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N. & S. C. RAILROAD MAKING FOR DILLON

Mr. W. R. Bonsall, Promoter of North and South Carolina R. R. Holds Conference with Dillon Business Men and Submits Proposition for Bringing his Railroad to Dillon. Trains Being Operated from Hamlet to Clio. Will Complete Line to Dillon within Six Months if Right-of-Way and Depot Site are given.

There was a conference between Dillon business men and Mr. W. R. Bonsall, promoter of the new railroad, at the Council Chamber, Friday afternoon that may mean much, not only to Dillon but to a section of country from Page's Mill to Clio. It was a conference at which the probabilities of bringing the North and South Carolina Railroad from Clio to Dillon and thence to some point on the Raleigh and Charleston, probably Page's Mills, were thoroughly discussed. And it was no idle dission, either. The men gathered there meant business and talked business and when the conference adjourned they left the Council Chamber with the determination to leave nothing undone to bring the railroad to Dillon.

Mr. Bonsall is a business man from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet. He is one of these quick, energetic, aggressive spirits that brooks no delay and whatever he undertakes he does. When the meeting was called to order Friday afternoon he stated his proposition in a few words. He wants a right of-way from two miles this side of Clio into Dillon and thence two miles of right-of-way out of Dillon in an easterly direction. He wants a depot site 300 feet long and 160 feet wide. When these conditions are complied with he is ready to lay rail. The proposition was accepted as a reasonable one, a committee composed of Dr. W. Stackhouse, W. M. Hamer and Dr. J. H. David was appointed to look after the matter of securing the right-of-way desired and to report back to a meeting of the citizens that will be held later. This proposition was accepted by the citizens of Clio and McColl, the right-of-way to Clio being secured in three days.

The committee on the right-of-way does not anticipate any trouble in securing permits from land owners between here and Clio, nor right-of-way out of town. The railroad will benefit the country through which it passes as much, if not more, than it will benefit the town of Dillon. It will open up one of the finest farming sections in South Carolina and put some of the best and most progressive people in the State in close touch with the outside world.

Neither will there be, nor should there be, any trouble in securing the depot site at Dillon. Dillon land is high and valuable, but judging by the interest manifested in Friday's meeting Dillon is willing to give the best she has got to get the railroad.

In his talk before the committee Mr. Bonsall stated that particular attention would be given to handling of freight. Of course ample accommedations will be provided for passenger traffic, but the purpose of the road would be to develop the agricultural and industrial resources of the country it touches. Wherever a party would agree to plant as much as one car load of watermelons or other truck a siding would be built.

When questioned concerning the location of the depots Mr. Bonsall stated that these questions had not been settled yet. However, the management had agreed to erect one depot between Clio McColl but so far the location had not been decided upon. He refused to discuss the location of depots between Dillon and Clio, but said this matter would be taken up as soon as the line was built and the trains were in operation. There would be, probably, two stations between Dillon and Clio.

The matter of bringing the new railroad to Dillon is now up to the business men, there is every reason to believe they will meet Mr. Bonsall's proposition in regard to right-of-way and a depot site. Of course they must have the co-operation of the land owners along the route to insure quick results. With the town and country working together the new railroad will be a certainty.

Mr. Bonsall spent Friday night in town and left Saturday morning very much pleased with the reception he met here.

CLIO'S NEW ROAD.

Traffic on the N. & S. C. Road Opened Monday. Will Help Dillon's New County.

Clio, Feb. 7.—Beginning Monday Clio will have a double daily railroad service on two lines The Coast Line has been furnishing double daily service here for a number of years, and the new line, the North and South Carolina Railroad Company, will begin a double daily service here Monday.

As to how long this will be the terminus of the new rord is known only to the promoters so far as can be ascertained, but it is not believed that they will rest here long before they will begin the extension to Dillon. The line traverses one of the best sections of Marion county and with it touching Dillon, should give the movement over there for the creation of a new county from the upper portion of Marion a new impetus.

CLAIMS SELF-DEFENCE.

Dan Hamer Arrested at Kirbyville on a Charge of Murder in Dillon, S. Carolina.

Kirbyville, Texas., Dec. 30—At 7 o'clock to-night Dan Hamer, alias Frank Smith, of Dillon, S C., was placed under arrest by Deputies Barney Caldwell of Jasper and Mat Turner of Kirbyville, charged with the murder of a man by the name of Walker. The murder took place at Dillon, S. C., on the 23rd of last June. Mr. Hamer admitted that he is the man wanted but says that he did it in self-defence. He has spent the interval between the day of the killing in the West and a considerable portion of the time in Kirbyville. He has been employed by various people here as a painter and every one who knows him speaks well of him, as his conduct since he has been here has been good. It is understood that the sheriff from Dillon, S. C., will start for Jasper as soon as possible to take Hamer back for trial. Deputies Barney Caldwell and Lum Dubose left for Jasper with the prisoner about 8 o'clock—Jasper (Texas) News.

