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THE WEATHER.

Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Two things break gently.
We earnestly beg—
Had news to a friend,
And an over-ripe egg.
—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

OUR DAILY POEM.

In tangled wreaths, in clustered gleaming stars,
In floating, curling sprays,
The golden flower comes shining through the woods
These March days;
Forth go all hearts, all hands from out the town,
To bring her gaily in,
The wild sweet Princess of Florida—
Of yellow jessamine.

The live oaks smile to see her lovely face
Peep from the thickets, shy,
She hides behind the leaves her golden buds,
The blower grown, on high
She curls a tendril, throws a spray, then flings
Herself aloft in glee,
And, bursting into thousand blossoms, swings,
In wreaths from tree to tree.

The dwarf palmetto on his knees adores
This Princess of the air;
The lone pine-barens broods afar and sighs,
"Ah come, lest I despair."
The myrtle thickets and ill-tempered thorns
Quiver and thrill within,
As through their leaves they feel the dainty touch
Of yellow jessamine.

The Southern land, well weary of its green
Which may not fall nor fade,
Bestirs itself to greet the lovely flower
With loves of fresher shade;
The pine has tassels and the orange-trees
Their fragrant work begins;
The Spring has come—has come to Florida,
With yellow jessamine.

The kaiser is trying to be something of a "Shipping Bill" himself.—Tampa Tribune.

Overtures by the United States these days seem to be off the key.—Wilmington Dispatch.

Thus far the Plate Indians haven't dropped any bombs upon hospitals.—Birmingham News.

Germany's idea seems to be to cast England's bread upon the waters.—Detroit Free Press.

Missouri is no longer a Southern State—she has lynched a white man.—Jacksonville Metropolis.

Przemysl seems like an easy proposition since Przasnysz got into the dispatches.—Nashville Banner.

We are ready to nominate the groundhog to membership in the Petrograd club.—Charlotte News.

The czar must wonder where all those Russians come from that the German capture.—New York World.

How it would tickle the father of his country if he could come back and see where the flag is flying!—Washington Post.

If Chicago modistes want to inaugurate a popular style why don't they invent a jiney dress?—Boston Transcript.

Funny, isn't it? Every time the Germans mop up with the Russians the papers call it "a sweeping victory."—Macon News.

Now, isn't Przasnysz, as a matter of fact, much easier to pronounce, even if it does not slip from the lips like a cherry, than that other famous place, the pronunciation of which is best assured by dropping a handful of red-hot rivets into a bucket of ice water? Or, is it?—Charleston Post.

CAN ANDERSON AFFORD GOOD ROADS?

The Intelligencer thinks that the people of Anderson County should think of the bond issue for good roads just as a farmer would think of digging a ditch on his farm, clearing a field or making any other improvement on his farm. It will either pay to dig the ditch, clear the field or build the barn, if it will pay and he can make the necessary financial arrangements, then he should make the improvements. But he should consider well the cost and the consequent income as a result of the expenditure. The percentage of cost should not be too great for the good to be derived, and he should feel, at least, that he is going to do something which will increase the value, the comfort and the convenience of his farm. The same rule should apply to any other business, and a good business man will figure out the cost and the desired increase in value of his property.

This is exactly what the voters of Anderson County should consider in this good roads bond issue. Will the building of 250 miles of permanent roads in Anderson County be worth while? Will it pay the county to expend this amount of money for this kind of improvement? If so, how will it benefit the voters of the county? Wherein will they reap a profit from the expenditure? Will the values of the land in the county be increased, and will it make the home more desirable? Will it improve the schools and the churches, making it easier to reach them, and increase the interest and attendance? Will it enable the farmer living some distance from the county seat, or the market where he sells his produce, to reach the market quicker and with a heavier load, and with less wear and tear on his team and vehicles? If these questions can be answered in the affirmative, will it pay then to make the expenditure? What will it cost the individual citizen to obtain these advantages?

We believe that the consensus of opinion is that it will pay to have these advantages and that it would be a good investment. At least, we may say that is the universal verdict and opinion wherever good roads have been built. We are told that the value of real estate adjacent or near to a system of good roads is usually increased in value to two or three times the former value. The convenience of the people, and the ease with which they can get about on this good road is hard to estimate in dollars and cents. It has been said that it divides distance, making places at least half as far away, when the time to go is considered, and the ease with which the trip is made. All this being true then it stands to reason that it will pay to have good roads. The only thing to be considered, then, is the means of securing them. How shall a county go about getting good roads? Shall it be done by direct taxation, by the work of convicts, by a bond issue, or what means? Again the universal experience of those counties which have built them, is to the effect that the most feasible way is to secure a bond issue, build the roads and let the payments be made while enjoying the roads. This being true, then, we need to consider the matter as to whether or not we are able in Anderson County to use this means of building a system of good roads without burdening ourselves with a heavy obligation which will be hard to meet by the people. In order to arrive at this conclusion we must inquire into our finances and see what the resources of the county is, and how the burden of the taxation necessary to pay the interest and create a sinking fund is to be borne. Let us see.

