

LOCAL DOTS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson Monday morning, a boy.

—Weather forecast for South Carolina: Rain and colder Friday; Saturday, fair and colder.

—Mr. Jim Plyler, who has been with W. B. Plyler & Co. for the past six months, has resigned and will return to the farm.

—The Methodist congregation will worship Sunday night with the A. R. P. congregation. Preaching by Rev. E. T. Hodges at 7:30 o'clock.

—Those who care enough for astronomy to rise early tomorrow morning are promised the sight of a total eclipse of the moon, which will be visible here from 5:50 to 7:14 a. m.

—There will be a meeting of the executive committee of the County Teachers' Association Saturday in the court house. It is important that there should be a full attendance of this committee.

—Remember the Davidson gymnasium team exhibition at the opera house this evening as being given under the auspices of the local Boy Scout Movement. Take your boy to see it and thus encourage his enthusiasm for the athletic side of the duties of a good scout.

—It is about time for somebody to get busy if we are to have our usual Field Day exercises participated in by the different schools of the county. Last year these exercises were particularly interesting and were well attended. We suggest that the matter be taken up at once and the necessary arrangements be made.

—During the storm this morning, the switchboard at the central office caught on fire and considerable damage was done in trying to extinguish the flames. This accounts for the fact that no connections could be had until the damage was repaired. Mr. Thomasson asks us to explain this, that patrons of the telephone may understand why service could not be given for a while today.

—At the recent meeting of the State Teachers' Association in Columbia, Supt. George B. Pfeiffer of the Lancaster graded school was honored by being made chairman of the committee on diplomas and curriculum. The other members of the committee are Prof. W. H. Hand of the University of South Carolina; Supt. E. H. Dreher of the Columbia city schools, Supt. S. H. Edmunds of the Sumter schools and Dr. Snyder of Wofford College.

Social News

The spring showers could not dampen the enjoyment of the merry party of children who helped fairy-like little Margaret Penny celebrate her 4th birthday. The occasion was a joyous one. After many games the children were ushered into the dining room, where a lovely table was spread, gay with elaborate Easter decorations. The centerpiece was a hen and chicks and at each place an Easter souvenir. The pink and white cream and cake was much enjoyed. Many little gifts attested the popularity of this dear little girl.

The joint meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society and Mission Band of the Presbyterian church held at the home of Mrs. Mollie J. Perry Thursday afternoon was a most pleasant and profitable occasion.

The meeting was to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of David Livingstone, all Christendom uniting on this day to do honor to the memory of this man of God.

The able talk and interesting article read from The Missionary Survey by the pastor, Rev. H. R. Murchison, was most inspiring and helpful. Rev. J. H. Boldridge, D. D., also addressed the meeting, relating many touching incidents in the life of this pioneer missionary African explorer.

Despite the inclement weather about sixty persons were present. After the addresses the members of the Mission Band served coffee and sandwiches.

The free will offering and contents of mite boxes amounted to \$105, which was given to the cause of foreign missions.

Everything in Readiness for the County Fair.

The "Lancaster County Fair" is great. It will open at 8:15 on both Tuesday and Wednesday nights, March 25 and 26. Rehearsals have been on, morning, noon and night, the past few days. Telephones have been kept busy with county fair gossip. Every child, every man, every woman who has had any interest at all in the big production has been authorized to boost, until the newspapers and boosters have boosted so that the words "On to the County Fair!" are on the tongues of the oldest and youngest.

If anyone is not going, why not? Everyone should go for two reasons, to see a clever performance; second, to aid a good cause—the King's Daughters.

The stage of the theater will be transformed overhead, sidewise and rearwards into a scene which even the oldest attendants of the "County Fair" will hardly distinguish from the real fair grounds.

