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CASH IN ADVANCE.

As announced last week, on and after January 1st, of next year subscriptions for The Advertiser will be strictly cash in advance. No papers will be sent out of the office unless paid for. This does not mean that subscribers must pay an entire year in advance; it is left with them as to time and amount. But the paper is to be paid for before it is sent out.

This method, we realize, is entirely new in Laurens county, and it may not be well received at first. But our unbounded confidence in the business sense and judgment of our people assures us that after careful consideration they will see the wisdom of it and assist us in making it successful. In fact, we have been urged by many of our subscribers to require cash in advance; from time to time, men have said: "Why don't you stop a paper the very day it is out; that's the only business way." We are convinced that the majority of the people will welcome the change.

But why do we make the change? The people are probably not aware of the fact that it costs The Advertiser Printing Co. something like \$100 a week to issue the paper; that is about \$5,200 a year. Now suppose that we have no revenue from subscriptions until the end of each year; where are the funds for each week's pay roll? And again, for years we have been making a paper and sending it to people who do not pay for it; this is not good business judgment on our part, all will agree. There seems to be a strange idea among some people that a debt to a newspaper is not like other debts, and if they can shun it, there is no wrong done; right now we are holding bills against people in Laurens county, many of whom imagine that they are utterly forgotten. Some owe us no more than twenty cents, maybe, but others are indebted to the amount of \$5.00 and more. A cash in advance system will allow no such conditions. The Advertiser cannot afford to print the paper for nothing.

Another thing: since the new postal law has been in effect, which requires that papers in arrears to the amount of twelve months be discontinued, we have complied to the letter with this requirement and hundreds of names have been dropped from our lists. The cash in advance plan will work exactly in the same way, and we should not lose any more subscribers. We have obeyed this law, and we expect to carry out the new plan without deviation or concession. We have not adopted the ruse of many other papers, under the law, and cut the dates off the labels, sending the paper on in violation of the law just to hold a good list. The Advertiser has endeavored to make a paper that the people want, and not have to resort to subterfuge to hold on to our subscribers. If this paper is worth \$1.00 a year to you, we want you to subscribe; if you do not think it worth the price, we do not want to hold out "inducements" to get you. From eight to twelve pages of home news each week at just about two cents a week, is we believe, pretty cheap. And we are endeavoring to give the news while it is news; we do not wait for the issue of other papers to make up our own. The Advertiser pays an office force to get the news; and the people seem to think they are succeeding, judging from the patronage.

Think the matter over, good people, and see if we are not justified in the course. Keep it in mind, and renew your subscriptions now.

SUPP. PITTS' REPLY.

In another column appears the reply by Superintendent of Education Pitts to the card by Mr. T. H. Holland which was published in The Advertiser last week. The readers of this paper will recall that Mr. Holland charged "a false report" by the superintendent, regarding the Long Branch school, Scuffletown district (number one). Mr. Pitts' reply on each point is very clear and needs no further explanation; in the light of the last week and the editorial extension of conditions, the people are

left to judge for themselves.

In Mr. Pitts' card is explained the correct manner of making up a report of a school district, and it will be greatly to the benefit of the people, not only of Scuffletown, to read it and understand how these school matters are handled.

OUR INVITATIONS.

They just come all at once, and we fear, if all are accepted, the "simple life" that is to follow will be a terrible bore. We are in a dilemma; but time and purse will settle the problem.

First comes an invitation from the Spartanburg Chamber of Commerce to attend the great celebration there on October 29th, the occasion being the opening of the Carolina-Clinchfield & Ohio railroad. It will be a big day in the old town, a barbecue and a number of speeches, the fair and a great electrical display being attractions. And by the way, the coming of this new railroad is to be a great thing for the whole state; the trains will come through Laurens on the C. & W-C. tracks.

And next comes an invitation to meet the president of the United States at the luncheon to be given in Columbia on November 6th. On the next mail is an invitation from the Charleston Chamber of Commerce to attend the banquet to President Taft at the Charleston hotel on the evening of November 5th. Which shall we accept? Only one, of course; for a country editor can hardly stand such prolonged and continued festivities.

And then here is an invitation to attend the musical festival in the "City by the Sea" which lasts during next week.

For all these, the editor of The Advertiser returns sincere thanks. If he cannot attend all, he, like the worthy editor of the Morning Times, will wish them mighty well, drinking a silent toast to them, at home.

Alas! This no longer aristocratic to have appendicitis, for a negro convict, and his name is Tillman—over in Camden now has it.

