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THE TORRENS SYSTEM.

Appearing last week in The Advertiser was an excellent article on the Torrens System of Land Registration and Transfer, written for this paper by Mr. A. C. Todd. It was a clear-cut, concise discussion of the elementary principles of a system, that gains in popularity with increasing force as it is better understood.

The Advertiser, for many months, has attempted to publish in its columns, every article obtainable on the subject tending to elucidate this wonderfully modern system of land registration. It would be impossible to discuss the subject thoroughly in one short newspaper article and for that reason Mr. Todd has only given a general view of the system with the intention of contributing from time to time a series of articles explaining the details.

The system should be understood by every landowner and every prospective landowner in this State. A thorough understanding is essential before it can ever become a part of our State government. It is certain to become a part and the sooner the better. It is gradually becoming a world wide system and wherever used is highly praised. That our next legislature will meet, consider the subject a few hours and proceed to enact a law establishing the system in this State is an impossibility. The movement is too revolutionary in form and the results are too intricate in nature to permit of hasty action.

Once established legally the Torrens System is simplicity itself. Besides giving a simple mode of land registration it is, as Mr. Todd tersely expresses it, "a system to render the title to land transferable with certainty, celerity, ease, and cheapness." With certainty in that, the title once established and officially stamped it can never be altered. With celerity in that, whereas under the present system days or even months are necessary to establish rights to title, under this system a few minutes only are required. With ease in that, the hours and days spent tediously ransacking the old dusty records are eliminated. Its cheapness is the clearest favorable point. The lawyers fee for such work becomes a thing of the past. The lawyer reaps a portion of the general prosperity that results from an introduction of this system.

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THE TROLLEY SITUATION.

Laurens must wake up if she expects to get the trolley system. She is lagging far behind her sister cities in the matter of offering inducements to the promoters. We have every natural advantage over our competitors, Greenwood and Abbeville, but nature certainly cannot be depended upon to do it all. With the advantages of having the Seaboard nearer by many miles, of offering the choice sections of the undeveloped Piedmont as territory to draw upon, and of necessitating comparatively no grading to reach us, Laurens, with a little energy, can win the fight for the greatest developing force that South Carolina has ever been offered.

The city of Greenwood has just voted $45,000.00 in bonds as her direct financial inducement. But she has this important disadvantage: The connection for passengers between the Southern railway and the trolley will practically make the passenger traffic a losing proposition. It is true Greenwood offers fine railroad connections but hardly any undeveloped territory. On the other hand, Abbeville while offering good undeveloped country does not offer satisfactory railroad connections.

Laurens, together with the Seaboard at Clinton, offers excellent railroad connections, the finest section of the Piedmont for territory, no railway competition and a level country for a road-bed. With these advantages and a some display of interest Laurens can get the trolley.

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THE COURT HOUSE.

This from the Columbia State deserves careful thought by the people of Laurens and Laurens county:

"The plan of the people of Laurens county to remodel their court house, which now stands in the middle of the 'public square, raises the question, whether it is best for the growth of a town that it have a court house square with a county building in the middle. Nearly all of the older county seats in South Carolina were laid out on this plan a century or more ago. The increase of population to 5,000 or 20,000 probably seemed so far away in those days that the spreading of the business district beyond the squares was scarcely thought of. Some 15 years ago when Spartanburg county was ready to build a new court house the wise plan of purchasing a handsome and spacious lot on one of the side streets for, the new building and abandoning the old building on the square (which in Spartanburg was more like a triangle) was adopted. Newberry has followed Spartanburg's example.

The town of Laurens is rapidly growing and in time the space now occupied by the court house would be more useful and valuable for park purposes than for a public building. The ownership of the ground by the county rather than by the town is an obstacle to changing the site of the court house, as the county would perhaps object to taxing itself to buy a new plot of land. If the county could be induced to surrender the square to the town for a reasonable consideration, it would be to the town's interest to buy it, especially as the remodeling of an old building is usually a wasteful undertaking in the long run. When a town has come to have five or six thousand inhabitants, it has outgrown its character as a county seat and that remains only one of the many factors in its importance. It would be a sound policy for all of the towns in South Carolina, having court houses in the middle of squares, which must be torn down sooner or later, to convert the squares into parks and build new court houses elsewhere."

