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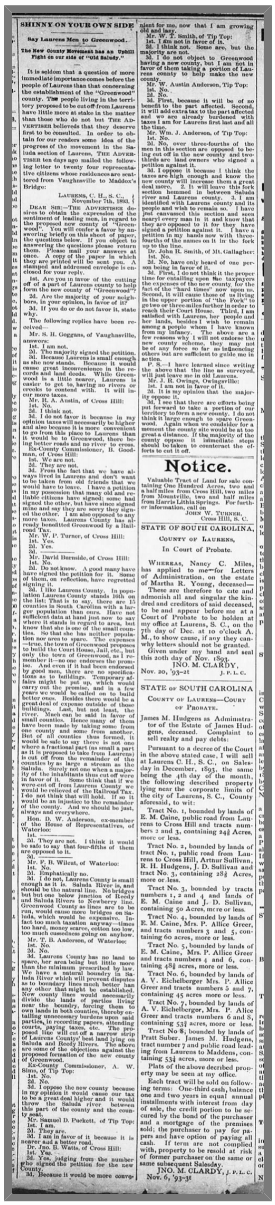

SHINNY ON YOUR OWN SIDE

Say Laurens Men, to Greenwood. Not Quite Yet.

The New County Movement has an Uphill Fight on our side of "Old Salude."

It is seldom that a question of more immediate importance comes before the people of Laurens than that concerning the establishment of the "Greenwood" county. Some people living in the territory proposed to be cut off from Laurens have little more at stake in the matter than those who do not but THE ADVERTISER believeds that they deserve first to be consulted. In order to obtain for our readers some idea of the progress of the movement in the Saluda section of Laurens, THE ADVERTISER ten days ago mailed the following letter to twenty four representative citizens whose residences are scattered from Vaughanville to Maddox's Bridge:

LAURENS, C. H., S. C.,
Nov. 16, 1893.

DEAR SIR:—THE ADVERTISER desires to obtain a fair expression of the sentiment of leading men, in regard to the proposed new county of "Greenwood." To this end we have undertaken sewering briefly on this sheet of paper, the questions below. If you object to answering the questions please return them. Please mail your answers at your leisure, in the envelope in which they are printed will be sent you. A stamped and addressed envelope is enclosed for your reply.

1st. Are you in favor of the cutting off of the Saluda section of Laurens to form the new county of "Greenwood"?

2d. Are the majority of your neighbors, in your opinion, in favor of it?

3d. If you do or do not favor it, state why.

The following replies have been received:—

Mr. S. H. Coggins, of Vaughanville:

1st. I am not.

2d. The majority signed the petition.

3d. Because Laurens is small enough as she now stands. Because it would cause us to be overrunned with roads, records and land deals. While Greenwood is a little nearer, Laurens is nearer to me in having no rivers or creeks to contend with. It will be over more to Laurens.

Mr. H. A. Austin, of Cross Hill:

1st. No.

2d. I think not.

3d. I do not favor it because in my opinion taxes will necessarily be higher and also because it is more convenient to go from this place to Laurens than to go to Greenwood, besides having better roads and no river to cross.

Ex-County Commissioner, B. Goodman, of Cross Hill:

1st. We are not.

2d. They are not.

3d. From the fact that we have always lived in Laurens and don't want to be bothered with the trouble that we would have to have. I have a petition in my possession that many old and reliable citizens have signed, some had signed the other, but have since signed the petition for the new county, and all the other. I am also opposed to any more taxes. Laurens County has already benefitted Greenwood by a Railroad Tax.

Mr. A. P. Turner, of Cross Hill:

1st. Yes.

2d. Yes.

3d. ——

Mr. David Burnside, of Cross Hill:

1st. No.

2d. Do not know. A good many have have signed the petition for it. Some of them on reflection, have regretted signing it.

3d. I like Laurens County. In population Laurens County stands 34th on the list; That is to say, there are 33 counties in South Carolina that have larger population than ours. Have not sufficient data at hand just now to say how Saluda stands in regard to area, but know that she is one of the small counties. Greenwood County is cutting Laurens now down to space. The expression—true, the town of Greenwood proposes to give a Railroad Subscription, only but only the town of Greenwood, and only member it—no one endorses the promise. And even if it had been endorsed by good men, there are no specifications as to how, where, and when the bars might be put up, which would carry out the promise, and in a few years we would be called on to build greater cars. Besides there would be a lot of new county expenses, such as buildings. Last, but not least, the river. Much can be said in favor of Greenwood County as lines are to be run, would cause mere bridges on Saluda, which would be expensive. Infact too much taxation anyway—times too hard—too much money going out, too much economise going on anyhow.

Mr. T. B. Anderson, of Waterloo:

1st. No.

2d. No.

3d. Laurens County has no land to spare, her area being but little more than the minimum prescribed by law. We have a natural boundary in the Saluda River which will prevent disputes as to boundary lines, which would be say other that might be established. New county lines would necessarily cut off some of our parties living near the boundary, forcing them to run lands in both counties, thereby entailing unnecessary burdens upon said parties, in reverting papers, attending courts, &c. Greenwood County, if proposed, will cut off a narrow strip of Laurens County' best land lying on Saluda and Reedy Rivers. The above are some of the objections against the proposed formation of the new county of Greenwood.

Ex-County Commissioner, A. W. Sims, of Tip Top:

1st. No.

2d. No.

3d. I oppose the new county because in my opinion it would cause our tax to be a great deal higher and it would throw the Saluda river between this part of the county and the county seat.

