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LOCAL LAONICS.

Happenings of Interest About Town.

Miss Beulah Edge was visiting in the city last week.

Mr. A. G. Bentley, of Elzie, was in the city Monday.

Mr. Carey Morgan, of Greenville, was in Union Tuesday.

Miss Rogers, of Atlanta, Ga., is visiting the Misses Chambers.

Miss Gillespie, of Spring City, Tenn., is visiting Mrs. T. C. Duncan.

Capt. and Mrs. W. M. Gibbs, of Columbia, are in the city for a short visit.

Mrs. Dan Wallace will leave Saturday morning for a visit to Charlotte, N. C.

Mrs. McElroy has returned from a delightful visit to friends in Charleston.

Miss Louise Gage has closed her school and returned to Union for the summer.

Miss Edith Murphy is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. Theodore Maddox.

Miss Ethel Jeter, who has been teaching in Virginia, has returned to home in Santee.

Miss Mahala Smith is in Gaffney attending the graduating exercises of Limestone College.

Miss Mixson, of Aiken, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Mixson, on Gage avenue.

Miss Mulligan, of Spartanburg, was in Union a few days last week as the guest of Mrs. W. A. Nicholson.

Little Miss Clara Spears, of Jonesville, has returned home after a visit to Miss Mary Spears, on South St.

Miss Louisa Duncan, who has been attending school in Nashville, Tenn., has returned to Union for the summer.

Miss Ella Little has returned to her home in Greenville after spending some time with her niece, Mrs. J. E. Lipscomb.

The name of Mr. James C. Sartor was omitted from the list of Confederate soldiers given in The Times as being buried in the Methodist cemetery. He was buried in Nov. 1905.

GENIUS RECOGNIZED.

An Exhibition of Inventors not yet
on the Market at the James-
town Exposition.

Norfolk, Va., May 27.—A most interesting feature of the Jamestown Exposition, on Hampton Roads, near Norfolk, Virginia, which opened April 26th and will close November 30th, is the "Section of Invention," in which inventors are invited to display their inventions and demonstrate their value to visitors.

The invitation is open to all, and every facility is offered in the way of floor space, tables, shelves, advertising cards and labels, electric current, gas, lights, etc. A modest fee of from ten to not more than thirty dollars, except in very special cases, is charged for such space and service. The service includes, as well as the general care of models, explanations to visitors and the return of the exhibit at the close of the exposition.

Awards will be made of gold, silver and bronze medals and diplomas. That inventors are alive to this unparalleled opportunity for making public their creations, is shown by the fact that within four weeks after the first notice was sent out by the Bureau of Inventions of the Jamestown Exposition, application has been made for more than five thousand square feet and new applications are now coming at the rate of a hundred a day.

The inventors are not the only ones who will profit by this display for the exhibition cannot fail to be of interest and material benefit to the public at large. Never before has such an opportunity been presented at any exposition, and now that the first step has been made in this direction, such exhibitions of inventions will no doubt become a part of all future expositions.

Lockhart Junction Letter.

Lockhart Junction, May 27.—It has been some time since I wrote a letter to your paper. Looking on the label of my paper and seeing correspondence writer on it reminded me that I still had a place in your columns. Meeting some readers of The Times saying to me, "Why don't you write a letter?" or "Why have you quit?" I thought I would write again.

Those liking to read from my pen seem to be strewing flowers by the wayside. Let us strew our flowers or give them as we go along life's pathway; let's say a good word, let's do a good deed, not wait till our friends are dead then strew flowers on their graves. Let's give them now as it may cheer the moss-worn cheeks awhile.

The public schools in this township have all closed. We attended the closing exercises of Bishop school which was taught by Miss Bessie Summer of Union, and the boys and girls all acted their part in the recitations and songs well and all was a grand success. The teachers of the various schools are Misses Bessie Summer, Dora Whitlock, Fannie Rodgers and Mary Cunningham, all of whom are from this county except Miss Cunningham, who is from Liberty Hill, S. C. All have given satisfaction in their work and we wish them a pleasant time during their vacation.

The crop prospects in this section are very sorry on account of bad stands of cotton. But let's not be discouraged. What we lose in bad stands we hope we will make up in price.

We attended the unveiling of the monuments at Jonesville and Union and we feel that that same spirit of patriotism in us as is in the soldiers of this day and was in the soldiers of the past. I want to ask the question, why can't we have the Sons of the Soldiers Camp. That is the way this can be cherished throughout all ages, and this will take the place of them when they have all passed away forever. Let us always cherish the memory of the soldiers of that day as long as life lasts.

Mr. Geo. W. Going had the front of his store decorated Saturday with a flag when he carried during the days of the "Red Shirts" in '76. It is a Confederate flag and Mr. Going was a lad of 14.