We would suggest that the Chamber of Commerce, at its next meeting, discuss the feasibility of the plan suggested above, and, since it is improbable that they should disagree with the idea, take up at once the necessary steps towards carrying it through. The time is limited and a delay may mean the waisteful expenditure of a large sum of money on a building that would not only detract from the appearance of our square but in a few years cause continual congestions of traffic.

HAIR HEALTH.

If You Have Scalp or Hair Trouble, Take Advantage of This Offer.

We could not afford to so strongly endorse Rexall "93" Hair Tonic and continue to sell it as we do, if it did not do all we claim it will. Should our enthusiasm carry us away, and Rexall "93" Hair Tonic not give entire satisfaction to the users, they would lose faith in us and our statements and in consequence our business prestige would suffer.

We assure you that if your hair is beginning to unnaturally fall out or if you have any scalp trouble, Rexall "93" Hair Tonic will promptly eradicate dandruff, stimulate hair growth and prevent premature baldness.

Our faith in Rexall "93" Hair Tonic is so strong that we ask you to try it on our positive guarantee that your money will be cheerfully refunded if it does not do as we claim. Two sizes, 50c and $1.00 Sold only ot our store. The Rexall Store. The Laurens Drug Co.

A Card.

Editor The Advertiser: Please allow me room to thank my friends throughout the county who tendered their support to me in the pending election for county auditor. Business obligations prohibit me from entering the race.

With appreciation to every one for their confidence I am,

Respectfully
A. E. Cleveland.

Sept. 24, 1910.

OUR SPECIAL NOTICES.

Eggs for Sale—White Leghorn, Barred, Plymouth Rock and Rhode Island Red, pure strains. $1.50 for 13. Mrs. J. S. Bennett, Laurens, S. C. 10-1t

For Sale—Red rust-proof seed oats for sale. Apply to Jno. T. Stokes, Mountville, S. C. 10-2t

Seed Wheat—The Byrdville Dairy and Stock farm has 150 bushels of Blue Stem wheat for sale. W. D. Byrd, Laurens, R. F. D. No. 3. 9-tf

Lost—Hound dog last Friday in Ora settlement. Black and tan, tip of tale and blaze in face white, one white front foot, little white in breast. Any one knowing of this dog please notify M. B. Leopard, Laurens, S. C. and get suitable reward. 10-1tp

For Rent—Nice eight-room modern dwelling, two blocks from square, water works and electric lights in house. See Dr. Dial. 10-4t

Notice—Large monument and unveiling scene photographs, 25 cents each at McCord's Studio, Laurens, S. C. 10-1t

For Sale—Eleven mules, ten head of cattle, lot of hogs and pigs, also three good farms for rent. Apply to W. D. Putnam, Barksdale, S. C. 10-2tp

For Rent—Modern, nice eight room dwelling, two blocks of Square. Water works and electric lights in house. See Dr. Dial, Laurens, S. C. 9-4t

For Sale—Seed oats—appler and red rust proof oats, at 75c per bushel. Apply to A. P. Fuller, Mountville, S. C.

New Ginnery—We have installed a new six stand ginnery with all modern improvements. Give us a trial. Phoenix Oil Mill, Cross Hill, S. C. 7-4t

For Sale—"Happy John," splendid saddle horse, works well in harness. Any lady can handle him. price $100.00 L. C. Dorroh, Gray Court, S. C. 10.1tp

See our new pictures, they are very reasonably priced.
S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

The Peeler-Humphries Wedding.

The following from the Gaffney Ledger will be of interest here, the groom having lived several years in Laurens, where he has a host of friends. He is the son of Mr. B. K. Humphries:

One of the prettiest home weddings that it has been the pleasure of the people of Gaffney to witness, occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Peeler, when Miss Genie Peeler and Mr. Walter V. Humphries were united in marriage.

The house was daintily and simply decorated with cut flowers and ferns. The altar was a bower of pot plants and ivy and with this as a setting the bride—

"How lovely she looked in her own lovely youth,
As she clung to his side full of trust, and of truth!"

The relatives and a few friends were assembled at the appointed hour, and as Lohengrin's "Wedding March" announced the bridal party Dr. A. M. Simms and Rev. Furman Moore, who was to assist in the ceremony, took their places. Then came little Miss Marion Peeler, sister of the bride, bearing the ring upon a pillow of roses. She was followed by the bride and groom.

