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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Union Meeting Saturday and Sunday. "Lee and Jackson Day Observed at High School.

The union meeting of the Third Division, Ridge association, will be held with the Johnston Baptist church on Saturday and Sunday and a splendid program has been arranged for both days. At the Sunday school hour Rev. T. J. Watts of Columbia will address the people, and in the afternoon Rev. W. M. Whitesides of the Baptist hospital will speak, also Dr. W. S. Dorsett. Dinner will be served at the church.

News has come of the marriage of Mr. Marion Williams and Miss Louise Harmon of North Augusta, and every one is interested in this as the groom is well known here, this being his home town. Congratulations and hearty good wishes are extended to the happy young couple.

Mr. H. W. Doherty has been sick for nearly two weeks, but is now improving. His many friends have been missing him.

Lee's birthday, January 19th was observed by fitting exercises at the high school, those participating in the program being chiefly the C. of C. There were patriotic choruses, and several readings and poems.

On Saturday, Jackson's birthday, the Mary Ann Buie chapter, U. D. C. entertained the veterans of Camp McHenry, the occasion being held in the home of Mrs. J. H. White. Many flags waved about and the veterans, 18 in number, were given a cordial welcome by Miss Clara Sawyer, chapter president. After gathering, the veterans had a very happy time, for an hour, recalling old time war incidents, amusing and serious happenings of this period, then a short program was had.

"We are glad you are here"—Miss Clara Sawyer.

"Lee, our chieftain"—Mrs. O. D. Black.

"Stonewall Jackson"—Mrs. Joe Cox.

Chorus, Dixie.

"A visit to the Soldiers' home in Columbia,"—Mrs. J. H. White.

Selected reading, Miss Zena Payne

Chorus, "The homespun dress." After the program all were seated to a tempting hot dinner, of many enjoyable viands, the second course being apple, mince and lemon pie, with coffee. Rev. Mahlon Padgett acted as spokesman for the "boys" as he called them, and expressed their great pleasure in meeting together and their enjoyment of the delicious dinner. All the "boys" then each spoke for themselves with the rebel yell.

Mrs. J. B. Wright of Montgomery, Ala., is the guest of Mrs. Eugene Thrallkill.

Mrs. John Wright is at home from a three weeks' visit to the family of Mr. Charlie Wright of Columbia.

Mrs. Wilbourne has returned to Hartsville after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. E. LaGrone.

Mrs. H. C. Strother and Miss Frances Turner were at home to a number of their friends on Wednesday afternoon, the occasion being in the home of the former, and in honor of Miss Elise Mobley. There were two calling hours and the guests were given a happy surprise during that time.

The guests were welcomed by Mrs. O. D. Black and Mrs. P. N. Keesee, and dainty little favors, decorated in bridal bouquets with "Mobley-Hill, February 16th" written on them were given by little Harry Strother and Billy Turner. In the receiving line with the two hostesses and honoree was Mrs. W. S. Mobley, Mrs. W. A. Bradfield and Miss Gladys Sawyer, and the guests were presented to these by Mrs. James Halford and Julian Bland. As the honoree was greeted there were many pleasant exclamations and happy thoughts expressed. In the dining room a dainty salad course with coffee and whipped cream were served by Mesdames Wallace Turner, J. Howard Payne and Misses Florence Wright and Marie Lewis. The dining table was arranged as a bridal scene. A miniature bride and groom under an archway, which was showered with blossoms, stood at an altar as if ready to plight their troth. Music was enjoyed during the time. There was much cordial inter-

est centered in this announcement for the honoree, Miss Mobley is one of Johnston's best beloved young women, and the hearts of all filled with loving good wishes for her, whom they so admire.

Mrs. Martha P. Falconer, associate director of social morality of national U. D. C., will arrive in Johnston Tuesday of this week and will address the people on Wednesday morning at the Baptist church, and a union service will be held there that night. Special music is being planned for by the choirs.

