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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Mr. Alexander Elected Superintendent of School. Mrs. Bouknight Ill. Baraca Picnic Friday.

D. W. Alexander, of Woodruff, S. C., has been elected superintendent of the Johnston High School. He has had much experience in teaching, and comes highly recommended. Milton Stackhouse, who was elected superintendent about a month or so ago, found that it was impossible for him to serve the school. It is a disappointment to many that Mr. Stackhouse found it so that he could not come to Johnston. Miss Thomas who taught here about three years ago, has been elected first grade teacher.

Rev. W. S. Brooke went to Rocky Creek church Sunday morning to conduct the funeral services of one of the members of this church, Mrs. Coon. He was her pastor about two years ago, and as the church is without a pastor now, he was asked to officiate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scott and children and Mrs. Scott, Sr., of Batesburg, have been for a visit to friends. Mr. James Barnes left on Monday to take a special course in a northern university. Mr. Barnes is assistant superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school, and an assistant will be elected to fill his place. Sunday morning, Mr. M. R. Wright, superintendent, spoke of the departure of Mr. Barnes and said the school would miss him and he knew it was a regret on the part of the school that he would be no longer be identified with it.

The shipment of peaches is now very good, and plums and figs have also been shipped. There seems to be a good sale for figs and some of the farmers contemplate putting out a number of fig trees this fall. Many have been encouraged by the shipment of asparagus and larger beds of this are already being planned for.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Dobeay are now occupying the dwelling on Calhoun street that was occupied by Mr. Pope Perry.

The personal service committee of the Girls' Auxiliary, Baptist church, met last week with Miss Agnes Browne, and delicious candy was made and a package was arranged for a number of the elderly people and shut-ins. This week the committee will meet with Miss Helen Berry, and ice cream will be made and a visit will be made to the sick and convalescing.

Mrs. Erwin Smith, who is at the University hospital is much improved now.

Mrs. Bettis Bouknight left last week for Chattanooga, Tenn., to visit her parents. By the time she had reached her destination she had become suddenly ill, and was carried to a hospital where it was found that she was suffering from acute appendicitis. An operation was performed, and her condition is now very good. Her husband was wired for as soon as she reached Chattanooga.

Miss Mary Waters has gone to Augusta, having accepted a position there.

Miss Helen Wright is spending a while in Rock Hill.

The Baraca Class of the Baptist church had its annual picnic last Friday afternoon at Salter's Pond. This class numbers over 50, and the members had the privilege of inviting friends, so there was about 100 present. The afternoon was one of the unusual hot ones so all who possessed a bathing suit carried it along. It was a jolly sight to see the bathers, big and little, young and old, and those who did not venture in were left to make lemonade and iced tea for the supper. A most bountiful supper was spread, which every one enjoyed.

is the guest of her cousin, Miss Frances Lott.

Miss Anibell Turner of Augusta is spending a while with friends.

Miss Grace Crouch of Saluda is spending this week in the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Watson.

Miss Olivia Milford is at home from a visit to Cope, S. C.

Miss Alice Lowry is expected this week to visit in the home of Mrs. Bessie Bean.

Dr. James Halford has returned from a business trip to Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. Claud Allen of Meeting Street was a welcome visitor here during the past week.

Mrs. J. L. Walker has returned from Newberry being accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Smith. On Friday evening she entertained in her honor with a charming tea, a number of friends being invited. Mrs. C. P. Corn entertained the Thursday Evening rook club in a very pleasant manner, the affair being on the porch to enjoy the evening breezes. A salad course was served during the evening.

Mrs. W. B. Ouzts gave a spend the day party on Thursday in compliment to Mrs. Leland Miller of Richmond, Va. The day was happily spent, it being a pleasure to all to be with the honoree again.

Mrs. Archie Lewis entertained on Wednesday evening in honor of Mrs. Miller, and a tempting dinner was served. Bridge occupied the time. Miss Emmie Wright was presented with the ladies' prize, a set of cards and Mr. William Bouknight, the gentlemen's prize, a box of candy. Mrs. Miller was given a dainty bouquet of organdy flowers.

Miss Willie Ruth Wheeler of Newberry has been the guest of Mrs. Claud Herlong.

Miss Julia Riddle of Augusta is the guest of Miss Sallie Butler.

A party of young people from here will camp this week at Salter's pond there being about 15 in the party exclusive of the chaperones. They are well equipped for the stay and, judging from the boxes of food stuffs they are expecting their appetites to be much whetted by the pond breezes.

