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**THE LANTERN,**  
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1904.

**Cost of Roads.**

We simply called attention Tuesday to the "Comparative Statement" printed on the first page of that day's issue, not having time to say more. Preserve this statement. There are a number of features about it that are interesting. The most variable item of expense aside from the "miscellaneous" is "roads and bridges." It is probable that the expense for ordinary road work for these four years has been nearly uniform and that the variation is due to bridge work. When very little is spent on bridge repairs during one year it becomes necessary to do more the next year. There may also be new bridges to build some years that will cost more than the total amount spent on roads and bridges in other years. Then floods are to be taken into account. The supervisor of Greenville county stated in Columbia Wednesday that his county had \$65,000 worth of bridges swept away in one day last year.

Let us take \$60,000 from the figures for 1901, and \$63,900 from 1903, as explained in the note below the table, and we find the figures for 1903 about \$3,000 more than the average for the two preceding years. This excess may be supposed to represent about the cost of the three miles of magnificent macadam road built before the close of 1903. And this result corresponds with the figures reached from other data. It has been estimated that the four miles nearly completed will cost about \$1000 a mile, though it is said that the fourth mile will cost much less than the average of the other three, as there was heavy grading on the first part, and perhaps a quarter of a mile of it was macadamized double width. It is true also that a good deal of expense was necessary in getting a start that will not be necessary in continuing the work.

It will thus appear that Chester county has made her first four miles of permanent road at a cost which is below the estimates of those who have had experience in such work.

It was remarked at the good roads meeting in Columbia, by one who is informed on such matters that Chester people are fortunate if we can build macadam roads at \$1200 a mile, and the speaker was not aware that we are making the very best kind of roads.

The Good Roads meeting in Columbia this week can hardly fail to result in good. The supervisors would all return home resolved to be able to make a better report next year. They will be more systematic in their accounts and more definite in their figures. They will plan their work more intelligently and execute it with greater energy.

The Immigration meeting in Columbia was not as well attended as it ought to have been, but it did secure definite work. The legislation was asked to favor the Immigration Society of South Carolina. A bill was also prepared to be presented to the legislature providing for the establishment of a bureau of immigration, with a secretary whose duties shall be to collect information from all parts of the state and answer the inquiries that are daily coming to the state in regard to climate, soil, products, locations for stock farms and manufacturing enterprises, water powers and many other matters.

It is the purpose of the society to use its efforts in securing only the most desirable class of immigrants, such as will settle down as permanent residents and become owners of small farms, thus occupying and improving land that is now going to ruin, and repopulating the rural districts that have been largely deserted. The preference of the members of the committee is decidedly Scotch immigrants.

**At the Baptist Church Sunday.**  
Rev. John H. Egger, D. D., of Baltimore, Md., who has been several years in Rome, Italy, as a missionary, will preach Sunday at 11 a. m., and will speak at night at 7:30. Dr. Egger has made several tours around the world, and was in Rome when the late pope died. The public are cordially invited to attend.

**COLUMBIA LETTER.**

**The Doings of the Law Makers—Special Message of the Governor—Good Roads and Immigration.**  
COLUMBIA, Jan. 21.—After a little rest from Saturday until yesterday, the legislature is again at work and when the elections have been disposed of today some final results of the session may be expected.

So far this work has been given over to good roads and politics. While many of the members went home for the brief holiday, others stayed in Columbia and some of them attended the good roads convention. This gathering brought a number of people to Columbia. Nearly all the county supervisors were here, and this gave them the opportunity to talk over county affairs with their respective delegations, although it will be some time yet before the supply bill is taken up and the appropriation bills, these being the measures in which the supervisors are interested.

The good roads movement was brought into the legislature yesterday by a resolution inviting Senator Latimer to address the house along the same line upon which he spoke the day before at the convention. The senator was standing just inside of the door when the resolution was offered a few minutes before one o'clock and it was not long before he was presented to the body by Speaker Smith. His subject was one in which all profess to be interested and one to which he has devoted no little attention and study, but he was greeted by no applause and his speech was listened to with no demonstration whatever. The good roads convention, however, has asked the legislature to endorse his scheme for national aid in the improvement of the highways.

**A SPECIAL MESSAGE.**

The only other feature of yesterday's session was the receipt of a special message from Gov. Heyward upon the subject of lynching, in which he asks for legislation on the subject. The message is as follows:

January 20, 1904.

Special message No. 4.  
To the Honorable the Gentlemen of the General Assembly:  
In my annual message to your honorable body reference was made to the lawlessness in our state, the frequent occurrence of lynchings being dealt with particularly. The necessity of respect being paid to the law by civilized communities was urged in this connection. You, the law-makers, had not been troubled here a week when another evidence of this lawless spirit is given in the lynching at Reesville.

The governor is popularly credited with the power to prevent or punish these outrages against the state. In reality he is practically powerless. When notified, he may sometimes frustrate the mob by the employment of troops, but when the crime has been committed his hands are practically tied. The meagre rewards he has been empowered to offer out of his contingent fund have proven ineffectual, and this is as far as he is permitted to go. In the meantime the spirit of lawlessness is unchecked. Any band of lawless men may feel secure in taking the life of a fellow being on almost any pretext. This deplorable condition ought to be remedied. To compel greater respect, the proper respect, for the majesty of the law I recommend the enactment of special legislation in reference to lynching. This is a great responsibility of officials directly charged with enforcing the law brought home to them, and that more effectual measures be taken for the apprehension of persons who take the law in their own hands.

