

PROPOSED ROUTES OF ELECTRIC RAILWAY

**Three Fourths of Rights of Way
Already Secured—Commercial
Report Will Be Made and
Prospectus Issued.**

Clinton, S. C., Jan. 25, 1917.
Union Times,
Union, S. C.

Dear Sirs:
We are sending today an electrotype of the various routes surveyed by Mr. Tull, Chief Engineer, Carolina Rapid Transit Company, connecting Union, Laurens, Spartanburg and Clinton. The electrotypes are being shipped to the Laurens Advertiser, Union Progress, Clinton Chronicle for use of those papers, and also for use of the Laurens Herald, Union Times and Clinton Gazette.

We will appreciate your publishing same and beg to advise that at a meeting of the board of corporators, Carolina Rapid Transit Company at the Chamber of Commerce, Spartanburg, S. C., January 24th, it was decided to proceed at once to the collecting of data for a commercial report. Mr. Tull, chief engineer, reported on his engineering work and reported that about 75% of the rights of way had been secured and some 15% additional had been pledged. The remainder of the rights of way will be secured at an early date, and as soon as the commercial report is finished a prospectus of the line will be published.

A committee was appointed to attend to the publication of this prospectus, Mr. A. M. Law of Spartanburg being chairman of the committee.

The engineer, Mr. Tull, submitted a number of estimates for the complete line, the estimates varying according to the routes, the shortest complete route being 65.92 miles, estimated cost \$2,708,843.00. No route was determined upon and that matter will be left to be determined largely by the degree of support given the line on the various routes. Those routes which develop the most vigorous support are likely to secure the establishment of the line.

There are two different routes connecting Laurens and Clinton, three different routes connecting Laurens and Clinton with Cross Anchor. One of these routes cuts out Cross Anchor and runs by Hobbsville. Two different main line routes north of Cross Anchor, one going into the eastern side of Spartanburg and the other the southern side. One of these goes by Glenn Springs, another by Walnut Grove. A variation of the Glenn Springs route admits of the line going by Pauline. The Union line is surveyed to run either direct to Cross Anchor from Buffalo or by West Springs and Glenn Springs to a junction at Glenn Springs or at Pauline or at Stone.

A complete prospectus will be published within the next few months and will be distributed to the citizens of the counties of Laurens, Spartanburg and Union in order that the public may be thoroughly educated on the proposition. The line has been surveyed for a 1 1/2 maximum grade, 6 degree maximum curvature, heavy rail, heavy overhead construction and heavy equipment, steel bridges with the exception of a few small waterways.

Additional funds were reported as collected from several towns. Laurens reported its subscription completely collected and with this report all subscriptions in Laurens county were reported as completely collected. Cross Anchor reported several hundred dollars additional collected, Spartanburg \$252.00 additional.

Members of the board of corporators pledged themselves to at once complete the collection of the subscriptions made, so that no further delay would be occasioned for lack of funds in the prosecution of the work.

It is the purpose of the finance committee to lay before the people of the three counties such complete and scientific data in regard to the construction of this line as will enable them to act intelligently in the matter of giving the line support. It will be a people's railroad when it is built, owned, operated, controlled by the people of the three counties. Consequently, it is necessary that the people of the three counties be very thoroughly informed in regard to the facts of the case.

A number of financiers have interested themselves in the matter of financing the bonds and there will be no difficulty whatever along that line, only provided liberal support in stock subscriptions is given by the people of the three counties. Many assurances of interest and financial support have reached the chairman of the board of corporators. The sentiment in the three counties seems to be practically a unit in favor of the construction of the line, and so far as data has been collected the proposition presents extremely encouraging features. It is thought that the collection of the com-

GOOD ROADS MASS MEETING

At a mass meeting of citizens held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Thursday, the question of asking the Union county delegation to get through a bill allowing Union township to vote on a good roads bond issue.

Allan Nicholson was elected chairman and Lewis M. Rice was elected secretary of the meeting.

