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TAKES ISSUE WITH MR. JAMES.
A. G. Warren of Wisacky Thinks Wrong Interpretation Was Put on Scripture.

Editor Daily Item.
Mr. W. A. James' communication, in your issue of even date, herewith, moves me to say: "Rightly dividing the word of truth" is a faculty of rarest excellence, and few there are who attain to it. "He harps on one string: 'He that taketh the sword shall perish with the sword.'" This is prophetic, but, "Render unto Caesar (civil government ordained of God for the welfare of society) the things that are Caesar's" is an order, direction, injunction, and is imperative, while the other is not in that class at all.
It ought to be sufficient to say, we do not "take" the sword, but will keep it. Thus prepared to put to death whoever comes to "take" it, and so, in performing the command, would fulfill the prophesy, and so render to both, to that extent, the things that belong to each.

Wisacky, Dec. 16.
A. G. Warren.

DISPENSARY RECEIPTS.

Sales During November Total \$335,034.08, With Charleston County in First Place.

The aggregate dispensary sales during the month of November as reported by the auditor, L. L. Bultman, amount to \$335,034.08, with operating expenses of \$15,432.51. About two-fifths of the sales were made in Charleston and Richland counties, the former leading with \$78,374.69.

The sales in the other 14 dispensary counties were as follows: Alken, \$22,965.20; Bamberg, \$9,702.42; Barnwell, \$15,464.60; Beaufort, \$11,996.68; Calhoun, \$6,072.36; Dorchester, \$6,808.65; Florence, \$35,904.22; Georgetown, \$10,689.40; Jasper, \$1,893.65; Lexington, \$18,732.85; Orangeburg, \$30,482.22; Richland, \$69,716.34; Union, \$20,386.20; Williamsburg, \$5,846.60.

SUMTER MAN IN AUTO WRECK.

Cars Collide in Florence Injuring Mrs. Henry Crowley.

Florence Times, Dec. 16.
A serious auto collision occurred on West Palmetto street last night about 8 o'clock, when two cars, one driven by Mr. Henry Crowley with his wife and children and the other by a man, it is stated from Sumter, but whose name could not be learned, came together head-on. Both cars were ditched and badly wrecked and Mrs. Crowley was knocked unconscious and two of her children received slight injuries. Mr. Crowley escaped unhurt and so did the driver of the other car. Mrs. Crowley was taken immediately to the Florence Infirmary where she is receiving treatment. The extent of her injuries are not yet fully known but it is stated that no bones are broken, and her friends and relatives are hopeful of her condition. Mr. Crowley was coming to town and the other man was going towards Timmonsville, and the accident is said to have occurred near the city limits.

Marriage License Record.

A license to marry was issued to John Weldon, Sumter, and Miss Ida Wells, Tindal. Licenses were also secured by the following colored couples: Harry Butler and Susan Ella Phillips, Wedgefield; Allan Jenkins and Millie Washington, Providence; Frank Richardson, Providence; Annie Murray, Brogdon; Willie Gaylor and Bettie Butler, Tindal; Elijah Prince and Louise Burroughs, Providence; Arthur Graham and Katie Frierson, Providence; Jerry Sharper, Atkins, and Rebecca Rix, Sumter.

Mr. E. C. Gross, who has been conducting the Manning Auto Supply Company, has moved to Sumter, where he will open an agency for the Maxwell automobiles.

THE RADICAL ROAD.

Supervisor Pitts Gives View of County Commissioners on Matter of Closing Road.

Mr. Editor.
Please give me space in which to present the County Board's view of the much discussed Radical Road question. I shall be as brief as possible, and shall accuse no one of having violated an oath; failed to perform a duty; or having acted illegally.

The Board accepted Mr. Graham's offer, in order that they might provide a wider and safer road to accommodate the heavy traffic that now passes over the eastern end of the Radical Road, and not, as Mr. Tisdale thinks, to enable Mr. Graham and Dr. China to put through a real estate deal.

After a personal inspection of the two roads, the Board decided that, inasmuch as the Boulevard Road is wider than the Radical Road, and only five hundred feet longer, that it was their duty to accept the proposed exchange of roads. They are convinced that the gain in width more than offsets the difference in distance between the two roads.

The Radical Road was wide enough for the traffic it was originally expected to accommodate; but since the traffic of both the Plowden's Mill Road and the New Shiloh Road has been diverted into it, greater width is necessary for the safety and convenience of the traveling public.

The law quoted by our attorney, permits us to abandon roads when, in our judgment, they become useless.

Our judgment in this instance is, that the Boulevard Road, when put in good condition, will be so much safer, and so much more useful than the Radical Road, that the latter will be practically useless.

We believe this change of roads will be of advantage to the people of our county. We endeavor at all times to serve their interests as best we can, and are willing to have them pass judgment on our acts.

