

## NEW COUNTY NEEDS MORE TERRITORY.

### So Commissioner Mace Alleges in His Report to the Governor. Wants Another Survey of Entire County. Concedes that New County has Enough Population and Taxable Property.

Commissioner Mace, on behalf of the old county alleges in his report to the governor that the New County does not contain 400 square miles. Mr. Mace has had a surveyor rechecking the field notes of Messrs. Hamby and Beatty and claims that he has discovered an error that will so change the line as to reduce the New County area to less than 400 square miles. It is not stated at what point the error was discovered, but Mr. Mace will no doubt state specifically just where the discrepancy is when the governor has a hearing on the matter. As to the other constitutional requirements in regard to population and taxable property Mr. Mace says the New County has a sufficient amount of each to comply with the law.

The next move on the New County question will be a hearing before the governor. Just when this hearing will be ordered is not known. Gov. Ansel has indicated that he would employ the expert to recheck the surveyor's field notes himself, and if he adopts this course it is likely that the hearing will be delayed several weeks. One of the official surveyors has said that it will take six weeks to recheck the field notes thoroughly.

It is understood that Messrs. Hamby and Beatty will stand by their report until the last. They do not believe any error exists. Differences of opinion as to certain details of a survey can change the result but Messrs. Hamby and Beatty were too well agreed in their points all during the progress of the survey for there to be any room for a mistake that would reduce the area to less than 400 square miles.

It is understood that in the event an error is discovered Commissioner Mace wants another survey of the county, but this would be a needless expense. The plan made by Messrs. Hamby and Beatty should show that Marion does or does not contain more than 900 square miles and that 400 miles have been taken off to form the New County, leaving 500 square miles in the Old County. If there is not sufficient area the New County project should be dropped, but if there is sufficient area the governor should not hesitate to order the election and there should be no more stumbling blocks put in his way. The people are getting tired of these needless delays and the expense incident thereto and want this question settled one way or the other. Messrs. Hamby and Beatty were official surveyors, one representing the old county and the other representing the New County. Had they disagreed the law provides for them to call in a third party, but they have agreed and reported to the governor that there is a sufficient amount of territory in the New County and enough has been left in the Old County to comply with the law, but still the accuracy of their report is questioned and the word or opinion or judgment of non-official and partisan surveyors is put above their's in order to establish grounds for contest and to bring about unnecessary and expensive delays. If the law permits such then the law ought to be changed. As The Herald sees it, there was no

necessity for the appointment of official surveyors in the beginning.

## DEADLY COW TICK.

Quite a number of cows have died in this section recently from a fever caused by the bite of a tick. The tick is about the size of a field pea and multiplies so rapidly that once a cow is attacked it is only a question of a few days before she succumbs to the ravages of the vicious little pest. Quite a number of people have lost cows but the greatest loser is Mr. R. P. Stackhouse who has lost seven in the past few days. Mr. Stackhouse reported the matter to Clemson and asked their advice, but they could give no information that would be of immediate benefit to him. They could only recommend isolation to prevent the spread of the disease. According to the advices from Clemson the tick sucks the blood from the cow and her condition becomes so weakened that she develops a slow fever which always proves fatal. The average cow is supposed to contain about 50 pounds of blood and it is said that one tick will suck about 5 pounds of blood from the cow every 24 hours. A vigorous young bull that belonged to Mr. J. S. Thompson contracted the fever and died. Just before death the bull's ears and tail were cut off, but there were no signs of blood. It is thought the tick was brought into this section by cattle shipped from Texas. It is said to be quite common in certain sections of Texas.

## Quiet Home Marriage.

A quiet wedding ceremony was performed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans Wednesday afternoon when Miss Julia Mobley became the bride of Mr. W. J. Irwin. There were present only the members of the family and a small number of intimate friends. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Irwin were driven to the depot where they took the 6.20 train for Charleston. After a brief stay in Charleston they will go to Chester, their future home.

The bride is a native of Heath Springs but for the past year she has been teaching at Reedy Creek. She is a sister of Mrs. A. J. Evans and a great deal of her time has been spent in Dillon where she has many friends. She graduated from Winthrop in 1903 and is a young lady of many accomplishments.