Mr. Nicholson submitted data which he had secured showing the number of miles of roadway in Union township was 79 miles, that Union township had \$2,750,000 of assessment value.

Ehlsie Nicholson moved that a committee of five be appointed to request the passage of a good roads bill for Union township allowing said township to vote upon the question of a bond issue for Union township, \$100,000; that the said committee further secure a petition from the citizens of the township favoring such a move; further that the said committee draft a tentative bill to be submitted to the county delegation. This motion was seconded by R. L. McNally and was unanimously carried.

On motion it was carried that the chairman appoint a committee of five to look after the petitions and to present the same to the Union delegation at once.

The committee appointed as follows: R. L. McNally, B. F. Alston, Jr., W. W. Johnson, Dr. R. R. Berry and R. P. Morgan.

It was further moved and carried that if for any reason the number of the committee could not serve, the members present be allowed to choose members in their stead.

MUSIC CLUB ENTERTAINED.

Miss Kathrine Layton entertained the Euterpean Music club at her home on Main street Monday afternoon, Dec. 29. The following program was enjoyed:

Members responded to roll call with interesting notes on late operas and distinctive facts about Paderewski.

Paper, "Johan Strauss," Miss Ludie Jordan.

Lohengrin Chorus—Mesdames W. T. Beatty, F. H. Garner, John Morgan and Frost Walker.

Kathleen James, Louisa Duncan and Maude Garner, accompanist, Miss Edith Smith.

Vocal solo, "In Distant Lands," (Lohengrin)—Mrs. J. F. Walker.

Piano solo—Faust—Mrs. B. F. Alston.

Piano solo—Asa's Death—Greig—Prelude—Chopin—Miss Francis Nicholson.

The club gave a few minutes to the practice of the new national air for America, to be used instead of the tune, "God Save the King." The new national air was composed by James J. McCabe and was adopted by the D. A. R. Congress at Washington.

The new music is distinctly American and it is hoped will be adopted unanimously.

Miss Layton served a tempting salad course and was assisted by Mesdames Paul Switzer and Aubrey Rice.

LOCATES IN UNION.

Mr. Paul Christman, who has for the past 28 years served in the navy, being stationed at Norfolk in the Navy Yards, has decided to locate in Union, where he will conduct a general repair shop and do all kinds of electrical work. He is an expert electrician, having been in charge of that department in the Navy Yard.

Mr. Christman has opened his shop in the Smith block, and in the same room occupied by Mr. Purdy, his brother-in-law.

OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

Mr. Jacob Cohen, president of the Union Chamber of Commerce, left Monday evening for Washington, D. C., to attend the meeting of the presidents of Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Cohen is a wide-awake man and is ever on the lookout for some improvement for his home town and spares neither time nor money to make things move. He will have a bundle of new ideas when he returns home.

Commercial data will afford a proper basis for enthusiastic presentation of this proposition as an investment, but until the commercial data is collected and estimates are made by an expert statistician as to income, it is impossible to give accurate statements in regard to gross or net income, and consequently it is as yet impossible to predict the likelihood of profit or loss in the transaction.

All citizens of the three counties are urged to lend their moral and financial support to these investigations in order that our people may be most thoroughly informed in regard to the possibilities of their own country and in order that they may act intelligently when the time arrives for action.

Yours sincerely,
J. F. Jacobs,
Chairman Board of Corporators Carolina Rapid Transit Co.

GRAVE NEW CRISIS IN SUBMARINE WARFARE

**Germany Threatens to Sink All Vessels
Going to Entente Ports**

**Action of Kaiser's Government Brings This Country Close to
Verge of Severance of Diplomacy—Three Courses Open
With Same End Likely For Each of Them.**

Washington, Jan. 31.—Germany has declared unrestricted submarine warfare.

A starvation blockade of England, the like of which the world never has seen, was announced today in notes delivered to American Ambassador Gerard in Berlin and to the state department here by Count von Bernstorff.

Thus begins the long feared campaign conceived by von Hindenberg, it is said here, on a magnitude never even contemplated by von Tirpitz.

