BOARD'S ANNUAL MEETING.

VARIOUS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY DISCUSSED AND MATTERS REFERRED TO LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION.

Board Wants All Persons to Pay Commutation Road Tax—As to Map of County—Insurance on Court House Reduced to $45,000—License Ordinance Adopted—To Establish Sinking Fund for Court House Bonds—To Change Road on Ballard Hill.

The county board of commissioners met Thursday in the office of County Supervisor Pitts in their annual session for the purpose of discussing matters of interest to the county and making certain recommendation to the Sumter County legislative delegation in the general assembly. The meeting was attended by every member of the board and lasted almost all day, many matters being discussed officially and informally.

The matters referred to the legislative delegation for enactment into law were the payment of a commutation road tax instead of allowing an alternative of working on the public road, the establishing of a sinking fund to pay off the $30,000 court house bonds, the allowing of an appropriation of funds for the making of a new and accurate school map and the disposal of funds left over from payment of the loan from the State sinking fund.

The matters in the order that they were brought were:

The expenditures of the past year were all gone over and then the work mapped for the ensuing year was taken up for discussion. The bad condition of the road at Ballard's Hill was discussed and it was moved and carried that the supervisor with Mr. Jas. W. J. Young take up the matter of improving the road at that point by securing the right of way from property owners and making such changes and repairs as were needed to put the road in good condition.

The matter of insurance on the court house was discussed and it was decided to reduce the insurance to $45,000. It was also decided to take out the amount not insured in the State sinking fund with old line companies in one year policies. This step was taken upon the statement that the amount of the funds in the State sinking fund was constantly changing and every year the amount of insurance with the State sinking fund had to be changed and therefore it was impossible for this reason, to take out the three year policies in the old line companies, as had been formerly done.

The schedule of licenses for 1911 was readopted for the year 1912. These licenses apply to peddlers doing business in the county, patent medicine sellers, horse traders, etc. They are taken out in the office of the county clerk of court.

The commutation road tax matter was next taken up. This is perhaps the most important piece of legislation to be done for this county at the coming session of the general assembly. The county board requested the delegation to have an enabling Act passed whereby every person liable to road duty be required to pay a road tax of two dollars, in lieu of his service on the road, as allowed at present. At the present time a person is allowed to pay a $2 road tax or to work on the public roads in his township for six days, ten hours a day. The enforcement of this act is left to the county treasurer, who issues a process for persons not paying the tax similar to that now taken our for persons who have not paid their poll taxes. The names of persons liable to pay the tax are to be turned over to the auditor and he is to make out a list for the treasurer.

A request was made that the delegation pass an act to provide for the establishment of a sinking fund to pay off the $30,000 bonds on the court house. This sinking fund should have been established several years ago, when the debt was created, but for some reason it was not and has to be established now. The last payment on the $25,000 bonds issued to the State sinking fund was paid last February and it was also requested that disposal be made by the delegation, by enactment, of $1,198.30 left over from the sinking fund after those bonds had been paid off.

The delegation was next requested to make provision whereby the county could expend sufficient money to pay half of the costs of making a new and accurate school map of Sumter County. The map is to be made jointly and at the joint expense of the county and the county school funds.

Other matters were informally discussed, but no further action of importance was taken along other lines.

Do not allow your kidney and bladder trouble to develop beyond the reach of medicine. Take Foley Kidney Pills. They Give quick results and stop irregularities with surprising promptness. Sibert's Drug Store.

FIRE AT HAGOOD.

Mr. L. P. Stubbs Loses Barn, Stables, with Contents, and Several Head of Mules.

Mr. L. P. Stubbs of Hagood was in the city Wednesday and reported having suffered severely from a fire on his place several days ago. Mr. Stubbs stated that he did not know how the fire originated, but that it burnt down his barn, one of the biggest and most completely equipped in the county, his stables and several head of mules were lost in the fire.

All of the corn, fodder and hay which Mr. Stubbs had made during the past year were lost in the fire, the total loss being estimated at several thousand dollars. It was only by quick work that Mr. Stubbs was able to save the rest of his stock from the flames.

Mr. Stubbs has been living in Sumter county for just a year now, he having purchased Mr. T. O. Sanders' place and moved there from Marlboro, his native county. He reports having made a big cotton crop during the past year, but has been unable to gather it all.