The Chamber of Commerce has had a message from W. W. Long, of Clemson college, stating that Dr. Clarence Poe can be with them on February 14th at which time he will address all interested on the subject of farming.

A marriage in which much interest is centered is that of Mr. Bettis Bouknight and Miss Mary Swaney which occurred January 17th at the home of the bride in Chatta nooga, Tenn. Attending the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Miller, Richmond, Va., and Mr. William Bouknight. Mr. and Mrs. Bouknight are at present at home in the home of Mr. William Bouknight, but will later take up their abode at the home of the groom, "Pine House." The bride has visited here several times and made friends of all by her charming personality and graciousness, so it is a real pleasure to her friends that she has now come to reside in their midst. The best of good wishes to the happy pair.

Mrs. L. L. Miller is spending a while here, and on Saturday afternoon entertained in a lovely manner in honor of Mrs. Bettis Bouknight. After greetings all were given progressive cards and were seated to an elaborate repast, and in progressing all had the pleasure of talking with the honoree.

Master Bartow Walsh the third arrived during the past week to gladden the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bartow Walsh.

Little Judith Kellar, a blue-eyed little girl has come for a permanent stay in the home of Rev. and Mrs. David Kellar.

Mrs. J. Howard Payne entertained the New Century club on Thursday afternoon and the members all spent a most pleasant and profitable afternoon. This being Thrift Week, the members responded to roll call with quotations about thrift and some informing articles were read. The committees' reports all showed good work and there were several suggestions for the new year. A detailed report of the recent state health meeting held in Columbia was enjoyed. Public health being one of the lines of activities in the federation. An interesting program on Mythology was had, several papers being read. A social while was enjoyed, at which time the hostess, assisted by Mesdames Harry Strother and Wallace Turner and little Miss Margaret Helen Payne, served an elaborate salad course with coffee and fruit cake.

Mrs. Mary Waters has the sympathy of all in the death of her sister, Miss Anna Huiet, which occurred last Thursday in Augusta, in the home of her sister, Mrs. Ida Phillips. She was not sick but a few moments. After breakfast she complained of feeling very uncomfortable and laid down, and her sister who was with her, stated that the end came suddenly as if she went to sleep. The cause of her death was heart failure. She often visited here, having many warm friends here, and had just a few days ago left Johnston for Augusta. The interment was made at the family burial ground, near Saluda. This makes the second bereavement in the family within two months, the younger sister, Mrs. Davenport, having died the last of November.

Mrs. M. A. Huiet and Miss Eliza Mims went to Trilby, Fla., last week, upon news of the illness of the little grandson of the former. Later good news is that the little one is better.

Master Burrell Boatwright, the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Boatwright underwent an operation for appendicitis last week at the Columbia Hospital. Owing to the fact that the appendix had burst before the operation, it has made his case more serious, but we are glad to state that his condition is good at present. His

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"High Finance" Makes Other Observations.

Editor Edgefield Advertiser:

In our last we promised to say something about the negro. The negroes' social and political situation is not his fault but his misfortune. The curse put upon him by Noah, his father, Gen. 9:25. At this time Ham, as well as Japeth and Shem was, in our opinion, white with hair on his head. Ham, with a curse upon him went down into the southeast country, where the intense heat of the climate caused nature to make the necessary changes in his physical composition to preserve his life. Hence, he has wool for hair, a thick skull, thin blood, brown or black skin and impaired intellect. These unfortunate people should have the sympathy and help of the white people. They are religious, emotional and as a rule not revengeful; obliging, good natured, improvident and indolent. He would get on fine with the Southern white people with rare exceptions. Once in a while some buck runs amuck and has to be taken charge of, and these cases would not occur often he was let alone by the outsider. Now we Northern people do not put fool notions in the heads of the negro, as the Eastern people. We will admit that we meddle some, possibly more than we should. We get them up here and make porters, stokers and servants of them until election years, when we buy them up and use them for balance of power at the ballot box.

