

B. B. JAMES RECOMMENDED

Congressman Johnson Has Submitted Name for Appointment as Postmaster Here, But Has Not Been Confirmed by Senate.

News was received in Union Tuesday that Mr. B. B. James had been recommended by Congressman Johnson for appointment as postmaster at Union. For some time the appointment of Union's postmaster has been pending. There were a number of aspirants, Mr. James being one of the number.

According to newspaper reports Senators Smith and Tillman have not yet confirmed the recommendation of Congressman Johnson. The following report of the Washington correspondent of The State appeared in that paper Wednesday:

"Washington, Dec. 15.—It would not be at all surprising should there be some delay over the nomination and confirmation of B. B. James, who has just been recommended by Congressman Johnson as postmaster at Union to succeed L. G. Young.

"It appears that Mr. James is not known by Senator Smith, and that Senator Tillman had another man for the place, Mr. Gregory. When Senator Smith was asked today what he would do about the matter he made no positive statement, but said he did not know Mr. James.

"Senator Tillman was somewhat surprised when he learned that Mr. Johnson had already recommended some one for the place, but said nothing indicating what steps might be taken, if any, looking to substituting another man. P. H. McGowan."

It is customary, however, for the senators to follow generally the recommendation of the congressmen representing the district in which the appointment is to be made, and, therefore, not probable that the appointment of Mr. James will be blocked.

Mr. James is a man possessing high character, is thoroughly made, and if he is appointed will give the citizens of Union satisfactory service.

MASSONS RETAIN THEIR OFFICIALS

The one hundred and thirty-eighth annual communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of the district of South Carolina, which convened Tuesday morning in the Masonic temple here, was brought to an end Wednesday afternoon. Much routine business was transacted at the day's session, which began at 10:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The officers of the grand lodge, all of whom were serving, were reelected and installed in accordance with the ritual of the order. Grand Master George T. Bryan of Greenville, announced his appointments of incumbents to the offices which are required to be filled by that method.

Past Grand Master George S. Mower yesterday received a handsome gold watch as a token from the grand lodge of appreciation for his service to the order. The presentation was made by Deputy Grand Master R. A. Cooper of Laurens.

Reports of numerous committees were received during yesterday's session. It was stated that many of the reports covered matters of much importance to the grand lodge.

Probably the public interest connected with the meeting was more concerned with the action taken Wednesday night when the grand lodge decided that a Masonic home would not be built for the present, but that all funds, above the nucleus of \$100,000, which may be received for the home will be devoted to caring for the indigent Masons and the widows of Masons. The interest from the \$100,000 will be used in this manner.

The officers of the grand lodge installed yesterday were as follows: grand master, George T. Bryan, of Greenville, deputy grand master, R. A. Cooper of Laurens, senior grand warden, W. W. Wannamaker of Orangeburg, junior grand warden, W. A. Gyles of Greenville, grand treasurer, W. H. Proleau of Charleston, grand secretary, O. F. Hart of Columbia, and grand chaplain, the Rev. W. P. Smith of Spartanburg.

Reelected by Commissioners.

At a recent meeting of the county commissioners, Mr. Bailey Lawson has been reelected to supervise the county chaingang and Mr. M. M. Wilburn has been reelected superintendent of the poor farm.

Services at Mt. Vernon.

On next Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 20, at 3 o'clock, there will be worship at Mt. Vernon Presbyterian church. It is the annual service, the Sunday before Christmas. All are invited to come.

Called as Pastor.

Rev. D. W. Garvin has been called as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church, at Excelsior Knitting mill, for the year 1915. If Mr. Garvin accepts he will preach there two Sundays in each month and two at Mon-Aetna church, giving one afternoon each month to Duck Pond church.

PAY AS FAR AS YOU CAN

Secretary Kennedy Urges All Debtors to Pay as Much as Possible on Their Accounts and Suppress Hard Times.

There has never been as much long-suffering and leniency shown debtors as has been shown them within the last few months. Rubber is capable of being stretched and expanded to a great degree, but even rubber will reach its elastic limit and collapse if more pressure is added.

I am writing to three classes of debtors: those who can pay but are negligent and indifferent; those who deliberately hide behind the general financial depression as a pretext to avoid their obligations, and those who want to pay their debts but are not able to do so, because of circumstances over which they have no control.

What I shall say does not in any way apply to the man who is making the necessary sacrifices and meets his obligations. I have respect and admiration for such a man.