Again the United States faces severance of diplomatic relations with Germany with all its eventual possibilities. President Wilson's repeated warnings of "a world afire" and Secretary Lansing's "verge of war" statements are being recalled in the capital tonight with feeling of apprehension and misgiving.

Germany's action brings the supreme crisis of all those that have stirred the American government in two and a half years of world war.

Talk of peace and means of preserving peace has gone glimmering.

Wilson First Incredulous.

President Wilson, incredulous at first when the official text of Germany's warning was taken to him, at once called for the official document, which had just been presented to Secretary Lansing by the German ambassador. Mr. Lansing refused to make a comment. President Wilson began at once a careful study of the document.

The president has the task of deciding what shall be the course of the United States. Three immediate steps appear among the possibilities.

The United States might solemnly warn Germany against violation of her pledge; it might be decided that the German warning is sufficient notice of an intention to disregard those pledges and a sufficient warrant for breaking off diplomatic relations; it might be decided to await the results of the blockade and determine the course of the United States as the actual operations develop.

On almost every side Germany's drastic action is interpreted as an open confession of the effectiveness of the British food blockade. It is re-

warded as a determination to strike back in kind. German officials in the United States estimate the food supply of the British Isles will last a month.

Would Starve England.

Admittedly the plan is to carry starvation to the doors of England with swift, staggering strikes as a fulfillment of Germany's announced determination to use every weapon and agency at her command to end the war quickly. She counts on the operations of an unheard of number of submarines to deliver blows to bring England to her knees within 60 days. One German official here predicted today the war would be over in a month.

Conveyed to the world as her answer to the refusal of the entente allies to talk peace, Germany's latest warning says:

"From February 1, 1917, within barred zones around Great Britain, France, Italy and in the eastern Mediterranean, all sea traffic forthwith will be opposed."

It virtually is a renewal and an extension of the celebrated submarine blockade of the British Isles proclaimed on February 4, 1915, and which became effective February 18, 1915. Under it ships were sunk without warning until Germany abandoned the practice and gave her assurances, in the Sussex case, to abide by international law. The Lusitania, Falaba and scores of other ships were sunk under the decree.

American citizens and American ships are warned from entering the war zones, although certain precautionary measures are suggested for distinguished American steamers not carrying contraband, according to the German list. These conditions in almost the same form were rejected when proposed by Germany early in the negotiations over the Lusitania. At that time Germany proposed to guarantee immunity from attack to certain specified passenger ships sailing on prescribed courses with distinguishing marks and carrying no contraband. President Wilson rejected the proposal promptly on the ground that the United States was contending only for its rights.

W. B. UPSHAW OF GEORGIA WILL DELIVER ADDRESSES

**In Interest of Prohibition—Will Speak
in Union County at Several
Places During February.**

Will B. Upshaw, known throughout the country as a speaker of exceptional ability and held by all who know him to be an earnest advocate of cleaning living and high thinking, will deliver a number of lectures in the interest of prohibition in Union county during February.

The following schedule is being arranged for him:

- Feb. 12, Jonesville, 7:30 p. m.
- Feb. 13, Woodruff, 7:30 p. m.
- Feb. 14, Gaffney, 7:30 p. m.
- Feb. 15, Lockhart, 7:30 p. m.
- Feb. 16, Clinton, 7:30 p. m.
- Feb. 18, Union, Buffalo, Monarch.
- Feb. 19, Whitmire.
- Feb. 20, Iva.

It may be possible that some of these dates will have to be arranged to make the connection between points, but as it has been outlined at present.

Mr. Upshaw will no doubt be heard by large audiences, for his reputation has preceded him, and it is expected that he will have something to say that is worth while. There will be no fixed charges, but at each meeting a voluntary collection will be taken.

MOVES TO E. MAIN STREET.

Leonard & Herlong, who have been conducting a market on Gadberrystreet, have purchased the stock of goods of J. E. Fowler & Son and moved into the store room on E. Main street. They are conducting a market and also are carrying a full line of groceries.

