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Memoirs, Traditions and History of Rocky Mount and Vicinity.

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VII. MILLS.

A mill was operated on Turkey branch near the residence of W. S. Sibley at an early day, and hard by was a whiskey distillery. Both were known as Cockerell's. They were abandoned and the houses were going to decay some seventy years ago. Probably they were operated in Revolutionary times. Trace of the old canal is now all that can be seen. A grist mill was operated on the Rocky Mount canal near the old "Rock House" in the late twenties and early thirties. This probably belonged to the canal company. No trace of it can now be seen. A grist mill was built on Rock Creek by a Hart some time in the thirties, probably. James Pickett next came into possession. He being wealthy added a cotton gin and a saw mill. Green B. Montgomery became possessor in the early 50's. He changed the cotton gin house into a flour mill. This was the first mill to grind wheat in the community. These mills were all washed away by the high creek of 1856. At that time they belonged to Samuel McAlley, Chester. He then put in a stone dam and built a fine mill house with a stone basement and put in it three sets of stones, two provided with bolting cloths, and a saw in the shed. An over shot wheel about 18 or 20 feet in diameter and five to six feet wide furnished the power for all this machinery. This was probably the finest mill in the up country at that time, 1858, and paid a handsome per cent on the cost about ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.) It was burned by Sherman's army.

The present Machinery was raised by Jesse A. Gladden in 1882. It is in the possession of his family at this time.

John Doig built and began to operate a grist mill at the head of the falls in the late 30's which was continued for ten years and then abandoned. Jerry Gaither erected a saw mill on Debutary in the 30's and operated it for some years. It was abandoned in the 40's.

MOUNT DEARBORN COTTON FACTORY.

On the west bank of the river at the foot of the falls Capt. Daniel McCullough built a cotton factory. It was completed and began to be operated in 1849. A northern man, Russell, placed the machinery and trained the negroes to do the work, and returned to his home. It was never operated by any other than slave labor and it paid. It only spun thread.

During the war this factory was abandoned with orders for thread to be used as warp in the cloth which was woven at home.

This was probably the first cotton factory built in the up country. It was destroyed by Sherman's firebugs.

Captain McCullough operated a grist mill on the old factory site for a few years after the war. This was abandoned and no more machinery has been placed there.

FAIR COTTON GIN.

The Gaithers built and operated the first cotton gin in this community. Horse power was used.

TANNERIES.

William Lewis, Jeremiah Gaither, Green E. Montgomery, and at a later day Hilliard J. Gayden each owned and operated a tannery.

BUGGY AND CARRIAGE FACTORY.

During the years 1854-5 John T. Matthews manufactured buggies and carriages near Gladden's mill. He sold the place and left the community in 1856. The factory was then abandoned. Sherman played havoc with the buildings during his visit here in 1865.

(To be continued.)

Incredible Brutality.

It would have been incredible brutality if Chas. F. Lemberger, of Syracuse, N. Y., had not done the best he could for his suffering son. "My boy," he says, cut a fearful gash over his eye, so I applied Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which quickly healed it and saved his eye." Good for burns and ulcers too. Only 25c. at McMaster Co.'s, Obeur Drug Co.'s and John H. McMaster & Co.'s drug stores.

The Law as to County Debts.

In 1903 Newberry county purchased some road machinery for which the county commissioners gave their official note. The same has not yet been paid. The attorney of the new board, Mr. F. H. Dominick, has advised that these notes be not paid nor renewed. In a letter to the Newberry Observer, he states his reasons for his action, reviewing in full the law as to a county going into debt. What he says is of interest in this county at this time:

I will state in the beginning that there is no intention or desire upon the part of the present board to repudiate any debt of the county, but the law fixes certain limitations and bounds as to the disbursement of public funds by the officers who are charged with this duty and all officers before they are commissioned are required to take an oath that they will perform their duties according to law and will uphold the laws and constitution of the state, and they are further required to enter into a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of their duties.

This machinery was ordered on the second day of May, 1903, by the former board of county commissioners, and the amount of the contract was \$4,155.77, for which the board gave its note payable in December of that year, with the right of renewal for a period of five years upon the payment of interest at six per cent per annum. The principal in the note remains the same, nothing having been paid except the interest upon it. On the 10th day of February, 1905, the Good Roads Machinery company called on the present board to pay the past due interest and make a partial payment of the principal and give a new note for the balance. This was referred to me as attorney for the board for an opinion on the matter. I wrote the company, inter alia, "We do not care to be placed in the position of a repudiation of a just debt against the county, but as the matter now stands we conceive that we have not only no authority of law to pay the amount or to renew the contract, but the board would be both civilly liable on their official bonds and also criminally liable under our criminal code should they do so."

I will quote certain sections of the law which go to sustain my opinion as given to the board.