Mr. F. L. Parker is at home from Blue Ridge, where he attended the institute in session there. He greatly praised this movement and urged all the young people to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending.

Mrs. Joe Cox has returned from Jonesville, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Hames.

Mrs. C. M. Moull of Charleston, has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Jordan.

Albert Freeland Drowns in River.

McCormick, July 2.—Albert Freeland, the 18 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. C. Freeland of Plum Branch, was drowned about 4 o'clock this afternoon while in bathing with a number of his chums in the Savannah river at the old Ferguson ferry, about four miles from Plum Branch.

The young man, in company with several of his friends, had walked about three miles to the river to go swimming in water very little over his head and only a few feet away from one of his friends, whom he caught when he was sinking. The friend believing that the drowning boy was only diving and playing, made no effort to save him. The young man nearest Freeland stated that he thought Freeland was only playing at the time and when Freeland caught him he was almost exhausted and he also came near being drowned.

The water at this point is very swift, and although relatives and friends were soon notified and the river for some distance down had been scoured at dark, tonight the body of the drowned man has not been found and it is thought that it was carried on down the river ahead of the searching party.

The Ferguson ferry has been abandoned for some years as a ferry and the road leading to this landing has reached such a stage that travel upon it is almost impossible and this accounts for the crowd of searchers not reaching the scene sooner. The searching party will continue tomorrow in their efforts to find the body.

Successful Co-Operative Marketing of Tobacco Assured.

The successful marketing of their tobacco by cooperative sales is now assured to the organized growers of South Carolina by the record breaking campaign of last week which reached 52 towns of the belt within seven days, sweeping millions of pounds and hundreds of new members into the association. The last strong barriers to Cooperative Marketing have broken down within the Palmetto State.

While half a million pounds a day were added to the pool in the last days of the drive, the strength of the association in the State was doubled by the fresh support of business men and bankers in a score of towns, whose efforts will continue to win signers.

Timmonsville, the second largest tobacco market in the State was the first to close its doors to the Auction sales then Aynor and Kingstree followed fast during the days of the furious campaigning. Other towns will go one hundred per cent co-operative as hundreds of acres surrounding the big markets begin to grow tobacco for the farmers' own organization. Thousands of acres more will be added to the great pool before the markets open, as committees in every large tobacco growing county of South Carolina push the sign up to the limit in the few days that remain in which to sign the present crop.

Growers from Kentucky who made the long journey from the Blue Grass Country, growers from the Dark and Light belts of Virginia bringing their message of success, have found a ready welcome and a quick response in action, that means the end of an era of debt and poverty for men and women who produce the wealth that has been passing steadily into other hands.

With the new cooperation will come new independence, new opportunities, new standards of living for the producers of the millions of dollars of wealth which now go on to other states and other people, according to last week's message, which has roused the growers, the bankers and the business men to cooperate to keep it at home.

From Danville, Virginia to Timmonsville, South Carolina, warehouses, tobacco growers and the balance of power have been passing into the Great Cooperative. A few men can no longer hope to block 75,000 organized tobacco growers with \$30,000,000 assured them, with 206 warehouses ready for business, with unsurpassed leadership chosen from their number, with the foremost experts of the world's tobacco trade ready to handle a majority of the tobacco from three states for the Association.

A majority of the tobacco farmers from the Carolinas and Virginia make a last call to their fellow growers of South Carolina who take the risk of waiting longer.

S. D. Frissell.

Citadel Moving to New Building.

Charleston, June 28.—This is moving time at the Citadel, and various articles of equipment are now being transferred to the buildings at the Hampton Park site, where, in the fall the cadets will report for the new term. The Citadel library, composed of several thousand volumes, has already been moved to the new barracks building along with tables, chairs, book racks and other equipment and motor trucks are hauling apparatus and supplies from the chemical laboratory, to be installed in new quarters. Considerable progress is being made on the hospital at the Hampton Park campus and various activities are going forward to be ready in the fall for the big opening. It is understood that the faculty members, for the most part, will continue to use the present quarters at Marion square, as a delay has developed in plans for erecting officers' residences at Hampton Park this summer. This will mean considerable inconvenience to the professors, but they are taking the situation philosophically.

I am now prepared to sell ice in any quantity. Will deliver anywhere in town.

J. P. NIXON.

Women's Clubs Have Plan for Regulating Marriages.