Pastor's Pounded.

Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Willis were given a substantial pounding by their friends at the Baptist parsonage Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Willis had that day moved into the parsonage and Wednesday night after prayer meeting the members of the church went over to the parsonage loaded with all kinds of good things which they presented to the pastor and his wife. After the pounding there was held a brief informal reception and Mr. and Mrs. Willis were given a cordial welcome to Dillon.

On the Thursday night following the members of the Presbyterian church gathered at the Manse and surprised Rev. and Mrs. Wilson with enough good things to "keep the wolf from the door" for many weeks to come. After the pounding the "pounders" lingered at the Manse and spent a pleasant hour socially.

Died.

Mallory, S. C., Feb. 6.—On Jan. 27, Allie Amanda, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Parham, died here after a few days illness of inflamitory croup, and was burried at Bethesda Church on the following day. She was three years and five months old and was a bright, sweet child. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

ELECTRIC LINES REACHING FOR DILLON

Representative of the Rockingham Power Co. Spends Day in Dillon. Big Power Plant May Transmit Current to Dillon. Would Make Dillon the Electric City of the Pee Dee. Forerunner of Small Industries and Opens way for Trolley Line. A Scheme with Possibilities that Cannot be Exaggerated.

If the scheme of the Rockingham Power Co. to link Dillon with its plant by a big electric cable is carried out the future of the town is assured. There are possibilities in the scheme that the most optomistic dreamer has never dreamed of. It would mean the transformation of a thriving, substantial little commercial city into an industrial centre of no small magnitude. It would open the way for a trolley line connecting Dillon with Latta, Marion, Hamer and Rowland. It would mean the establishment of hundreds of small industries employing hundreds of men, converting raw material into the finished product. It would lay right here the foundation for a city of several thousand inhabitants.

These are not idle predictions, neither does it exaggerate the possibilities of such an enterprise. The matter is not yet in tangible shape, but the details are being worked out by business men representing the Rockingham Power Co. on one hand, and business men representing the interests of Dillon on the other. It may or it may not amount to more than a lot of figuring and calculating and talking, but so far the chances are that it will.

Mr. W. M. Browne, representing the big power company, spent Friday and part of Saturday in town. Mr. Browne is one of the promoting agents of the company and when questioned by a representative of The Herald as to the possibility of his company transmitting current to Dillon, his answer was that the company wanted to come here and the object of his visit to Dillon was to see the town and talk with some of its citizens. He was well pleased with Dillon and its people and just before his departure he said there was no reason why Dillon should no get all the current it wanted for power and lighting purposes.

Should the cable be run into Dillon it would mean a 24-hour current, that is any time you wanted to use electricity for cooking, ironing heating or for power purposes all you would have to do would be to turn a button and the electricity would do the rest. Every sewing machine in town could be driven by electricity and every enterprise whether large or small could use it in drtving machinery. Its conveniences are manifold but particularly does it appeal to the man who builds the fires every morning. Just imagine what a luxury life would be if you could turn over in a cozy bed of a cold morning, press a button and heat the room.

It is costing a mint of money to develop this great power company at Rockingham and had it not been for the stringency of the money market the plant would have been in operation many months ago. But the work has been greatly delayed by lack of funds and it will be several months yet before the current is turned on. It is a stupenduous undertaking and already a millon and a half dollars have been expended in constructing the dam. When completed the plant will be capable of transmitting current to Wilmington, 175 miles distant. A contract has already been closed with the city of Wilmington and the street railway company for current for power and lighting purposes. Mr. Browne will probably make another visit to Dillon in the near future when The Herald's readers will hear something more definite about this undertaking which means so much to Dillon and the section traversed by the electric cable.

Tax Returns.

The Auditor's office will be open for taking tax returns from January 1st. to February 20th. 1909.

The law requires a tax on all notes, mortgages and moneys, also an income tax on gross income of $2,500.00 and upwards.

There shall be capitation tax of 50 cents on all dogs, the proceeds to be expended for school purposes. Dogs not returned for taxation shall not be held to be property in any of the courts in this state.

All males between the age of 21 and 60 years, except Confederate soldiers or those persons incapable of earning a suppopt by being maimed or from any other cause are liable to poll tax.

All property must be assessed at "its true value in money" which is construed to mean "the sum at which the said property under ordinary circumstances would sell for cash."