We care nothing about the unmerited abuse in which Mr. Tisdale has seen fit to indulge. He seems to be influenced solely by sentiment.

P. M. Pitts, Supervisor.

A USEFUL HIGHWAY.

Mrs. Reardon States Reasons Why Radical Road Should Not be Closed

Editor Daily Item.
In replying to Mr. Pitts' denial that the Radical Road was being closed for the convenience of Dr. China and Mr. Graham, I wish to state that, Dr. China being my physician, I have a very kindly feeling for him, so called on him first when I heard the Radical Road was to be closed in order to connect dairy lands with the woodland to be purchased from Mr. Graham. I told Dr. China what I had heard and how much I appreciated his care as a physician and asked him not to close this road to the farm lands beyond, (mine included) and that it would materially injure the value of our lands if they were closed off from the public thoroughfare, and that I would have to oppose the closing of the road, as I felt it would materially injure the valuation of my lands. His reply was, "Mrs. Reardon, I do not think it will hurt you and it will help me. I have considerable invested in my dairy and I need this land for its advancement." I suggested to him that he could connect the two places so as to allow his cattle to have the benefit of the woodland without closing the public road. He replied, "No, unless he could get the road closed he would not buy the woodland." Now this seems to be pretty good evidence for those benefit the road is being closed, especially so when we consider the numerous signatures that have presented their petition in opposition to the closing of the road, citizens who are as capable of good judgment as our worthy Supervisor (whose servant he is). I understand Mr. Pitts has said, "Any one would sign a petition if it was presented to them," I beg to differ with him. The petition I presented to the Board of Supervisors was signed by seventy or more citizens of this city, all capable, thoughtful men, who would weigh what they did. Such men as Dr. J. A. Mood, Messrs. Geo. D. Shore, J. H. Chandler, Henry Barnett, Hugh Haynsworth, Mark Reynolds, A. B. Stuckey, S. M. Pierson and very, very, many other such men too numerous to mention, each one men of thought who would weigh well what they did. Mr. Pitts claims that the Radical Road has served its purpose. "That it is too narrow." The law provides for the widening of roads, I will illustrate it. The Radical Road in question is a part of my land, as bought originally and deeded to the purchaser. Several years ago the previous Supervisor saw proper for the advancement of parties interested to widen the road, I was not consulted, but the extra width was taken from my lands when it could well have been taken from the other side. Now is Dr. China or Mr. Graham more worthy of consideration than other citi-

zons or tax payers? Why not widen the Radical Road at the Mayes junction as it was widened with Mr. Brogdon and Tisdale, who come into the city every work day, as their business is here, these two men will spend three days of each year traveling this seventy odd additional miles, as will the little children coming in to school and all others who are compelled to come to the city. Persons living out some distance on the Mayesville road wishing to travel the Radical and the new Shiloh roads, (I think this is the name of the new roads opened up recently), will have to go the length of Dr. China's farm and pass the road in question, then the woods purchased from Mr. Graham and take the Graham Boulevard which is just at the Railroad crossing. Now, is Mr. Pitts as a public servant, benefiting the majority or the minority? The City or County must build a concrete bridge over the canal. Has he as Supervisor the authority to give the City the money to build this bridge as it is within the city limits? This alone will cost from five to eight hundred dollars. The records will show this when completed. The law as presented by the County Attorney provides when a road becomes useless it can be abandoned. I see no clause where it authorizes the Supervisor to either sell it or give it away, they can not make titles, as I understand it. The Radical Road has not become useless. The Graham Boulevard has been open to the public for fifteen or more years and the Radical road has still held its own. What has made Germany? The answer is its roads and plenty of them well kept. Let us just imagine what our feelings would be if we had a large bill board placed in front of the entrance to our streets, we could go around and at a little longer distance get in, but would our place or homes be as attractive? This is exactly what your proposed change of roads means to the property owners beyond Dr. China's and Mr. Graham's farms. I am inclined to think you have not given your attorney's ruling due consideration or interpretation, as well as not having considered the desire and comfort of those interested in the road in question. Our city owns quite a length of the road and has worked it for a number of years. It remains to be seen if our City Fathers are willing to allow one of our avenues leading into the city to be closed without a protest. Children travel this road for safety coming in to our public schools. Dr. China says they can come through his lands leading by the Dairy. Now this is real kind of him when we consider the nice road we have and the risk a child would take going among the cattle as they naturally would in pasture lands.

Now Mr. Pitts, it is not sentiment dictating these lines, it is a desire for justice, myself as well as others have invested our earnings in lands that will be injured as well as put us to the inconvenience of traveling this extra seventy miles each year we come and go around the Bill Board as Mr. Brogdon and Tisdale and children will have to do.
There remains a remedy if you force us to the step. Will we be firm and take it?
Mrs. A. J. Reardon.

RADICAL ROAD AGAIN.

