

ORANGEBURG POSTOFFICE

IN FINE CONDITION UNDER POSTMASTER WEBSTER.

Now Has Rural Routes, City Delivery, Night Clerk and Postal Bank. Increase of Ten Years.

The growth of the Orangeburg post office, in all of its various departments, has been steady and reveals interesting figures. The service at the local post office is excellent and it is mainly due to the untiring efforts and constant supervision of Allie D. Webster, Orangeburg's efficient postmaster.

Ten years ago, in addition to the postmaster's salary, there was an allowance of \$470 for local clerk hire provided by the department in Washington. At the present time the office employs a total of 18 men, each one of whom are now upon the roster rolls of the post office department.

Instead of one rural mail carrier ten years ago, four additional routes have since been established, diverging out in all directions. These carriers, with the exception of two, handle over 5,000 pieces of mail each month, and the average monthly sale of stamps by each carrier to their patrons amounts to more than \$10 per month.

On June 1st, 1907, a city mail delivery service was installed, the work of which was to be performed by three letter carriers. Within two weeks after the service was inaugurated it was fully demonstrated that the work was too great for performance by three carriers.

The money order business of the local post office three years ago amounted to actual figures to \$74,125,729.12 and the office is at present doing a money order business of over \$160,000.

As to the registry business, the increase is very marked, the office having dispatched for the year ending June 30, 1907, 944 pieces, while at present the number of registers dispatched is over 3,000 per year.

The Orangeburg post office force handled, by actual count, during the month of May of this year 286,225 pieces of mail, of which amount 134,380 pieces were received at this office and 151,845 pieces dispatched.

Table with 3 columns: Year, Amount, Increase. Rows for years 1900-1910.

On June 26th there was installed at the local post office a postal savings system and deposits are now being regularly accepted. The Edisto Savings Bank has been named as the postal savings depository for this office.

The plans for the new public building have been drawn, submitted to Postmaster Webster and approved with slight changes and actual operation in the construction of this post office building will commence on the first of the year 1912.

R. R. Ennis, originally of Michigan, but for some years a resident of this city, was killed instantly by a fall from a trestle which he was working upon near Athens, Ga. His body was sent to Orangeburg and funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church today at 10 o'clock and burial will be immediately after at Sunnyside. He leaves a wife and several children.

I announce myself a candidate for Alderman for the City of Orangeburg at the election to be held Sept. 12, 1911. Respectfully, D. H. Marchant.

NEWS OF BOWMAN.

A General Write-Up From That Hitting Town.

Bowman, July 21—Special: Some of Bowman's folk have left for the more genial climate in the mountain resorts in North Carolina for some days of rest and recreation. Among those who left are: Mrs. M. L. Jackson, Romeo and Golden Jackson, Mrs. P. E. Levy and children, Mrs. S. H. Fair, Mrs. J. D. Stronman, Mrs. Sallie Smith, Mrs. D. B. Berry, Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Connor and daughter Fairey, and Miss Ida Blower. Others will follow later on before the season closes.

A goodly number of citizens here attended the two picnics yesterday, one at Bethel church and the other near Providence church, the major part going to the latter place. All report a pleasant time. Crops have improved wonderfully of late and corn will not be quite as short as was thought a short time ago. Some sections suffered more than others, especially where the crowding system was in vogue.

The poor housewife has had a time getting up a vegetable dinner quite a while back, but light is now dawning and some seasonable vegetables are now being placed on the dinner table. The Town Council has got a move on it recently on the much needed street improvements. Intendent Mitche has outlined the work to considerable advantage some of the side streets getting a share of the work now being done.

Watermelons and fruit of all kinds are abundantly numerous now a days and the demand on such produce is indeed nominal. The melon crop although some days late is the best for a number of years, some extra fine specimens of this fruit are seen on all sides. Notwithstanding late spring frosts the peach crop is much better than usual, the fruit being more perfect and free of worms. A considerable quantity are being put up for winter use.

The protracted meeting commenced at Ebenezer last Sunday is still in progress. Pastor Henry is being associated in these services by Rev. Sam E. Rose of Honea Path. There has been some good preaching at this meeting and it is hoped that much good will result. The medical fraternity of this section are idle so to speak compared with that of last summer so far, and it is hoped that the health of this community will continue good till the fever season is over.

