

BELTON PAGE

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INTERESTING BUDGET OF NEWS AND NOTES FROM BUSY BELTON

Miss Helen Woodside is spending the week-end in Greenville with her parents. Miss Emma Wright has gone to Honea Path for the week-end. Miss Alice Covington is in Greenwood for the week-end. Miss Katie Scott will spend the week-end in Anderson with friends. The play, "The Time of His Life," which is to be given soon under the auspices of the Civic League is progressing nicely and will be quite an event in Belton. They have quite a number of specialties that are sure to draw a big crowd.

HONEA PATH. Mrs. T. H. Brock, who went to Baltimore for treatment two weeks ago, is getting along very well. While her condition is not as satisfactory as her friends wish it to be, she is slowly gaining strength and hopes to be able to return home soon. Little Ted Shaver, who lives with his grandfather, Mr. Bell, near Shoals Junction, is seriously ill after falling as the result of a fall from a tree recently. The right leg was torn open and the boy bled profusely before medical attention could be summoned to dress his wound. Rev. Edward S. Reeves returned Saturday from Atlanta where he spent the week in attendance upon the sessions of the Atlanta Bible Conference. He reports a most enjoyable trip. Mr. Grady C. Young and Miss Dora Temple, both of the Lovel Land section, were happily married last Thursday afternoon at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. E. L. Kugley. Miss Laura Manning of Pocomoke, Md., arrived at Honea Path this week and will again be in charge of M. B. Wright & Co.'s military department. This is her third season here and her many friends are delighted to welcome her here.

HURRICANE CREEK. We witnessed something last Saturday we seldom see in March. The beautiful round snow flakes falling and the sun shining on them, resemble diamonds sparkling in the sunlight. The box supper at Mountain Springs Saturday night was quite a success. The boxes and cake brought \$28.40, all of which goes for school improvements. Now let the trustees and patrons come together and relieve the congested condition of the school. We are in need of more room and more desks for the opening of the next school year. Our teacher, Miss May Wingington, works almost day and night for the school, and we predict a bright future for Mountain Springs. We hope some day to see a large two-story building there, for it is one of the most beautiful building sites in Anderson county for a high school. This community was made sad to hear of the death of Mr. William Lott, which occurred Feb. 28. He and his good wife were such faithful workers in the church and Sunday school. They attended two Sunday schools each Sunday. He was absent but one Sunday the past year. Mr. Momo Wilson and D. E. Porter's family have the measles. Mrs. Porter says it's a consolation to her to know that we have to have the measles but once in a life time. She says it's not very pleasant going from room to room nursing five children at night, when the thermometer registers below freezing point. The store left a nice pound boy at Mr. Havis Major's. He's already counting the years when his boy will be old enough to hold the plow handles. Surveyor W. F. Lee has purchased a new possession and has a tractor installed so he's prepared to do work on short notice. Miss Beulah Rodgers has purchased a new sewing machine, and is prepared to sew for the ladies at a reasonable price. She invites them to come and inspect her work. Mrs. Robert E. Lee is visiting near Seneca this week. Rev. B. Holler of Pickens was visiting in this community some time recently. He says he lives in the 23rd of this month he will celebrate his 50th birthday. He is in perfect health, still retains his good sense, says he hasn't raised interesting haunts in sixty years. Not used to see in his form. Never swore as a man in his life and always drinks a glass of milk after each meal. How can any that

TEACH THE CHILDREN

The Daily Intelligencer has received the following open letter: To The Parents of Anderson:— This is a day when the majority of the people are believing in an education. This is a day when the majority of people are believing in the necessity of education. But so many of the parents seem to think that all that is necessary to secure an education for their boy is to send him to school. It is a fact that the parents do not realize that they must cooperate with the teacher. Only through the teacher or has the boy but a small time each day. The teacher cannot direct the study of the boy and regulate his hours. The parent must help. At times it really seems that the parent tears down some of the work of the teacher, but the result is the same. Especially in one thing do they sometimes test the teacher's patience. How many teachers have heard this excuse for unprepared work, "I don't understand it." They settle the matter to the boy's mind and to the minds of the parents in many cases and is swallowed by many a waxy teacher as a legitimate excuse. In fact, it is no excuse at all. There are but two possible reasons for not understanding the lesson assigned: a lack of application; either on the current lesson or on some previous lesson, nine times out of ten the latter; or lack of brains. The school books of today are prepared with the utmost care and the explanations given have proved adequate to the average mind. We cannot say that the children of Anderson are below the mental average, hence the lack of study is the cause. Yet, the mothers of Anderson back up the children in the idea that if they do not understand, some way or other the teacher is at fault. The following letter will serve as a sample of several received by the writer: Dear Prof.