The supply bill, which provides for the taxes to be levied in the state and counties, provides each year that, "It shall be unlawful for any officer authorized to make contracts to be paid from the money levied provided for in this act, to make any contract or contracts in excess of the money provided to be raised by said levies, and any officer or officers convicted of violating the provisions of this section shall be punished for a misdemeanor. All contracts made in violation of this section shall be void."

This section is so clear as to require no explanation from me or any one else.

Section 609, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1902, Volume 1, provides in part, "It shall be unlawful for any state or county officer to issue any certificate of indebtedness." This section prohibits the board from renewing the notes, and the supreme court of this state has declared in what are commonly known among the members of the bar as the "School Chart Cases" that such notes are void and the parties holding the notes are obliged to stand upon their original contract, which in this instance will mean that the Good Roads Machinery company will have to rely on their contract made in 1903 for their money, and the amount cannot be paid out of the funds now on hand.

The funds now on hand are funds which have been collected for the purpose of carrying on the county government for the year 1905, and these funds cannot be used for the payment of any indebtedness accruing during a previous year, as you will clearly see by reference to Section 607 of the code, which provides that, "It shall be unlawful for any public officer, state or county, to divert or appropriate the funds arising from any tax levied and collected for any one fiscal year to the payment of any indebtedness contracted or incurred for any previous fiscal year."

Besides the law above quoted, Section 377 of the criminal code, 1902, provides, "It shall be unlawful for any public officer, state or county, authorized to so contract, to enter into or contract, for any purpose whatever, in a sum in excess of the tax levied, or the amount appropriated, for the accomplishment of such purpose; or to divert or appropriate the funds arising from any tax levied and collected for any one fiscal year to the payment of any indebtedness contracted or incurred for any previous year and on violating the provisions of this section, he shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars nor less than five hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the state penitentiary for a period not exceeding five years nor less than one year, or either or both in the discretion of the court."

While I am not attorney for the Good Roads Machinery company and am, therefore, not called upon to give them advice as to the collection of the debt, I will say that it seems to me that the only way they can collect it will be by legislative enactment.

To sum up the entire matter so far as the board is concerned, the moral obligation did not and cannot enter into the matter. The board is bound to carry out the law as it finds it. The members of the board are not law-makers. The board will, whenever they believe themselves to be legally authorized to pay this debt, be only too glad to pay the same if there are sufficient funds on hand to do so.

The law, as the board finds it now, absolutely prohibits the board from paying this debt, and by the law the board must abide.

The Colonel's Waterloo.

Colonel John M. Fuller, of Honey Grove, Texas, nearly met his Waterloo, from Liver and Kidney trouble. In a recent letter, he says: "I was nearly dead, of these complaints, and, although I tried my family doctor, he did me no good, so I got a 50c. bottle of your great Electric Bitters, which cured me. I consider them the best medicine on earth, and thank God who gave you the knowledge to make them." Sold, and guaranteed to cure. Dyspepsia, Biliousness and Kidney Disease, by McMaster Co., Obeur Drug Co. and John H. McMaster & Co., druggists, at 50c. a bottle.

Blackstock Items.

A popular young man of Woodward is to be married on the 15th inst. It is Mr. Laurie Brice, son of Maj. T. W. Brice. The bride-to-be is a young lady of Chester county, Miss McAlley.

Drs. Durham and Pryor performed an operation on Toy Lathan's leg some day ago and removed a piece of dead bone. The leg has improved some since the operation. He has been confined to his bed for about six months.

Miss Margaret Douglas of the Winthrop College faculty is at home for a few days.

Mr. James H. Craig has been spending several days at his father's.

Mr. Laurens Hood of Chester is at home on a short visit to his parents. He is with the Southern Express company.

Mr. Sigmon, who has been confined to his room with rheumatism, is able to walk about again.

Mr. John Sigmon has gone back to Florida.

Miss Willie Cassels is clerking for Mr. L. E. Sigmon. J. T. C. April 4, 1905.

He kept up in the Race.

James S. Barron, President Manchester Cotton Mills, Rock Hill, S. C., writes:

"In 1883 I painted my residence with L. & M. It looks better than a great many houses painted three years ago."

Don't pay \$1.50 a gallon for linseed oil, which you do in ready-to-use paint.

Buy oil fresh from the barrel at 40 cents per gallon, and mix it with Longman & Martinez L. & M. Paint.

I makes paint cost about \$1.20 per gallon.

Wears and covers like gold.

Every church given a liberal quantity when bought from McMaster Co., Winnsboro; C. P. Wray & Co., Ridgeway; Kennedy McE. and Banking Co., Blackstock.

SOME SUGGESTIONS ABOUT ORGANIZING

Local Cotton Associations and Securing a Reduction of the Cotton Acreage.

The following letter from one of Woodward's progressive farmers to the secretary of the Fairfield Cotton association is to the point and fully explains itself:

I am taking the liberty of writing you for the purpose of making a few suggestions in regard to the organization of the Southern Cotton association in our county. I hope you will not consider me officious in doing so, but I am deeply interested in and desirous for the success of the movement, and I judge, from what I saw and heard in Winnsboro the day of the speaking, and from my experience in trying to organize here, that if there is not some very persistent work done in the next few weeks our county will not be organized.