IRA W. WILLIAMS TRANSFERRED.

Given Special Work Along the Coast.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Bradford Knapp of the department of agriculture said tonight that Ira W. Williams, head of the farm demonstration work in South Carolina, had been given special work to investigate boll weevil and cotton blight work in the South. Mr. Williams will work for the present along the coasts of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Beyond this Mr. Knapp had nothing further to say on the subject at this time.

News From Privateer.

Privateer, Jan. 2.—There is a lot of cotton still in the fields. A number of farmers have not yet picked over their fields for the first time. I heard one man who has about twenty-five bales of cotton in the field say that he did not care if he didn't get any more picked, the price was so low that it hardly paid to gather it.

Oats are looking fine, but there don't seem to be any increase in the acreage.

There is a lot of moving going on about here. Mr. Carpenter Rodgers of Marlboro has bought Mr. P. B. Harvin's farm near Privateer Station and will move over in a few days. Mr. Harvin is moving on the old Pipkin place.

Mr. S. D. Cain is moving to Mr. W. O. Cain's and Mr. Graham Pritchard will take charge of the place which Mr. Cain is leaving.

The schools opened again Wednesday after a holiday of ten days.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Whilden of Sumter spent Wednesday at Mr. G. A. Nettles and went to Pregnalls yesterday.

Miss Winnie Rivers is visiting in St. George.

Here is a remedy that will cure your cold. Why waste time and money experimenting when you can get a preparation that has won a world-wide reputation by its cures of this disease and can always be depended upon? It is known everywhere as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and is a medicine of real merit. For sale by all dealers.

Death of Mr. Broadway.

Died on the 24th at his home in Paxville, Mr. J. J. Broadway, aged about 75 years. The deceased was a good citibzen, and took a deep interest in the affairs of his community. He was a Confederate soldier, and a loyal member of the Baptist church. —Manning Times.

Persons troubled with partial paralysis are often very much benefited by massaging the affected parts thoroughly when applying Chamberlain's Liniment. This liniment also relieves rheumatic pains. For sale by all dealers.

A farmer of this county who was in town the other day stated that he has just sold 22 white Leghorn chickens for as many dollars. He stated that he was farming on only a small scale and had sold only two bales of cotton up to the present time. Both of these bales were of cotton badly damaged by the rain and he stated that one of the bales had brought him scarcely more money than his twenty-two chickens. Thus can the good of diversification be seen.

Solves a Deep Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. Va., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at Sibert's Drug Store.

TAFT IN TO END.

"NOTHING BUT DEATH" CAN KEEP HIM OUT.

President Said to Have Expresed His Intention Not to Quit in Teddy's Favor.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"Nothing but death can keep me out of the fight now."

President Taft is reported to have made this statement to White House callers today and to have added that he had no objection to the statement being made public.

It undoubtedly was intended to set at rest all reports that Mr. Taft might withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination for president in favor of Theodore Roosevelt.

The president is said to be thoroughly aroused to the gravity of the situation in the Republican party and determined to let his attitude be generally understood. He has declared that under no circumstances will he withdraw his name from consideration by the Chicago convention next July and has asserted that his position with respect to the nomination has not changed in any particular since he first entered the White House.

Mr. Taft has told friends and party leaders from the first that if he should be called upon to stand for re-election he would be glad to do so; that he felt under obligations to the party for having made him president, and was willing to abide its decision in the convention. He adheres to this position, according to announcements today, and will not quit the race until the nominating ballots are cast at Chicago.

FERTILIZER MEN HELD MEETING.

Representatives of Big Companies in Secret Conference to Discuss Problems of Trade.

Florence, Jan. 3.—The fertilizer men of the South held a meeting in this city Monday night to talk over the prospects for the coming year. They are concerned over the situation and rather at sea. The conference was a secret one, but representatives of all of the big concerns were here. One of the troubles confronting them is the uncertainty of the action by the farmers and of hostile legislation. Materials are higher in price than ever, and the farmers want the notes made longer, while the fertilizer men say that they are now carrying the burden of the cost of the manufacture for 18 months, and the profits that they make out of the business is really not a fair interest on the money invested.

