BELTON PAGE

Devoted to the Upbuilding of Belton and Vicinity, and as a Medium for Communicating News and Advertising.

BELTON NEWS.

Mrs. H. Reid Sherard and children of Williamston, will be in Belton for a few months with Mrs. A. R. Campbell on South Main street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clinkscales, a daughter, on February 16.

Chas. M. Brown is at home again.

Carlisle McKinney of Anderson, was in Belton Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Martin's many friends will be glad to know that their son, Willie, who has been very ill with pneumonia at the Citadel in Charleston, is much improved and the physicians think he will soon be quite well and strong again.

T. E. Cely of Anderson, spent Tuesday in Belton.

Mr. Crosby, chief dispatcher of the G. S. & A. line with headquarters in Greenville, was in Belton for a short while Tuesday.

Barr Allen of Anderson, spent Tuesday in our town on business.

The Mission Study Class met Tuesday with Mrs. Joel T. Rice. Fifteen members were present and a most interesting meeting it proved to be. Mrs. Rice always makes the lessons interesting, and the members are always glad when Tuesday comes.

Mrs. Jas. Lanier of West Point, Ga., is visiting her brother, W. H. Trammell on Brown avenue. Mrs. Lanier is quite a favorite in Belton and is always welcome to our town.

W. C. Clinkscales spent yesterday in Anderson.

Mrs. W. C. Brown had as her guests at a spend-the-day party yesterday, Mrs. Will C. Clinkscales and Mrs. J. T. West.

Miss Anna Dean West had little Misses Malvine Hopper, Janie Haynie and Floride Smith dine with her yesterday.

The city fathers have changed the name of Crayton street to Brown avenue, in honor of Dr. George, the founder of Belton.

Prof. Hand, State high school inspector and president-elect of Anderson College, visited the Belton High school yesterday. He was well pleased with the work being done here, but especially impressed with the urgent need for more room over there. He thinks all of the grades are entirely too crowded for the best work to be done.

Messrs. Walker and Thackston of Greenville, passed through Belton yesterday on route to Honea Path.

Mr. Earle of Anderson, who represents the Studebaker Automobile Co., was in Belton yesterday demonstrating.

The following traveling men stopped at Hotel Geer yesterday: T. L. Dallas, South Carolina; R. B. Witcherall, Richmond; W. J. Edwards, Asheville; Ernest Miller, Atlanta; E. H. West, Atlanta; H. W. Pegram, North Carolina; F. E. Schumpert, South Carolina; R. R. Craighead, New York; S. Laupheimer, Baltimore; J. Bathamy, Atlanta; D. G. Wood, Cincinnati; A. A. Levy, Atlanta; A. C. Johnson, Richmond.

BELTON HIGH SCHOOL

On last Friday, February 13th, the Literary Society of the Belton High School held its usual meeting in the auditorium. The readings were well rendered. All enjoyed the instrumental solo rendered by Miss Vera McMahan. A new feature of the program was a song by Misses Ruth Cox, Grace Campbell and Bessie Wilson.

Miss Pearl Wardlaw spent the week end with home folks at Due West.

Miss Helen Woodside spent the week end with home folks at Greenville.

Miss Eliza Woodside was a pleasant visitor here last week.

A play "The Farm Folks" will be here soon given by the high school girls and boys.

Miss Emma Wright went to Honea Path Wednesday to attend the marriage of her sister.

Prof Watkins attended the teachers meeting at Anderson Saturday.

Miss Annie Chiles attended the teachers meeting at Anderson Saturday.

Mr. Hand, rural school inspecor was a visitor at the school house today.

Pastime Theatre to Reopen.

Messrs. H. G. Campbell and Walter Cox, Jr., will reopen the Pastime Theatre in the opera house March 2. Mr. W. K. Stringer owner of the building is having a fire proof operating room built, and the ceiling that was destroyed by fire has been replaced. Messrs. Campbell and Cox have ordered a new machine and an electric piano, and no doubt they will give the people of Belton a first class show. It is understood that they will run every night in the week.

NEAL'S CREEK NEWS.

The death of Roy Martin, which was announced in Tuesday's Intelligencer, has cast a gloom over the entire community. For many months he had suffered without a murmur. In October he was carried to the Anderson hospital, where a number of physicians, after thorough examination, gave no assurance of his recovery. He was at once brought home, where the family, their physician, Dr. J. O. Sanders, and their relatives, did all they could to comfort the sufferer. Roy said that he was willing that the Lord's will be done, whether he lived or not. Last week he began to sink rapidly, and those about him knew the time of his departure was near. He passed out of this world without a struggle, that which appeared to be natural sleep being changed into the long sleep.

