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The Horry Herald, 24 Nov 1887 – Conway, SC

Railroad Racket.

We, in company with others, concluded we would stroll out on the railroad and see the line of direction and progress of the work. This was last Tuesday. We found the hands at work about Crabtree, throwing up an embankment on the South side of the swamp. It was wet and muddy and consequently slow progress was making. Track laying was proceeding on the North side very rapidly. Without some hinderance Crabtree was crossed yesterday or today. The completion of the road is being pushed and it is expected to reach the Waccamaw river by December 1st, and finished ready for operations by December 10th.

The route selected cuts off the Northwest corner of Burroughs field next Crabtree, and runs West of Dick King's and East of the house occupied by Anderson Applewhite. It misses the rear of the Burroughs Academy by some 50 or 100 feet, passes just in rear of G.H. Dusenbury's and enters Main Street at the corner of C.L. Johnson's lot, where W.E. Porter now resides. From the point it takes the East side of the middle of Main Street and makes a curve through C.B. Hardee's lot so as to reach the river and be nearly parallel with it.

That large live oak near the Methodist church will have to be taken up, root and branch. This will be a calamity to some people, who attend the Methodist church. The shade of this oak has been the general resting place of persons previous to the opening of public services. We cannot say that the removal of this suggestor of old associations will not be the means of opening up new avenue of thought and contemplation and thus result in good to the worshipers. We are willing to see the experiment tried, any way.

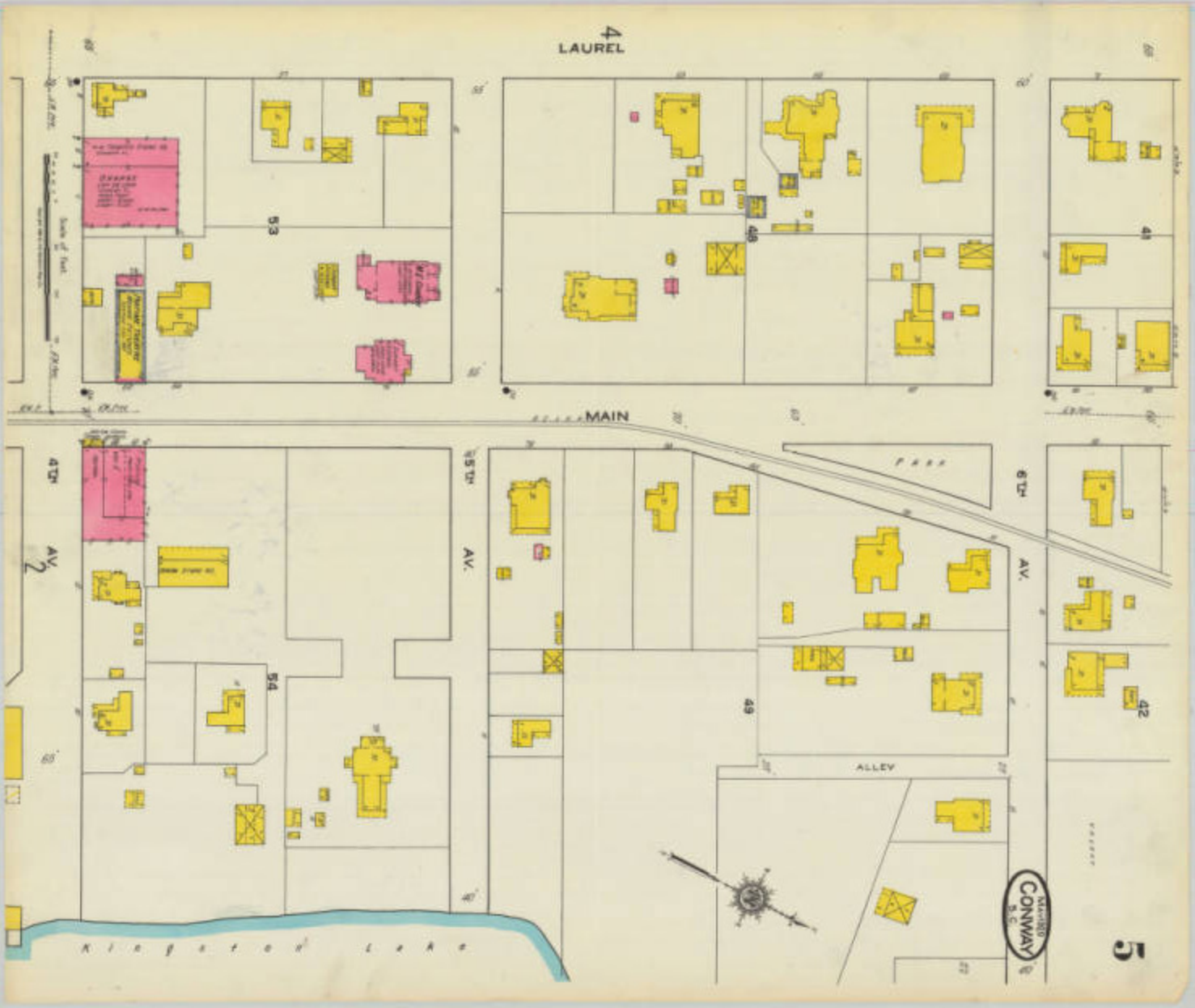
The telegraph is in operation to the camps, near Grantsville. The office is called Conway, and messages will be received there when addressed to Conway and forwarded at once. As soon as the road is completed to Conway the office will be moved here.

The scrapers are at work in Conway this week.

The Horry Herald, 15 Dec 1887 – Conway, SC

The sobriquet of "The Hermit County" attaching to Horry has been honorable removed. The County now has connections with the outside world by land and water, so that the people can come and go at their pleasure. [This statement ignores the fact that sea going vessels had been coming into Little River Inlet, up the Great Peedee and Bull Creek to Port Harrelson and up the Waccamaw to Conway since the early 1700s. There had long been ferries at the needed crossing points on the Waccamaw, Great Peedee, Bull Creek, Little Peedee and Little Rivers as well as on Drowning Creek (Lumber River). A railroad had already entered the northern portion of the county in the 1840s connecting that section with North Carolina. There had been a regular stage coach route in and out of the county since before the War Between the States. And, steamboats were already making regular runs up and down the Waccamaw River to Georgetown...JBB] The W.C. & C. Railroad has reached the Waccamaw river and will be opened for travel in a few days. It passed down Main Street through C.B. Hardee's (formerly known as the Holmes) lot, taking about four feet from the eastern corner of his piaza [sic]. It terminates at the edge of the woods in rear of C.B. Hardee's fence. There is a gradual descent from the Methodist church to the terminus. When completed and the street arranged and dressed, there will be an improvement in the Street's appearance show – more life and animation, and local travel will not be impeded or interfered with to any material extent. [This statement was quickly proven wrong and lawsuits were brought to force the removal of the tracks from Main Street....JBB]

[To see the route of the train in Conway, see the Sanborn Insurance Maps (dated 1920) below...JBB]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