We admit this is wrong, but that is not the worst. Every four years we must stir up some fresh mud. This we do by sending some sharp guy down your way to tell the colored people about how they are treated—that the Southern white are grinding them, giving them no show socially, politically or financially. This guy knows he is lying but being sharp he slips in and out before you know it. We know that it makes conditions much harder for the negro. Their leaders believe such rot and begin to play the fool, which sometimes causes big trouble. In the last few years we have not been able to find whites who would take the job. Hence we have had to drill a few negroes and they generally make a mess of it, especially if they are women.

We remember an incident that happened in a South Carolina town not long ago. Those two negro women failed to play the game proper and got into deep trouble. The sending of these two women must have been a suggestion from Cousin Henry Cabot Lodge or Mr. Tinkham. We have often thought that the Easterner carried a little too much venom in his bosom toward the South. We are confident that the people of Massachusetts are not ignorant as to their responsibility for the negro. They kidnapped the Africans, brought them to the New England states for slaves but, owing to the negroes' thin blood he could not stand the climate. They brought him down south and sold him to the cotton growers and when they saw how the proposition fitted, their jealousy boiled over and they howled about the sin of slavery. Even brother Henry Ward Beecher had a mock slave sale in his church and sister Harrier B. Stowe wrote "Uncle Tom's Cabin" to show what a crime it was to make cotton with the negroes.

We admit that we are in for all the money we can make out of the South, but there are some things we draw the line on. We could not endorse our president's speech in Birmingham. Such talk does no good and is liable to make it hard for the negroes. We are persuaded, however, that Mr. Harding had slipped a cog. In our opinion the president failed to hand out the dope Cousin Henry C. Lodge had given him.

Our great President, Warren G. Harding, has a hard and unsympathetic boss in Mr. Lodge. They remind us of a monkey and his trainer. Every time the monkey turns his attention to the passing crowd he gets a sharp cut with a whip. Every time our president feels like being free and easy he gets a sharp cut from Boss Lodge.

Perhaps, Mr. Editor, we have said things out of school, but as so few of your people read and still fewer think for themselves, we thought it

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Miss Florence Mims Witnesses Indian Basket Ball Game.

It was my good pleasure on Monday and Friday evenings to witness basket ball games between the University Preparatory School and the Chilocho Indian School, played at the U. P. S. gymnasium.

In the balcony above me there sat an old Indian man dressed as a white man with the exception of a huge black hat bound with white. This, and a brilliant orange tie proclaimed his red man's instincts. He sat during the first part of the game, stolid and staring, not relaxing a muscle of his face, as though "of monumental bronze, unchanged his look." During the middle of the game, his face thawed into a furrowed smile, and near the end, when some particularly striking feat occurred, his face melted into a broad laugh and he clapped his hands in delight. Not once did his eyes waver from the players, but the game had started sometime before he deigned to show the slightest excitement.

The following evening, he sat in exactly the same place, wearing the large black hat bound with white.

The Indian boys played magnificently. They reminded me of tigers, so lithe and graceful were they, and so sinuous. They raised the ball as a tiger might his paw, but the hand was clawless, and the stroke registered not the prints of five fingers on their opponents, but ever climbing scores on the board. Their movements were like those of a mighty wind, yet formed and breathing.

Most of them looked distinctly oriental to me, but one had a finely chiselled face, almost Greek in its shapeliness. The two games were fights from start to finish. When they fell, some looked like statues I have seen of the dying gladiator, but they sprang to their feet again, and glided across the floor with lightning-like rapidity. To me it was wonderful. There are two kinds of fighting, one where the opponents look at each other with mad abandon, moved by anger. The other is where opponents are guided by thought and where rules are back of each pugilistic movement. That is art.

Among the Indians in the audience were an Indian father, mother and a papoose. The papoose's face was fat and round, its eyes were like midnight, at once black and starry.

For morning, afternoon or evening, the Indian women bedeck themselves in shawls or blankets. The shawls and blankets are both woful and beautiful and therefore adaptable.

