

## WOODBURY SCHEME WILL NOT DOWN.

Like the Proverbial Ghost it Bobs up at Unexpected Moments. Horry and Woodbury Both Opposed Annexation. Marion Citizens Would Defray Half the Expense of Building Bridge, but Taxpayers Would Have to Pay Other Half.

The Conway Field contains an interesting article in last week's issue anent the Woodbury Township proposition. According to the Field, both Horry and Woodbury are opposed to annexation and there promises to be a lively fight if the movement to push Woodbury off on Horry comes to an election. The Field says:

Situated in the extreme lower end of Marion County is Woodbury Township. Just what the area of this township is, is not yet known but surveyors are at work to ascertain this. It is stated that the township contains something like 260 people and the value of the property of the township is something like \$19,000. "Very well," you say, "what of that?" Well, we will tell you—that is the section that the Marion County people claim that wants to draw away from Marion and be annexed to Horry—but it is the section that the people of Horry think the Marion Court House people want to "shove" off on Horry.

It is not generally known—in fact it is practically unknown, but it is nevertheless a fact that there is movement on in Marion County whereby an effort has been, and is being, made to annex a part of that great county to the Independent Republic. But the effort is not wholly confined to Marion for some of Horry's "Loyal" sons are also very much in favor of the scheme.

We do know, but haven't yet said, what is and has been going on in Marion, but we do say that we have never known of so vital a thing as Horry's connection with this scheme to be kept so very quiet. "MUM," has been the word, at least with those who are in favor of the scheme. In fact, it looked for a while as if The Field was not going to get hold of anything for its readers for this week—but it leaked out and here it goes.

Bright and early Monday morning two of Conway's leading business men left home and drove to Potato Bed Ferry on the Pee Dee, this place being the crossing over into Marion County and into Woodbury Township. They unhitched their horses. On the other side of the river, two citizens of Marion County and residents of Woodbury Township, had also driven up and had unhitched their horses. These four gentlemen had their commissions from the Governor of South Carolina, stating that they were to make a survey of Woodbury to ascertain the area, population, taxable property and to make a report of their findings to the Governor. The gentlemen from Conway were Messrs. C. P. Quattlebaum and S. T. Sessions; those from Woodbury were Messrs. R. H. Williams and J. T. Hucks. They are the Commissioners that have recently been appointed by the Governor for the purpose above stated. From the Horry side Mr. Sessions is strenuously opposed to the scheme while Col. Quattlebaum was appointed as being in favor of the scheme. From the Woodbury side Mr. Williams is strenuously opposed to the annexation while

Mr. Hucks is in favor of the scheme.

These gentlemen selected as surveyors Messrs. M. F. Sarvis and H. C. Cannon, two competent surveyors from Horry. They immediately signed a contract with the commissioners and entered upon their duties. They have since arrived at Conway and it is understood that they have completed their work, but just what their findings are have not yet been ascertained by The Field.

Yesterday when seen by a representative of The Field, both Mr. Sessions and Mr. Quattlebaum spoke freely of the matter. Both gave us to understand, however that their duties were largely ministerial. Mr. Sessions expressed himself as being very much opposed to the whole affair, "on general principals," he said. He thinks as most of we other Horry people do, that it is surely a scheme on the part of the Marion Court House people to so decrease the area of Marion County as to prevent the formation of Dillon County. Marion loves her possessions, as shown by the bull dog tenacity with which they have fought the formation of the new county, and then to wake up and suddenly find themselves so liberal as to cede to Horry a whole township without even the proverbial "cooter" in exchange, looks "fishy" to Horry.

Col. Quattlebaum also sees the scheme—it is too evident to be overlooked. He was, however, as above stated, appointed as favoring the annexation, but to The Field representative expressed himself as having no feeling whatever in the question of annexation but is in favor of the bridge across Pee Dee at Potato Bed Ferry, which it is stated the Marion people have promised to go half the expense on it if they will be good "little boys" and vote to leave Marion and join themselves to Horry. The Colonel states that the people of Woodbury have petitioned the Governor for an election to determine whether or not they shall come to Horry, and the Governor will make his decision after the return of the Commissioners has been filed with him.