At the rise of the curtain the audience will be greeted by the prettiest, daintiest, sweetest of all—the "Boogie-Man-Moon" chorus, one hundred and fifty children, all dressed in white, make up this pretty picture and chorus. Other attractive pretty little choruses in which the little girls take part are "The Lullaby" chorus, "By By Baby in the Moon" chorus, and "The Hayseed" chorus, in this at least 25 boys, all ages, take part. Don't fail to see them. Then there will be "The Cowboy Rag" and "The Huskin' Bee," two catchy, clever choruses of girls. All parts are progressing beyond the fondest hopes of those who have it in charge. Be sure and see the "County Fair." You will enjoy a good laugh. Tickets on sale Saturday. Reserved seats on sale Monday. Prices 25, 50 and 75 cents.

Basket Party at Craigsville.

Editor News:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to say that it was our privilege to attend a box supper, better know as a "basket party," on last Tuesday evening at the large and hospitable home of Mr. D. F. Helms in the Craigsville neighborhood.

The affair was arranged for by Miss Lewis, the beautiful and efficient teacher of Craigsville, No. 2, school, and at about 8:30 it was found that there were twenty-seven baskets to be sold. Dr. Paul Beckham, who had been appointed auctioneer, then sallied forth with a bulging basket and the party was on. Money may be scarce in other communities but there is no way of proving that this condition exists in Craigsville, if we are to judge from the way those present bid for the baskets as they were offered. So keen was the competition that Mr. D. F. Helms was forced to pay \$15 in order to secure the basket of his wife. The leading price, however, was paid by Mr. H. J. Gregory for the basket of Miss Lewis, which was \$22, and at that he says it should have brought more.

The proceeds of the sale amounted

to \$103.05, which will be applied to the erection of a new school building in the community.

Among the visitors were the following Lancaster boys: Messrs. A. J. and H. J. Gregory, C. N. Sapp and E. K. Plyler. It is reported that Messrs. Wain Greene and Douglass Plyler were on the way but they were evidently lost in the shuffle as they did not arrive.

A PARTICIPANT.

Death of Mrs. John W. Broughton. Mrs. Lou Broughton, wife of Mr. John W. Broughton, of the Bell-town section of the county, died at her home on the 11th instant at 9 p. m., in the 36th year of her age. She was the daughter of Mr. J. M. Bowers. Mrs. Broughton, besides her husband, leaves surviving her the following children: Sallie, Harry, Willie, Walter, Bell, Johnnie and Yancey Broughton. Mrs. Broughton was a member of the New Hope Baptist church and her remains were interred at that place.

COUNTY NEWS

RICH HILL.

Special to The News. Rich Hill, March 20.—The farmers are very busy around Rich Hill with their farms. Everybody is going to be late with their crops if it keeps on raining.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Taylor were in Lancaster last week on business. Miss Lula White visited Miss Jessie Baskins last week.

We are going to have a big celebration on the 30th of March at Mr. H. L. Evans, known as the M. H. Johnson place. Everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets. Among the different ones' birthdays are Mr. S. Evans, Mrs. B. F. Couch, Mrs. May Cateo, Mrs. R. F. Robertson, Miss Lula White, Miss Minnie, Taylor and others. We are expecting to have preaching by the Rev. T. A. Dabney if we can make it convenient with him.

MILL VILLAGE.

Everything is going on nicely down here. The weather in this community is very good.

They are progressing nicely on the new addition to the mills down here. When it is completed these will be the largest mills in the South.

Mr. Aaron Knight of the Taxahaw section was in this community the first of the week.

Rev. R. W. Cateo of near Pageland visited at the home of Mrs. H. E. Knight a few days this week.

Mr. W. C. Dees attended the Woodmen convention in Greenville this week.

Mr. F. Marvin Griffin left Wednesday night for Florida to be at the bedside of his brother who is in a critical condition.

HEATH SPRINGS.

Special to The News.

Heath Springs, March 20.—Several friends of Miss Effie Vaughn enjoyed with her the bounteous dinner spread at the home of her father on Wednesday in celebration of her birthday.

Mr. H. W. Mobley has just returned from Greenville, where he went to represent Heath Spring Camp, No. 103, W. O. W., at the state meeting. He reports a fine trip.