There is one bit of debtor philosophy which is false as false can be, that: "The man I owe has plenty and does not need it anyway," and should never be indulged in by anyone. A similar line of reasoning is followed by the boy who eats his play-mate's share of apples because he thinks he will not want any when he finishes his play. If the man you owe had not been in need of an increase you would not have had a loan from him or been extended credit. Get the idea out of your head that the other fellow owes you more than you owe him. He, most likely, needs it as much as you do and has a much greater right to it.

The man who has shown by his actions or words that he is trying to avoid the payment of his just debts this fall may be assured that the indifference that he has shown his creditors will be multiplied to him when, next spring, he asks for credit of the man he treated so contemptuously a few months before. You may think you will drop your man and go to some one else for credit, so you may, but most likely the new man you go to will make very close inquiry into your debt paying ability before he will extend you any accommodation. "Be sure your sins will find you out."

Naturally our sympathies are with the man who honestly tries but fails. It is very sad and pathetic to see a man exhaust all his resources and then fail to discharge his honest debts. When a corporation turns over all its resources and assets to its creditors its obligations are legally and morally discharged, if not paid, because a corporation is soulless. But with the individual it is different, he is morally bound to pay a debt although he has turned over all his collateral or security to his creditors and it is not enough to discharge the debt. An individual is under moral obligations until the debt is paid. For example: Suppose I bought a horse from a man and lacked fifty dollars of paying for it and mortgaged the horse to secure the man from whom I bought the horse against loss, upon my failure to finish paying for it. And the horse was killed by lightning and it was no fault of mine—morally I am bound to pay the man the fifty dollar balance due him for the horse. The man who fails to pay his debts this year should be sure that he has made every honest effort within his power to pay them. Then if he owes a balance and wants credit another year he should have a frank talk with the man he owes and ask him to include what you owe on this year's account in your account for next year. Then live as economically as you possibly can until you pay your just debt. The greatest thing you can do if you cannot pay your honest debts this year, is to pay what you can in such a way as to maintain your credit.

The man who demonstrates his debt-paying ability this fall by meeting all his obligations needs no advice from any one, and will have little difficulty in getting credit another year.

A. G. KENNEDY.

Congregational Meeting.
On next Sabbath morning, Dec. 20, there will be a congregational meeting in the First Presbyterian church at 11 o'clock. Every enrolled member of the church, and all who attend, and all who are interested in the work of this church, are asked to come to the meeting. You will please keep this before your heart, and let no obstacle prevent your coming. It is necessary to the work of the Lord, in which you have a share.

J. F. Matheson, Pastor.

Notice!

At the last regular meeting of Poplar Camp No. 89, the following officers were elected to serve for the year 1915:
B. B. Bobo, C. C., W. M. Sparks, A. L., G. T. Bailey, banker, W. N. Bobo, clerk, R. W. Chaney, escort, E. F. Bobo, watchman, D. F. Stewart, sentry, Dr. Geo. F. Moseley, physician, J. R. Whitmire, D. J. Estes, W. C. Bobo, managers.

These officers will be installed at our regular meeting Saturday evening, December 26, 1914. All the members are requested to be present on that day and help to put new life into the camp in spite of the hard times.
By order of B. B. Bobo, C. C.
W. N. Bobo, clerk.

ALIEN FOE STRIKES SHORES OF ENGLAND

For First Time in Centuries Hostile Guns Roar Off British Coast—Three Towns Bombarded and Suffer Considerable Damage.

London, Dec. 16.—For the first time in centuries England has been struck by a foreign foe. A squadron of swift German cruisers crept through the fog last night to the eastern coast and turned their guns against the Britons.

When day broke they began bombardment of three important towns—Hartlepool, at the mouth of the Tees, Whitby, 35 miles southward, and Scarborough, noted as a pleasure resort, 15 miles beyond.

Hartlepool suffered, most. There two battle cruisers and an armored cruiser were engaged. The British war office fixes the number of dead at Hartlepool as seven soldiers and 22 civilians and the wounded at 14 soldiers and 50 civilians.

At Scarborough, shelled by a battle cruiser and an armored cruiser, 13 casualties are reported, while at Whitby two are killed and two wounded.

Over Hundred Casualties.
Men, women and children of the civilian population were left dead or wounded, struck without warning while at work. In all the casualties list totals 110, according to the official estimates, of whom 31 are known to be dead.