Dundee. Eutawville Bank Organized. The Bank of Eutawville was organized at Eutawville on Tuesday by the election of the following directors: E. H. Pringle, Jr., of Charleston; J. I. Hinnant, of St. George; B. Hart Moss of Orangeburg; T. S. Gelzer, A. J. Tindal, P. F. West, J. F. Felder, F. W. Shuler, W. H. Sinkler and Dr. E. O. Horger, of Eutawville and F. W. Coly of Ferguson. The board of directors elected the following officers: E. H. Pringle, Jr., president; J. F. Felder, vice president; J. L. Hinnant, cashier, and Moss & Lide, of Orangeburg attorneys. President Pringle is assistant cashier of the Bank of Charleston and J. L. Hinnant was formerly assistant cashier of the Bank of St. George.

Victim of Painful Accident. S. B. Bailey, one of the Southern railway's oldest section masters, was the victim of a very painful accident near Sally while going down a grade with his push car loaded with rail. He was standing on the car and without a moment's notice the car jumped the track, throwing him head foremost in the centre of the track, he striking his head on a tie, inflicting a severe wound. He was unconscious for thirty minutes. Dr. Paul A. Phillips dressed the wound. Mr. Bailey is resting very well.

Has Located Here. Dr. J. A. Parker, who at one time lived and practised his profession at Branchville, has taken up his residence in this city, and will practice here. Dr. Parker is anxious to establish a hospital here, and will do so if given the proper encouragement. The need of a hospital here has been pointed out time and again by the residential physicians, and they will give Dr. Parker cordial support should he undertake such an enterprise in this city.

Killed by Fall. R. R. Ennis, originally of Michigan, but for some years a resident of this city, was killed instantly by a fall from a trestle which he was working upon near Athens, Ga. His body was sent to Orangeburg and funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church today at 10 o'clock and burial will be immediately after at Sunnyside. He leaves a wife and several children.

Predicts Falling Weather. Rain and plenty of it is predicted throughout the country by the weather bureau for this week. Cooler weather will follow the downpours in the beginning of the week, but the cool wave will give way to no unreasonably hot weather is expected. Watch and see how near the weather man comes to making a correct weather guess.

STATE UNION MEETS

CONVENTION OPENS IN COLUMBIA TOMORROW.

Addresses Will Be Made by Prominent Speakers From This and Other States.

The regular annual meeting of the South Carolina State Farmer's Union will be held in the city of Columbia in the hall of the House of Representatives tomorrow afternoon at half-past four o'clock and will continue through Thursday.

This will be in some respects one of the most important union meetings ever held in this State. Many matters of importance to the organization and to the agricultural interests in general will come up for determination. J. B. O'Neill Holloway, State organizer, has labored hard for the benefit of the union. It is expected that the work of the organization department will be continued and broadened by putting more organizers in the field.

Addresses will be made before the State Union by Clarence Poe, editor of the Progressive Farmer, and by Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College, as shown on the programme. R. A. N. Wilson, of Mississippi a well known Farmer's Union speaker and field worker, will also make an address some time during the meeting. All members of the union, whether delegates or not, are invited to be present. These addresses will doubtless attract quite a number.

The programme for the annual meeting of the State Union is as follows: Wednesday, 4.30 P. M., July 26. Opening exercises. Enrollment of delegates. President's address. Appointment of committees. Education, good of the order, memorials, resolutions. Recess until 8.30 P. M. Minutes of previous session. Communications, notices, memorials, resolutions, and other papers to be referred to proper committees.

Report of executive committee. Reports of deputy organizers. Address by Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College. Recess until 9 A. M. Thursday, 9 A. M., July 27. Minutes for previous meeting. Election of officers. Report of committees. Report from national meeting. Unfinished business. 4.30 P. M.—Address by Clarence Poe, Editor of Progressive Farmer. Orangeburg County will be represented by the following delegates: J. H. Clafy, Orangeburg; W. O. Tatum, Cope; J. H. Price, North; J. D. Wiggins, Holly Hill; E. L. Culler, Raymond.

Found on Battlefield Will Be Returned to His Heirs. A dispatch from Milford, Mass., says Commander Henry Alonzo Pond, of Major Emmons' F. Fletcher Post, No. 22, G. A. R., of that city, Tuesday night received a letter from O. K. Wilson of Orangeburg, S. C., which reads in part: "I can place in the possession of John Reed, of Milford, Mass., if he is living, or of any of his relatives, a sword picked up on the battlefield after either the battle of the Wilderness or Cold Harbor. The sword is engraved John Reed, Milford, Mass. L. H. Beckwith, who was 1st sergeant of Company B, South Carolina cavalry, under Wade Hampton, the noted Confederate commander picked up the sword, and his son now has it."