Funeral and interment took place at Neal's Creek church Tuesday at 12 o'clock, services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. W. Hiott, assisted by Rev. J. T. Mann. His school mates acted as pall-bearers. Much sympathy is felt for the family. It will be remembered that on Nov. 7, T. S. Martin, an elder brother, had his right arm torn off in the Neal's Creek ginnery. A touching scene was witnesses Tuesday, when the dismembered arm, which had been moved from another part of the cemetery, was placed in the grave of our deceased friend. The deceased is survived by his parents, five brothers and one sister.

Misses Exie and Nettie King of Trianon, visited friends here Tuesday.

We regret to report no improvement in the condition of Mrs. Joe Strickland, who is confined to her room with grippe.

Miss Allie Major spent Sunday in Belton.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGee of Starr, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. P. Martin.

A number of people from the Mountain Creek section, were here Tuesday, to attend the funeral of Roy Martin.

Mrs. Luther Major and Miss Mamie Kay of Belton, visited Mrs. S. M. Major last week.

Miss Russie Kay has returned home, after spending some time in Anderson and in the Prospect section with relatives.

Misses Addie and Mary Holland spent the week-end at Belton, the guests of Miss Doris Major.

Mrs. Jane Martin of Townville, is visiting relatives here.

Willis Martin, a student at the Citadel, and who has had a severe attack of pneumonia, is recovering, but is not able to be out.

Mrs. Walter Elgin and little daughter, Margaret, returned to their home at Jasper, Alabama, Sunday, having spent several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Elgin.

PELZER NEWS.

Pelzer, Feb. 17.—Winter is really upon us. The ground has been covered with snow and ice since Friday morning. The thermometer has been the lowest of the season. Our young folks have surely enjoyed the snow sleighing, skating and snowballing has been the order of the day. From the weather appearance it looks very much as if there will be more snow ere this is gone. The extreme rough weather is accompanied by quite a lot of sickness.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Coker were grieved to learn of the death of their little daughter, last week. The child was sick only four days when pneumonia claimed its victim. The little body was carried across the country to Lickville the church near the old Coker home place.

Mrs. Will Martin has the sympathy of her many friends. Mrs. Martin's mother, Mrs. Hammond, died of pneumonia last Sunday. Mrs. Hammond was most faithfully attended by her physician and loved ones but age was very much against the dear old lady and the severe attack of pneumonia was too much for her frail body. She leaves an aged husband who also has been very ill. All that wasof the earth of the sainted Mrs. Hammond was returned to the earth in the Beaverdam cemetery Monday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by her pastor amid a great concourse of loving and sympathizing friends. The aged father is now with his daughter, Mrs. Will Martin.

Dr. Stoward of Lickville was a business visitor here last week.

Mr. John Frank of Anderson was in town on business last Tuesday.

Miss Maggie Garlington, county supervisor of the Anderson county schools was in town last Tuesday While here Miss Garlington made quite an interesting talk to the children and teachers of West Pelzer school urging them to do much for the field day to be in Anderson 22d of March. The children are taking quite an amount of interest in the field day. Several of them have made a number of things to be exhibited that day.

Miss Clara Bonner one o fthe teachers of the Williamston high school and little Miss Constance Pelzer were the guests of Miss Ola Scoggins last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bonner of this place are now with Mrs. Bonner's sister, Mrs. George Sullivan of Williamston. Prof. Bonner comes back and forth to his school here on the G., S. and A.

The young ladies of the First Baptist church held a hankerchief sale Saturday night in the Y. W. C. A. rooms.

Misses May and Gladys Johnson spent last Friday night here as the guests of Miss Mildred Harrison.

Mrs. C. J. Murphy spent last Sunday here with relatives.

The friends here of Mr. John Rampey regretted very much to have him move to Anderson a few days ago. We hope Mr. Rampey will find Anderson all he expected.

Mr. Andy Cobb who has recently returned from the hospital in Greenville is improving. His friends are hoping to see him out again.

Mr. Thomas Stegall of the White Plains section was a business visitor here last Monday.

Mr. Harold Sullivan of the Greenville side was in Pelzer on business Saturday.