The groom is editor of the Chester Reporter and has been engaged in newspaper work ever since he graduated from Erskine college. He is one of the most prominent of the younger newspaper men of the state and has a brilliant future.

## MURDERED BY FEDERALS.

The following is taken from the Clio correspondence to the Pee Dee Advocate:

"Mr. Daniel Barrentine is on a visit to his brother, John Barrentine, our efficient mayor. Mr. Daniel Barrentine at the age of fourteen was present during the famous Sherman's raid, in Anson county N. C., when Major James Cottingham, formerly of this county was infamously murdered by federal soldiers. Major Cottingham was not accused of any offense but was ordered to stand out and was shot to death most brutally. Daniel, the lad, knowing what his fate would be, made a dash for the woods a few rods away, escaping, the minnie balls fired at him sped by, and he is here now thanking providence."

## Misunderstood.

"What we want," said the man in the frock coat, "is a safe and sane Fourth."

"You bet we do," agreed the man with the wispy whiskers.

"We should put a stop to the unseemingly noises that shatter the very air upon that day. I say to you, sir, that on the occasion of the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the great-grandest, most glorious governmental structure that ever has—"

"Yep," interrupts the other man, "we ought to choke 'em off. I'm good an' tired of listening to those flapdoodle, spread-eagle speeches myself."

And the man in the frock coat passed on with an of the haughtiest kind of hauteur,

## THE RACES.

The first meet, of the newly organized Pee Dee Circuit which combines the several driving associations heretofore in the racing game was held at Dillon July 1st.

The day was not propitious for racing, dark clouds and frequent showers necessitated calling off the races for that day. The next day, Friday the clouds had rolled away. The heat was almost unbearable but as admission was free for all the crowd was there in striking evidence, and the races, twenty four in all, with names that would have astounded the patrons of the amphitheatre when Rome was mistress of the world and at the zenith of her glory. However Dr. Davis at 1:30 o'clock rang the bell and the races were on.

First heat, free for all, five entries, Sandy Hal, Marguerite, Albuta, Alfonso, Maxine Paine. Purse \$200.00. Marguerite 1st. money, Sandy Hal 2nd., Albuta 3rd.

2nd. heat, five entries, Brownie 1st., Hebe 2nd. Radium B. 3rd. No. 13 and Robbie M. were last under the wire.

Third heat, six entries, Sir Henry, Trilby M., Roy Wilkes, Bell of Darlington, Traveler and Pat W. Roy Wilkes 1st money, Sir Henry, 2nd., Trilby M. 3rd.

Fourth heat, eight entries, Si Wassa, Frank M., Lady Bonifide, Virginia Deer, Little Wilson, Harry, Ivis, Dolly Dillard. Virginia Deer, 1st money, Dolly Dillard 2nd, Frank M. 3rd.

Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia were represented. 2:14 1/4 best time made in the free for all. Good humor prevailed and all, both small and great, expressed themselves well pleased with the day's sport.

Marguerite, L. Edwards' bay mare, won 1st money in free for all race, also J. B. Gibson's bay mare, Brownie, won 1st. money in 2:30 class, Sir Henry, E. T. Elliott's roan gelding, won 2nd money in 2:20 class.

To see the victor on many fields, Prone in the dust laid low, Alfonso made the people shout, Will we hear it nevermore?

But phoenix like he'll rise again Renewed in strength and speed, And when Drake sees the money up, Alfonso sure to lead.

## Free State News.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bethea, of Marion, spent a few days last week with the family of Mr. Andrew LeGette.

Mr. J. P. Rogers is in Columbia taking a business course.

Mrs. Oscar Fenegan returned last Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Kingstree and Lake City.

Miss Kate Cobb of Rowland spent Thursday and Friday with relatives in this section.

A number of our young people attended a picnic at Reedy Creek Springs Saturday.

Miss Nina Jackson of Dillon was in Free State Saturday.

Rev. W. C. Allen is conducting a series of meetings at Cat fish Church this week.

Mrs. Nancy Greenwood and daughter, Miss Mary, visited relatives in Gibson some few days ago.

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## RACES AT BENNETTSVILLE.

Following is the result of the races at Bennettsville Monday:

Free for all: Alfonso 1st., Sandy Hal 2nd., Albuta 3rd. Time 2.15 1/4.