In lieu of such legislation, I suggest that the governor be provided with an adequate fund for the purpose of suppressing lynching—a fund that may be used in offering suitable rewards, or in obtaining evidence against lynchings in such manner as may be deemed best. I sincerely regret the necessity, for this and am not desirous of additional responsibilities, but I will not shrink any duty that the general assembly may see fit to impose for the welfare and good name of South Carolina. D. C. HEYWARD, Governor.

**ROUTINE WORK.**  
The senate has very little on its calendar yet and until some measure comes up to arouse debate its sessions will be short.

Yesterday Senator Brice presented the memorial of the Temperance, Law and Order league for an amendment to the dispensary law to allow municipalities to vote upon the question of removing dispensaries already established. This is a proposition that has recently evoked not a little discussion throughout the state.

A bill to charter the state immigration association has also been introduced.

Yesterday in the house after some discussion the bill to place under the control of the sinking fund commission, the state and other fishery enterprises, was committed. The bill proposed to raise a revenue from such enterprises, but its recommendation does not necessarily mean that it will be killed. There was the usual discussion when a commutation bill came up, but before anything was done it was decided to hear Senator Latimer on the good roads movement, so proceedings were suspended.

**Capt. Agurs Is Dead.**  
Capt. John L. Agurs died Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock. Funeral service was held today at 11 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. Rev. G. P. Watson, of the Methodist church, officiating, and the remains were buried in Evergreen cemetery. The following were the ACTIVE PALE BEARERS  
M. S. Lewis G. B. Greene  
Jno. G. White S. M. Jones  
T. H. White Wm. McKinnell  
J. C. Robinson E. H. Hardin

**HONORARY.**  
Wm. Lindsay J. C. McFadden  
S. B. Lathan A. G. Brice  
J. R. Simmill J. W. Reed  
T. B. Woods A. C. Fischel  
Dr. S. W. Pryor Judge G. W. Gage  
Jas. A. Owen Judge J. J. McClure  
J. L. Giennie H. W. Hafner  
W. H. Hardin Dr. A. F. Anderson  
Capt. E. B. Mobley.

Capt. Agurs was a man of robust health until a few months ago when he had some kind of stroke that rendered him unconscious. He recovered partially, but for some time before the end he had been declining. Both his daughters, Mrs. H. R. Starbuck, of Winston, and Mrs. A. M. Aiken, of Chester, were with him when he died, as well as Judge Starbuck and Mr. A. M. Aiken.

The deceased was a native of the Fishing Creek section of the county and was in his 80th year. When a young man he spent some years in the gold regions of California, and traveled over the south-western states generally. He was very successful in the mercantile business here for many years, retiring perhaps 15 years ago.

Capt. Agurs was an honest, upright citizen, having an abhorrence of any kind of deception or false pretence. Though he was the wealthiest man in the city, rich and poor were alike to him, if honest and industrious. He had no patience with an idle thriftless man. He was one of the most candid men we have ever known. He never hesitated to express his sentiments on any subject or to tell any man plainly what he thought of him, whenever occasion called for expression.

**Result of Election.**  
We have space for only the result of the election by the legislature yesterday, as follows:  
For associate justice, Hon. C. A. Woods was re-elected without opposition.  
On the Penitentiary board, J. O. Wingo and D. B. Peurifoy were elected to succeed W. B. Love and W. D. Mann.  
Miss LaBarde was re-elected librarian.  
W. O. Tatum had no opposition for dispensary commissioner.  
H. H. Evans was elected chairman of the dispensary board, and John Bell Towill and L. W. Boykin directors.

**Mrs. Durham Dead.**  
We learn just before going to press that Mrs. M. M. Durham, of Blackstock, died this morning from the effects of paralysis. We can get no particulars for this issue.

**OPERA HOUSE.**  
The ever popular Mabel Paige and her company will be at the Opera House next Thursday, January 28th. Miss Paige has a very warm place in the hearts of the Chester theatre goers and will doubtless be greeted with a crowd of house as usual.

**Auction Sale of Shorthorn Calves And Bulls.**

I will sell to the highest bidder on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1904, at John Greaser's stables, Chester, S. C., 40 head of registered heifers and bulls. This carload of calves was selected with great care from the herds of the best breeders of east Tennessee and South-West Virginia and are all descendants of the imported bulls of the Stewart Land and Cattle company.  
Each calf will be inoculated by a veterinarian (against fever) before day of sale.  
Sale positive, rain or shine, Jan. 30, at 11 a. m.  
JACOB THOMAS, Bristol, Tenn.



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If you and the State Inspectors will look after the milk, we will guarantee the bread. The word, "Oehler's bread" is a synonym of wholesomeness and healthfulness for young and old. You are perfectly safe in feeding your children Oehler's bread. Home-made candy fresh every day.

**Henry Oehler.**  
Phone 27.

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**We will always have something Cheaper and Everything as Cheap.**  
For the present and until further notice we will sell the  
Finest Whole Head Rice 14 lbs for \$1 00.  
Splendid Standard 3-lb Tomatoes at 10 cents.  
A splendid 12-lb Standard Dessert Peach at 15c.  
For one week only, a splendid Loose Roasted Coffee, 9 lbs. for \$1.00.  
We are still selling the same kind of Cheese at the same price.

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Just received one car Corn Meal, one car Flour, one car Cotton Seed Meal, one car Molasses, one car Seed Oats.  
**TO THE FARMERS:** If you haven't seen Alexander on Molasses, Tobacco, Meal, Corn, Oats, Bacon and Guano you had better see him. Remember our motto, "Best Goods and a Little Cheaper." If I haven't mentioned it it's because I haven't space. Call us up over the phone and get the price or you will be the loser.

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The Corner Grocer. In the Valley, has just received the following:  
Small Gold Band Hams 16 1-2c lb.  
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Fine assortment of Fancy Cakes, nice for Xmas, 20c lb.  
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