I called a meeting for Saturday, but didn't get very many out. The truth is, that very few of our people are taking much interest in the movement, and fewer still who will sign the pledge to reduce fertilizers and cotton 25 per cent.

I don't think I can get over a half dozen pledges in the precinct. We now have about twenty-five names on the roll, though all have not paid the initiation fee yet. I am going to make a personal canvass of the precinct as soon as possible and hope to double our membership.

The cut in acreage will run from 15 to 20 per cent I think. I made the suggestion that where people had made no cut at all that they put every fourth row of the land prepared for cotton in corn. This would, I think, be a good plan for those who work their lands for a share of the crop, for it is a well known fact that "croppers" generally will not work their own land by this plan they would have to work it as they worked the cotton and consequently make a great deal more corn.

I think a great many renters would go into this plan if the landlords would cut the cotton rent 25 per cent and take that portion of their rent in corn, the amount to be based on present prices of cotton and corn. This idea did not originate with me, but if you think it worth suggesting to the farmers of the county you are welcome to use it.

Now as to organizing the county, I think you ought to find out just as soon as possible what precincts did organize and which did not (they did not organize at Albion I hear), have a meeting of your executive committee, if there is one, and send a man out to organize at every point where they have failed to organize.

Where it has been impossible to get the farmers to come out to the meetings appointed, if it were advertised that some one from a distance would be there to make a speech and organize, they would come out. If you could get good men for officers, they could then work the thing up.

As it is so late, it would be best to get a number of men to go out and have all the organizations perfected at once, and I believe we could get enough good men who could make a good speech along these lines to get out and do this work at a small cost.

I would be willing to go to any part of the county and help organize, and would willingly give my time if the association would pay my expenses.

I would also suggest that speakers from one part of the county be sent to some distant part, for you know "distance lends enchantment." We need to get busy if we are going to do anything.

Hoping that this may help to put the ball in motion, I am

Yours truly,

J. L. Brice.

Woodward, S. C., April 3, 1905.

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A MATTER OF HEALTH



Obituary.

Died, in Winnsboro, S. C., March 27th, 1905, Miss Lizzie Phillips. She was born October 24th, 1833, and was therefore in her 72nd year.

She was a daughter of the late John Phillips, and a sister of Mr. R. W. Phillips of our town.

In early life she made a public profession of faith in Christ and united with the A. R. P. church, and remained a consistent member of this church until her death. Until the infirmities of age prevented, she was an active worker in the church, and was for many years a teacher in the Sabbath school. She died in the faith, and was soothed and sustained by the comforts of the gospel in her last hours, and we are sure that she has passed into that better country where there is no sorrow or pain.

Three weeks before her death, she received severe burns in her home, and this was the cause of her death. In all her suffering she was remarkably patient, and death came as a relief to the tired body.

A Friend.

Little Hugh McKeown.

Dear little Hugh, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim McKeown, who died so suddenly, and under such sad circumstances, was just approaching his third year, and was a bright and sweet child, the idol of the home and the source of infinite delight to every one about the house, especially the dear mother, whose heart is filled with sadness and sorrow at his death. Only loving parents, whose lives are so closely wrapped about the precious little children, can sympathize with this grief-stricken family in this very dark hour. The many bright and interesting little things said and done by this sweet little boy will linger with the heart-broken father and mother and will be remembered as valuable treasures long after others have forgotten the sad accident calling this child to the arms of the dear Lord, who has said, "Of such is the kingdom of heaven." May God bless the sad home, and may the loved ones, now under such a great sorrow, find the Saviour very near them as their support and their comfort.

Hugh was born May 8th, 1902, and died March 19th, 1905, and is now a little angel in the home of our dear Lord.

J. B. Campbell.

Letter to D. L. Stevenson, Winnsboro, S. C.

Dear Sir: Here's a paint that's being sold to bargain hunters:

10 per cent lead
50 " " zinc
20 " " barytes
20 " " whitening

Barytes and whitening are good and whitewash, not paint.

Some people must like gold bricks. The name of that paint is "pure lead and zinc."

The dealer who sells it says it's as good as Devoe.

Yours truly
F W Devoe & Co
John H. McMaster & Co. sell our paint.

If it is a bilious attack take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain. For sale by Obeur Drug Co.

Lowney's candies are the best. Try them. G. A. White.

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STILL LEADS

IN GETTING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF BARGAINS FOR HIS CUSTOMERS.

In Men's and Boys' Suits I am making a showing that it will be to the interest of all to see before buying. Shoes are still a specialty with me. See my stock of these and save money.

THIS WEEK

I am making a special run on a big lot of Laces, Embroideries, etc., that were bought at prices that make it so that I have the inside track on these goods.

L. Landecker.

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