Mr. Samuel D. Puckett, of Tip Top:

1st. No.

2d. They are.

3d. I am in favor of it because it is nearer and a better road.

Dr. Jno. B. Watts, of Cross Hill:

1st. No.

2d. Yes, judging from the number who signed the petition for the new County.

3d. Because it would be more convenient for me, now that I am growing old and lazy.

Mr. W. T. Smith, of Tip Top:

1st. I am not in favor of it.

2d. I think they are. Some are, but the majority are not.

3d. I do not object to Greenwood having a new county, but I am not in favor of them taking a portion of Laurens County to help make the new county.

Mr. W. Austin Anderson, Tip Top:

1st. No.

2d. No.

3d. First, because it will be of no benefit to the part affected. Second, it will add extra tax to the part affected. Third, I am not in favor of taxes. Fourth I am for Laurens first last and all the time.

Mr. Wm. J. Anderson, of Tip Top:

1st. No.

2d. No, over three-fourths of the men in this section are opposed to being cut off in the new county and two-thirds of the voters were who signed a petition against it.

3d. I oppose it because I think the taxes are high enough and know the new county will increase them a great deal. Besides, I live near the Saluda section bounded in between Saluda river and Laurens county. 3. I am identified with Laurens county and its people and wish to remain so. I have talked with a good many people and canvassed every man in it and know that they are opposed to it for they have signed a petition against it. I have a petition in my hands now with three-fourths of the names on it in the forks up to the line.

Dr. John R. Smith, of Mt. Gallagher:

1st. No.

2d. No, have only heard of one person being in favor of it.

3d. First, I do not think it the proper time for entailing upon the taxpayers of Laurens county the burden of the fact of the "hard times" now upon us. Second, it will cause those of us living in the proposed territory to go a few miles of the county seat further in order to reach their Court House. Third, I am satisfied with Laurens, her people and her lands, besides I wish to remain where I have lived all my life, and free from my infancy. The above are a few reasons why I will not endorse the new county scheme, they may not be of any force so far as influencing others, but are sufficient to guide me in action.

P. S.—I have learned since writing the above that the lines are surveyed, still just leave me in the minority.

Mr. J. R. Owings, Cross Hill:

1st. I am not in favor of it.

2d. It is my opinion that the majority are not.

3d. I see that there are efforts being put forward to take a portion of our territory to form a new county. I do not think it large enough to space Greenwood County, and I am opposed to it because the county site would be at too great a distance. If the majority of the people want it, it immediate steps should be taken to counteract the efforts to cut it off.

Notice.

Valuable Tract of Land for sale containing One Hundred Acres, two and a half miles from Cross Hill, two miles from Nesselville, two and half miles from Harris Lithia Springs. For further information, apply to

JOHN W. TUDSER,
Cross Hill, S. C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,
COUNTY OF LAURENS,
In Court of Probate.

WHEREAS, Nancy C. Miles, has applied to me for Letters of Administration, on the estate of Martha R. Young, deceased—

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of said deceased, to be and appear before me at a Court of Probate to be holden at my office at Laurens, S. C., on the 7th day of Dec. at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause, if any they can why letters should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 20th day of Nov. 1893.

JNO. M. CLARDY,
Nov. 20, '93-2t J. P. L. C.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF LAURENS—COUNTY OF PROBATE.

James M. Hudgens as Administrator of the Estate of James Hudgens, deceased. Complaint to sell realty and pay debts.

Pursuant to a decree of the Court in the above stated case, I will sell at Laurens C. H., S. C., on Salesday in December, 1893, the same being the 4th day of the month, the following described property lying near the corporate limits of the city of Laurens, S. C., County aforesaid, to wit:

Tract No. 1, bounded by lands of E. M. Caine, public road from Laurens to Cross Hill and tracts numbers 2 and 3, containing 24½ Acres, more or less.

Tract No. 2, bounded by lands of tract No. 1, public road from Laurens to Cross Hill, Arthur Sullivan, R. H. Hudgens, J. D. Sullivan and tract No. 3, containing 28¾ Acres, more or less.

Tract No. 3, bounded by tracts numbers 1, 2 and 4 and lands of E. M. Caine and J. D. Sullivan, containing 50 Acres, more or less.

Tract No. 4, bounded by lands of E. M. Caine, Mrs. P. Alice Greer, and tracts numbers 3 and 5, containing 60 acres, more or less.

Tract No. 5, bounded by lands of E. M. Caine, Mrs. P. Alice Greer and tracts numbers 4 and 6, containing 48¾ acres, more or less.

Tract No. 6, bounded by lands of A. V. Eichelberger Mrs. P. Alice Greer and tracts numbers 5 and 7, containing 45 acres more or less.

Tract No. 7, bounded by lands of A. V. Eichelberger, Mrs. P. Alice Greer and tracts numbers 6 and 8, containing 53½ acres, more or less.

Tract No 8, bounded by lands of Pratt Suber. James M. Hudgens, tract number 7 and public road leading from Laurens to Maddens, containing 53½ acres, more or less.

Plats of the above decribed property may be seen at my office.

Each tract will be sold on following terms: One-third cash, balance one and two years in equal annual installments with interest from day of sale, the credit portion to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and a mortgage of the premises sold; the purchaser to pay for papers and have option of paying all cash. If terms are not complied with, property to be resold at risk of former purchaser on the same or same subsequent Salesday.

JNO. M. CLARDY, J. P. L. C.
Nov. 6, '93-3t

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