Yes, dear mother, the work has been explained to little Willie, and he understood it. But when he went home he was not fixed in his mind by sufficient application on his studies. First, the mother, and then sometimes teachers, have been predigesting the knowledge for little Willie. Willie's mind has not had to stand alone. It has thought out ideas for itself. It is a bottle-fed mind, hence it does not understand. The mind must be taught self-reliance. Willie must know what the lesson is, and the only thing to help him in its application. The teacher sees it, sees that only by teaching the brain to stand alone can Willie progress; so the teacher assigns work and says you must get this work. Willie goes home with the air of a martyr, tells mother the teacher won't explain. Then mother either writes a note like the one above, sends it unsolicited, or a note who reads it and glories in the downfall of his hereditary enemy, the teacher. Or possibly mother wheedles father into working the problems for Willie. Does father explain? Oh, that he would, then he could see that his boy knew. But no he writes them and then Willie hands them in the next day without even copying them out. Willie has been set back and not helped.

Will parents never understand that to do the work for a boy is the worst possible injury they could do his educational advancement? It is only by exerting that the mind grows. What a paradise teaching was to work all the problems, and diagram all the sciences, and read the history. That would be nothing, but nothing of this sort will teach the young. That system works only in universities. The assistance a boy needs is either moral or physical, as in a daily application to study, beginning with the hardest. This gives the freshest mental energy to the hardest subjects and when the mind is more weary the harder tasks have been finished and the easier studies do not tax it so heavily. Teach your boy to depend upon himself. You cannot live with him all days. He must stand alone some day. Teach him now to be self-dependent and resourceful. Careless mental habits are every bit as bad as careless moral habits. Help the teachers; they really have your boy's interest at heart. Any errors they make, and they are but humans, are errors of judgment and not of intention. An Anderson County Teacher.

SENATOR J. A. BANKS. Calhoun Advances. Information comes from Columbia that the Hon. J. A. Banks, of Calhoun county, will probably be a candidate for lieutenant governor this summer. Senator Banks is a merchant and a farmer, and a most excellent gentleman of truly democratic principles. He was for a number of years president of the State Fair Association and his administration resulted in the planting of the alfalfa of that organization on a more solid and substantial basis than for many years previous. He sustains a deep and intelligent interest in the agricultural and industrial affairs of the state, and he becomes a candidate for lieutenant governor it will be most because of the good he would like to do for South Carolina, that because of any desire for even honor that may accrue to him. An unusually high specimen of good citizenship is Senator Banks.

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Sunday School Department THE LESSON FOR MARCH 1, 1914. PREPARED BY DR. Z. T. CODY IN BAPTIST COURIER.

THE LAWLESS USE OF THE SABBATH (Luke 13:10-17; 14:1-6)

In the lesson on "washing before eating" we were in a far off time. Our age knows nothing of ceremonial defilement and it takes much explanation to make even the principles of that lesson applicable to us. But in this lesson we come to Sabbath observance and this is as modern as it is ancient. There are two instructions which have come down to us from Eden—marriage and the Sabbath. They are therefore rather old and we have had many millions in which to study them. It would seem that by this time the human race could have reached a common understanding concerning them. But such is not the case—at least it is not as to the Sabbath. After all these years upon seas of use and of discussion men are about as badly divided upon the Sabbath as they ever were. Perhaps they are more divided. Ask these questions: Ought drug stores to be open on Sunday? Ought trains to be run on Sunday? What about fruit stands and stands for cold drinks, Sunday concerts in the parks, religious theatres? What ought to be done with an automobile on the Lord's day? If an automobile, why not a livery stable? What about necessary Sunday work in our mills, factories, and shops? Ought the "old time laws" that are now found on our statute book to be enforced in this modern age where we are living in a more complex civilization than that which encompassed our fathers? Ought we to make a man stop working on Sunday who religiously believes that Saturday is the Lord's sacred day? Ask these questions and, even though this is more than sixteen hundred years after the fact, you will get a great variety of contradictory answers. There are those who believe that the Sabbath is a very sacred day, to be observed strictly in rest or in peace except for the necessities, and there are others who believe that it is a day which a man is to observe just as he pleases. And between these two extremes it is possible to find every degree of variation. Almost all men claim Christ as authority for their respective views and customs. Can we know what Christ thought about the Sabbath? I think so. The trouble is we are not willing to keep the Sabbath as he did. He believed in going to worship on the Sabbath. Always on the Lord's day he was found in the Synagogue. This was his invariable custom. I do not believe that anything could have changed this rule of his life. And he went to synagogues where the "rulers" (pastors) were bitterly opposed to him; and where he had to hear sermons and explanations which must have grieved his true-loving heart. Christ's example is a great rebuke to those who use their liberty to stay away from worship or who accept gladly the excuse that will give a rest of undation of their absence from church services. Christ used the Sabbath to do good in. He claimed the right. He removed men's burdens on that day. To him that was what the day stood for. It was as much of a duty to remove men's burdens on that day as it was to worship God. It was not a day on which he could do that if he wanted to. He would do that if he had it right. Therefore, at the risk of his life, he removed men's burdens and never postponed one of these works of mercy until the next day when it would have been safe to perform it. He could do that because he had a good work to do on the Sabbath. He could postpone nothing until the Sabbath until next day. This could not be emphasized in our modern life.

