

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE COLLEGE CLOSES WITH LARGE CROWD PRESENT

Orangeburg, S. C., May 28.—The twenty-eighth, annual commencement of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College was held May 27 and attended by the largest crowd of visitors that has ever witnessed these exercises. There being fully 3 thousand people on the college grounds that day. Among the visitors were many from neighboring States, especially North Carolina, Florida and Tennessee, who were present to attend the graduation of representatives from these States.

Displays from the several vocational departments of the college attracted wide interest as this work forms a large part of the college program. Prizes, certificates, and diplomas were awarded at the conclusion of the exercises.

The commencement program covered a period of several days. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by President David H. Sims of Allen University, Columbia, S. C., who made a very fine impression. Among the special features of the week was the Shakespearean Drama, "Twelfth Night," by students of the College Dramatic Association, which attracted large numbers.

Ninety-seven graduates were awarded degrees of various kinds, and in addition the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by the President Wilkinson upon Richard S. Grossley, President of the State College of Delaware.

The Summer School for teachers will open June 15th and last six weeks. The regular fall session will begin September 23.

GETHESEMANE BAPTIST UNION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CONV'NTN HOLDS MEETING

The Gethsemane Baptist Union and Sunday School Convention held its usual quarterly session with the Fifth Baptist Church of this City, last Saturday and Sunday, Rev. E. T. Hampton, pastor. The introductory sermon was preached by the Rev. S. M. McIver, of College Place, and it was fine. The Missionary sermon was preached Sunday morning by the Rev. L. C. Crafton of Prosperity and was a crowd sweeper. Rev. Crafton made our hearts to burn while he talked to us by the way. The closing sermon was preached by that young prince of the pulpit the Rev. L. C. Jenkins, A. B. To say that it was a great sermon is enough when Jenkins preached it. It was a great sermon, subject: "The Two Talent Men." Speeches and addresses were made by Mr. Ralph Stephenson, Mrs. J. C. Clark, Prof. J. R. Wilson, Rev. T. W. Rice, Dr. J. C. Tobin, and others. This was a great meeting. \$80.00 was raised. The next session of the Union will be held with the St. Peter Baptist Church of Irmo, S. C.

THE AMENDMENTS

N. Y. Times—W. L. Fish. It seems singular, indeed, that New York's failure to avail herself of the permission given her to enact a prohibition statute under the concurrent power clause of the Eighteenth amendment should excite such wrath and should be so denounced as a violation of her constitutional duty, when mandatory provisions of the Constitution much older are deliberately dishonored by many of the Southern states. Furthermore, the supreme authority of congress to enforce these constitutional provisions has never been exercised. It is strange, indeed, that congressional inaction has not heretofore been cited by citizens opposed to state enforcement acts.

A prominent Southern gentleman from Alabama recently quoted the supreme court in re the Eighteenth amendment as follows:

"It clearly casts upon congress the duty . . . of enacting such regulations and sanctions as were essential to make them operative."

Let us see about this. There is the Thirteenth amendment (the slave amendment), Section 2 of which says:

"Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

The Fourteenth amendment relating the apportionment of representation and forbidding the abridgement of Negro votes, has these words in Section 5:

"The congress shall have power to enforce by appropriate legislation the provisions of this article."

The Fifteenth amendment, which states that the right of suffrage shall not be impaired, says in Section 2:

"The congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

Compare these sections with Section 2 of the Eighteenth amendment:

"The congress (and the several states) shall have (concurrent) power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

With the exception of the words in parentheses the wording in each of these four amendments are identical.

It is sickening to read pious exhortations to obey the Constitution from a Southern prohibitionist, for to him, the mote in his neighbor's eye is a mountain compared to the beam in his own.

It is of course as unfair to refer to history in combating the shrieks of the prohibitionists as it is to endeavor to obtain a referendum of the people in regard to modification of Volsteadism. It is in their opinion not sportsmanlike to do either. Let them as an expression of their zeal for the Constitution personally go into the South and enforce the Fourteenth and Fifteenth amendments.

SHOOTS WOMAN—THOUGHT SHE WAS BEAR

Woodbyne, N. J., June—If a great big grizzly bear should ever cross the path of Earl Allen a watchman at a porcelain works in this village, it is doubtful if he would take a shot at it. Allen fired at what he thought was a bear several months ago and as a result faced a jury in the Criminal Court in Camden Wednesday.

Mrs. Helen Louise Sweeney, white, and her husband, of this village, crossed a lot near the porcelain works, to take a friend to a bus. On their return, Allen, who is employed as a watchman at the plant, fired a revolver at Mrs. Sweeney, who wore a fur coat. Allen was arrested and said he saw the big coat and thought Mrs. Sweeney was a bear.

Placed on trial for atrocious assault and battery, he was acquitted by a jury Wednesday morning.