There will be an ice cream supper at West End, Union, on Saturday night. There will be lunches, chicken, lemonade and other good things. The proceeds go to the benefit of the Second Baptist church. The public is cordially invited.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hamilton left Monday for Washington to attend the convention of Southern Railway surgeons. Dr. Hamilton is also a delegate to the convention of National Railway Surgeons which meets at Atlantic city. Before returning to Union they will visit the Jamestown Exposition.

Andrew Carnegie has announced his latest philanthropic plan by providing for repatriation and pensioning of all aged and poor Scots now living in Great Britain. The applicants must be 60 years old and indigent. Satisfactory applicants will be returned to their former homes and pensioned at fifteen shillings a week.

Bad Spelling.

The Pickens Sentinel thinks the schools of the present day do not pay enough attention to reading and spelling. That has no doubt been said and thought of schools in every generation since schools were first established, and it will be so throughout all time. There may be some ground for the statement that pupils do not learn to spell well. They never did. They never will. Spelling is a very rare accomplishment. Very few pupils stay at school long enough to learn how. But they spell as well now as those who went before them; as well, we mean, as those who were of equal attainments in other lines of book learning. It is said that George Washington was a miserable speller. Many other men distinguished in history spelled badly. Even some excellent scholars misspell the commonest words.

Scholars give a good deal of attention to spelling; but they must teach other things as well, and can not give an undue amount of time to this subject. And if they should they would surfeit their pupils with it without accomplishing any good result. As spelling is not strictly an intellectual accomplishment, and does not require any special brain culture, it would be a mistake to make it the chief end of school training.

It is highly desirable that one should spell well, and we would not say anything to discourage the acquirement of this accomplishment; but it is idle to expect good spelling from the average pupil, who goes to school only a short time, and is crazy to get out into the world to "make a living". Our observation is that the young people of today are no more deficient in the art of spelling than in any other branch of learning—the deficiency arising, not from a neglect of that subject by the schools, but from the fact that most pupils stay at school only long enough to get a smattering of knowledge on various branches. The deficiencies reveal themselves more plainly in spelling than in other lines of study and are therefore more noticed.—The Newberry Observer.

West Springs News Notes.

West Springs, May 28.—The Times for the past two weeks has been very interesting. The discussion of the race problem has been interesting and instructive. The article on good roads by Observer seems to voice the sentiments of most people in this section.

A large delegation from here attended the unveiling of the monument at Union on Saturday. It was my pleasure to be present, and I certainly enjoyed myself.

An old time singing was given at Mt. Lebanon on last Sunday. The old time songs were sung. Auditor J. B. Lancaster, of Union, was present and led the singing with splendid effect. The pastor, Rev. W. H. Waters commented on the difference of singing fifty years ago, and the present time. A bounteous dinner was served by the ladies. Altogether, it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Messrs. W. D. Lancaster, M. S. Varner, B. W. and J. P. West leave tomorrow for Richmond, Va., where they will attend the Confederate reunion.

Miss Flora High, of Jonesville, spent a few days the past week visiting friends here.

Rev. D. E. Camak will preach a special sermon on "The Value of the Church" at Bogansville on the afternoon of Sunday, June 9th. The public is invited to attend.

An Approaching Marriage.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Page Stone, of Martinsville, Va., to Mr. Richard Allen Jones, of this city. The happy event will come off Wednesday morning, June the nineteenth, in the Methodist church at Martinsville, the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Cassie A. Stone.

Many Union people pleasantly remember Miss Stone who visited Miss Louise Foster here last year. These young ladies were school-mates.

Mr. Jones has been a resident of Union for the past three years. During this time he has built up a good business and has so conducted himself that he has won the esteem of the good people of Union. He is the proprietor of the "Busy Bee," a dry goods establishment of this city.

The Times joins the many friends of these young people in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

The rose was introduced into Europe from Damascus by the crusaders. It first appeared in England in the year 1306.

A large eagle that had strayed far from his home in the mountains was killed near Plum Branch last week. With wings stretched he measured six feet and seven inches.—McCormick Messenger.

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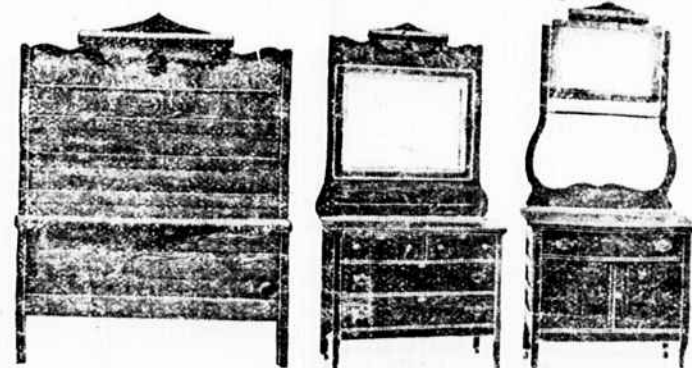
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