Chautauqua, N. Y.—Runaway happer marriages are marked for death by representatives of 2 million women assembled here at the convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Launching a drive for reform of divorce and marriage laws, the convention leaders advocate:

1. Repeal of all state marriage and divorce statutes.

2. Enactment of a federal law, general in its application.

This movement was started after futile efforts to induce various states to enact uniform laws were made.

Miss Genevieve Parkhurst, writes on women's subjects, was here representing supporters of the movement, which has the backing of some of the nations most representative leaders. She conferred with Mrs. Thomas Winter of Minneapolis, president of the federation, before the convention formally opened.

Interlocutory Decrees Opened

The proposed law, which will be presented to congress for action, contains the following provisions:

No girl under 18 or boy under 21 can marry without the consent of parents or guardian. Banns announcing the intended marriage must be published two weeks before the ceremony. Physicians' certificates as to the mental and physical fitness of parties to the marriage must be shown when the license is issued.

Divorce cases to be heard behind closed doors and the testimony never made public.

The mother always to be given the custody of the children unless proven unfit to take care of them.

United States Has Most Divorces.

"No two states have the same marriage and divorce laws," said Mrs. Parkhurst. "Some states do not even forbid the marriage of deficients. Persons who are married in one state are not legally married in another. The proportion of divorces is greater in America than any other nation in the world."

Planting Fall Irish Potatoes.

Clemson College, July 3.—The greatest difficulty in the growing of a second crop over that of a spring crop is the defective stand, which may be overcome by employing the careful planting and cultural methods necessary at this season. The fall or second crop of potatoes may follow the spring crop or any crop that is off the ground by the first of July. Planting after the spring crop is especially desirable, as "volunteer" plants from the first crop will add to the stand of the second crop.

Soils.—This crop delights in and grows and produces to perfection on a rich sandy loam soil underlaid by a clay subsoil retentive to moisture. However, the absence of such a soil should not be a hindrance in the growing of Irish potatoes for home consumption, as they adapt themselves to a great diversity of well drained soils.

Preparation of Soil.—Thorough preparation can not be stressed too much. This consists of thorough and deep turning, followed immediately by harrowing until a thoroughly pulverized seed bed is formed. Rows or deep furrows, 3 to 3 1/2 feet apart should be laid off and well thrown out, using either a turnplow or a shovel-plow.

Fertilizers.—Both barnyard manure and commercial fertilizers are used, but the former must be well rotted and judiciously applied; otherwise, scab and similar diseases may result. In the use of commercial fertilizer, a complete mixture, phosphoric acid 8 to 9 per cent, nitrogen 4 to 5 per cent and potash 4 to 6 per cent, is advised. The fertility and physical condition of soil should determine amount of the application.

Barnyard manure, if used, should be applied broadcast, 8 to 10 tons per acre, and thoroughly disced into the soil. In the use of commercial

fertilizer, it is best to apply in the drill, using 800 to 1500 pounds per acre, depending upon the strength of the soil, and thoroughly mix with the soil, otherwise a poor stand may be obtained as a result of the contact of fertilizer and tubers.

Varieties and Time of planting—Of the many varieties suitable for fall planting the Lookout Mountain is usually recommended as being the best and most popular in South Carolina, not because of its superior table quality, but by reason of its good yield and excellent keeping quality. Substitutes for this may be such spring varieties as the Cobbler and the Early Rose, each of which is good but neither of which is nearly so good for the fall crop as the Lookout Mountain.

This crop should be planted from July 10 to about August 1 depending upon climatic conditions of the section in which it is to be grown—warmer climates calling for later planting. Fall varieties amount to very little when planted out of season, and this especially true of the Lookout Mountain variety. "Better safe than sorry."

Pardon Record of Governors.

To the Editor of The State:

Some of us have gotten into an argument as to the pardoning records of Governor Blease and Governor Cooper, some contending that Cooper pardoned nearly as many as Blease. As it might be of peculiar interest to some of your readers to have their memory refreshed as to some of our past history I would appreciate your giving us the pardoning records of both governors and ask also, that you quote the proper authorities in order to settle our controversy.

"A Voter."

Kinards.

The State has obtained the desired information from the records at the secretary of state's office and from other reliable sources. The records show that Governor Blease granted 1,708 pardons, paroles and commutations of sentences during his four years as governor against 303 pardons, paroles, commutations of sentences and restorations of citizenship by Governor Cooper during the three years and four months he was governor. These figures may contain a few duplications, but they are very nearly accurate, coming within a few cases of being absolutely accurate. In the 1,708 granted by Governor Blease are not included a large number of pardons granted to same persons he had already paroled under his "blanket pardon" granted a short time before he went out of office. In this "blanket pardon" Governor Blease restored all the persons he had paroled during good behaviour to citizenship.