2.20 class: Roy Wilkes 1st., Trilby M. 2nd., Hebe 3rd. Time 2.19 1/4.

2.30 class: Brownie 1st., No. 13 2nd., Radium B. 3rd. Time 2.25 1/2.

2.40 class: Frank M. 1st., Robbie M. 2nd., Richmond 3rd. Time 2.27.

## HENRY EDENS.

It is fit and meet that the works of all good men be perpetuated in verse or prose, and after a conversation with the subject of this sketch, The Herald's poet was inspired to pen the following lines:

Only a few decades ago, On a lovely summer morn, Near where Sweat Swamps waters flow, The subject of this sketch was born.

In early life was prone to dig, Strenuously for a boy his size, But great the genius he displayed In shaping up his big mud pies.

Mud was the field he chose to win Renown and wealth-attain to fame On massive structures-brick or stone, Some future day inscribed his name.

The years rolled on, he faltered not, He plied his trade through heat and cold, And the music his trowel made, Brought content and glittering gold.

In later years his dreams have changed, No more with pride he views his trowel, Manual labor he loves no more, Prefers to wield the sponge and towel.

Hear ye afflicted the joyful news, Whose lives are burdens-all hope has fled, Grim death can never claim you, If Henry's by your bed.

The good Samaritan in his day, Was never a better nurse, Or deft hands to dress your wounds, And drive away the hearse.

When in trouble call on him, He'll fix you up alright, At any time when sick in pain, He's at your service day or night.

## wife Kills Husband by Mistake.

Vienna Correspondence London Leader.

It is reported from a village near Steinmanger, in Hungary, that a farmer named Veres, who had just returned from America, was murdered by his wife without her knowing that he was her husband.

Veres emigrated 12 years ago, and after making a small fortune decided to return to the village where he had left his wife. He arrived there on Friday night, and the first persons he met were two cousins, who, however, only recognized him after being told who he was, so greatly had he altered in his appearance. Before leaving them Veres remarked that if his wife and mother-in-law who lived together in a lonely house outside the village should fail to recognize him he would not at once reveal his identity, but would hear what they thought of the absent man.

When he reached the house neither the wife or the mother-in-law guessed who the stranger was who begged for food and shelter for the night, whereupon he promised payment, opening his handbag containing money and valuables to prove his ability to pay. The two women thereupon admitted him, but the contents of the handbag suggested to them to murder the stranger, whom they believed nobody in the village had seen, and whose disappearance therefore would not attract attention.

They brought him wine containing cyanide of potassium, used as rat poison by the peasants here which the unfortunate man drank and soon died. The women buried his body in the garden that same night. When yesterday morning the two cousins came to hear how the returned husband was received the horrified women made a clean breast of their crime and surrendered to the police.

## DRAKE'S CORN BEAT

Dr. J. H. Williamson says he has some fine corn; 13,233 stalks to the acre. It will average 3 to 4 ears to the stalk, making something over 40,000 ears. 100 to 120 ears will make a bushel of corn. At this calculation, Dr. Williamson is going to make 350 bushels of corn an acre. He is thinking of putting out soda and increase the yield 50 or 75 bushels.—Rockingham Post.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

### News from our busy Capital.

Mr. Charles M. Pepper, the special agent who has been investigating fiscal affairs in Europe, has made a report to the bureau of manufactures of the Department of Commerce and Labor which constitutes an important contribution to current discussion of the proposed income tax. Mr. Pepper says that for the fiscal year which ended March 31, 1909, the revenue from the income tax in Great Britain was \$165,000,000. This tax in 1908 was the greatest single source of revenue, exceeding the excise imposts by \$1,500,000 and the customs receipts by \$23,000,000. Incomes under \$800 are exempt from the tax, and graduated abatements are allowed on incomes between \$800 to \$2,500. In this very interesting report Mr. Pepper analyzes the various sources from which the tax is drawn and shows that the principal source comes under the group of business and professions and particular properties, such as railways, canals and mines, and foreign and colonial securities, and the next leading source of revenue is from the profits from the ownership of houses and lands.

According to a statistical abstract of the United States to be issued in a few days by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor, about one-third of the eighty-eight million population of the United States, including Alaska, live in the thirteen original states; another third live in the states created from the territory ceded to the Union by the original states, and the remaining third on the area added by purchase or annexation.