The Advertiser wishes to urge the farmers to enter the great wheat contest that is to be conducted this winter and next spring. It is bound to result in good for all. Read the article on another page.

To the people of the county, you who have been advertising in our paper, all will agree. There seems to be a strange idea among some people that a debt to a newspaper is not like other debts, and if they can shun it, there is no wrong done; right now we are holding bills against people in Laurens county, many of whom imagine that they are utterly forgotten. Some owe us no more than twenty cents, maybe, but others are indebted to the amount of \$5.00 and more. A cash in advance system will allow no such conditions. The Advertiser cannot afford to print the paper for nothing.

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TAKE IT IN TIME.

Just As Scores of Laurens People Have.

Waiting doesn't pay. If you neglect the aching back, Urinary troubles diabetes, surely follow.

Doan's Kidney Pills relieve back-ache. Cure every ill. Laurens citizens endorse them.

J. V. Nabors, 408 Sullivan St., Laurens, S. C., says: "About three months ago I was suddenly attacked by severe pains in the small of my back. I could not sleep well and often had to sit in a chair to obtain a comfortable position. I became so bad that I was unable to leave the house and I could do no work whatever. My kidneys were sluggish and failed to remove the impurities from my system. I obtained no relief from the various remedies I tried and when I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a supply at the Palmetto Drug Co. and began taking them. In three days I was back to work and ever since, I have been free from any sign of kidney trouble. I consider Doan's Kidney Pills a most valuable remedy for disordered kidneys."

For sale by all dealers. Price 60 cents. Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

"If the shoe fits, wear it." is a time-worn saying; but with a woman if the shoe fits she takes it back because it is too big.

Well Known Hotel Keeper Uses and Recommends Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

"I take pleasure in saying that I have kept Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family medicine chest for about fifteen years, and have always had satisfactory results from its use. I have administered it to a great many traveling men who were suffering from troubles for which it is recommended, and have never failed to relieve them." says J. C. Jenkins, of Glasgow, Ky. This remedy is for sale by the Laurens Drug Co.

You will find here any article you may want in the best quality of plain white dishes at money saving prices. S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

SUPP. GEO. PITTS REPLIES.

Explains Matter of Long Branch School—The Roll and Funds.

Editor The Advertiser:

I dislike very much to enter into a newspaper controversy. In this case it is forced upon me. I refer to the article written by Mr. T. H. Holland in last week's paper. I give an exact reproduction of the statement to which he refers:

"Scuffletown School District No. 1—Long Branch School; Trustees, J. Wilson Blakely, Sam R. Todd, and Geo. W. Cunningham. Miss Liddie Sloan, teacher; No. of pupils, 48; length of school term, 7 months; total school fund, \$597.13."

The above statement appeared in your educational issue of June 9th. The school year closes on June 30th, but it was some time after that date before I could get, from the treasurer's books, the exact amount of money appropriated to each school district. When the correct figures for Long Branch school were ascertained I found that it was \$494.13 instead of \$597.13—a difference of \$103.00. The \$494.13 was derived from the following sources: balance from previous year, \$159.13; amount of 3 mill state tax, \$236.00; amount of poll tax, \$80.00; amount of dog tax, \$19.00.

Before Miss Sloan sent in her annual report she came to my office to know if she should include in that report those pupils who were enrolled in Miss Lane's school, previous to her dismissal from the public school by the present board of trustees. I advised her to include in that report every pupil who had attended the public school the legal number of days. So the 48 pupils in the above statement is the total number enrolled by both teachers in the public school. I have the roll before me and find that it is correct. The 7 months' school term is also found by taking the total number of months taught by both teachers in the public school. I felt that the district was entitled to the enrollment and length of term. I still think so. I would repeat my actions under similar circumstances. Miss Sloan is in no way responsible for the enrollment; she acted upon my advice.

I did not state that \$500.00 had been paid out; I simply gave, as near as I could, the total amount of money the district would have. I will give at this time, however, how the money was disbursed: Sept. 30, 1908, Jno. T. Blakely (lumber), \$12.60; Nov. 2, 1908, S. J. Todd (building house), \$62.70; Dec. 30, 1908, D. E. Tribble (lumber), \$159.22; Jan. 7, 1909, L. H. Davidson (brick), \$8.50; Feb. 2, 1909, Preston Blakely, colored (teaching), \$25.00; Feb. 6, 1909, Preston Blakely, col. (teaching), \$35.00; Feb. 27, 1909, Miss Liddie Sloan (teaching), \$35.00; March 11, 1909, Charlie Holland (wood), \$2.00; April 10, 1909, Miss Liddie Sloan (teaching), \$35.00; May 31, 1909, Miss Liddie Sloan (teaching), \$40.00. This gives a total expenditure of \$451.37. \$42.76 was left to the credit of the district and brought forward to this year's book, making a grand total of \$494.13. The first six claims were signed by the former board of trustees and the last five by the present board.

