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MR. REARDON'S SERVICES.

Mr. E. I. Reardon rises to a question of per anal 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. Mr. Reardon need never fear that the generality of Sumter people are unand as an individual. His work and service have been duly and frequently advertised in the press of Sumter and of the State, and no citizen who has given of his time and talent to the public service has been accorded so prompt and full a recognition as he; nor are Sumter people likely to forget or be permitted to forget what he has accomplished and attempted to accomplish for the good of Sumter in the past. Mr. Reardon has no guarrel with Sumter for lack of appreciation or recognition. He is one public spirited citizen who has not been neglected to go down to his unhonored and unsung. with a tardy advertisement of his virtues inscribed upon his tombstone as the only meed of praise for his labors for the betterment of his community and the uplift of his fellow men. His living ear has heard the of fellow citizens for work well done. and his discerning eye has often read, in black and white, tributes to his work as a laborer for the public welfare. With such a record as a worker and as a public spirited citisen, whose work and worth have so generally and generously recognized in the past, it to drop out of the front rank as an effective force for the upbuilding of Sumter, city and county, and to in- knew that naught of harm could advertently assume the unfamiliar role, for him, of a knocker and ob. so faihful to. Often would he so pastructionist of the good roads bond leane, the greatest enterprise undertaken in his life time for the development of the latent resources of Sumter county. Achilles should not sulk in his tent. Rather should be buckle on his armor of public spirit and eclipse his past praisworthy record by greater and more honorable achievements in the future. An honorable past is to be pointed to with pride, but an achieving present and a fature devoted to public service are what count most and round out a

POSTPONED, NOT DEFEATED.

From The Daily Item, Aug. 2.

life work.

On the face of the returns received the good roads bond issue has been defeated by a majority of four votes. One precinct, Bloom Hill, has not been heard from officially, but the information received is to the effect that there were only four ballots cast at that box, two being for the bond issue and two against. Thus it seems that the bond issue has been defeated by a very narrow margin. The vote polled in the city and county was and disappointingly surprisingly small, except at two or three county precincts, at which a fairly large percentage of the total possible vote was polled almost solidly against the proposition to build a system of good men of the city gave a straw ride in roads throughout the county. The bonor of Miss Rixie Lewis of Willarge majority against the bond issue mington, who is the charming guesat these precincts and the small vote of Miss Edna Phillips on Kendrick in the city are responsible for the de- street. feat of the good roads undertaking. Three wagons were provided for There was in this city an indifference the occasion and were filled with about to the election that was surprising: at thirty of the young folks of the town, least a hundred professed supporters all of whom were in for a good time of the road bond issue neglect to vote. and who heartily enjoyed the delight-The real cause of the defeat of the ful ride during the evening. The wagbond issue was not the large ma- ons were driven out to Pocalla at jorities against it at several of the which place the party stopped for reprecincts in the county, but the small freshments, ice cream and cake being vote polled in the city by those who served at the well-known and popuwere supposed to have been active lar resort of Sumter people.

The result is disappointing to those spent a most enjoyable evening. who believe that good roads and prosperity mean one and the same and will not prosper and develop as States and Canada.

for all sections of Sumter county.

it can and should until it possesses a complete system of well built roadsbut they are not defeated and have no idea of giving up the fight for good roads. The defeat of the bond issue is merely a set back, a temporary postponement of the day when good roads will be an actuality in every neighborhood. The campaign for good roads will be prosecuted with renewed and greater zeal than ever and if anyone thinks that the result of the election dooms Sumter county to an indefinite endurance of bad roads he misjudges the men who serve private interests will be charged have enlisted for a campaign of progress and development in and for Sumter county. Good roads are still an issue and every man should bear in mind that it will be the big issue in the campaign next summer. The office seekers who have been very cautious and politic about taking any decided stand in the campaign just closed will find next summer that

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 polled in those precincts in a general hopel to build up this road before the on the ground and white-wash every 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 tem of good roads, with its attendant cruel and ruthless hand.

or bitter wintry blast, will he re- cvercame the majority for the issue spond with joyful leap and bark to aware of his record as a public off. the call of the hunter. Yes, thou ended in defeat a measure intended cial and of his services as an official faithful dumb beast, true to the in- for the good of the whole county and who, it is understood, has promised in Smith's bay; a Black River trib stinct which the great Creator had one which would have meant a great given thee, wouldst thou rush forward in response to some young hunters' cry or signal, regardless of all creature comforts some kind woman's hand would try to bestow upon thee, knowing too which is a doubtful box, it is thought well, that spirit that would lead thee that one vote was for the bond issue onward miles through swamp and thicket in faithful search and quest of that, which man would so selfishly enjoy, too oft forgetful of thee, after naught was left of savory food but bones, even forgetful to toss the lat-

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 that they would win. weary stiffned 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 is a pity that he has allowed himself, even feed thee with her tiny fingers, which thou wouldst take with such careful, tender care. Too well we all come to any of the little ones he was tiently lie while the little ones rolled and tossed over him, a baby's head using his shaggy brown head as her pillow.