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Drowns in the Edisto. On Saturday afternoon, Toby Felder, an old colored man was drowned in the waters of the Edisto river a few miles below this city. It is reported that Toby, who was over seventy years of age, jumped into the river to save the life of a boy whom he thought was drowning. In his efforts to reach the boy he overtaxed his strength, and as a consequence went down and was drowned. The boy succeeding in reaching the shore and saving himself.

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Shot in Crap Game. Jake Mouzon shot and killed Freddie Goldson at the plantation of Mr. Harley, near North, on Sunday afternoon while engaged in a crap game. The wound was inflicted with a thirty-two calibre pistol and Goldson died from his injury on Monday afternoon. The ball passed through the spinal cord, severing the vertebra. Hot suppers and crap games are very unhealthy amusements for the average colored male citizen.

Fast at the Theatro. The great opera Faust will be shown at the Theatro on Wednesday afternoon and night. Nothing need be said of this magnificent play and the pictures that reproduce it are the most handsome pieces of photography ever seen in this city. To complete this excellent reproduction two entire reels of films are required. Pretty scenes and mysterious disappearances occur in this picture and the play is well staged and costumed. Those who fail to witness this picture will miss something that is worth while, that is instructive as well as entertaining.

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PICNIC AT BETHEL.

Big Crowd Enjoys Day There Last Thursday.

A children's service and picnic was held at Bethel church on the old Charleston road, on Thursday, July 20th and quite a crowd was in attendance. The programme of the hour was very tastily arranged and well rendered by the pupils of the Sunday school. The first was a welcome by Master Marvin Hughes and a song by little George Hughes, which would have done credit to a child much older.

Next was a missionary dialogue, "Why Not," by Bettie Hughes and May Dennis. "The Finding of the Cross" was next recited by Miss Annie Pearson, in which she showed careful preparation and held the audience spell-bound. No less did Miss Virgie Davis as she recited "The Model Church" while sweet music was softly rendered by the organist.

Last of the young people was Marion Fairey, who gave us the "First Settler's Story" in his own free and easy manner, displaying his accomplishment as a reader. After this part of the programme, we had two delightful addresses by the Pastor, Rev. J. L. Phillips, and Mr. M. A. Arant, better known as "Uncle Mike," whom we all know and love. They impressed beautifully upon the children the importance of an early acceptance of Christ in their lives as a means to happiness this world. After the doxology came another important part of the programme.

We were ushered to a table loaded with the many good things to eat as only the Bethel folks can serve, assisted by some of their guests. There was no lack of well-done pigs, as I myself beheld three and did not find out how many were behind me. It is needless to say that we did justice to the inner man. After resting awhile, it was thought that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" so the amusement committee gave the picnickers a good time by some innocent amusement by the little folks. The prize winners were Legare Pearson, Willie Edwins, Kittle O'Call, Marion Bozard and Essie Myers. By way of variety, cream and soft drinks were served for the purpose of putting a deep well on the church grounds. As the shadows began to deepen, the crowd slowly dispersed, feeling that they had spent a delightful day. One Present.

COPE NEWS. Crop Conditions and Other General Things of Interest. Cope, July 20th. Special:—With occasional showers from day to day and cloudy weather following the night are cool and pleasant, and barring a change of scenery, the folks at home are passing the summer almost as pleasantly as those who have gone to the mountains in search of cool weather.

As this section has been visited by good seasons for the past three weeks, the crops are now looking exceptionally fine, and some of the older folk say, it has been at least thirty years since the prospects were so good as at this time. Crops are about laid by, some few having only a day or two more plowing to do, and protracted meetings are now in force. There being one at Cranman Baptist church, and another at Wesley Grove Methodist at this writing. City council has had a large force of hands on the streets all this week, and the sidewalks and alleys present a much more desirable appearance and puts the town on a better sanitary basis.

Fair Buildings Soon. The directors of the Orangeburg County Fair Association met at the city hall recently. Among the important work of the meeting was the ordering of a committee of three to purchase lumber and erect buildings for the fair. The first installment of stock, 20 per cent., is coming in. The work on the fair building will be commenced shortly. Members of the executive committee visited fair grounds at different cities in this State that best ideas might be obtained. The next meeting of the directors will be held on August 2.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

PICKED UP ALL OVER TOWN BY OUR REPORTERS.

What Is Happening Here and There. Local Items of Personal Interest to Our Readers.

Faust at the Theatro tomorrow. Don't forget to-morrow is the day for "Faust" at Theatro.

Faust with music adapted from the play at Theatro to-morrow. Messrs. Wallace and Clyde Whetstone, of Bowman were in town yesterday. Mrs. Ella Seignois is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Rhem, at Rhams.