The other day I saw a tall Indian man on the street dressed exactly like a white man, which is somewhat unusual. But in the side of his hat he had stuck a peacock feather. I was so amused. I thought that even as a Mason wears his emblem (symbolic of something that only these worthies know about), as a nurse wears a red cross symbolic of sacrifice, so the Indian wears the peacock feather, sign unmistakably of pride.

The Indian resembles the oriental also in his ancestor worship, not by kneeling at crumbling shrines, for the warrior's spirit is out bear hunting, but by adherence to the ancient mode of dress, in a great many instances.

I have wondered lately what becomes of the Indian woman after death, according to the Indians' religion, for the women do not care for hunting. How thoughtless is the unregenerated Indian male, not to provide a heaven for his womankind.

I have been told here that there are more Indians in the United States at present than there were when Columbus landed. Then they were more or less crowded along the shores, fighting against their common enemy, the white man.

Now, they are scattered so that they seem to be few in number.

FLORENCE MIMS.

Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

January 18, 1922.

Truck and Field Crop Disease Notes.

Clemson College, Jan. 23.—The statement was made recently from Clemson College that wilt of tomatos and wilt of cotton are separate and distinct diseases. This statement is perfectly accurate. However, it has led to some misunderstanding in one or two instances, and a brief word of

explanation is therefore due.

The source of the misunderstanding lies in the fact that while tomato wilt and cotton wilt are distinct from each other, there is a third disease which attacks both crops. This is the well known root-rot disease which attacks a great many crops and produces symptoms above ground somewhat similar to those of wilt. However, if the plants be dug up and the soil shaken off the roots, the disease can be recognized readily by the irregular-shaped knots on the roots. Plants affected with root-knot may or may not also be affected with wilt, but the presence of root-knot predisposes a plant to an attack by wilt.

It follows that trouble with root-knot on tomatos can be expected wherever cotton or cowpeas are affected with it, even though neither wilt disease may be present. This disease attacks a great variety of crops. Within the last year it has been identified in South Carolina on peach, tomato, beans, lettuce, celery, tobacco, cow peas, dahlia, carnation, and some other plants; and this list by no means includes all the crops which is may affect. The knots are sometimes confused with the nitrogen-gathering nodules caused by bacteria on cowpeas and other legumes, but the two can be distinguished easily by differences in size and shape. The bacterial nodules are spherical or nearly so in shape and quite uniform in size for each crop, while the knots are irregular in both size and shape.

Root-knot lives in the soil and the only practical field method of control according to the plant pathologists, is starvation of the minute worms which cause the trouble. Highly susceptible crops, like tomatos, should not be planted in highly infested soil. Further particulars concerning this disease can be obtained from Farmers' Bulletins 648 and 1187, which the Extension Service will be glad to mail on request.

Three Men Held on Aiken Charge.

Aiken, Jan. 21.—The hearing before Magistrate Raborn of the trio of men and one woman arrested in Augusta last Sunday morning, charged with duping three Aiken banks through the passage of forged checks, was concluded this morning. Mrs. Sam Padgett who has been held with her husband and Milton Lyles, and W. C. Westbury, was given her freedom. Padgett and Westbury however, were held under bond for appearance before the grand jury on charge of conspiracy.

Yesterday Lyles was ordered held under heavy bond. Magistrate Raborn this morning fixes bond for Lyles at \$4,000, this being \$1,000 in each of the cases of alleged forgery, or "uttering a forged instrument." Padgett's bond has been fixed at \$1,500 and Westbury's at \$1,000. Newberry county officials also fixed the bond of Westbury at \$4,000 for appearance before the grand jury of that county on two charges of forgery.

The preliminary hearing was concluded this morning with the testimony of Mrs. Walter Duncan, who was the only witness to appear. Mrs. Duncan testified that one day last week, a day or two before the banks were fleeced, she saw Padgett in Aiken together with two other men. The trio had stopped in front of the Aiken Standard office and their conduct attracted her attention. When Mrs. Duncan left the stand, Magistrate Raborn announced that he had heard sufficient testimony and directed the attorneys to proceed with arguments as to the amount of bonds to be assessed.