Don't ask that your property be taken from the books the same as last year. All property must be listed on proper blanks and sworn to. Township and number of district given.

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places at the dates mentioned to take tax returns.

Mullins, Tuesday and Thursday Jan 12th and 14th
Nichols, Wednesday Jan. 13th.
Zion, Friday Jan. 15th.
Pages Mills, Saturday Jan. 16.
Fork, Monday Jan. 18th.
Pee Dee Junction, Tuesday Jan. 19th.
Sellers, Wednesday Jan. 20th.
Dillon, Friday and Saturday Jan. 22nd and 23rd.
Hamer, Monday Jan. 25th.
Friendship, Wednesday Jan. 27th.
Nebo, Thursday Jan. 28th.
Old Ark, Friday Jan. 29th.
Arial, Monday Feb. 1st.
Little Rock, Wednesday Feb. 3.
Judson, Thursday Feb. 4th.
Centerville, Friday Feb. 5th.
Bingham, Saturday Feb. 6th.
Fore, Monday Feb. 8th.
Bermuda, Thursday Feb. 11th.
Gaddy, Friday Feb. 12th.

It is hoped that all will meet the Auditor promptly and make their returns and thereby avoid the 50 per cent. penalty.

Respectfully,
F. T. McLELLAN,
County Auditor.

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TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE

COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Marion, S. C., Sept. 23, 1908.

The books for the collection of State, County and Road Tax will be open from Oct. 15, 1908, to Dec. 31, 1908, those who prefer to do so can pay in January, 1909, with 1 per cent. additional; those who prefer paying in February, 1909, can do so with 2 per cent. additional; those who prefer paying in March, 1909, to the 15th of said month, can do so by paying an addition of 7 per cent. (After said date the books will close.)

Road Tax can be paid during the fall but if those liable prefer doing so, they can pay the road tax during January, February and March, 1909, for the year 1909. The Commutation tax is $2.00 for 1909.

Taxpayers owning property or paying taxes for others will please ask for a tax receipt in each township or Special School District in which he or they may own property. This is very important as there are so many School Districts.

Those who do not wish to come to the office can write me (not later than December 25th) and I will furnish them the amount due and they can remit me by check, money order, or registered letter.

If stamps are sent please do not send any above two (2) cents as I cannot use them.

Please do not send me cash without registering same, as it is liable to be lost; if sent otherwiseit must be at sender's risk.

THE LEVY IS AS FOLLOWS:

State Tax	5½ mills
Constitutional School Tax	3 mills
Road and Bridge	1 1-4 mills
Salaries	2 mills
Poor House, Poor, etc.	1 1-4 mills
General Levy	13 ½ mills
Carolina District (special school)	3 mills
Dillon " "	8 mills
Latta " "	7 mills
Marion " "	7 mills
Mullins " "	7 mills
Pl's'tHill33 " "	4 mills
Oak Grove " "	3 mills
Ruck Sw'p " "	3 mills
Union " "	3 mills
Pages Mill " "	3 mills
Millers " "	3 mills
Hamer "	2 mills
Dalcho " "	2 mills
Nichols " "	3 mills
Todd's " "	3 mills
Centenary " "	2 mills
Little Rock " "	3 mills
Pl's'tHill56 " "	3 mills
Olivet " "	3 mills
New Holly " "	3 mills
Bingham " "	2 mills
Kentyre " "	2 mills
Bermuda " "	2 1-2 mills
Palmer " "	2 1-2 mills
Br't's Neck " "	3 mills
Eulonia	3 mills
Nebo	3 mills
Scotch " "	5 mills
Fork " "	5 mills
Spring Br'h " "	3 mills
Zion " "	3 mills
Oakton	3 mills
Reedy Creek "	4 mills
Cedar Grove "	2 mills

Poll Tax $1.00. Every male citizen from 21 to 60 years is liable except Confederate soldiers, who do not pay after 50 years, and those excused by law.

J. D. MONTGOMERY,
County Treasurer.

Council Awards Paving Contract.

At a meeting of council Monday night Messrs. R. E. & E. N. Beaty of Georgetown were awarded the contract for 6000 feet of paving. The paving will be done on the south side of Main street from Railroad avenue to Second avenue and on the east side of Railroad avenue from Main to Harrison streets. The specifications call for a 10 foot sidewalk with a 1 inch top dressing and a 4 inch sub-foundation of crushed stone. The price submitted by the Messrs. Beatty was $1.08 for the first 1000 yards and $1.05 for the second thousand yards. The town has entered into a contract with the property owners on these streets to pay one-half the cost, provided the property owners would pay the other half. Council also passed a resolution making the same offer to property owners from First avenue down Main street to Fourth Avenue, and on Railroad avenue from Main to Harrison streets. When this work is completed which takes in practically all of the business district the same offer will be made to owners of property in the residence section and it is not unlikely that the paving will be laid all over town. Council also has under consideration a proposition to lay vitrified brick over the street crossings. When the paving is completed in the business district it is probable that the railroad will pave around the depot and lay vitrified brick over their crossings at Main and Harrison streets.

