

WITH THE LEGISLATURE.

COMPROMISE IS REACHED AFTER CONSIDERATION OF ALL ROAD MEASURES.

Bill Will be Reported Today—To Propose Tax on Automobiles Eighty Per Cent. of Which Goes to Counties.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The special committee to which the house referred all of the highway commission measures this morning has agreed, it was learned tonight, on a bill embodying the essential features of a measure which had been prepared by Mr. W. L. McCutchen, of Sumter. This compromise bill, which will be reported to the house tomorrow morning, is simple in its features and provides for a highway commission to be composed of the heads of the engineering departments of Clemson College, the O. S. C. and the University, the commissioner of agriculture, and one member to be appointed by the governor. This commission would employ a highway engineer.

The bill also provides for State registration of automobiles and for a tax of twenty-five cents per horse power on all automobiles and motor driven vehicles. Only 20 per cent. of this fund would go to the highway commission and 80 per cent. would be spent in the counties from which it is collected. The special committee consists of Messrs. Byrd, of Laurens; Carter, of Bamberg; W. L. McCutchen, of Sumter; Dockworth, of Anderson; and Berry, of Orangeburg.

SPECIAL ELECTION FEB. 21.

Bradford and Hanger Candidates for Short Term.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—Gov. Manning today ordered a special election to be held in the Fifth congressional district on February 21, for the full term beginning March 4, and for the unexpired term from now to that time. The State Democratic committee, although opposing the filling of the short term, in view of the governor's action ordered that a primary be held on the 14th, the same date as the primary for the candidates for the long term. The highest candidates will make the run-off in the general election on the 21st for both the short and long terms.

W. H. Bradford, of Fort Mill, Representative in the house from York, and J. W. Hanger, editor of the Key-Note, announced their intention to run for the short term.

The candidates for the short term, at \$50 each and all pledges must be in by noon of the 10th.

Columbia, Feb. 9.—The general appropriation bill was considered in the house on second reading this morning. The sections providing for an 8-mill levy, \$18,530 for the governor's office, \$7,330 for the Secretary of State's office, \$9,400 for the comptroller general's office; \$16,595 for insurance commissioner's office and \$5,600 for the State treasurer's office were passed. An effort to decrease the salary of the State insurance commissioner from \$2,500 to \$1,500 was squashed by the house.

Columbia, Feb. 10.—The general appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$3,625,460.30, \$26,590 more than the amount reported from the ways and means committee, passed third reading in the house this morning and was sent to the senate. Only one item, \$5,000 for the completion of the house for Dr. D. B. Johnson, president of Winthrop college, Rock Hill, was added on third reading. The measure passed second reading last night.

All highway measures including the report of the select committee, were made special orders for 8.30 o'clock Monday night.

The bill simplifying the machinery of the Torrens system and of land registration to conform with the federal statute passed second reading in the house today.

The county supply bill was given its second reading today.

Dead Pea Vines.

Will not a growth of dead pea vines make a good winter cover on the land?

No, they will simply make a mulch and will be wasting in the winter winds. A winter cover crop must be of living plants which can take up the nitrates that would be washed out of the soil and lost in winter. The dead pea vines cannot do this, but rye or clover can, and if you had clover on the land it would gain more nitrogen from the air. But the rye will save the loss and give you the organic nitrogen to turn under in spring. As was said recently in the Progressive Farmer, soil without a winter cover crop will be poorer in the spring.

Marriage License Record.

Licenses to marry have been granted to Ed Brown and Victoria Moses, Oswego; Elie White and Emma Homp, Sumter.

FARMERS' CLUBS WORK.

Discussed at Meeting of Salem School Improvement Association — Plans for Next Meeting.

Salem, Black River, Feb. 10.—The Salem School Improvement Association held a very pleasant meeting last night at Fern Park, the residence of Mr. E. W. Dabbs. Messrs. Mellette and Workman led in a discussion of "Why are not farmers' clubs doing more for the housekeepers than for the farmers?" There was a general discussion that was much enjoyed and that brought out some very important facts about country life and the efforts that are being made to make it more satisfactory.

Mrs. E. W. Dabbs and Mrs. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., rendered several fine selections on the piano. Miss Polly Workman read the legend of St. Valentine.

Mr. James Hodge won the box of candy for the best archery, hitting the heart planned to a curtain in the hallway.

Miss Anna Workman, the vice president, presided most gracefully in the absence of the president.

Owing to the severe wind and cold several were absent that made it necessary to omit some of the program.

The next meeting will be held at Egypt Farm, the home of Mr. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., on March 9th. It will be a St. Patrick's celebration opened by a song "Wearing of the Green." Roll call responded to by stories of Irish wit. Discussions: "Most important question before the American public today," by Messrs. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., and Hugh Witherspoon. Music, Diatonic. Discussions: "Building up a worn out field," by Mr. Andrews. Music: St. Patrick's Legend by Miss Muldrow.