The bride wore a becoming suit of blue cloth and carried a bouquet of bride's roses and ferns.

The "Wedding March" was played by Mrs. W. H. Gooding, sister of the groom, and while the words of betrothal were being said, Mrs. Gooding played Mendelssohn's "Spring Song," softly and sweetly. After the prayer the happiness of the hour was expressed by the joyous strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March." The bride's bouquet was caught by Miss Mattie Simms.

The bride is the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peeler and is a charming girl—a favorite in the home and among her friends, of whom she has many. She is

"A perfect woman, nobly planned,
To warm, to comfort, and command."

The groom is one of Gaffney's most popular young men and a prominent cotton merchant of this place.

Both the bride and groom have been allied with the forces for promoting the best interests of the town—having been identified with the church and Sunday school for a number of years and have a host of friends who wish them all the happiness possible in their married life.

The many presents were beautiful and tastefully chosen—indicative of the high esteem in which these young people were held.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Humphries left amid a shower of rose leaves and good wishes for a stay of a few days in Laurens, at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Humphries, after which they return to their new life in their own home on Smith street.

FOR THE MAN WHO HAS ONLY A LITTLE MONEY TO SPEND WE HAVE SUITS AT $10.00 AND $12.50, AND OVERCOATS AT $10.00 AND $12.50. THESE ARE GOOD, WELL SEWED, RELIABLE CLOTHES, FIT FOR EVERY DAY AND SUNDAY, TOO. $15 TO $25.00 WILL BUY YOU THOSE THAT ARE BETTER. PAY US $20 TO $25.00 FOR A SUIT OR AN OVERCOAT AND YOU WILL HAVE THE TOPPIEST CLOTHES IN THE LAND. WE HAVE BUILT UP OUR BUSINESS BY GIVING OUR CUSTOMERS GOOD STUFF FOR THEIR MONEY. ASK THEM HOW THEY LIKE OUR CLOTHES.

Ladies' Department!

We Can Supply Your Wants!

We are ready to show you anything you may want in Ladies', Misses and Children's Wearables. We are showing to-day the biggest and best line of Ladies' and Misses Coat Suits ever shown in Laurens. We guarantee our prices to be absolutely right. We buy with a firm intention of giving our customers every advantage possible as to style, quality and lowest prices.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits from ..... $10.00 to $45.00
Ladies' Skirts from ..... $5.00 to $15.00

Special Values in Dress Goods!

Beautiful quality wool serge 36 inches wide at 50c

Elegant line of Dress Goods in serge, panama and poplins at 75c

Broadcloths in all colors 52 inches wide, best we have ever shown at the price $1.00

A Special Kid Glove Values.

We are showing a Kid Glove that is as good as you buy at most places for $1.00 in all the best shades at 75c

The best Kid Glove and biggest asssortment of colors ever sold for $1.00. We want you to see them.

Ladies', Misses and Children's Underwear.

When we offer you a garment at a price, whether it be a low price garment or one of the better grades, you can rest assured that you are getting the very best for the price you pay.

Corsets to Fit Every Figure.

American Lady and W. B.—none better. You can get just the kind you should wear. Prices from $1.00 to $3.50

Ladies', Misses and Children's Hosiery in all kinds. Cadets for Boys' and Girls are the best. Ask those who wear them.

Millinery Department!

We are showing to-day the biggest and best line of Millinery ever shown here. We can give you a hat to suit your purse. We guarantee our prices are as low and in most instances lower than you get elsewhere.

Gents' Department!

"Many Men of many minds
Many Men of many kinds
Many fishes in the sea
Many Men that don't agree"

How tired we'd all get of ourselves if we all wore exactly the same suit.

Men are of many minds when it comes to clothing but all wise ones agree on

Davis-Roper Company's Clothes

Their superior styles and splendid Quality is instantly seen. And the wide range of styles, patterns and models enables us to fit every man. No matter what his form or figure is.

$15.00 to $35.00

Of course we have Suits from $5.00 to $15.00 that are extra good values, better than you get elsewhere.

Shoes! Shoes!

Everybody knows ours Shoes are the best money can buy. Come quick.

WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO SHOW GOODS. LET US SHOW YOU.

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