A large number of people went to the Island Sunday to get away from the heat. Our comic supplement will be due again pretty soon. Is your paper paid up? Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Wolfe and Frances have returned home from a visit to Trenton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Jennings left yesterday for several weeks stay at Glenn Springs. Miss Ruth Ervin, of Hartsville, is visiting at the home of A. W. Summers, Esq., on Amelia Street. Messrs. L. Bennett, Theo and Russell Wolfe went to Charleston Friday to assist the Charleston Concert Band.

The cholera, which has made its appearance in New York and Boston, is a most deadly disease. We hope it will be kept from spreading and will not come this way. All should join in making Orangeburg a city of 20,000 by 1920. A greater Orangeburg means a greater business for each man.

Mr. D. H. Marchant announces his candidacy for alderman of this city in to-day's paper. Mr. Marchant will make a good man if elected. The colored baseball team of Cope, played Barnwell on Saturday at the former's diamond, and beat the Barnwell boys by a score of 8 to 2. Don't forget the Children's Day Picnic at Gerizen Church near Vance Saturday. Everybody is invited, and will be expected to come with baskets.

Mr. Summers Dibbe, one of the prosperous young merchants of Springfield came over in his automobile Sunday to visit his father and family. In these days of rivalry and competition no town is better than the town with a body of progressive, keep-at-it style of business men, who are alive to the future.

Mr. Hydrick Smoak, of Cordova, who has been visiting in Charleston and among the sea islands for the past few weeks, has returned home after a most pleasant visit. We are pleased to announce that Mr. Herbert L. Gambati, the very efficient and courteous proprietor of the Theatro, has purchased one of the best machines money can buy for the popular photo-play house.

The services Sunday night were conducted at the Presbyterian church by Rev. Bays. The services next Sunday will be at the Lutheran church and the services will be conducted by Rev. Wilson the pastor of that church. It is a source of great pleasure to his large congregation that Rev. H. W. Bays, D. D., the popular Pastor of St. Paul Methodist church, is enjoying such excellent health. He has completely recovered from the attack of last year.

We have heard a great many business men express themselves on the subject and they all agree that \$1,800 paid the Superintendent of the City Schools is good pay for eight and a half month's work. The following invitations have been issued: "Mr. and Mrs. Onan Beverly Riley invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Maude Ann, to Mr. Andrew Jackson Hydrick, Junior, on the evening of Wednesday, the twenty-sixth of July, at half after eight o'clock, at their residence, North, South Carolina."

Children's Day service and picnic will be held at Gerzium Church, near Vance, July 29th. Services will convene at ten o'clock a. m. Elegant program by the school has been prepared. Rev. A. S. Leslie, Hon. J. Rutledge Connor and other prominent speakers will be present. Refreshments will be served. All are cordially invited to attend and a grand time is anticipated.

Buggies, Surreys, etc. We have just received two cases loads of buggies and surreys; the Parker and the Hercules. We also have on hand a full supply of Virginia, Corbit, Golsboro, Brown, etc. All these buggies are of the latest styles, and prices reasonable—\$42.50 and up. When in need for harness, saddles, robes, etc., come around as we can fit you up with a stylish and guaranteed outfit. Give us a call before buying and we will treat you right. Von Oshen and Smoak.

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Good News!! Kohn's Experienced Buying Force Will Soon Leave For Northern Markets.

Many who read this look forward eagerly to the time that this store presents the annual Fall and Winter styles. They are aware that in no other similar store is the care taken and the particular taste shown in the selection of goods as at Kohn's. We will strive to better our service to you this year. We aim to give you absolutely the best the market affords at a fair moderate cost.

WATCH FOR ALL OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS THEY WILL BE WORTH WHILE.

IN THE MEANTIME: ALL SUMMER GOODS ARE PRICED AT AND BELOW COST FOR QUICK CLEARANCE.

10c this week for 12 1-2c Hill Bleach. 8c for grand selection 10c and 15c Foulards. \$1 to \$3 Skirts at \$75 to \$2. 10c S. C. Bleach on sale at 7 1-2c. 20c Dotted Swiss 10c. 12 1-2c Madras for Fall only 10c. 10c for new Ginghams worth 12 1-2c. Splendid Silk Values 25c and 50c. New styles in Slippers and Shoes.

THEODORE KOHN.

THEATRO 57 E. Russell St. Tomorrow, Wednesday 26th. FAUST WITH MUSIC ADAPTED. Pathe's Film D'Art. Hand Colored. Two Reels—1560 Feet.

Doors Open 3:30 P. M. Piano and Violin from 7 to 10 P. M. Admission 10c.

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