My books have been checked and approved by the grand jury, the comptroller general and the courts. They are public property; they stand open to inspection by any citizen in the county.

Mr. Holland has never examined my books; he has not been in my office since last January. He is not even a resident of Long Branch district, although I find that his property was returned in that district last year. Long Branch district did not have at that time a special school tax. Mr. Holland is a resident of Laurens school district No. 6; that district has a special school tax of two mills. Long Branch is in Scuffletown—I presume the proper authorities will take the matter in hand, adjust things and give the money to the children to whom it legally belongs.

I am unable to understand why Mr. Holland is meddling with the affairs of a school district other than his own. Most of us have plenty to do attending to our own business. I am also unable to determine the color of a man's heart who will bring such charges against a fellow man as he has preferred against me, without first knowing the correctness of the charges.

I trust that I have clearly explained the enrollment and length of term. Mr. Holland says that Miss Sloan was paid \$195.00, or three months at \$35.00 each, and "wonders" who got the balance. Mr. Holland forgets, or very likely did not know, that the negro teacher was paid \$60.00, and that \$239.37 was paid out for building purposes, and that a district may carry forward money from one year to the next. I hold no ill-will against Mr. Holland, but, I do, from the depth of my heart, pity him.

A little explanation just here as to the condition of affairs in Long Branch district—which, as the people generally understand, is the primary cause of all this trouble: When I came into office in January I found that Miss Lane was teaching the Long

Branch school; that she did not have a certificate as the law requires, and that Mr. Nash had refused to approve her claims. I also refused to approve her claims on the ground that she was not in possession of a certificate. A few days later charges were preferred against the trustees by a number of the patrons. The county board heard the complaint, discharged the trustees, and appointed a new board at once. One of the main points in this complaint was that the trustees had elected and were supporting a teacher who spent a great part of her time in the school room teaching what is known as the "Unknown Tongue Religion". The newly appointed board held a meeting at once and discharged Miss Lane, and employed another teacher. The "Unknown Tongue" followers at once started a private school with Miss Lane as teacher. Later when the trustees held an election for a special school tax, the "Unknown Tongue" believers fought the tax. Mr. Holland, although he is not a voter in the district, but an ardent follower of the "Tongues", was on the ground and fought the tax.

Now, Mr. Editor, I thank you for so kindly offering me space in your paper for this reply. I regret that it is necessarily lengthy.

Geo. L. Pitts,
County Supt. of Education.

Pert Paragraphs.

It is almost as natural for children to tell the truth as for grown ups to lie.

A woman can conclude she ought to love a man because she can't understand why.

The more bills a man's wife runs up for him in the shops the luckier he is; they aren't bigger.

A girl is awful shy to make it seem as if a man was making love to her when he is wishing dinner was ready. In the day of your discontent think of someone more miserable than you and go to bring him comfort.

The fellow who despises the ladder by which he climbed never rises very high in others' estimation.

Look out upon the world with a smiling face and the very cobblestones will seem to smile back at you.

Soaking the hands above the wrist in hot water will sometimes relieve a headache.

When it is as broad as it's long it must be the square thing.

After an exchange of hot words a coolness is sure to set in.

Say not always what you know, but always know what you say.

You will find the best line of Chairs, well made and beautifully finished at prices that will be money saved for you.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

People like to be taken for what they are worth, except when the tax assessor visits them.

Swept Over Niagara.

This terrible calamity often happens because a careless boatman ignores the river's warnings—growing ripples and faster current. Nature's warnings are kind. That dull pain or ache in the back warns you the kidneys need attention if you would escape fatal maladies—Dropsy, Diabetes or Bright's Disease. Take Electric Bitters at once and see Backache fly and all your best feelings return. "After long suffering from weak kidneys and lame back, one \$1.00 bottle wholly cured me," writes J. R. Blankenship, of Belk, Tenn. Only 50c at the Laurens Dr. Co. and the Palmetto Drug Co.

Notice of Guardian Discharge.