The total taxable value of the county according to the returns made in 1914, is \$13,506,705. This is divided into two kinds of property, as follows: Real estate, \$5,739,090; personal property, \$7,767,615. Of this personal property the cotton mills and manufacturing plants, telephone and telegraph companies, railroads, and street car systems, are assessed at \$4,685,850. The bonded indebtedness will cost \$37,500 interest, and the law provides for a sinking fund of \$7,500. So there will be \$45,000 to raise each year to pay this amount. It will require a little more than 3 mills extra tax to do this. Owing to the provision in the bill for interest to be paid on the amount deposited in the banks, a mill will be ample to meet the requirements as to this.

The next matter of interest will be as to who shall pay this taxes. Let us look into this a bit: The corporations and railroads will pay on \$4,685,850 property. Anderson, the county seat, and the largest city in the county will pay on \$2,643,870 property; the other towns in the county, incorporated, will pay, on an estimated valuation of at least \$2,000,000. According to the terms of the law, none of these contributors can have any roads built for them, and it will mean that the farmers, and the people living and owning property in the rural districts will receive the entire benefit of the bond issue, and will pay only 30 per cent of it. In other words the figures above show that for every 30 cents the rural inhabitant puts into this bond issue he will receive \$1.00.

The Intelligencer has gone to the trouble to figure this out a little more in detail, and we find, taking several school districts in different parts of the county into consideration that the burden will be very light. For instance:

Martin School District, No. 15, has a total taxable property value of \$249,006. There are 246 taxpayers in this district, and of this number 46 pay taxes on more than \$1,000 worth of property, or on \$90,153 to be exact, leaving for the 200 taxpayers \$159,006. That is the 46 taxpayers having property returned at \$1,000 or more will pay on an average property valuation of \$1,960, or at 3 mills, exactly \$5.88 for the good roads bond tax. The other taxpayers will pay on an average property valuation of \$795 each, or an average good roads bond tax of \$2.28 per year. Will it pay the citizens of Martin's School District to have a macadam or other permanent road construction in their school district? Will they not save this on a day's hauling on the road after it is built?

Three and Twenty School District, in Brushy Creek township shows similar results, except the property valuation in this district is less. There are in this district 180 taxpayers, and 25 of them pay on \$1,000 or more property. The average for the district including these is \$506.25. The average for the other 155 is \$217 each. That is the average for the entire district will be \$1.52, and for the 105 taxpayers, 65 cents each per year. Will it pay Three and Twenty School District to have good roads?

Neals Creek School District shows another re-

sult. There are 148 taxpayers in this district, paying taxes on property valued at \$122,095. Twenty-six of these pay on \$1,000 or more, or \$17,960. The average for the district is \$836; for the 26, \$1,242; for the 122, \$698. The average tax paid on the bond issue for the entire district will be \$2.58; for the 26 taxpayers, \$3.72; for the 122 taxpayers, \$1.82. Will it pay the individuals of Neals' Creek School District to have good roads?

Now the last consideration, or point of interest is who favors or should favor the bond issue? From what it appears the people of the city of Anderson, those who own the mills and the railroads, and many of the well-to-do farmers and property owners, favor the proposed bond issue and will vote for it. The greatest opposition seems to be in the rural districts, if we have been correctly informed. In other words the rural districts which will get one dollar for every thirty cents they pay, are said to be largely against the bond proposition, but the other interests which will pay the seventy cents and get no direct returns are in favor of it. This is truly a paradox, and we are puzzled to account for it. Perhaps some of those who are opposing the bond issue will enlighten us and the people of the county. Let us discuss the thing and see where we are at, and why? The Intelligencer is open for a full, frank and free discussion of the matter. Let us have your views whether or not they be for or against.

We reiterate that this is too grave a matter to be decided on prejudices or passion, but should be decided on its merits. We believe the people of Anderson are reasoning and reasonable people and will do the right thing in this and other matters claiming their attention.

WHAT AILS THE COTTON COUNTRY?