The people of Woodbury are much nearer Conway than they are Marion and if the Pee Dee were bridged at Potato Bed Ferry they would patronize Conway. That's alright, we are glad to have them come to see us and trade with us and be friends to us but we can love them just as much as a township of Marion as we can if a part of Horry. We are not courting any additions to our territory, nor do we want to destroy the old county line, drawn so naturally as if the work of hands other than man, and step over and take Woodbury, even though Old Marion be so magnanimous as to want to give us something. The matter has been so little talked here, until yesterday, that The Field has been unable to ascertain the wishes of a majority of the Horry people, but we are sure that we voice the sentiment of the county when we say to Marion: "Keep your Woodbury, entreat her not to leave you—she is yours and keep her, for we have all we can take care of," and to say to the Woodbury people: "You are good people alright, your property is valuable, you are able to judge of your own wishes, and we don't believe you want to come to us. We could not blame you for wanting to leave Marion and come to Horry, but we don't believe you want to, and we also believe that you see the trick as we do—that you are not going to let a few people at the Marion Court House tell you what you should do—no, never. Stay where are

and after a while we will give you a bridge and then you will want to trade with us, but stay where you are so far as annexation is concerned."

### WOODBURY OPPOSED.

Since writing the above we have seen the two surveyors who have been at work in the Woodbury territory and they express it as their opinion that the inhabitants of the township are opposed to annexation with Horry. They gathered this from conversations held with those people and believe that they are decidedly opposed to the scheme. It is nothing but natural that they should be, and this only substantiates the Horry belief that the movement has its fountain, not in Woodbury, but at Marion Court House.

The Horry Herald makes the following comment on the proposition:

Certain rumors having been repeatedly circulated to the effect that a movement is on foot to annex the lower part of Marion county to Horry, a Herald reporter took the liberty of interviewing Col. D. A. Spivey, Senator from this county, whom he regarded as being the best informed person on this subject, so as to be able to give to the readers of the Herald an accurate statement of this effort to annex that territory to Horry.

The Senator was asked if he knew anything definite as to the scheme, and if so, give us the present status:

"My first intimation," said he, "of such a project being contemplated was the week before I left for Columbia to attend the Legislature. I was approached by an attorney representing, as he claimed, the citizens of Woodbury township, in Marion county, and wanted to enlist my support in the interest of the cause. The plan as I gathered it was to have the Legislature to pass an act ordering an election in the township mentioned to determine whether they would join Horry or remain with their mother, Marion. As you are aware, the upper part of Marion, with Dillon as a centre, has for years been endeavoring to secure a new county by dividing Marion. This scheme, as is well known, has been vigorously fought by the people of the town of Marion and vicinity. A recent survey has shown that the county had a bare sufficiency of territory under the Constitution to form the new county and leave the required territory of 500 square miles in the old county. So when I was approached by the party referred to, I readily understood the scheme and frankly told him so. I suspected it to be a plan to defeat the Dillon county movement. To cut off Woodbury township, an area of about 28 square miles, and annex it to Horry would so reduce the area of Marion so that it could never hereafter be divided—thus defeating Dillon county for all time to come.

"While I was not prepared to pass on the merits and advisability of having Woodbury township join us, I refused to allow myself to become a party in a fight which belonged exclusively to the people of Marion county. Until the Dillon county matter was finally disposed of I refused to take part in the scheme above referred to. The bill was actually drawn and the attempt to have one of our delegation present it. The members of the House from Horry, however, likewise refused to align themselves in favor of the annexation proposition.

"Now, the town of Marion and lower portion of the county are

fighting the Dillon movement, and I fully appreciate their position. Were I a citizen of that section I would likely do the same thing. I can understand that the success or failure of the Dillon new county means much to old Marion. But I do object to them involving Horry in the fight, or attempting to draw her representatives or any of our citizens in this family affair of theirs.