Mr. Tisdale Replies to Statement of Supervisor Pitts.

Editor Daily Item.
In reading in your issue of the 17th inst Mr. Pitts' letter. I will simply put some questions for Mr. Pitts to answer:
First: Was it solely to protect the traveling public that he ordered that road closed?
Second: Did any one besides those men he mentions find that road too narrow; how many of the numerous petitioners complain, to him?
Third: Is there any part of the Radical Road too narrow to admit of the passing each other of two two-horse wagons, or two automobiles, with perfect safety?
Fourth: Did you find the Radical Road too narrow or unsafe before you granted the request of those two men or after you had committed yourself?
Fifth: In endeavoring to work in interest of public have you not served the interest of two men, ignoring numerous petitioners?
In conclusion I will say Mr. Pitts, Supervisor, can make his new road, and if it is so fine, so convenient and so much safer, that the public forsakes the Radical Road until it becomes useless, then he can close it. In the meantime he has got to keep it open and keep it worked also, unless the decision of all South Carolina courts go against us.
Respectfully,
H. L. Tisdale.

JOHNSON APPOINTED JUDGE.

Secures Federal Office Through President Wilson.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Joseph Johnson, of Spartanburg, has been appointed district judge by President Wilson.

SUMMERTON NEWS NOTES.

Buildings Burned and Others Threatened—Crop Conditions—Approaching Marriage.

Summerton, Dec. 17.—Two old frame store buildings on Main street burned down about 3 o'clock this afternoon, making a fire which looked for awhile as if it would spread to adjacent buildings, but with the exception of some damage to the roof of Mr. Tenant's residence, no other damage was done.

The farmers have about finished gathering cotton and the gins are only running two days a week now. Not as much small grain as usual has been planted around here. Labor is more plentiful than it has been at this time for many years, probably on account of the short cotton crop.

The merchants are opening their Xmas goods and putting them on display. Trade has been fine this fall, and the stores are well stocked.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Novelle Richardson Briggs and Mr. E. W. Rickenbaker. Mr. Rickenbaker is a successful young farmer of this neighborhood and Miss Briggs is one of our most popular and attractive young ladies.

THE GET-TOGETHER RALLY.

Plans Made for Big Cooperative Meeting of Farmers and Business Men.

Dr. W. W. Long, State Agent and Director of Extension, of Clemson College has written the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce as follows: "I shall be with you on January 3rd, and have with me one of my experts on dairying, and I hope, one from Washington. I want to thank you for your very kind invitation."

On January 3rd, at 12.30 o'clock, in the county court room, there will be held one of the most important county wide meetings ever held in Sumter. At this meeting it is proposed, if possible, to inaugurate a systematic organization of the several interests of this county, the agricultural, commercial, financial, and social interests, where the farmers, merchants, bankers, and consumers will work together to prepare for the coming of the cotton boll weevil, by establishing methods of diversification on the farm, intelligent marketing and buy at home methods, dairying, establishing cream routes, and a creamery, organizing a produce exchange, including marketing facilities for selling grade of all kinds and cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs, etc.

Dr. W. W. Long, and his experts will tell the farmers of Sumter county a lot about diversification and how to make dairying profitable, how to increase the number of livestock, the value of manures, marketing of cattle, cream, and all farm products.

It is proposed to join together for permanent and continued efforts the commercial, agricultural, and banking interests of Sumter county, whereby the farmers will be producers of sufficient necessities of life, not only to supply themselves and their families, but also to supply the thousands of Sumter county non-producing people with hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of commercial commodities that are now shipped into Sumter county from other States.

Every farmer in Sumter county, and every business man in Sumter and in every trading center town or village in Sumter county is invited to attend this meeting, and to help to advertise the same.

The meeting will be largely of an educational nature or school of instruction for farmers and business men and consumers.

Y. M. C. A. Entertainment.

A movement is on foot of interest to the senior members of the Y. M. C. A. The business men's class will early in January entertain all the senior members. The Jolly Jyms will serve the supper.

Tax Return Notice

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following named places, and on the dates mentioned, for the purpose of receiving tax returns, on all personal property, polls, roads, and dogs:
Tindal, Tuesday, January 4.
Privateer, Wednesday, January 5.
Levi Siding, Thursday, January 6.
Wedgefield, Friday, January 7.
Claremont, Monday, January 10.
Hagood, Tuesday, January 11.
Rembert, Wednesday, January 12.
Dalzell, Thursday, January 13.
Brogdon, Friday, January 14.
Mayesville, Monday, January 17.
Oswego, Tuesday, January 18.
Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, January 19.
Shiloh, Thursday, January 20.
Norwood's Cross Roads, Friday, January 21.
My office will be open for the purpose of receiving tax returns from January 1st, 1916 to February 20th, 1916, inclusive.
R. E. WILDER,
County Auditor.

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