Some "Game" Hunters.

There was a party of hunters from this place that went into the wilds of Santee last Thursday and when they got a chance to kill a fine buck followed by a pretty doe, both of them took the shakes, fired into the atmosphere and came home meatless. It is said that a great big buck got within thirty feet of Mr. J. H. Ribgy, looked square at him and with a kind of contempt look in his face when he got a sight of the Manning near-sportsman, turned away in disgust only to hear Rigby calling to his cousin Eddie Horton to shoot. Both of the Manning sports did shoot but they are unable to say to this day, whether they shot into the air or at the deer. If all of the hunters are as quick of sight and as sure of aim, as Messrs. Rigby and Horton then the game laws can be repealed for these hunters can do the game no harm. "Uncle Nat" Davis of Davis Station had a fine chance also, but the buck he got sight of looked so ferocious that it gave him a tremble in the knees, and got away without a scratch. "Uncle Nat" is a good sport when it comes to killing rabbits, but when it comes to deer and especially if they happen to be in full horn, the sight of "sich" reminds him of the pictures of the devil in the story books and he gets skeered.—Manning Times.

Foley Kidney Pills.

always give satisfaction because they always do the work. J. T. Shelnut, Bremen, Ga., says: "I have used Foley Kidney Pills with great satisfaction and found more relief from their use than from any other kidney medicine, and I've tried almost all kinds. I can cheerfully recommend them to all sufferers for kidney and bladder troubles." Sibert's Drug Store.

The second bi-ennial session of the Seventh day Advents for the southeastern States will be held at Graysville, Tenn., January 7 to 18.

The Danger of La Grippe

Is its fatal tendency to pneumonia. To cure your la grippe coughs take Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. R. E. Fisher, Washington, Kas., says: "I was troubled with a severe attack of lagrippe that threatened pneumonia. A friend advised Foley's Honey and Tar Compound and I got relief after taking the first few doses. I took three bottles and my la grippe was cured." Get the genuine, in the yellow package. Sibert's Drug Store.

THE VERY GREATEST PROPHET.

Luke i, 57-80—Jan. 14.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people."—V. 68.

OF JOHN THE BAPTIST Jesus declared, "Verily I say unto you, of those born of women there hath not risen a greater Prophet than John the Baptist; and yet I say unto you that the least in the Kingdom of God is greater than he." (Luke vii. 28.)

These words are valuable as showing us that John was the last of the Prophets announcing the coming of Messiah and the beginning of the great work of selecting from amongst mankind a loyal class, to be associates with the Redeemer in His Messianic Kingdom.

John could not be of the Kingdom class. His grand work terminated before the Redeemer's sacrifice was finished—before Pentecostal blessings came accepting some as joint-heirs with Christ in His Kingdom. John himself seemed to understand this, for he declared, "He that hath the Bride is the Bridegroom," but I am the Bridegroom's friend and rejoice to hear His voice.—John iii, 29.

"And wrote—his name is John."

The Prophecy of Zacharias.

St. Peter distinctly tells us respecting the Old Testament Prophets, that "Holy men of old spake and wrote as they were moved by the Holy Spirit;" that frequently they uttered deeper and broader truths than they themselves comprehended.

This is true of the prophecy of Zacharias, in this lesson. Verses 68-70 constitute the first division of this prophecy; praise to God. To Him all honor and praise are to be given for the fulfilment of His gracious promises of old, "for He hath visited and brought redemption to His people; He hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David."

Here, after the usual manner of prophecies, the thing about to be accomplished is spoken of as though it had been done.

As John the Baptist was born but six months before Jesus, it follows that the begetting of Jesus had already taken place at the time of this prophecy. The Holy Spirit spoke of the things begun, but not yet accomplished, as though finished: "He hath visited and brought redemption for His people."

This word *redemption* applies not only to the redeeming work accomplished by Jesus in the consecration of His life at baptism and down to the completion of His sacrifice at Calvary, but it is comprehensive enough to take in all the work of reclaiming humanity.

Deliverance From Enemies.

The second section or strophe of this prophetic poem runs from verse 71 to 75. It relates to the deliverance of God's people from the power of their enemies. One important thought here is that none but God's people will ever be delivered from the enemies here referred to.

