitable homes of the people of Williamsburg for the past week. He also noted with a great degree of gratification the material prosperity that was visible on every hand.

Mr. Dabbs' speech was a plain, heart-to-heart talk and was heard with close attention. Our Benson correspondent has given the substance of the speech so well that were we to attempt the task it would be a work of supererogation.

Accidents Will Happen

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