Capt. and Mrs. J. L. Bell, recently of Rock Hill, are moving back to Heath Springs. They will occupy the house lately vacated by C. L. Hammond.

Miss Page Crenshaw of Coker College is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Crenshaw.

Mrs. C. C. Hinson and little son returned to Lancaster Thursday night, after a visit of two days to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn.

Messrs. Webb and Ervin of North Carolina passed through town Thursday. They addressed the local camp, Jr. O. A. M. at Pleasant Hill Thursday night.

Mrs. Horace Earle of Boykins spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. H. W. Mobley.

Rev. Mr. Barrett delivered an address on the fundamental principles of Jesus' teaching at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

Miss Susie Therrell and Miss Annie Mobley are sick with the grip this week.

Mr. H. P. Mobley spent Wednesday in Columbia.

Mrs. E. C. Croxton and Miss Mannie Duncan drove to Kershaw Thursday.

Mrs. H. P. Mobley has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Falkenberg, at Primus.

Mr. Cranford McMackin of Kershaw is with his mother, Mrs. Lizzie McMackin, for a few days.

Subscribe for The News.

Five Little Lessons For All Farmers With Poor Land.

From The Progressive Farmer. The first step in the loss of fertility or the wearing out of a soil is the loss of vegetable matter. Many soils that have ceased to produce good crops are not worn-out, are not poor—they have only been robbed of their vegetable matter. They are tired and must have vegetable matter if they are to produce profitable crops again.—C. L. Newman, West Raleigh, N. C.

There is no use of our lands ever becoming poor if we would only make use of the natural agencies we have at our command. The most important of these is more and better live stock; then peas and more peas; then clover.—M. Almon, Valden, Miss.

Don't say that your land is too poor to grow clover. It is too poor not to grow it. Plant cowpeas with an application of 400 pounds of acid phosphate, follow this with clover and a top-dressing of lot manure and you won't say "that your land is too poor for clover."—C. P. Grizzard, Pumpkin, Va.

Soil fertility cannot be brought about spasmodically, and to have and hold the proper state of fertility in the soil you have to resort to natural and common-sense means. It has been my experience that the best place to start the making of a fertile soil is in the barnyard.—Patrick Foy, Roanoke, Va.

If our Southern farmers realized the great losses and serious risks caused by the thoughtless and careless burning of brush and grass in the spring, we should have much fewer forest fires and many more productive and paying farms.—J. S. Holmes, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Moves Toward Better Schools and Compulsory Attendance.

The South Carolina legislature, which has also just recently adjourned, did not accomplish as much as the North Carolina legislature—largely because the South Carolina body has another and more important regular session next winter, and the tendency was to postpone a number of big problems until then. We have asked one of the ablest and best informed men in our sister state to give us a summary of what the legislature did, and his reply follows:

"As all the world knows, there exists at this time in South Carolina a condition of politics which does not make for progressive legislation. The governor of the state has his own ideas about things, and they are not the ideas which are generally deemed progressive. More than a majority of the house and at least two-thirds of the senate are not in sympathy with the governor politically, and hence South Carolina is practically at a standstill legislatively."—Progressive Farmer.

Open the School Houses.

We are astonished to hear from a farmer in one of the most progressive communities in the South that the principal of the school in his neighborhood has refused to let the Farmers' Union meet in the school auditorium. It is a pitifully narrow conception of the purpose of a school house and of a church building to think that they are made only for the preacher and the school teacher. They are made for all the people—not for just two individuals among the people. Both schools and churches must become real community centers if education and religion are to triumph effectually.

The church building should be open to every meeting for civic, social, or moral betterment; and the school house, belonging to all the people, should be open to any body of citizens for any purpose whenever it is not in other use. In this enlightened and democratic age, it ought not to be necessary to have such a law, but if it is necessary then every state should have a law compelling the committee to open the school house for any body of citizens requesting it for any lawful assembly.—Progressive Farmer.