During Messiah's reign of a thousand years, when all the blind eyes will be opened and all the deaf ears will be unstopped, and when the knowledge of the glory of God's character will be clearly revealed and the horribleness of sin be manifested—then many, now led captive by Satan at his will, will bow the knee and confess to the glory of God.

In other words, as Jesus said, His consecrated followers are His "little flock" of the present time. But during His glorious reign He will gather another flock. As He said, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold—them also I must bring, that there may be one fold and one Shepherd."—John x, 16.

The Preparatory Work.

"One fold and one Shepherd" does not signify that all of the sheep will be of the same nature. On the contrary, the Apostle tells us that God's Plan is ultimately to "gather together under one Head (Shepherd) all things, both in heaven and in earth." (Ephesians i, 10.)

"Visited and redeemed his people."

Of these "all things" the Church, the Bride, will be chief, on the plane of divine nature. The Great Company, cherubim and angels will follow in order, and redeemed and restored mankind in human perfection will be the lowest order in the Divine fold.

The third section or strophe of this prophetic poem tells us of a work to be accomplished before the grand consummation of the destruction of all enemies and the lifting up of all accounted worthy to be sons of God. This is recorded in verses 76-79. It tells how John the Baptist would be the forerunner of the Lord's special Servant, Jesus, to pave the way for His great work. This great work would be to give the knowledge of salvation to thousands who were already God's people, to show them the "high calling" of this present Age.

Mr. R. M. Cooper, of Wisacky, was in the city Friday.

COLUMBIA HAS BIG FIRE.

LOSS ESTIMATED AT FROM $300,000 TO $500,000—FIRE IN WOHLESALE DISTRICT.

Fire Originating in the Gibbes Machinery Cmpany Building Spreads to Adjacent Wholesale Establishments; Southern States Supply Co., Amour and Company, Moffatt B. DuPre Company and Three Residences Destroyed.

Columbia, Jan. 5.—Loss variously estimated at from $300,000 to $500,000 was inflicted by a fire which cleaned out the heart of Columbia's wholesale district in West Gervais street today.

An easterly breeze sent the flames rushing from the plant of the Gibbes machinery Company to adjacent structures all of which were occupied by wholesale firms. The loss as a rule much exceeded the insurance protection. The buildings totally destroyed are those of the Gibbes Machinery Company, The Southern States Supply Company, Armour and Company, the warehouse of Moffatt B. DuPre Company, with three small residences. The wholesale concerns which suffered damage by fire or water, or both, were E. A. Beall Company, J. D. Moit, H. G. Werts and Co., the drug store of Dr. F. S. Earle was removed, suffering a loss of $1,000 by removal and water damage.

The heaviest loss falls on the Gibbes Machinery Company and its subsidiary companies, the Columbia Machine and Iron Works, and the next heaviest loss is that of the Southern States Supply Company. The Gibbes Machinery Company has branch houses in Charleston, Wilmington, Spartanburg and Augusta. The fire is thought to have started from heating a boiler in the repair department of the Gibbes establishment.

People Excited Over Columbia Fire.

The people of Sumter were considerably excited over the fire at Columbia today and when the notice was received by the fire department that it might be called on to go over to Columbia to aid in the fighting of the fire many of the members of the fire department at once expressed themselves as ready and anxious to go.

The companies were held in readiness to take the train, but it developed afterwards that they were not needed to go over to their sister city to help. Many expressions of sympathy were heard on the streets for the people of Columbia who had suffered from the fire.

MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

Many Marriage Licenses Issued During Past Six Months.

The little God Cupid is still at it stirring up his own peculiar kind of strife and then mending the trouble he makes in his own peculiar ways. During the past six months, since the marriage license law went into effect in this State, there have been issued from the office of the county clerk of court 211 licenses to marry, 53 to white couples and 158 to colored couples.

The marriage licenses issued during the past two days were: Mr. D. A. Allsbrook, Sumter, and Miss Bessie Geddings, Tindal, white; Herbert Johnson and Ellen Preston, Sumter; Robert Foster and Eloise Geddis, Sumter; Jim Singleton and Agnes Rich, Sumter; H. M. Grant and Lula China, Stateburg; Washington Winn and Ella Rembert, Sumter, colored.