Governor Cooper's record was 203 paroles during good behavior, 12 pardoned, 63 restorations of citizenship and 25 commutations of sentences.

Governor Manning granted 217 pardons, paroles and restorations of citizenship and commutations of sentences during his four years, divided as follows: 157 paroles during good behavior, 7 pardons, 20 commutations of sentences and 24 restorations of citizenship.

Institute for Colored Preachers

The second annual institute for colored preachers will be held at Bettis Academy from Monday, July 10, to Friday, July 14. This has largely been accomplished through the efforts of Prof. A. W. Nicholson who has proved over and over again to be a very valuable leader for his people. The colored preachers having had but limited opportunities for the cultivation of their hearts and heads, need this institute and it will be attended by a large number. Such topics as, "The Background of Christian Preaching," "The Minister's Correspondence," "The Sunday School," "The Price of Health," "The Church and the Neighborhood," "Helps in Reading the Bible," will be discussed by able specialists. The regular programme will be interspersed with lectures that will also prove helpful. Dr. C. E. Burts of Columbia, will be among those who will address the conference.

VAN-NIL never disappoints.

The Legislature Spends the Money.

Again let it be emphasized that no governor has ever materially increased or decreased taxation. No governor's veto has at any time cut down the tax levy half a mill.

When candidates for governor make promises of what they will do in the matter of taxation, they talk of what they have no power to do. There is not the faintest hope of perceptible reduction in the tax levy through any other agency than the legislature, which the people are about to elect. Given an able and resolute man in the house of representatives and a man of equal ability in the governor's office, the former will exercise twice as much influence on appropriations.

The State has frequently pointed out that legislatures and not governors are not elected in the same way. It is a truth that can not be too often repeated. The 4,000 or 5,000 white voters of Pickens have double the weight in the election of a governor than the voters of many Low Country counties have, but the Low Country counties may weigh for as much in the legislature, because they have as many members thereof, representation being based, not upon the whole population of the county, white and black.

If the people are profoundly interested that taxes be reduced they would be wise to dismiss from mind that subject, so far as the election of a governor is concerned, and turn their attention to the choice of legislators. If they allow themselves to become excited about the governor's office and to be engrossed in it, they will awake, when the legislature meets, to the truth that they have done nothing.—The State.

It was announced by authorities of the Citadel yesterday that there will be a rifle team at Camp Perry this year as last year. The civilian rifle team is the name and it will represent the Citadel as well as the riflemen of South Carolina.

The cadets will be in charge of Major L. S. LeTallier, who will have charge of the boys, both on the trip to Camp Perry and at the camp. The team will be coached by M. S. Paine, an expert with the rifle. The members of the team are J. L. Grambling, J. B. Weston, R. M. Byrd, C. F. Ende, B. R. Fuller, O. H. Kollock, J. W. Simmons, J. G. Wardlaw, E. W. Black and R. C. Jeter.

In case anyone suffers injury or is depected from the team for other causes T. M. Mayfield will go as an alternate and will handle the rifle on the shooting range. The substitutes are W. W. Tolleson, J. L. Frost, H. T. Pattern, Harold Cantey, T. C. Adams and F. B. Mood.

The record of the rifle team representing the Citadel last year was excellent and expects to break their record this year: Some of the members of the team are graduates of this year, but are eligible to contend under the rule but will be barred from the team next season. The team will leave for Camp Perry during the first part of August.—Charleston-American.

Find Largest Still.

Greenville, June 29.—The largest and most complete distilling plant ever seen by the raiding officers was taken and destroyed Tuesday night by a group of federal prohibition officers operating out of Greenville, near the boundary line of Edgefield and McCormick counties.

The outfit was too large to be destroyed with axes in the regular fashion and two sticks of dynamite were set off under the apparatus, blowing it to bits. The plant consisted of a large brick furnace base, over which was a steel riveted boiler having a capacity of about 400 gallons. Two copper condensing outfits were connected with the boiler, each having a capacity of 90 gallons. Five thousand gallons of rye beer were poured out by the officers. No arrests were made.

Concordia Lodge No. 50, A. F. M., will meet in regular communication Friday, July 7, at 8:30 o'clock. Refreshments.

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