At Hartlepool churches were damaged and the gas works and lumber yards were set afire, while at Whitby the abbey was struck. The Balmoral hotel at Scarborough received the full effects of a shell. A number of houses and shops were shattered and partly burned in each of the towns.

PLANS MADE TO HOLD FIELD DAY EXERCISES

The schools of Union county are planning through the Teachers' Association to have a "Field Day" in April. Among the other good features of this occasion will probably be an address by Dr. Curry, president of Carolina. Prof. Jeffries, chairman of the program committee, is making efforts to bring Dr. Curry to Union at that time.

The teachers of Union county met as an association in the high school auditorium last Saturday. Miss Mary Eva Hite, who is in charge of the rural improvement work in this State, was the principal speaker of the Saturday meeting. An interesting program was carried out and every one enjoyed the day. Miss Mary Gist Fleming, president and introduced Miss Hite. She made a plea for better equipment, better sanitation, and more attractive surroundings for the rural schools.

Mr. W. C. Ikenberry, principal of the Union high school, was the next speaker and delivered a speech upon the "Proper Development of Athletics in the School."

Miss Alsie Smith, county organizer of the girls' tomato clubs, told the assembly of the work of these clubs and of the domestic science clubs, work upon which she has been engaged in this county during the past year.

A committee was appointed by the president to have charge of arrangements for "Field Day." The high school committee being Mr. R. O. Sams of Jonesville, Mr. Davis Jeffries of Union, Mr. J. H. Hope of Buffalo and Mrs. Belue of Oakland. The intermediate school committee appointed was Mr. W. H. Johnson of the Central school, Miss Mary Gregory of Santuc and Mrs. C. R. Robertson of Otteray.

A committee on athletics appointed was as follows: Mr. W. C. Ikenberry of the Union high school, Mr. Jo Singler of Kelly, Mr. H. C. Wilburn of Cross Keys and Mr. Cooley of West Springs. These committees are to report at the teachers' association to be held on the second Saturday in February.

"Field Day" last year was a tremendous success, one of the leading spirits in the movement at that time being Prof. A. C. Flora. Most of the honors of the day were carried off by the Cross Keys high school. Great plans are being made this year for a meeting and the wholesome rivalry between the schools of the county is bound to produce great things.

TAKES MILLIONS TO CARRY ON GREAT WAR

The great event of recent days was the flotation of the huge English loan of \$1,125,000,000. Just think of it! Nearly three times the cost of the Panama canal. And yet, according to the statements of high officials of the English government, this will pay the expenses of the war on the present footing for less than a year, says Roger W. Babson, in Philadelphia Ledger.

When one considers that England today has only a few hundred thousand in the field, and has not yet sent to the continent any of the 1,000,000 recruits which she is now drilling, it can be seen that this great loan will serve only a short time at best. But this is not all. English statesmen are telling their people that just as soon as the 1,000,000 raw recruits go to the continent an additional million must be drilled to take their places. What does this mean? If to support a navy and a few hundred thousand men costs from \$4,500,000 to \$5,000,000 per day, it does not take a statistician to figure what it will cost to support a navy, a great transport system and nearly 2,000,000 men.

As readers know, I am not a pacifist, nor do I preach disarmament, but I am sure that in the present conflict the rulers of all these nations have absolutely lost their heads. The great late war here in the United States a generation ago, which wrecked most of our railroads and brought on the terrible panic of 1873-77, was merest child's play compared to what has already taken place in Europe, from a financial and industrial point of view, yet, according to their own statements, they have not yet got under way.

Let me give just one illustration of what I have in mind. Last week I met the publisher of a well known machinery journal who has just completed his round among certain mills of the east.

To my great surprise, he told me that he had actual knowledge of \$80,000,000 worth of Russian contracts that have just been placed in this country for shrapnel. By using a few statistics relative to these orders, I find that each shell will cost about \$20 landed in Russia and that they are discharged per gun at the rate of six a minute, or say, 1,000 per three hours. If a battery of 24 guns was at work, this would mean a cost of about \$500,000 just for the shells in a three-hours' engagement! When we first hear of such a \$80,000,000 contract, we think that it should keep the Russian army supplied with shrapnel for the rest of the war. When we take pencil and paper to figure the cost, we find that the \$80,000 can be used up in a very short time. With two sections of the army engaged in a three-hour battle twice a day, this \$80,000,000 would last only 40 days!