The Domestic Science club will meet at the school house Tuesday evening of next week to demonstrate curing and cooking hens. R. W. D.

OFFER FREE TOBACCO SEED.

Farmers Being Urged to Replant Beds and Are Assured of Good Prices.

About one hundred and fifty tobacco growers of Sumter, Clarendon and Lee counties made application to the Sumter Chamber of Commerce for tobacco seed last Friday and Saturday to replant their beds destroyed by the recent freeze.

The Sumter Chamber of Commerce is using every available means to induce the tobacco growers to replant tobacco. It is offering a big crop of tobacco, if the farmers will hurry up their replanting.

Phone messages were being sent over the wires by the dozens from the Chamber of Commerce to banks and country merchants and farmers of Clarendon, Lee and Sumter counties last week urging them to use their influence to induce farmers to replant beds and to call on the Chamber of Commerce for free seed. The only difference between first planting and replanting is that replanted beds make the crop several weeks short, but the tobacco warehouse will open thirty days later as they did last year, owing to delay in the crop. The bright leaf tobacco which is produced only in the Pee Dee section of South Carolina and a portion of North Carolina is millions of pounds short already from the short crop of 1916, and the outlook for fancy prices for this tobacco for 1917 is excellent. Those who produce this grade of tobacco this year, and are careful in its culture and curing will be on the ground floor for high prices in the opinion of tobacco warehousemen in the closest touch with the tobacco situation.

The business men of Sumter, and Mr. J. W. Glenn, lessee of the Sumter tobacco warehouse have reached an understanding whereby they will supply the seed free to the tobacco growers who have been selling or will sell on the Sumter market this 1917 season.

GIVES PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN TALK.

C. B. Bobo of Laurens in Address to Men Tells Them to Stand up for Their Religion.

C. B. Bobo of Laurens, the speaker at the Rex Theatre Sunday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. series of lectures, made an earnest and forceful talk to men, urging them to stand up for their religion. "Do not be ashamed of Christianity" was the gist of his remarks.

Mr. Bobo stated that Christianity was something that should be carried with him at all times by every business man and that nothing should be undertaken without first holding a consultation with God. He said that when he read God's word, God was talking to him, and when he prayed to God, he was talking to God. He urged the daily reading of the scriptures and prayer.

The speaker was heard by a large and attentive audience whom he impressed most favorably with his excellent talk.

SESSIONS COURT IN SESSION.

Preliminaries Attended to During Morning. D. M. Dick Named as Foreman of Grand Jury.

The spring term of sessions court for Sumter county convened this morning with Judge R. W. Memminger, Charleston, presiding. Solicitor P. H. Stoll of Kingstree and Stenographer L. E. Wood of Sumter, with Clerk of Court H. L. Scarborough and other court attendants were all on hand. Practically all of the morning was spent in preliminary work.

Judge Memminger charged the grand jury, of which he appointed D. M. Dick as foreman for 1917. A number of bills of indictment were handed to the foreman for the jury to pass on. Clerk of Court H. L. Scarborough presented his commission as clerk of court for the next four years. Upon sufficient excuses Messrs. E. F. Miller, Perry Krasnoff, J. A. Scherwin, Jr., and J. M. Wertz were excused from jury duty.

The following cases which have been brought over on the docket were disposed of, as follows:

- W. A. James, assault and battery with intent to kill, nol prossed.
- John Barreneau, obtaining goods by false pretense, nol prossed.
- Charlie Davis, malicious mischief, nol prossed.
- Frank Thompson, disposing of property under lien, nol prossed.
- Bradford Farmer, obtaining goods by false pretense, nol prossed.
- H. P. Feagan, obtaining goods by false pretense, discontinued.
- Rachael Potts, murder, nol prossed.

The following bills were returned by the grand jury:
Essex Nelson, burglary and larceny, true bill.
Jim Stukes and Nat Richardson, compound larceny, true bill.
Clyde Williams, Cerven Williams, alias Cerven Green, housebreaking and larceny, true bill.

WARMER TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: The weather will be moderately cold the beginning of the week, followed by higher temperature Tuesday and Wednesday and moderate temperature thereafter. Except for rain on Wednesday or Thursday, the week will be generally fair.

Horse Show Date Announced.

The Camden Horse Show Association will hold their ninth annual horse show on Thursday and Friday afternoons, March 29th and 30th. The management announces that the coming show will eclipse anything ever undertaken before.—Camden Chronicle.

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TO PERFECT FAIR ORGANIZATION.

Meeting to Be Held at Chamber of Commerce on February 16th, at Noon.