The last census shows a lamentable neglect of live stock in the south. While the average Iowa farm has 6 milch cows, in North Carolina and Alabama it has less than 2, and in South Carolina 1. While the average Iowa farm has 35 hogs, in North Carolina and Alabama it has less than 5, and in South Carolina less than 4. While the average farm in Iowa has more than 108 head of poultry, in North Carolina and Alabama it has less than 20, and in South Carolina less than 17. An investigator has recently said that the average home in Georgia produces less than two eggs a week, than two-thirds of an ounce of butter, two-thirds of a pint of milk a day, one-third of a hog, one-twelfth of a beef, and one one-hundredth of a sheep a year for each member of the family, and that the cotton crop of the State does not pay that State's food and feed bill.

No southern State is giving sufficient to the production of foodstuffs either for human beings or for live stock. A conservative estimate indicates that Texas imports from other States annually more than \$50,000,000 worth of wheat, corn and oats; Georgia more than \$24,000,000; South Carolina more than \$20,000,000. Twelve southern States import more than \$175,000,000 worth of these three commodities and \$48,000,000 worth of meats, dairy and poultry products.

If the farmers in the south had heretofore practiced diversification on a sufficiently large scale, producing their own home supplies, that section would not be in its present hard case.—The Secretary of Agriculture in His Annual Report.

THE INTELLIGENCER IS DELIGHTED.

The Anderson Intelligencer is mistaken in supposing that Greenwood is jealous of Anderson. She is not jealous one bit of Anderson nor of any other place that is on the map. Certainly there is no reason in the world why a town like Greenwood should be jealous of anything that is coming or going. We simply did not think it exactly right for our neighbor to have a little side show next fall and call it the Piedmont Fair.

The Intelligencer says they are going to have a great fair in Anderson, and that they will be able to lend Greenwood some of their exhibits after they are through with them. This is very generous, and should we need them they will be accepted with thanks.

Greenwood wishes Anderson all kind of good things, and she is ready to do anything that she can to boost "My Town." Here is our heart and hand. We hope that your fair will surpass anything that has ever been pulled off in this part of the country, and then that Greenwood will lay it in the shade when she holds the Piedmont Fair this fall.—Greenwood Journal.

RIGHT, BOOKER.

In Anderson the papers print the names of all the voters in an election and we expect they could tell you how most of them voted if they wanted to.—Spartanburg Journal.

RECIPROCITY.

Every time there is a murder in Greenwood the Anderson papers twit their neighbor county, and now the Greenwood papers are after the Anderson papers about a particularly atrocious murder in that city.—Columbia Record.

The defeated candidate always gets a lot of satisfaction out of thinking that he's ahead of his times.—Ohio State Journal.

One thing we have decided to economize on in these times of financial uncertainty is Elbert Hubbard's works.—Ohio State Journal.

A medical authority pronounces the tight skirt sensible and healthful. That settles it. We see the finish of the tight skirt.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Some of the inhabitants of Poland are for the kaiser and some are against him. Positive and negative Poles, so to speak.—Boston Transcript.

Well, it does begin to look as if "Census Bill" Harris is the only German worthy of holding down good, lucrative federal jobs.—Moultrie Advertiser.

Time brings its compensations. Had the thirteen colonies remained perfectly loyal, there might be no neutral American flag to protect English ships.—Lavonia Times.

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IMPORTANT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN

PROMPTLY AT 8

A Number of Matters of Importance Will Come up for Consideration and settlement

THE INTELLIGENCER IS DELIGHTED.

An important meeting of the city paving commission will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the office of Chairman E. R. Horton, in the Ligon & Ledbetter building. In issuing the call for the meeting, Chairman Horton, stated that it would be very important and that every member was urged to be present. The commissioners are requested to report promptly at the hour named, as several matters are to be taken up and the meeting will be in session late unless an early start is had.

One of the most important matters to be considered by the commissioners is that of taking formal action on the matter of the length of time the paving certificates will be in force, that is, whether property owners will be allowed five or ten years in which to pay for their share of the cost of paving abutting on their property. The commissioners have already decided among themselves to make the paving certificates of ten year term, but it is necessary that formal action to this effect be taken.

There are other matters of importance which will be taken up at the meeting of the commissioners this evening. The election on the paving question will be held March 16, and it is necessary for a number of matters to be adjusted by that time.

Mayor S. L. Eskew of Pendleton and Secretary J. Walter Sanders of the Pendleton Cotton Mills were visitors in the city yesterday.

CASCARETS FOR BOWELS, STOMACH HEADACHE, COLDS

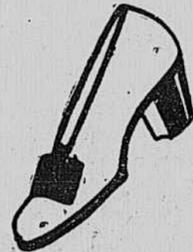
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