Another Edgefield Young Man Honored.

Greenville, S. C., Jan. 23.—The students who will represent Furman University in inter-collegiate debates this spring were chosen last week in a contest in which fifteen men competed for the six places on the debating team. The successful contestants in these try-outs are: C. J. Allen, of Dillon; E. D. Andrews, Jr., of Greenville; E. F. Haight, of Greenville; J. J. Nixon, Jr., of North Augusta; Howard M. Reaves of Union, and N. D. Timmerman of Edgefield. Furman engages the Baptist State University of Oklahoma in debate, in Greenville, March 31, and Mercer University at a time to be announced later.

RED OAK GROVE.

Rev. Mr. Seago Preached Sunday. Week of Prayer Observed. Many Visitors Come and Go.

The pleasant weather last Sunday was very much enjoyed and enabled a goodly attendance at our church and Sunday school. Rev. Mr. Seago preached from Psalm 48:14. His message was delivered in a plain, practical way and with much emphasis, which should be a timely lesson for all of us. We have begun the use of the Graded Sunday school work, which is proving quite encouraging in the work.

There was a very good number of members in the W. M. Society which held a short business session after the service last Sunday.

The ladies will observe week of prayer by unanimous vote, which manifests the interests the ladies have when the work is known.

Mr. George Bussey, W. M. Agner, James Rearden and O. O. Timmerman are the appointed delegates to the union meeting at Rehoboth.

News reached us last week of the change in the condition of our former pastor, Rev. G. W. Bussey, which caused regrets on all sides. Hope soon to hear that his eyesight might be restored.

Mrs. George Bussey had as guests in her home recently, Mrs. Georgia Reese of Modoc and Mrs. Tiny Jordan of Greenwood.

Miss Mamie Bussey was accompanied home for the week-end by her friends, Miss Lucile Griffin and her brother, Mr. Robert Griffin.

Little Drue Bussey's health remains about the same. It seems sad for him not to be able to attend school, for one with his ambition.

Mrs. Mamie Bussey leaves soon for a visit to her sister, Mrs. Sallie Dorn, in Spartanburg.

Rev. G. W. Bussey went to Greenwood to see his brother, Rev. G. W. Bussey.

Miss Kathlene Kenrick had as her guests last Wednesday, Miss Leila Gantt and Mr. James Miller from Wagener.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Dorn were hosts for a number of their friends one evening last week, when the evening was spent most delightfully.

Mrs. Luther Dorn and her sweet little daughter entertained in honor of Miss Leila Gantt and her cousin, Mr. James Miller of Wagener last Monday.

Miss Lullie Timmerman was a caller in the home of her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Lamb last Monday.

Mr. P. D. Thurmond of Laurens, S. C., is visiting his grandfather, Mr. Ducky Dorn.

The Y. W. A.'s had a very interesting meeting with Miss L. E. Parkman last Saturday, and Miss Cornelia Bussey will be hostess for the meeting in February, the second Saturday afternoon, the date being changed from the third Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mamie Bussey is now the leader of this work and we feel sure the work will continue to prosper under her supervision.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Genie Thurmond shower congratulations upon the arrival of their little daughter who has come as a ray of sunshine in their home.

Little Ernest is also a new comer to make happy the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Agner.

Prof. Bigham from Red Hill attended services at Red Oak Grove last Sunday, also Misses Mattie Stalaker and Mamie Holmes.

Eubanks-Quarles.

Miss Kate Eubanks and Mr. R. Otis Quarles were married Sunday afternoon at the Methodist parsonage in Edgefield, Rev. G. W. M. Taylor officiating. The bridegroom motored from North Augusta where he now lives with a number of friends, and went to the Red Hill section for his bride, and returned to Edgefield for the ceremony. Mr. John Holston was best man. The bride is well known in the Red Hill section. Mr. Quarles is well known in Edgefield, having lived here until a few years past. The happy couple returned to North Augusta where they will make their home.