Picnic! Wet this cold weather does not very much remind one of picnics does it? Nevertheless that is just what the good folks of West Pelzer enjoyed last Tuesday at (or rather in, the school building. The fried chicken in great abundance, cakes, pies, pickles, and salad and numerous other good things to eat reminded one not of sleet and snow but instead it made us think of the regular "good old summer time" in the shady lane picnics. Mesdames W. A. Crenshaw, J. W. McCuen and J. M. Garrett with the help of some of the school girls served the guests with the tempting dinner. This pleasant occasion was a farmers' picnic. The morning was given over to addresses made by men of worth who are deeply interested in farming. Mr. Lot of Edgeville, who represents the United States department of agriculture made the first and a very interesting speech; Mr. W. H. Baker of Greenville, representative of demonstration farm improvement association of the Southern Railway made the second speech. Mr. Baker's address was very helpful. Mr. Rothrock of Anderson, who is our county government farm demonstrating agent made a stimulating talk to the farmers; Miss Maggie Garlington our Anderson county supervisor made quite an interesting talk to the children and teachers. She urged that they do something for field day in Anderson some time in March. Though the day was cold and rainy several farmers and a number of the young people were present as well as were all the speakers and a really and truly basket picnic was enjoyed in midwinter. We say what next?

Mr. Byrd Fletcher of Laurens has many friends here who were delighted to see him in town Monday. Mr. Fletcher and family made Pelzer their home for a long time. They went to Laurens a few weeks ago.

Mr. John Mauldin of Pleasantown, was a business visitor here Monday.

Mr. Will Harrison of Greenville spent last Friday night in town with his mother.

Mr. Jim Rampey who has for some time been in the hospital in Greenville has returned home very much improved. His friends are glad for him.

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BLEASE GIVES AN EXPLANATION

IN REGARD TO HIS LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVE STEVENSON

In stating that he would veto any measure with reference to the purification of the primary election system, Governor Blease sent the following message to the house of representatives:

"I notice in your journal of Thursday, Feb. 12, 1914, on page 20, a copy of a letter from myself to the Hon. W. F. Stevenson, member of your body.

"It would seem that Mr. Stevenson's idea in presenting this letter to you was to lead some to ie conclusion that I favor requirin all men who vote in the primary elections to have a registration certificate. If you will read the letter carefully you will see that no such interpretation can possibly be placed upon it. In the first place I fought through my whole political career in opposition to any restriction of the primary, and have advocated in public and in private, at all times, and on all occasions, the allowing of every white man to participate in the democratic primaries, whether he be able to read or write or not; whether he owns any property or not; or, whether he is a qualified elector or not. None of these requirements were necessary when men were called upon to go on the battle field in the 60's and none were required when they were called upon, and volunteered, to go into the fight with Wade Hampton, to redeem South Carolina from Republicanism, and never will I consent to any restrictions being placed around a primary election to prevent one of these old soldiers or the son of one of these old soldiers, from saying who they think should hold the offices in South Carolina. Negro interference and negro domination is all rot. Conditions are different now to what they were just after the war, when our fathers were forced to accept certain things. It could no more happen in South Carolina today than a keg of powder could stay in hades forty-eight hours without exploding. Therefore, any man who talks to you about appealing to the negro, or a split in the party at at the general election, with the negro having the balance of power, must be either a mixed-breed, a negro lover, or himself a disappointed office seeker. Let the white people all vote in the primary as you have been doing and when either side appeals to the negro, you will see all decent white men with the pure caucasian; the negro and his mixed allies will be beaten, as has been the result every time it has been tried since 1874.

"Now, listen! Here is what my letter said:

"That a certified copy of the names of the qualified voters of each precinct shall be sent to the managers of such precinct, and in case any person shall lose his certificate, and his name is on the books in proper form, he should be allowed to vote, provided the managers know him, or he can be identified."

"This suggestion was offered only in case a bill was forced through by a majority, who had made up their minds regardless of consequences to pass it; and, of course, this would have had to be passed over my veto as any bill passing this session, touching the primary in any shape or form, will have to be. I have said this gentlemen in my message and I meant it, and I mean it here, and appeal to every friend I have in your house to vote against any and all bills however innocent they may look, or however innocent they may appear in any manner, in any shape or form, and any friend of mine, or the people who does not do it is putting himself in his enemies hands and fixing for himself as certain defeat as the people are permitted to vote this year. I am surprised at all of you. You came here over the primary bridge, and if you never expect to run for another office, burn the bridge; but if you ever expect to come back again over that stream, you would be fools to burn the primary bridge that you came across on this time. Furthermore, I suggested that an act be passed by you in 1913 requiring the books of registration to be opened during the entire months of July and August, in order that everybody might have the opportunity to register, and then if a man did not, it would be his own fault. You passed no such law. The majority of your house are opposed to me, and they refused to give the people this opportunity to register, when I asked you to give it to them, and when they did so, they released every friend of the people in this state from any word, act or deed, that they had said or done that could be interpreted into meaning that they favored any change in the primary. I instructed all the boards of supervisors of registration to open their books last year; to go to all the cotton mills; to go to the various townships, and try to get everybody registered, but that failed.