FIND TURPENTINE OPERATORS GUILTY OF PEONAGE

Pensacola, Fla., June—A Federal jury here found M. B. Davis and Charles Laud, turpentine operators, and other persons guilty on all counts of peonage. It is alleged that they were charged with peonage involving involuntary servitude on the part of colored workers on the famous Davis farm. The jury was all night reaching a verdict.

WHITE PASTOR REJECTS KLAN MEMBERSHIP

Camden, N. J., June—"Why I Not Join the Ku Klux Klan" was the subject of a talk Sunday night at the First M.E. church,

by Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Brock, the pastor. Under date May 12, he said that he received a communication from the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in which it was stated he had been elected a member. Dr. Brock said: In order that no one might misquote me, I am writing out the following answer. "As I understand it, the Ku Klux Klan is an American, patriotic, Protestant, white fraternity. All of these are worthy of careful consideration by all of our people, but it does not embrace all of the interests of the Kingdom of God. The cross of Jesus Christ stood for reconciliation. Its great word is Brotherhood among races. Paul said: 'This cross breaks down the middle wall of partition between the Jew and the Gentile and they become one in Jesus Christ.' I do not believe in religious or racial prejudices and it looks as though the Ku Klux Klan is propagating this very thing." To me the church is one great organization to propagate Americanism, the social teachings of Jesus Christ, the presentation of the only cure for sins, and the cultivation of holy and scriptural living. If all the men who don white robes and burn crosses would give themselves with the same zeal to the true cross and white living of Christianity, the speaker believes that the day would not be far distant when Christ would reign in the city of Camden."

Newark Briefs.

Newark, N. J., May 31.—The Dependent Chorus gave a grand recital at the Pilgrims Baptist church, of Newark, Tuesday night, May 26, 1925. Mr. Heyward Johnson and other members of the Club rendered some wonderful selections. Mrs. Lucile Simons and Sister Miss Emma Webber left for South Carolina where they will visit relatives and friends. Mr. E. W. Simons spent Sunday in Newark. Miss Willa May who has been

teaching in Virginia is spending a while in Newark with Miss Nettie Brunson.

Mrs. Mabel Carnes is on the sick list.

McClellanville News

Mrs. Abbie Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Brown after a space of illness covering only twenty-four hours, found relief from racking pains in the chilly embrace of death, Tuesday night last week.

The remains were funeralized Wednesday at Bethel A. M. E. Church in the presence of numerous relatives and friends.

The Rev. J. C. McClinton assisted by the Rev. Wm. Wright and the Rev. Richard Ball conducted the funeral rites.

The deceased was only twenty years old at her death but possessed many noble traits of character and was loved and respected by all who knew her.

Besides her parents, a husband five sisters, two brothers, many uncles and aunts and a host of friends mourn her departure.

Mrs. Eliza Campbell left recently for Philadelphia where she will remain during summer with her son Francis M. Campbell who is soon to take to himself a bride.

The Misses Lucia V., Esther, Marie and Clifford Brown took in commencement at Avery last week to witness the graduation of their baby sister—Miss Phoebe A. Brown.

Reginald A. Shokes of the Class of '25 of State College came home very sick last week but is improving and will soon be up and out again.

Mr. Eugene Williams daughter Miss Marthana will roll in from Florida in a few days, bearing credentials from one of the best high schools in Jacksonville.

Lincoln Graded school is getting in line for its annual picnic and closing exercises, June 19th. People from miles around will be present for two days of real pleasure and profit.

::: STRAY LEAVES :::

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SUNSHINE

By William D. Robinson.

Just think of a land where the sun never shows
In the golden smile of day,—
Just a barren waste of frozen snows,
Where Night forever holds sway.

Just think of a land where sweet flow'rs never bloom,
Where the blithe birds never sing,—
A bleak, lifeless land of dreary gloom,
With never the joy of spring!

'Twas at the touch of sunshine that Life awoke,
In the dawn of creation's morn;
It was sunshine's gentle beams that broke
The gloom where e'en Life was born.

As thus in the heart of nature, sunshine plays
The part of life-reviving,
So also in human lives it plays,
Lover of life, reviving.

Human sunshine,—kind words, and gentle acton,—
The genial smile of gladness,—
The joyous laugh,—quiet satisfaction,
Dispelling gloomy sadness!

Smile, and all nature softens and the saddest
Of souls can rejoice with you;
Frown, and the world,—e'en hearts the gladdest,
Thru your darkened glass, seem blue.

Let us be, each of us, a ray of sunshine,
Brightening some darker life,
Smiling courage into hearts that pine,
Fearful and fainting in the strife.

And where we tread sweetest flowers will bloom,
And blithe birds happily sing;
As Life and Joy, victors over gloom,
Exult in earth's fairer spring.

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