To all whom it may concern: Take notice that on the 21st day of October, 1909, at ten o'clock, a. m., I will apply to O. G. Thompson, Probate Judge, at his office at Laurens, South Carolina, for my final discharge as guardian of the estate of John D. Sullivan.

All persons holding claims against me as such guardian will present and prove the same or be forever barred.

ALLEN J. SULLIVAN,
Sept. 20th, 1909. 8-5t

More than one horse has been ruined for life by being made to pull hard when young.

SUFFERING ENDED.

Laurens Drug Co. Sells a Remedy for Catarrh on That Liberal Basis.

Breathe Hyomei over the germ-ridden membrane, and it will kill the germs, and cure catarrh.

There is no other way—you must get where the germs are before you can destroy them.

And when catarrh germs have disappeared, other things will happen; there will be no more hawking, not even in the morning; that offensive breath will disappear; there will be no more obnoxious mucous, or coughing, or sneezing, or huskiness of voice, or difficulty in breathing. All these disagreeable accessories of the demon catarrh will disappear, and as they go the glow of health will return, and all the strength and energy that was formerly used in combating the inroads of catarrh, will bring back your vitality and ambition, will make a new, healthy, happy being of you in a few weeks.

The Laurens Drug Co. will sell you a complete Hyomei outfit for \$1.00. This includes a fine inhaler, a bottle of Hyomei (pronounced High-o-me), and instructions for use. Sold by leading druggists everywhere. Extra bottles 50 cents. And bear in mind, money back if Hyomei doesn't cure you.

MI-ONA Cures Indigestion

It relieves stomach misery, sour stomach, belching, and cures all stomach disease or money back. Large box of tablets 50 cents. Druggists in all towns.

OUR SPECIAL NOTICES.

For Sale—One house and lot in town of Mountville, will sell for cash or exchange for farm property. Also several houses and lots in city of Laurens, and quite a number of farm lands very cheap. Call on Anderson & Blakely if you need any property or have any to sell.

For Rent—Two brand new Store-rooms—plate glass and pressed brick front. In front new postoffice site. See Dr. Dial. 10-4t.

For the next 30 days—Pianos at bargain prices. I represent the best. Can you find higher grade than Chase Bros., Chickering & Sons, Steinway & Knabe? See me and get prices. M. L. Willis, Robertson's hotel. 10-4t

Wanted—To rent or sell Spoon place—8½ acres; one horse farm, open; fine spring water; 9 miles west of Laurens. Easy terms. C. C. Featherstone. 10

Copyright Flour—Is what every housekeeper needs to make good bread. Copyright is rich in gluten, the meat of the wheat. Copyright is pure. 10

For Sale—Fine line of Berkshire pigs. John R. Finley, Madden, S. C.

Notice—I will be in Laurens on next Saturday and the Tuesday following, delivering and taking orders for fruit trees. Any one wishing the celebrated Pinson apple see me on that date or mail your order before then. Six trees for a dollar. D. A. Madden, Rt. No. 1, Waterloo, S. C. 11-1t

Lost or Strayed—One Jersey Cow, one horn broken, strayed off Sunday. Any one that can furnish information as to her whereabouts please notify Mrs. W. B. Bramlett, Laurens.

Money to Loan—We have money to loan on real estate mortgage in sums of \$500 and up. Terms easy. Apply to Ferguson & Featherstone, Laurens, S. C. 11-2t

Found—A Greek letter fraternity pin. Owner may claim same by proving ownership, at this office and paying for notice.

Just Arrived—700 bushels pure seed wheat from T. W. Wood & Son. Will sell to our customers for \$1.00 per bu. Feltz, Little Red May, Klondyke, Purple straw, and bearded Falcater. See us for seed wheat. Smith Mercantile Company, Kinards, S. C.

For Rent to Good Parties—An eight acre farm near Mountville, S. C.; together or in two or four horse farms. Apply to A. P. Fuller, Mountville, S. C. 12-4t.

For Sale—If not previously sold in private sale, I will sell at public outcry on Saturday in November, the first day of the month, modern 7-room cottage, lights and sewerage, located on 1½ acre, joining lot of O. B. Simmons. Terms to suit purchaser. M. L. Copeland, Laurens, S. C. 2

Notice—We have lands that we can sell at \$7, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$40 and \$60 per acre. Now is the time to get a good country home. City property from \$500 to \$10,000. Come to see us and let us fix you up. Come early to avoid the rush. Anderson & Blakely, Laurens, S. C. 2t

For Rent—The Wright place, at Lisbon, containing Three Hundred and Twenty-five acres. Large two-story dwelling with necessary outbuildings, convenient to church and school. Six miles from Laurens. A desirable place. Apply to J. N. Wright, Laurens, S. C. 12-4t.