The secretary of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce will today send out notices to all of the subscribers of the capital stock of the Sumter County Fair Association to meet at Chamber of Commerce rooms next Friday, February 16th, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The object of the meeting is to form a permanent organization by the election of a board of directors and other officers, to apply for a charter, arrange for the purchase of a suitable site for the fair grounds and buildings, and such other business as may be brought up for discussion.

Some delay in securing the total capital stock required has been occasioned by the failure of some of the committees to solicit stock, but this unsubscribed for stock will be taken as soon as another committee makes a canvass which will be done in the next ten days.

It is intended to have the fair buildings completed in ample time for the 1917 Gamecock County Fair this coming fall.

It is gratifying to note how much interest is being manifested in the organization of a permanent county fair association, due in a large measure to the great success of the first Sumter county fair held in this city last November. Many of the farmers of this county are showing much interest as well as Sumter business and professional men, and employees of business establishments also.

DELIGHTFUL SACRED CONCERT.

Methodist Church Crowded by Those Wishing to Hear Musicians.

The Trinity Methodist church was crowded almost to capacity yesterday afternoon by people of Sumter who were anxious to hear the sacred concert given by the Philharmonic Music club as a benefit for the Charity League. All were delighted with the magnificent music rendered and many favorable comments on the program were heard from members of the audience, as it dispersed. A generous collection was taken to aid the Charity League in its noble work.

The numbers on the program were well selected and sung in a most acceptable manner. The chorus numbers were especially pleasing. The program, as already published, was carried out.

On about two million acres of National Forest lands grazing by domestic stock is either entirely prohibited or is greatly restricted to provide range for elk.

WARNS FARMERS AGAINST COTTON.

Editor Daily Item:

We are in the midst of a severe spell of weather and are hoping that it will pass over in a day or two. Very little work has been done on the farm, owing to the continued damp cloudy weather in January. The fall of rain was not so heavy, but it has been sufficient to keep the surface of the ground too wet for plowing.

The oat and wheat crops have been doing well, but we don't know what will be the effects of the recent cold spell and blizzard. Of course we are hopeful that the plants will soon recover from the effects of the frost.

The break in the cotton market a few days ago should be a warning to the farmers that too much cotton will be dangerous to their financial interests. They do not know what the future will bring and therefore should put into practice the "live at home" plan. With the two great calamities, a war with Germany and the approaching boll weevil threatening us it seems reckless and foolish for our farmers to plunge into a big cotton crop, to the neglect of food crops for sustenance.

With corn, oats, wheat, hogs, sweet potatoes, a few cattle and chickens and eggs, and plenty of vegetables, the farmers of the south can live well under boll weevil and war conditions. Of course we should plant some cotton, but we should not make that the chief crop, regardless of other crops. Everything we read from Washington and Berlin is strongly indicative of war with the central powers and unless our farmers take note of this fact and turn their attention to raising more foodstuffs, the chances are they will find themselves in a serious situation at the close of the year. We know that there are many optimistic about the outlook for cotton prices when this awful war closes, and while we all hope for an early termination, we cannot have any intelligent idea when that will come. That fact together with the boll weevil invasion, which in all probability will be next year, should be sufficient admonition to the farmer to turn his attention to other crops, as well as cotton. Some people say the boll weevil will not come into this section, as it is too cold for it. The theory will not hold as the weevil is already in sections just as cold as it is here, so do not depend upon it.

Our idea is to be on the safe side. Do not listen to such expressions, make the farm as self-sustaining as possible, and in this way alleviate the problems which a war with Germany and the invasion of the cotton pest will force upon us. Should the war not come we would be in a much better position, as no business not self-

sustaining can prosper. The agricultural class should consider that others are speculating in their products and by shrewd manipulations are fixing prices of their output to a great extent. Should we get into war and our shipping facilities become handicapped the cotton bear will force us to sell our next crop of cotton for a very low price. Some say the end is almost in sight. Who knows?
J. C. Dunbar.

Dalzell, Feb. 12.

LANCASTER MAN KILLED.

Lancaster, Feb. 11.—Walter Evans, a prominent farmer of Jones Cross Roads, shot and killed Ed Bailey and wounded his brother, J. Y. Bailey, in a difficulty this afternoon. It is said the trouble was of long standing. Evans was shot through the face but came to Lancaster and received medical attention afterwards being placed in jail. All the parties are prominent in their communities.

RHEUMATISM IS TORTURE.

As Many a Sumter Reader Knows Only Too Well.

Many pains that pass as rheumatism are really due to weak kidneys—the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer achy, bad joints, backache, too, dizziness and some urinary disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the medicine that is publicly recommended by over 150,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out uric acid, which is often the cause of the backache, rheumatism and lumbago. Sumter people have learned their worth. Read this Sumter resident's experience.

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