GIST-MAYES.

Mr. W. P. Mayes and Miss Mary Gist of West Springs, this county, were married by Rev. L. L. Wagon, at his residence, Union, S. C., Tuesday, January 30th, 1917.

Quite a bevy of friends and relatives were present when these happy young people were married.

Mr. A. B. Lee has resigned his position with Sanders Bros. to accept a position with the mill company at Great Falls. Mr. Walter Sprouse has been given the position Mr. Lee held with Sanders Bros.

RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO COTTON POOLS

**WILLIAM WALLACE CHAPTER
MET MONDAY AFTERNOON**

The William Wallace chapter, U. D. C., met at the Chamber of Commerce on Monday afternoon with about 45 members present. The hostesses were Mrs. W. E. Thomson, Miss Sallie Thomson, Mrs. C. R. Robertson, Mrs. B. B. James and Mrs. L. J. Hames.

Rev. J. W. Speake opened the meeting with prayer and then gave a short talk which was enjoyed and appreciated.

The treasurer gave a report of expenditures for the annual convention held here in November—that the treasury is not depleted is very gratifying, the report showing quite a nice little sum left after all debts have been settled.

Mrs. T. C. Duncan read a sketch of the life of the late Bishop Duncan, giving facts and incidents of his life while in the Confederate army and as a minister through a long life of service up to being made bishop.

Mrs. B. B. James read a brief sketch of the life of Rev. A. A. James, showing something of his life as a preacher and a soldier of the Confederacy. It is with some reluctance that the chapter is turning the study of the life and character of men in local history to a deeper and broader study of history in general.

The chapter voted to endorse the movement now launched of establishing a home for the feeble minded. Many present voiced the hope that this institution so much needed will receive the support of the legislature now in session.

Miss Alberta Harris was made chairman of a committee to make rules and regulations to govern the contest for the William Wallace chapter medal. The contest is to be among students of the High school and the subject chosen is "The Cause of the War Between the States."

It is hoped that in the near future the chapter will own china and silver, committees having been appointed to look into the cost of same.

The chapter, with the permission of the President, Mr. Jacob Cohen, will in the future meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms; the chapter having outgrown the private homes.

More new names were added last year than any chapter in the Division. A social half hour was enjoyed and the hostesses served dainty sandwiches and tea.

Standing Committees.

The following standing committees of the William Wallace Chapter, U. D. C., have been appointed for the year 1917:

Executive Committee—Mrs. F. M. Farr, chairman, Mrs. Davis Jeffries, Mrs. W. E. Thomson, Mrs. C. H. Peak, Mrs. Mabeth Young, Mrs. B. B. James, Mrs. L. M. Jordan, Mrs. Frost Walker, Jr.

Finance Committee—Mrs. I. M. Jordan, chairman, Mrs. D. A. Wallace, Mrs. Mabry Rice.

Custodian of Crosses—Mrs. Ora Fant.

Program Committee—Mrs. F. M. Farr, chairman, Mrs. J. F. McClure, Mrs. L. J. Hames, Mrs. Frost Walker, Jr.

Benevolent Committee—Mrs. Ora Fant, chairman, Mrs. C. T. Murphy, Mrs. W. T. Beatty, Mrs. T. C. Duncan, Miss M. E. Foster.

MRS. JAS. MIXSON ENTERTAINS.

Mrs. James Mixson was hostess to the Elwell club on Thursday afternoon and the guests of honor were Mrs. James Turner Fitten, of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Daisy Watson of Ridge Spring. The score cards were tiny umbrellas, some wide open and some shut-up. As the hostess did not know what the weather man would hand out, the score cards were made to fit any emergency. After the game an elegant salad course with coffee was served.

D. A. R. MEETING.

The Fair Forest Chapter, Daughters of American Revolution, will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday afternoon, February 6th, at the home of Mrs. M. A. Moore, at 3:45 p. m. Assisting hostesses will be Mrs. F. M. Farr and Mrs. L. M. Jordan.

TO MAKE AN ADDRESS.