The Best Flour—The best Flour in the world comes from Ann Arbor Michigan. For sale by Todd, Simpson & Co., Laurens, S. C. 12-4t

If you hoe your own row with diligence you will have little leisure to note how your neighbor is hoeing his.

How can a man sleep well at night when he has scolded and whipped his horses all day?

LAND SALE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Laurens.

IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

NATIONAL LOAN & EXCHANGE BANK, Plaintiff,

vs.

J. G. HENDERSON, MRS. L. R. HENDERSON, and BRITISH & AMERICAN MORTGAGE CO. LIMITED, Defendants.

Pursuant to a decree of Foreclosure in the above stated case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder, at Laurens, S. C., on Saturday in November next, being Monday the 1st day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property to wit:

A tract of land, containing one hundred and two (102) acres, more or less, bounded on the north by the lands of the estate of W. T. Smith, deceased, east by lands of Anna P. Brown, South by Saluda river, and west by lands of the Defendant, which formerly belonged to Lillian Caldwell, being the 77½ acre tract described below:—a tract of land containing seventy-seven and a half acres, more or less, bounded on the north and east by the 102 acre tract described above, south by the Saluda river and west by lands of Lillian Caldwell; and a twenty acre tract, bounded north and east by lands of the estate of W. T. Smith and south and west by lands of the estate of W. T. Smith and Lillian Caldwell and J. G. Henderson.

Terms of Sale:—ONE-HALF CASH, balance to be paid twelve months from date of sale, the credit portion to be paid twelve months from date of sale, the credit portion to be secured by bond and mortgage of the purchaser over the premises, bearing legal interest from date, with leave to purchaser to pay his entire bid in cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. If the terms of sale are not complied with, the land to be resold on same or some subsequent Saturday on same terms, at the risk of former purchaser.

JOHN F. BOLT,
C. C. P. and G. S. Laurens, S. C.
Dated, this Oct. 8th, 1909. 11-3t

Bigham Trial Thursday.
A message from Solicitor Cooper yesterday afternoon states that the Bigham-Avant trial is scheduled to come up in Georgetown on Thursday of this week.

Contentment is merely the ability to forget for a while the things that are beyond our reach.

Even the most learned of us never realize how little we know till a small boy begins to ask questions.

CHARLESTON AND WESTERN CAROLINA RAILROAD.

Arrival and Departure of Trains, Laurens, South Carolina.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1909.

WEST BOUND.

No. 1. Leave Augusta..... 10:10 a m

No. 1. Leave Laurens..... 2:32 p m

No. 1. Arrive Spartanburg... 4:05 p m

No. 5. Leave Greenwood..... 6:50 a m

No. 5. Leave Laurens..... 7:55 a m

No. 5. Arrive Spartanburg... 9:30 a m

No. 53. Leave Greenville..... 12:20 p m

No. 53. Arrive Laurens..... 1:45 p m

No. 856. Leave Greenville.... 4:20 p m

No. 856. Arrive Laurens..... 6:25 p m

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 2. Leave Spartanburg... 12:20 p m

No. 2. Leave Laurens..... 2:32 p m

No. 2. Arrive Augusta..... 6:15 p m

No. 6. Leave Spartanburg... 5:00 p m

No. 6. Leave Laurens..... 6:35 p m

No. 6. Arrive Greenwood... 7:50 p m

No. 87. Leave Laurens..... 8:10 a m

No. 87. Arrive Greenville... 10:20 a m

No. 52. Leave Laurens..... 2:35 p m

No. 52. Arrive Greenville... 4:00 p m

Trains *86 and *87 daily except Sunday.

Tri-weekly through Pullman Parlor Car service between Augusta and Asheville on trains Nos. 1 and 2; North bound, Tuesdays, Saturdays; Southbound, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

C. H. GASQUE, Agent,
Laurens, S. C.

G. T. BRYAN, Gen. Agt.,
Greenville, S. C.

A. W. ANDERSON, Gen. Supt.,
ERNEST WILLIAMS, G. P. A.,
Augusta, Ga.

Lesson From Dr. Inman

You are a parent? your child is in school a certain number of hours each day using the eyes constantly. Each year the lessons