Death in Roaring Fire.

may not result from the work of firebugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammation. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at Sibert's Drug Store.

Seventy-five Notaries.

During the year 1911, following the cancelling by Governor Blease of the commissions of all of the notaries public in the State, seventy-five commissions have been issued to notaries public and magistrates and other officials with the power of notaries. As the price for the commission is $2.00, this means the expenditure of something like $150 from this county for notaries commissions.

Saves Two Lives.

"Neither my sister nor myself might be living today, if it had not been for Dr. King's New Discovery" writes A. D. McDonald of Fayetteville, N. C., R. F. D. No. 8, "for we both had frightful coughs that no other remedy could help. We were told my sister had consumption. She was very weak and had night sweats but your wonderful medicine completely cured us both. It's the best I ever used or heard of." For sore lungs, coughs, hemorrhage, la grippe asthma, hay fever, croup, whooping cough,—all bronchial troubles,—its supreme. Trial bottle free. 50c and $1.00. Guaranteed by Sibert's Drug Store.

AUTO LICENSE IN 1911.

Many Persons Secure Latest Vehicles for Transportation Despite Hard Times.

Despite the reported hard times the automobile trade in this county was extreemly brisk during the year 1911. The number of self propelling motor vehicles registered in the office of the county clerk of court during the past year was one hundred thirty-six, sixty-one less than the total of what had been registered up to January 1, 1911.

It seems from this showing that there are quite a number of persons in this county who have found the automobile the quickest and most convenient, or most luxurious vehicle, for going about in and they have accordingly adopted the automobile as a means of conveyance suitable to themselves. Sumter county has always been one of the counties leading the State in its number of horseless vehicles and it seems that it is determined to keep among the leaders.

The total number of automobiles and motor cycles registered up to the present time is 336, three of which have been registered during the year 1912, and 197 of which were registered before the year 1911 was ushered in.

When you want a reliable medicine for a cough or cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all dealers.

Superintendent of Education J. Herbert Haynsworth has in his office a number of bushels of corn raised by the boys' corn club which he is willing to sell to any one wishing good seed corn for the coming year.

If your children are subject to attacks of croup, watch for the first symptom, hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers.

Postmaster at Bishopville.

Washington, Jan. 4.—President Taft today named James E. Stuckey to be postmaster at Bishopville.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. is a reliable family medicine. Give it to your children, and take it yourself when you feel a cold coming on. It checks and cures coughs and colds and croup and prevents bronchitis and pneumonia.

Mr. Carlyle Strauss is in the city after an absence on the road of more than three months in North Carolina.

Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at Sibert's Drug Store.

Marriage License Record.

One marriage license was issued Friday something quite unusual. The license was issued to Richard Coleman and Lillie Gamble, Sumter.

Mrs. A. R. Tabor, of Crider, Mo., had been troubled with sick headache for about five years, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She has taken two bottles of them and they have cured her. Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach for which these tablets are especially intended. Try them, get well and stay well. Sold by all dealers.

One of the farmers living in the vicinity of Sumter reports that he has had no trouble at all in getting contract hands for the coming year, that he has made contracts with a number of them and put them all in his field to pick cotton until the time comes for plowing.

Foley's Honey and Tar Compound "Cures in Every Case."

Mr. Jas. McCaffery, Mgr. of the Schlitz Hotel, Omaha, Neb., recommends Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, because it cures in every case. "I have used it myself and I have recommend it to many others who have since told me of its great curative power in diseases of the throat and lungs." For all coughs and colds it is speedily effective. Sibert's Drug Store.

The farmers report that contract hands are easier to secure this year than for many years. This is due to the fact that a great many of the large farmers are putting out much of their land to sharecroppers and are not taking as large a number of hands this year as formerly.

Charles Durham, Lovington, Ill., has succeeded in finding a positive cure for bed wetting. "My little boy wet the bed every night clear thro' on the floor. I tried several kinds of kidney medicine and I was in the drug store looking for something different to help him when I heard of Foley Kidney Pills. After he had taken them two days we could see a change and when he had taken a-thirds of a bottle he was cured. That is about six weeks ago and he has not wet in bed since." Sibert's Drug Store.