I care not what the statesmen of the various nations talk about a long war, I can say authoritatively that the bankers of these nations know that the war cannot be long. During the last week I have not only talked with a well known English banker, but last Friday morning, had breakfast with a director of one of the great banks of Berlin, who has just arrived in this country. Although he is sure that Germany will not be defeated, and declares that American readers are being grossly misled as to the causes and conduct of the war, yet he insisted that it must be short. In fact, as I interviewed bankers of all nationalities in New York the last week, I found them agreed that the attempt of either side to fight this war to a finish means financial bankruptcy for Europe. It is all very well to talk about the unlimited supply of available men; how England can draw upon her colonies and even Japan; while the Germans have countless numbers of Mohammedans in reserve; but neither the Japs nor the Turks can fight without huge sums of money. Why, for England merely to transport a small army of Japanese

SAYS VAUGHN IS NOT CRAZY

Dr. R. T. Jennings Declares That Former Orphanage Superintendent is Faking Insanity to Save Life.

Greenville, December 11.—"T. U. Vaughn is no more crazy than I am," said Dr. R. T. Jennings, surgeon of the State penitentiary yesterday when asked by a reporter why he had not signed the lunacy papers with the other two physicians who signed the paper stating that Vaughn was crazy.

Vaughn is now in the State penitentiary where he is being held pending an appeal to the United States supreme court. He was convicted in a Greenville county court upon a charge of having criminal relations with some of the young girl inmates in the Odd Fellow's home and sentenced to death. He escaped from the county jail here, and was later captured and landed in the State penitentiary where he has been since.

For some time it has been reported that Vaughn, an educated man, was crazy and that he would in all probability be saved from the electric chair on this account. A lunacy commission was appointed to examine to his sanity and two of the physicians of the three stated that he was crazy and signed the papers to that effect; but Dr. Jennings would not sign the papers.

Dr. Jennings stated yesterday that whenever Vaughn thinks he is being watched, he will go to his cell door and pretend that he is nailing something off his hands and will throw it down as it he had cleaned something off. He will walk around the cell and repeat this.

At night he will turn his clothing wrong-side out and then put them on that way the following morning. He will pretend that he does not hear anything that is said to him and if an effort is made to get him to say anything by force, he will pretend to cry. "His physical and mental condition is fine," was the way Dr. Jennings summed the whole thing up.

Dr. Jennings stated that Vaughn would never look anyone in the eyes, and that he had examined Vaughn's eyes and they bore none of the recognized marks of lunacy. He stated that there are certain signs to the medical profession which indicate insanity and that these signs have proven to be trustworthy. He stated that Vaughn exhibited not a single sign of being anything but the keen man that he is.

Dr. Jennings was accompanied by his brother, Dr. W. D. Jennings, Jr., surgeon of the police department of Augusta, stated that he had seen Vaughn and that Vaughn was doing a nice piece of faking and that he had been "coached" by a master hand. The failure of Dr. Jennings to sign the certificate of lunacy was not accepted by the attorney general's office and that office will demand that a jury sit upon the case, to decide whether or not Vaughn is crazy.

WOMAN AT OTTARAY HORRIBLY BURNED.

Mrs. W. B. Franklin of Otteray caught on fire Thursday morning about three o'clock and was so horribly burned that she will probably die. Her husband in trying to extinguish the flames that were burning the clothing from his wife's body had his hands severely burned. He was the only member of the family able to work and will now be unable to work for some time.

The mother who was horribly burned had gotten up in the night to minister to a sick child, one that has been desperately ill for more than two months. In this family there are six children. They are in quite distressing circumstances. In fact, with the series of calamities that have overtaken them they are likely to suffer greatly if they do not receive assistance at once. The good, kind-hearted people of Union we are sure will respond to this urgent call.

Negro Slain By Hampton Mob.

Hampton, Dec. 16.—A body of a mixed mob broke into jail here early this morning, took from the jailer, J. P. Bowers, his keys and removed from a cell a negro, Allen Seymour, who was being held on a charge of criminal assault upon the person of a young white woman, and lynched him. The jailer stated that his room was opened and he was aroused about 1 o'clock this morning. His bunch of keys was on a dresser close by and in a very few minutes the mob, which seemed to consist of some 40 or 50 men, had the negro and had gone, some staying in the room with the jailer while others opened up the cell upstairs and procured the prisoner.

Important Notice.