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

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

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

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

Enjoyable Straw Ride.

Tuesday evening some of the young

and zealous advocates of good roads Various kinds of games were playled and all who were in the party

Mr. L. Bradham has gone on an FOR SALE-Fresh lot seed tye just thing that Sumter county cannot extended trip through the northern

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 bond issue for \$150,000 worth 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. The results heard Tuesday up to the county.

the time that The Item went to press carried a majority of 144 in favor of the issue and it was expected then that the bond issue was passed by a small though decided majority. This bed and the other is the recently was not the case, however, for whereas it was thought that Concord and road to the new causeway over Black Shiloh which were known to be opposed to the plan of bonding the county, would vote against the time for hauling cotton, bonds, it was not thought that a big vote would be polled in that sective number of the voters than were polled elsewhere and are usually election. Both places came out heavy the building of the county-wide sys-\$150,000 bond issue. The majority No more through genial sunshine against the bond issue at those places which was voted in town and thus enhancement of values of real estate in the county.

> With Manchester still to be heard in food, which from the majority against the bond issue is four votes. At Manchester, and the others against, thus making ty. 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

ELECTION RESULTS IN TIE 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. The vote so far as is known stands 403 to 403.

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. It does not make any provision for a new election in case of a tie as has happened in the recent election.

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:

i		For	Agains
Į	Sumter:		
l	Ward 1		31 1
į	Ward 2		170
ì	Ward 3		40
۱	Ward 4		31 :
Ì	Shiloh		6 6
ì	Mayesville		14
	Rafting Creek		23
	Stateburg		4
	Wedgefield		13
	Providence		30
	Concord		6 9
	Bloom Hill		4
	Privateer	2.1 5.5	177
	Oswego		12
	Total		100 1

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 Shirer last January, is doing business in the same lines at the same old stand on East Hampton avenue. I shall be pleased to have my friends send there for work in his lines. Mr. Whilden is prepared to give satisfaction in horse shoeing, carriage, buggy and wagon repairing, in fact, any kind of blacksmith work. I shall use my best efforts to give prompt service and satisfactory work. T. V. WALSH. 8-1-3t.

FOR SALE-A fine milk cow; several sow pigs, graded and pure; milking goats. A few pieces choice bacon. E. W. Dabbs, Mayesville

received. Booth-Harby Live Stock W-8-2-3t.

MORE ROADS BEING BUILT.

Black River Causeway.

Supervisor Building Road to Paxville

and from P.owden's Mill Road to

Notwithstanding the fact that the 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

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 roadmade road from the Plowden's Mill River. Supervisor Pitts proposes if possible to put in both roads before

contract and at present work is going white wash to his buildings and tion, or at least not a larger compara- on at the A. J. Jones place-formerly owned by W. R. Wells-one of the worst sandbeds in the county. It is against the building and he can stand time comes for hauling cottin in the and both went overwhelmingly against fall, and if the supervisor's plans are purip is also useful for washing bur carried out the farmers of that section will have much to be thankful for in the good road that they will fire Mr. Clarkson says he finds the have to haul their cotton over. The acetyline lime as good for whiteroad is to be built to the county line wash as the best quick lime. and is expected to meet the work of Near Blooming Vale Mr. Camilia the supervisor of Clarendon county hat me to stop to see his line corn to put the road into good condition utary some 15 miles southeast of from Paxville to the county line. If Kirgstree. He has corn good for 6 this road is built in time for the heavy bushels per acre on land that has fall travel it will open up a new made 20 consecutive crops without source of trade for the Sumter mer- any fertilizer. But it is about his chants and will be the means of getting a larger share of the trade to wis led to write. After he had layed Sumter from that section of the coun-

> granted to the public as a highway as hey were "sheep burs" he would by the county board will also mean a see if sheep would not eat them. great deal to the merchants of the city. The road will run from the Plowden's Mill road to the new causeway over Black River. This new causeway was built about ten years ago, the money being raised for the sheep out as they had grazed the tion in Sumter and part of the cost being paid by the county. This causeway is next to the longest in the county, there being seventeen bridges in schools that county is far ahead of

> gang and is being put in the best pos- Nurrbers of them are now corn cribs sible condition. It, when completed, will shorten the distance from the comolidated schools would do credit Salem section beyond Black River to to a small town. The best appointed Sumter by two and a half miles or one that I was in is at Indiantown more and will mean a great deal to church. I was told that it looks the farmers of the Salem section, like Sunday there every day when who will find access to Sumter so the school was in session, there are much easier, and the merchants of so many vehicles and horses hitched Sumter who will get more trade from nearby. Some of the patrons ride that section.

WOMAN BANK EXAMINER

Government as Mint Examiner.

Washington, Aug 1 .- A woman is now in actual charge of the mints of some of the colleges of 20 years ago. 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 to read the accounts of the dearth of of money for the government will water at Charlotte and and the devolve upon her. Mr. Roberts at shut ing down of 152 cotton mills bepresent is out of town and will not caus, of the lack of water in the Cabe back for several weeks.

a year, making her the highest paid woman in the government service.