A Thought For the Week.

And so it has come about that what is known as "being practical" is considered all-important; everybody will be "practical" and nobody so silly as to give his life for his country, for, after all, what is one's country? A myth, an immaterial, intangible thing, which produces

John D. Wylie

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Bank No. 33. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF

THE BANK OF LANCASTER located at Lancaster, S. C., at the close of business, February 4th, 1913.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$475,302.37
Overdrafts	31,586.85
Bonds and Stocks owned by the Bank	12,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Banking House	5,800.00
Due from Banks and Bankers	90,726.71
Currency	15,867.00
Gold	3,380.00
Silver and Other Minor Coin	2,589.46
Checks and Cash Items	13,545.65
Total	\$652,298.04

LIABILITIES.

Capital Stock Paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus Fund	100,000.00
Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes Paid	16,918.41
Due to Banks and Bankers	5,563.21
Individual Deposits Subject to Check	286,329.25
Savings Deposits	33,692.89
Time Certificates of Deposit	159,178.18
Cashier's Checks	616.10
Total	\$652,298.04

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Lancaster, ss:

Before me came Geo. W. Williams, Cashier of the above named bank, who, being duly sworn, says that the above and foregoing statement is a true condition of said bank, as shown by the books of said bank.

GEO. W. WILLIAMS, Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of February, 1913. JNO. H. FOAG, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: WADDY C. THOMSON, W. J. CUNNINGHAM, R. L. CRAWFORD, Directors.

nothing. . . . There is such a thing as faith, which can raise one to a realm to which mere reason cannot penetrate. This faith has always inspired great sacrifices, sublime abnegations—this faith which, piercing the cold facts, sees the higher destiny of a nation, the mysterious hand of Providence reaching out to guide a people . . . Peace under the law. Peace, turbulent, if you will, but full of vitality—the peace of a free people, not the sepulchral peace of the oppressed, whose inanimate tranquility nothing can disturb.—Francisco Madero, the murdered Mexican patriot.—Progressive Farmer.

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Business Notices

FOR SALE—One lot No 3 Standard King Carter Tomatoes, while they last will sell at 10c can. E. W. Sistare. 3-21-13.

FOR SALE—Second-hand lumber in building which we are going to tear down, or will sell building as it stands. Bargain. Moore Lumber & Mfg. Co. 3-21-13

FOR SALE—Gasoline engine and wood saw mounted. Bargain. Moore Lumber & Mfg. Co. 3-21-13

WANTED—You to know that Dr. Campbell will be with us for three

days only, next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, testing eyes and fitting glasses. See him first. The Standard Drug Co. 3-21-13

DR. CAMPBELL will be at The Standard Drug Co.'s store Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, testing eyes and fitting glasses. His glasses are the best.

IF YOU or any member of the family, young or old, are in doubt about their eyes or the glasses they are now wearing be sure and consult Dr. Campbell next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday at Standard Drug Co.'s store. Formerly Crawford Bros. 3-21-13

EGG HUNT at Tabernacle church Saturday, March 22, beginning at 1 p. m. Admission 10c. Proceeds for church purposes.

NOTICE—Just received a fresh carload of fine. Apply to T. H. Davis. 2-14-13.

FOR SALE—A limited number of bushels of Webber Long Staple Cotton Seed at \$1.00 per bushel in lots of 10 bushels and over at my plantation west of Lancaster. This offer open not later than April 1. Sold cotton from this seed a short time since for 18 1-2c per pound. 42-13 W. C. HOUGH.

WANTED—Clean rags. News office. 13

DON'T THROW away your auto tires that have blownout. Send them to the Cotton States Wagon Co., Monroe, N. C., and have them vulcanized. We pay express one way. We remain, yours very truly, Cotton States Wagon Company. 23-49

THE BEST CHICKEN for the farm is the Silver Campine. They also do splendid when confined. I have the best strain in America. Eggs \$3.00 a setting of 15. T. L. Hilton. 2-19-13

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