There will be services at Mon-Aetna Baptist church next Sunday morning and at Duck Pond Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor, D. W. Garvin.

to Europe and maintain them for 60 days would cost nearly a billion dollars. So I say that the rulers of Europe have actually gone crazy. No one of them dreamed of such a war.

CHRISTMAS PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT

To be Held at High School Under Auspices of the Ladies Guild of the Episcopal Church—Interesting Program.

A Christmas entertainment is to be given Friday evening, December 18, in the high school auditorium. The play is under the auspices of the Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church, and promises to be of more than ordinary interest.

The feature of the entertainment is the cantata in which Santa Claus, Junior, learns of the proposed visit of Santa Claus, and the spirit of mischief delays his coming one hour in order that he might cause some excitement. At the close of the program a real Santa Claus will give gifts to each boy and girl present, and who has paid the admission charge.

The cast of characters as arranged and unique entertainment is as follows:

Anne ----- Miss Pansy Watson
(A young lady.)
Mary ----- Minnie Lee Van Buren
Thomas ----- Ted Garner
Sue ----- Lenora Arthur
Elizabeth ----- Margaret Sanders
Ethel ----- Sarah Tracy
John ----- Thomas McNally, Jr.
North Wind ----- Miss Kathrine Layton
"Spirit of Christmas"
Miss Louisa Duncan
Ragged Dick, Santa Claus, Jr., a young man ----- Mr. Harris
Santa Claus ----- W. W. Johnson
Robert ----- James Arthur

POLICEMEN.
Captain—Mr. Ikenberry
Mr. Sanders ----- Mr. Moseley
Mr. Eller ----- Mr. Goforth

DOCTORS.
Chief of Staff—Dr. Switzer.
Assistants—Russell Poole
James Bartles
Anthony Rice
John Earle Jones

QUARTETTE.
Mrs. R. A. Jones ----- Mr. F. H. Sawyer
Mr. Otis Lancaster ----- Mr. Samuel Harris
Miss Josie Hughes ----- Miss Etta McDow
Miss Frances Nicholson ----- Miss Agnes Love
Lillian Malone ----- Elizabeth Murrah
Anna Lue Murrah ----- Fannie Cohen
Lucile Tracy ----- Jennie Colson
Sallie Wallace ----- Frances McDow
Fanny Lee Sparks ----- Miss Mitchell

Entertainment by Music Class.

"Santa's Success," a Christmas cantata and concert is to be given by the music pupils of Miss Beatrice Wilburn in the high school auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 23 rd, at 8 o'clock. The following is the cast of characters:

Maude ----- Ruth Gault
Madge ----- Pearl Kelly
Jack ----- Elizabeth Garner
Jimmie ----- Marian Daniel
Willie ----- Catherine Sartor
Joe ----- Cornelia Palmer
Messenger Boy ----- Myrtle Smith
Witches ----- Jamima Wilburn, Estelle
Faile and Agnes Sanders.
Fairy Queen ----- Ruby O'Shields
Venus ----- Edith White
Santa Claus ----- Emma Krasnoff

Music Numbers.
Piano Solo ----- Emma Krasnoff
Piano Duet ----- Edith White and Catherine Sartor.
Piano Duet ----- Ruth Gault and Emma Krasnoff.
Piano Solo ----- Catherine Sartor
Piano Duet ----- Myrtle Smith and Elizabeth Garner.
Piano Solo ----- Ruth Gault

Have You License to Sell Fireworks?

The following letter is from State Insurance Commissioner McMaster: "To the Mayors and Chiefs of Fire Departments:

For public information and for the benefit of those who may be uninformed on the subject, the insurance Commissioner warns all persons who sell fire works that they should see to it that they have a special permit attached to their insurance policies, covering the sale of fire works. If this be not done, the policy is voided and in case of loss there will be a possibility of the insured being unable to recover on his insurance.

"The same applies to the storage of benzine, gasoline, or other inflammable substances; but particular attention is directed to the fire works at this season of the year.

"Very truly,
"F. H. McMaster,
"Insurance Commissioner."

Cotton Ginners' Report.

The cotton ginners' report for Dec. 1, 1914, was 16,026, while for the year 1913 to the same date, the report showed the number of bales to be 16,819. This shows a decrease of 793 bales.

County Board of Pensions.

The State board of pensions has appointed as the Union county board the following: J. G. Long, Sr., A. G. Bentley, S. G. Howell, and I. S. Ivey.