A Question of Figures. Editor Daily Item:

his article in the paper of July 29, he gave the bond issue plan of Mr. Bel- ly the whole congregation was assemser credit for the \$14,000.00 regular bled to join the pastor, Rev. W. H. county income. In my article to your Workman in special prayers for rain. paper, I had reference to his article He requested every one present to in your issue of July 29, in which, I contended, he does not credit Mr. Belser's plan with this sum, tl is migh be unity of purpose among true, he does add it to the \$40,000 to all the congregation. His information get \$54,000 for the use of roads each talk during the meeting was in keepyear, but this is not the point. Mr. ing with the sermon of the day be-Belser's plan with this sum. It is fore. 000 each year, and the \$14,000 would then reduce the necessary levy to one FARMERS URGED TO ORGANIZE mill, instead of 2 1-3 mills, as Mr. Boyle seeks to force Mr. Belser's plan By E W. Dabbs, Vice President of o necessitate. In other words, the \$14,000 from the regular county income would be used with the \$7,500 from the one mill levy to pay intermaintain the roads, while the \$200,- to a number of farmers at the 000 would be divided into five sums schoo to build the roads.

give proper credit to Mr. Belser's remarks: plan for this sum, and I accept his statement in good faith, and contend seems to glory in the heat and is that this will reduce the necessary spreading itself like a green bay levy to one mill.

Very respectfully. L. D. JENNING Sumter, August 3.

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Farmers' Union News

Practical Thoughts for Practical Farmers

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

Some Random Thoungts.

On my recent trip to Williamsburg ian across some things that denote progress. At Gourdin's I dined with Mr. Clarkson who has a fine farm and beautifully appointed home While waiting for the rain to cease he told me how he utilizes the lime from his light plant with a force pump. He said this little pump that cost \$3.00 and is used for spraying The Paxville road is being built by frut trees, beat a brush in applying fences. By removing the spray a solid stream of white-wash is thrown building on his place. This little gies, autos, windows and would be of great service in the early stages of ;

nevel method of cultivation that by he corn "sheep-burs" came up by the millions; they were about six The new road which was lately inches to one foot high, and he said We I the sheep were in there, 58 heaf, and the cookleburs were disappearing. And strange to say week later he told me he had taken building it partly by private subscrip- bur well down and they might start

It the matter of consolidated ours. The one room school in Wil-The road is being built by the chain lian sburg will soon be a memory. or enant houses. Some of these miles. So far as I could learn ther;" are no school wagons. At Rone just over the Georgetown line is p obably the biggest school. It is Miss Margaret Kelly Appointed by called Union on account of its being supported by two counties. Has a boarding department and issues a cata ogue that would do credit to

To come from the favored sections of that county where rains have been aburdant and travel to this Salem and Mayesville section, where our crop; are literally burning up, and tawt a river, and to hear of sections Miss Kelley's salary will be \$3,000 where it is too wet, is calculated to impress us with our utter dependance upon a high power-"Who buildeth up one, and putteth down anotl er," at His own pleasure. Yesterday was the first time in 25 years at Mr. Boyle has stated to me that in least that there was a week-day prayer meeting at Brick church, when nearmake it a point to pray for rain at 8 o'c ock each evening, that there E. W. D.

the Farmers' Union.

Berson, July 25,-Hon, E. W. Dabbe, vice president of the Farmst. provide for a sinking fund and ers' Union of South Carolina, spoke building Wednesday afterof \$40,000 to be used in as many years noon. He seems to be well informed on the cotton situation and the fol-Mr. Boyle tells me he intended to lowing is somewhat the trend of his

"Co ton, where there is a stand. tree, and it will not be long before

bears' will be sending out estis of sixteen million bales or That means, unless the farmrganize to meet the situation, their crop will be sold for less but cost before that a raid by the H-

bears will produce. And there are some who will say 10 cents is a pretty good price for cotton, but cents for this crop of cotton 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 the general prosperity of our ry should join the Farmers' Union, get in touch with his fellow farmer and thus strengthen his lines of defence 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

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. 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. Always some other section. If we trust to luck or fate to fertilize and cultivate our crops we would make none. Why then should we trust to luck or fate or Providence to market our crops?"

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. "How long will it take the farmer to learn that the business side of selling is just as important as the business side of production?"

From this place Mr. Dabbs visited several points in the county, endeavoring to interest the farmers that they may organize for their mutual benefit.-Kingstree Record.

A TALK TO FARMERS.

Vice-President Dabbs of the Farmers' Union Spoke Here Tuesday.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, vice-president of he State Farmers' Union, reached Kingstree, the last point in his itinerary, Tuesday and addressed an audience of from sixty to seventy-fivemostly farmers-in the court house. The meeting was called to order at noon by Secretary J. T. Frierson, who presided and introduced the

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. Fine farms, comfortable school-houses and excellent crops made up a county to be proud of, and he noted with pride the marked increase in farm values in our county during the past decade, as shown by the United States Census report.

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 superogation.

Mr. Dabbs evidently has his heart in the uplift of the farming class and it is to be regretted that every one cannot hear him.-Kingstree

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