The total number of immigrants into the country since 1820, the year of earliest record, exceeds 25,000,000. In 1900, the date of the last census, the total number of persons of foreign birth living in the country was 10,460,000 which was 13.7 per cent of the total population, while on 1890 they formed 24.8 per cent.

Announcement is made that the American Red Cross is preparing for a unique exhibition in Washington the latter part of this month, when the six hundred odd designs for a Christmas stamp, to be used next winter during the holidays, will be placed on display. Several designs have been received from Honolulu and an associate committee of artists will pass on the designs and award the cash prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25. A year ago the sale of the stamps netted the Red Cross \$138,000.

It was demonstrated recently that the big battleship Mississippi can accommodate five thousand visitors at one time and not be overcrowded.

Much discussion is reported to have been going on in the navy as to the advisability of making some changes in the methods of conducting canteens on board ship. These canteens are virtually small stores where enlisted men may buy certain articles of use, and the suggestions is made that the government buy out the present canteen the stocks and place them on a firm and business like basis. Heretofore naval canteens have been run on much the same plan as the company fund in the army. Under the arrangement proposed canteens would be conducted like army post-exchanges and would be under the pay officer of a vessel,

who would replenish the stocks from the most reasonable markets. In this way the variety and quality of the stocks of goods carried would be increased, and the profits would be disbursed for the benefit of the men for whom the canteens are maintained.

The stubbornness of tariff facts is beginning to percolate the Republican cranium at last.

According to Washington dispatches the language in the Senate has been keeping pace with the thermometer in that city.

## JACKSON NEWS.

The Bennett Mill Pond is very low and bridges bad; the community would be glad if they were repaired.

The crops are very fine, and prospects good.

Mr. R. M. Jackson has a piece of the finest corn in the upper part of Marion county.

Mr. R. M. Jackson has been very ill for several days; we sincerely hope he will soon be well again.

We are also sorry to hear of Mrs. Joe Andrew's illness; hope she will soon recover.

Miss Lela Wright of Gibson, N. C., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Jane Bennett and Clarence Covington of Clio spent last Tuesday at Dr. Smith's.

Miss Pauline Edens of Clio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Daudert Cottingham.

Miss Mollie Andrews one of Rowland's charming young ladies spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrews.

Miss Mary M. Jackson left last Tuesday to spend several days with friends in Bishopville, S. C.

On account of rain last Friday afternoon the people of Judson were disappointed in not having their picnic at Bennett's Pond.

Last Wednesday evening Miss Pearl Heustess gave in honor of her cousin Miss Lela Wright a delightful reception. It was one of the best receptions given around Judson in quite a while. Those who enjoyed Miss Heustess's hospitality were: Misses Mary and Anna McLaurin, Lela, Jeanette, Kate and Gertrude Wright, Eloise, Mary M. and Marie Jackson, Kathleen Cottingham and Miss McPhall. Messrs. J. S. and Alton McRae, Hoyt, B. A. and R. Cottingham, O. N. Jackson, W. H. Calhoun, W. Heustess, Hugh and Luther McLaurin, M. McDonald and K. Alford.

## DILLONITES ABROAD.

The editor of The Herald is in receipt of a letter from Dr. W. J. Keller who is at Vienna, Austria, taking a clinical course. Dr. Keller, who is accompanied by Mrs. Keller, has been at Vienna about three months, and expects to remain there the balance of the year. The Doctor says he and Mrs. Keller like Vienna very much, but he must confess that they prefer Marion county to Austria. There are about 100 American doctors at the university taking the several courses taught there. It will be gratifying to Dr. Keller's many Marion friends to learn that he has recently been appointed assistant to one of the professors. The clinic the Doctor is attending is the largest in Vienna, about 10,000 cases of throat and nose diseases being treated there every year. Vienna is a city of modern ways in many respects, but the Doctor mentions an old custom they still cling to over there of locking the street doors to all apartment houses after 10 at night. After this hour one has to pay 20 "hellers" (which is about 4 cents in American money) to get in or out. This is a law of the First Napoleon and has been in force ever since Napoleon occupied Austria. His motive, such a law was to keep in touch with the movements of the enemy. Three lace at night as well as day.