"Now gentlemen, in the words of another, 'I am not opposed to any reasonable regulation designed to prevent mistakes, fraud, repeating or substitution in primary elections.' The primary system was instituted in this state for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the white voter in the selection of public officers and for his protection. I am, therefore, in favor of guaranteeing to every white man, whether registered or not, by any board, the privilege of casting his vote in the primary. But, I go one step further, and say that I think every white man's name should be upon the club roll, and no man should be allowed to vote but once, and no man should be allowed to vote unless he lives in South Carolina, and no one should use whiskey or money to influence voters or otherwise debauch the primary system. We should have a free, open primary, where all of our white people can cast their ballots for their choice, and once again I appeal to you not to interfere with the primary and I appeal particularly to my friends in your house to vote against any measure, no matter what it is, or how innocent it may look, interfering with the primary election, and if any such bill is passed, as soon as it comes down to me, it will be sent back to you vetoed, and while we have not a majority in your house, if we will all stand together, we certainly have more than a third, and we can protect the rights of the people against invasion of their opponents.

Very respectfully,

COLE L. BLEASE,
Governor.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 16, 1914.

Germany discourages the cutting of peat, as the government desires to convert the moors and bogs into arable lands through proper drainage. This action is taken because of the scarcity of cattle and meat.

About 3,000 ton of cork sawdust are used in Spain annually in packing fruits for shipment. Some 40,000 persons are employed in some manner in the cork industry in Spain with an average wage of about 57 cents a day.

The Menance of the Mulatto Problew. Is the Negro Question "Settling Itself"?

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In other words, there are not even twice as many full-blooded negroes as there were in 1870, but there are nearly FOUR TIMES as many mulattoes. The Progressive Farmer of February 21st will present some amazing figures and some notable utterances by Rev. A. H. Shannon, Prof. T. J. Brooks, Senator B. R. Tillman and others about this whole big, sinster, loathsome subject. It is not going to be pleasant reading, but it's mighty necessary reading and in many respects astounding reading, and ought arouse the whole South to action concerning the perils that confront us.

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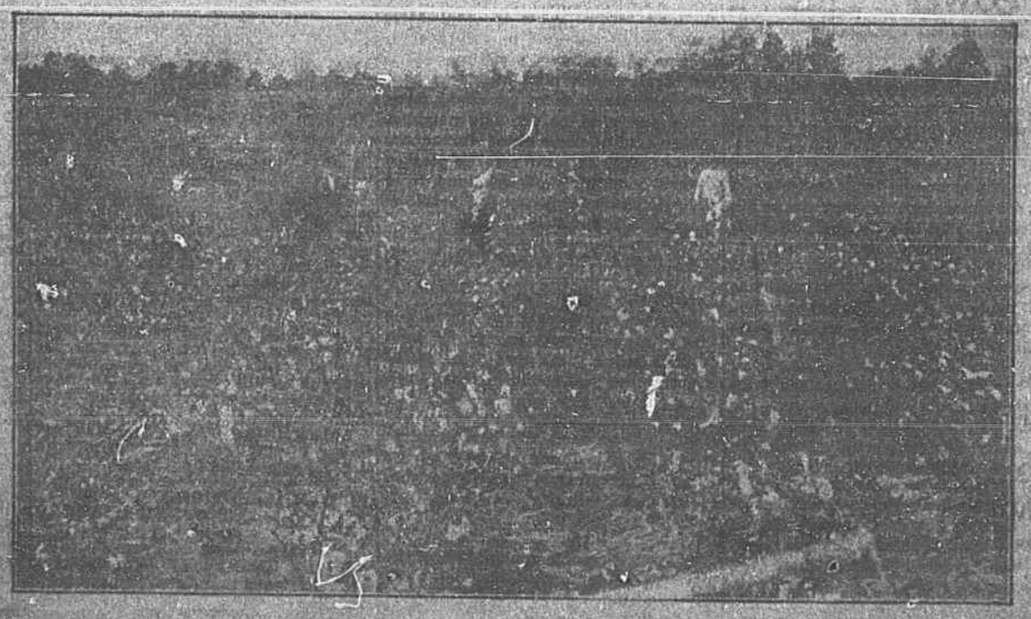

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