To the Citizens of Union County: I desire to make an address in the courthouse at Union on salesday in February, immediately after the sales have been finished. I wish to talk of matters that very materially relate to taxes and taxation, so please give me as large an audience as possible.

T. C. Duncan.

Dr. J. G. Going, Mr. B. B. Going, Mr. Geo. W. Going, Mr. R. C. Williams, J. E. Kirby, T. L. Estes and R. J. Allen have returned from a week's trip to Florida, and express themselves as having had a delightful visit. While there they invested in some Florida grape fruit lands.

**Introduced by Senator J. Gordon
Hughes January 23rd and Was
Unanimously Passed by Both
Houses.**

The following concurrent resolution, relative to cotton Pools was introduced by Senator J. G. Hughes, senator from Union county, on January 23, and was unanimously passed by both houses:

"Whereas, cotton is a product upon which the livelihood and prosperity of a great part of the people of this country depend, and in all fairness and honesty the producer of cotton are entitled to have the price thereof fixed by supply and demand; and

Whereas, the cotton crop of the past year is short of the requirements of the world, according to all estimates of production and consumption, and the producers ought of right to receive a price therefor higher than normally; and

"Whereas, There is apparently beyond doubt a combination or clique of operators or speculators on the New York Cotton Exchange and probably other exchanges of this country formed for the purpose of manipulating the cotton market by speculation and short selling without the least intention of ever delivering the cotton sold, thus depressing the future market to a point far below the price at which cotton can actually be purchased, with the sole intention of tiring out the holders of cotton and forcing them to sell the same at a sacrifice;

"Therefore, Be it

Resolved by the senate, the house of representatives concurring, that the senators and representatives from this State in congress be urged to demand that the attorney general of the United States immediately take such steps possible under the Smith-Lever Act, or other laws, to stop the illegal acts herein complained of, to bring proper punishment upon the perpetrators and to prevent such crimes in the future; that this resolution be wired to each senator and representative in congress from this State."

DEATH OF MRS. JOHN FINCHER.

Mrs. John Fincher passed away at her home at Padgett's Creek last Friday and the body was laid to rest in Padgett's Creek cemetery on Saturday. Surviving her are her husband and the following children, Bob, Eldridge, Ollie, Mallie and Mittie.

Mrs. Fincher was a consistent church worker and her faithfulness as a consistent church worker makes her church sustain an irreparable loss in her death.

REVIVAL AT BUFFALO.

Rev. J. J. Beach, pastor of Southside Baptist church of Columbia, will arrive in Buffalo next Monday to assist Rev. A. T. Stoudenmire in a revival meeting in the Buffalo Baptist church.

ENTERTAINMENT AT SANTUCK.

The ladies of the Santuck Community club will serve oysters at the school house next Friday night, Feb. 2nd, for the benefit of the piano fund. The public is cordially invited to attend.

BANQUET AT SARDIS.

The Ladies' Community club will serve a sumptuous banquet at Sardis school house on Saturday night, February 3rd. The public is invited to attend. Mrs. Thomas Sims, President.

DEATH OF MR. WADE BARNES.

Mr. Wade Barnes, township commissioner for Pinckney township, died at his home in Lockhart Tuesday and his remains were buried at Foster's Chapel the following day. Mr. Barnes had been in poor health for sometime, but his serious illness was of short duration. He suffered with some heart affection.

Mr. Barnes was held in high esteem by his neighbors, and was a man worthy of their confidence.

LANKFORD-MILLER.

Miss Ada Lankford and Mr. C. F. Miller were married Wednesday evening at the Baptist parsonage. The ceremony was read by Rev. George P. White, and was witnessed by a few relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller left on the evening train for a honeymoon trip South after which they will be at home to their friends in Union.

This couple has the good wishes of hosts of friends for years of prosperity and happiness.

Cadel Louis Gilliam of Clemson College has been quite sick at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fant Gilliam, but is improving today.

Mrs. T. B. Strange (Lilian Goforth) is quite ill at her home on S. Church street.