The Mayor is in receipt of a letter from Supt. Newell of the Atlantic Coast Line which states that the Engineer of Roadway has been ordered to build a crossing at Jackson Street. The opening of this crossing puts the farmers from over Dillon bridge in closer touch with the oil mill and the Dillon Storage Company's warehouse.

The annual banquet of Dillon Lodge No. 54, Knights of Pythias will be held at the Price Court Inn on the evening of Feb. 19. The committee on entertainment are making preparations to hold one of the most successful banquets in the history of the order and local Pythians are looking forward to the occasion with pleasure. There will be a number of out-of-town and local speakers.

The Designer, the Cosmopolitan, Review of Reviews and the Delineator at The Herald Book Store.

On account of the illness of Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who is suffering from a severe cold, there was no preaching at the Methodist church Sunday.

Petitions were circulated yesterday asking for an amendment to the New County lines. It is proposed to take in some more territory in the Pages Mills section. The amendments will delay the election about a month and instead of holding the election about the first of April as stated in the last issue of The Herald it will probably be the latter part of the month before the election can be ordered.

BANK ROBBERY STORY RET TO DAY

Rehearing of the Fa "Yeg" Known "Swipes" Revives Interest in Latta Bank Robber on Night of Feb. 25, 1904. Must Answer Charge of Robbing Store of J. L. Davis. Preliminary at Latta "Yeg" in Marion Jail

The preliminary hearing at L ta this week of the famous ye man known as "Swipes," a ber of the notorious McKinley Noland gang of safeblowers revives interest in the bank robbery at Latta on the night of Feb. 25, 1904. "Swipes" was convicted of this crime and has just finished serving a five year sentence in the federal prison in Atlanta. Now "Swipes" must answer to the charge of burglary for on the night of the bank robbery he entered the store of J. L. Davis and took therefrom certain articles of merchandise. "Swipes" is the last of the McKinley-Noland gang. The ers have been called to fa Great Judge higher up, the ha ships and confinement of pr life having proved too gr strain upon them after the free and easy life they had led in the open air. Following is a story of of the crime taken from the State

The operation of the robbe gang of which "Swipes" is was a prominent member at Latta was among the boldest bits of work pulled off; three "jobs" the same night. The most important, however, that of the Bank of Latta, was badly mungled, and the robbers had to abandon it and turn to the postoffice. The of the explosions in the vault doors so bad it was impossible to opening and get the "swag" it con In the postoffice which is same building with the st J. L. Davis, both safes "cracked." The booty these two safes was $180 in and over $100 in money.

On Feb. 24, McCarthy, Johnson, and Fisher left Ch ton going to Dillon, campin there for the night. Th morning Johnson and Fishe to Latta to "locate" the while "Swipes" and McCi went into the town of Dill purchase eatables. Shortly noon McCarthy and "S were joined at their camp of Dillon by Fisher a who reported that th ed the two banks a both looked good. T camp after dark and ente town of Latta about midnig Feb. 25. McCarthy broke blacksmith shop and secur mer, braze, chisel, et which t entr building when be in "heavy" he va safe. They had with then satchel containing their tools, together with the glycerine and other essent the "cracking" of the saf four went to the Bank o and made an entrance on next to the railroad and Fisher were left on the outsi as guards, while McCarthy and Johnson did the drilling on the vault door. Later McCarthy and Johnson came on the outsde of the bank and Fisher was sent in to make the explosion. Afte the vault door was blown open Fis and Johnson prepared the do of the safe. As soon as they wer ready for the explosion the vaul door was closed to deaden sound. The force of the exp bent the vault doors and w them in such shape that they not be opened, even thoug men tried to force them with sledge hammers.

After abandoning this job th yeggs turned their attention t postoffice, after deciding th was too late to try to effect an trance to the other bank. and Johnson blew open the s in the postoffice building, McCarthy and "Swipes" st guard on the outside of the bu ing. After completing these the four men tied rags saturat with oil of mustard to their shoes and going up the railroad tracks went into camp at the place from the town, the present ruler. spoils of t felt aggrieved that the it went to y of the American fleet did not they exclude at least one Spanish port. It is said unofficially, that it would have done much to wipe out the last sting of the Span