few Christians feel it their duty to remove burdens on the Sabbath. They feel that they could do so if they wanted to, but not that they must. They do not think about removing burdens on the Sabbath as they do about worship. Christ fought these men who tried to stop the doing of good on the Sabbath. In this lesson we have two instances. A ruler rebuked him and the people for healing and seeking to be healed on the Sabbath. And in the other instance, a ruler rebuked him for putting a man's hand straight on the Sabbath day, let us never stop to remove a man's hand on the Sabbath. God is pleased with such work. He is as much pleased with it as he is with worship. There is no conflict between the two. There is enough time on the Sabbath for both and to do so better right than we do. When we ask the question, "What is relieving men of their burdens on the Sabbath?" we come again to where we differ. But we know how to treat an ox or a sheep that is in need. If it is thirsty or hungry for water or food, we satisfy it. If it is in a ditch we take it out and set it on its feet. And whatever work is necessary to the well-being of human beings have to do on the Sabbath; and a good many of them have to get a little fresh air on that day if they get any at all. To see that they eat and get out into life is a good work. To give to those who work for a chance to get from under the burden of work is good. Cooks ought to have a chance and opportunity for some freedom. To give these things a chance and opportunity is right and to see them enjoying this freedom ought not to stir evil feelings in our hearts. It seems to me also that work on Sunday is allowable which is essential to the real welfare of a whole community. The work in mills, on trains, in the postoffices, by sextons

in churches, in newspaper office, in livery stables and other places, is all to be judged by this standard. Such work ought to be limited as far as possible; and where it is demoralizing the community life it should be stopped. But a community's life must go on. It can no more stop than the life of a family. Yet it should go on when the Sabbath comes, in worship and in innocent ways. In this connection it might be said that communities vary; and the standard to be placed by one cannot be used in judging another. What has not to be allowed in some places need to be tolerated in all. If South Carolina's Sabbath would raise a "civil war" in New York city, I would not mind if I was living in New York, to be in favor of installing South Carolina's Sabbath. But on the other hand, if the coming of New York city's Sabbath would demoralize our people, as it certainly would, we are in duty bound not to allow it in our state. Communities and ages vary and what is essential to their welfare also varies. But there are many things that are injurious to all communities if they are allowed on the Sabbath, such as open business, theaters, sports, amusements, excursions, etc. etc. These things do not lead men and women to worship nor do they lift any burdens from men's shoulders, nor do they minister at all to the welfare of a community's higher life. There are people who religiously observe Saturday. To what extent ought they to be made to keep our law? The law is supposed to be for a community's welfare; and no citizen can be licensed to violate law. The health of this community is very good at this writing. Messrs. Kerren Brock and Clyde Murrell called on their best girls on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Otto Hall and sister, Miss Mary Sue, worshipped at Varennes Sunday. Mr. Clifton Heimer of Gluck Mills has been spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. Lynch. Miss Gertrude Clinkales spent Saturday with Mrs. F. F. Bonds. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Campbell visited Mr. and Mrs. D. A. McClellan Thursday night. Miss Mildred Bonds visited Misses

PEN POINTS

(By Rev. J. M. Steadman.) There is a vast difference between moral and immoral courage. The man who fights the devil with fire will likely get burned. He who does not stand strongly against wrong cannot stand firmly for right. The desires of this life should be such that eternity can fulfill them. Liberal thinking is often born of a desire for loose living. Peneth the hollow mockeries of those who only play at religion, there is a hungry dissatisfied heart. The gospel is food for the heart and not a substitute for itching ears. We who live in sin and talk up religion bring it to contempt. Our deeds are the windows through which others see our character. Light drinks sometimes bring heavy sorrows. Of some churches it may be said, "the dirt dauber has found a place where she may build her nest." Satan has never failed to have a human tongue to circulate his lies. The nearer we draw to God, the more we resist the devil. He who is found reaping in God's harvest field when the "Reaper" comes, need not fear. Tomorrow will let no man make his acquaintance. The poorest man on earth is he who while rich in earthly treasures is lean in soul. Lowly graces are the roots of conspicuous virtues. We do not often influence others for good by lecturing them on their faults. A man needs to have his religion at hand in the hour of temptation.

FIRST CREEK NEWS.

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