"Let them fight it out on its merits, and if Dillon fails in its aspirations then we can take up the Woodbury proposition and discuss it strictly on its merits.

"I am not prepared to pass upon the advisability of having this territory annexed to Horry. It has occurred to me that we have already sufficient territory. What we need most just now is to have that territory developed. Lower Marion has good citizens and we would be delighted to have them all migrate to Horry soil. But it is a question in my mind whether we would like for them to bring the Pee Dee swamps and sand hills of Woodbury with them.

"The Governor, I am informed, takes the same position I have assumed. He refuses to act until the Dillon election is disposed of. I have since learned that the matter has been carried to the supreme court by the attorneys who wished to force the Governor to order the election, but the Governor was sustained and the motion over ruled.

"The Governor, however, has appointed a commission to ascertain facts in the case. This commission is composed of four members—two from Horry and two Woodbury Township. Mr. S. T. Sessions is commissioned as the member opposing the scheme and Col. C. P. Quattlebaum as being in favor of the annexation. As to their exact duties I am not fully posted. I take it that they will ascertain the area, the population, the wealth and locate the proposed lines, etc., and report their findings to the Governor, along with such recommendations or suggestions they may deem wise and proper. With the commissioners from this county above named, I feel that Horry's interest will be protected."

### For Soldiers' Home.

The legislature at its recent session was asked to appropriate \$16,000.00 for the Soldiers' Home for South Carolina Confederate Veterans. \$12,000.00 of this amount was for maintenance, and \$4,000.00 for furnishings. Only \$12,000.00 was appropriated in all however, and it becomes necessary to raise the \$4,000.00 required for furnishings. Each county of the State is entitled to send two of its infirm veterans to be cared for in this home, and each county is asked for the sum of \$50.00.

The Marion Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, have undertaken to raise this amount, and every one in this county who is in sympathy with this movement is asked to contribute.

The following gentlemen have been selected to receive contributions: Major McLucas, Marion; Geo. R. Reaves, Mullins; A. S. Manning, Latta; and W. Thad. Bethea, Dillon.

### FOR SALE.

White Wyandotte Eggs; setting of fifteen for \$1.00, two-thirds guaranteed to hatch. W. E. Hall.

WANTED—At once, five first-class canvassers for big money making proposition. Apply at A. C. L. ticket office between 8 and 9 a. m.

The Dillon Herald \$1.50 a year.

## PEE DEE POSTMASTER SHORT IN ACCOUNTS

C. R. Moore Discovered to be \$703.16 Behind, Disappears, Leaving Note Indicative of Suicide.

C. R. Moore, postmaster at Pee Dee has been found short in his accounts by a postoffice inspector to the amount of \$703.16 and he has left for parts unknown. The inspector checked up his office on the 23rd and found the shortage and Moore told him he would go over to Florence and get the money to replace that which was short. Moore has been missing since the 23rd and all hope of his return has now been abandoned. He left a note behind addressed to his family stating that he was accused of being short, but that he was not short, and that if they ever found his body he wanted his family to give him a decent burial.

Up to two years ago Moore was a resident of Marion and he moved to Pee Dee to engage in the mercantile business. He has been conducting a store in connection with the postoffice at Pee Dee for about two years and he has also been running a farm in Florence County near Winona. He is married and has several children, one of his sons being grown. The bondsmen have made good the shortage and the government will lose nothing.

### Who Are Colonels and Who Are Doctors.

One of the most important features of the education of our young men is to impart to them a full and technical knowledge of our intricate and complicated system of titles in this country. It not only teaches them how to handle titles properly when addressing the various persons whom such ornaments appertain, but it is a guide to them in their ambitions and shows them in what classes to place themselves according to what title they may aspire to, and also the qualifications requisite for such titles. Of course, there may be some difference of opinion as to this branch of science, but as a result of a number of years of careful observation, inquiry and study, the following, we believe, is a correct epitome of the rules and regulations on this subject, and is carefully followed in this office:

1. Every supreme court, circuit and probate judge, master of equity, police magistrate, justice of peace and person learned in the law designated to hold court by special appointment, is, of course, called "Judge."
2. Every college professor, school teacher, piano player, aeronaut, hypnotist, sleight-of-hand performer, tight-rope walker and chiropodist is called "Professor."
3. Every physician, surgeon, pharmacist, druggist, dentist, veterinary, massuer, osteopath, optician and eye glass peddler is called "Doctor."
4. Every lawyer, editor, poet, hotel proprietor, Confederate veteran, member of the legislature, county commissioner or holder of any public office whatever, not otherwise titled, and every large rotund male person, especially if he have a beard or side-whiskers, is called "Colonel."
5. Every common soldier, enlisted officer, commissary sergeant, chain-gang boss, railroad conductor, farm overseer and track foreman is called "Captain."
6. Many others, of course, are addressed through the mails and referred to in the newspapers as "General," "Major," "Honorable," "Squire," and so on.
7. All unimportant and inconspicuous persons are called "Mister."

### Races at Dillon.

The 4th meet of the Dillon Driving Association held its own last Tuesday and judging from the representative crowd from all sections of the county, numbering over 2,000 persons, was a striking evidence of the unabated interest in speedy horses, and the growing popularity of Dillon and her enterprising citizens. Promptly at 1:30 p. m. Judges T. L. Stackhouse, Marion, S. C.; D. K. Taylor, Fayetteville, N. C.; Dr. J. P. Brown, Fairmont, N. C.; Starter, R. S. Bond, Rowland, N. C.; Announcer, Joe Cable Davis of our city, were in the judges stand and the races were on. The races were reversed from the usual order and the free for all entries were first on the track. Drake's Alfonso of Bennettsville, J. W. Hamer's Margarite of Dillon, and C. F. Moore's Trilby of Cheraw, the test of speed was winning three out of five heats, one mile each. Alfonso, first money, Marguerite second and Trilby third, purse \$200.00. Second race, 2.24 pace, J. D. Manning's Noah B., second, H. Cannon's Roy Wilkes first, J. W. Hamer's Little Bell third, 2.30 class, T. W. Berry's Hebe second, J. B. Gibson's Brownie first, J. W. Anderson's Nellie Mildred third. The stake race advertised did not materialize owing to the failure of the owners of Bell of Darlington and Dan P. in not coming to time. Possibly, since the meet at Bennettsville Alfonso had given these doughty horsemen the dry grins and were afraid of the relapse.

Not since the first meet has there been seen around the ring a more good humored and jollier crowd. The manager had all in their power and at the result less satisfactory than were pleased attendance. monotony of any attention has fence had had relief in the shadows and that."

Drake's mate in the isthmus have so, still retains terated. queror, and it is single thing in con- sides that it w'd unusual beyond horse than has a magnitude. En- the Dillon track to loxular work ors, and also H. Can' doubtful Wilkes, J. B. Gibson's ity of this and J. W. Hamer's M. or make each in their class s'p'raction, well.

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### Attention! Marion District LeagANS

District Conference of M von District Leaguers: Place: garian way, S. C. Time: April ayving and 16, 1909. Delegates: One for ev, via re- members o r fraction th'ender. Every League is entitled to gates, and every Church of army charge is requested to send. one representative whether is a League or not. PASTORS: Every pastor is ONLY ally invited and will be h Mercer welcomed and gladly enter. into a Send Names: At once t the jail W. Percy Hardwicke, Co on the S. C. i was First Service: Four o and a Wednesday afternoon, Aprinside 1909. s said Bring: A sunny smile, a until handshake, your Bible, note r. your ideas, plans, experience Pison- suggestions. "Keep Sweet" other Listen! No chapter or e quee- can afford to be without a s mar- gate, and no delegate can to stay at home.

To Delegates: Be in C UELA for the first session. Rema was from Conway for the closing se "Like While in Conway attend "Like onor," session. To All: You cannot affe back ds me, miss it. Do not miss it there. destiny I intend are, even on."