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Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that rattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice.

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1916

Weather forecast for South Carolina: Wednesday, fair.

Again we ask for information as to the proposed hospital for Lancaster.

Life in Lancaster this month knows few dull days. There will be a number of celebrations of unusual significance this March.

We have entered upon a busy month, for March holds many pleasures, as well as important civic work for the people of Lancaster.

There are many newcomers here who ought to be working members of the Chamber of Commerce. Let's inaugurate a campaign for new members.

Owen Wister's abuse of President Wilson, expressed in poetic form, is a spring effort which heaping far more censure than glory upon its author.

Every school in Lancaster county is preparing for Field Day. The friendly rivalry afforded by taking part in the contest is a stimulus to effort. March 31 will be a big day in Lancaster county.

There is much work to be done on the streets of the town before they will be in keeping with the paved sidewalks. We hope the city council will soon fill up the holes and smooth out the ruts.

Lancaster needs more flowers and shrubs and the spring is such a good season for doing out-door work. Every citizen should plant a hedge or a flower for the making of a "City Beautiful."

We heartily agree with the following paragraph from the Chester Reporter:

It is devoutly to be hoped that this summer's campaign will be quiet and free from partisan feeling, as South Carolina has offered far too much from that sort of thing in the past. The state is now entering upon a real constructive era, and if the struggle can be forced upon the demagogue the people are bound to prosper.

Community Service.

It is a distinct recognition of the good work the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce is doing for education that its secretary has been chosen to speak on the "Duty of the Chamber of Commerce to the Schools," at the State Teachers' Association to be held this month in Columbia. We are rather prone to think of this commercial body as a purely business organization and frequently forget the fact that it is the total of its activities that aroused to enlightenment and awakened to its responsibility a great asset to the community.

As we have found that the Chamber of Commerce is doing the important work of the rural schools, we are interested in pupils and teachers coming to know the Chamber personally and helping them to become better citizens.

He never misses an opportunity of speaking at county gatherings. He loves to talk to the children and tell them of the limitless opportunities that are theirs. Hardly a week passes that he does not attend some school entertainment and catch the attention of the boys and girls of Lancaster county whom he is helping to help themselves. Special trains are engaged on all big days in Lancaster that the school children may come together and feel the inspiration of elbow touch with other children of the county. Prizes are offered on Field Day by the Chamber of Commerce and in many such ways a helpful rivalry is established in school life. In the home and farm demonstration work Secretary Ellison has been a staunch ally of the county agents with whom he has gone to the county schools and helped them to organize for service.

To our minds the work of our commercial body in educational advancement is well worth while. We doubt if any other such body has done more to stimulate boys and girls to activity and enlist their interest in community building.

We believe that the recognition that has been given to Lancaster's pre-eminence in this direction will be a stimulus to further effort.

Seen on the Screens.

We have on several occasions made pleas for better films and while on the whole the pictures shown in Lancaster are better now than formerly, there is still room for improvement. The need for cleaner films is not peculiar to Lancaster but seems rather to be universal. In many towns club women are making their influence felt in the demand for more wholesome pictures. The state high school inspector, Prof. W. H. Hand, in a communication to The State last Sunday, states that he seldom goes to "the movies" but that during the past three weeks in six South Carolina towns he has seen pictures fairly typical of those generally shown as may be seen from Prof. Hand's synopses of these scenarios which follow:

A young adventuress had married a wealthy business man several years her senior. A few months later she professed a love for a young society parasite and with him plotted her husband's downfall in business. In the midst of this intrigue her stepson, before unknown to her, came home from college. Almost at once she declared to him her love and tried to coax him into an intrigue against his father. When he indignantly spurned her proposal she coolly locked the door of her room, and which she had inticed him, and accused him to her husband and his father.

In another play, a faithless young wife, infatuated with fast society and with another man, deliberately poisoned her sick husband in order to get hold of his money and to marry her paramour. In the same play the wife had lost heavily at cards in the homes of society women. In order to pay her debts she lied to her husband and stole from him.

In another, a young woman of good character is married to a brute of a husband. He is a common thief. He and one of his pals force the innocent wife to write a note to a clean young man of means, begging him to come at once to her home to protect her. He goes and is at the very mercy of two desperate blackmailers.

In another, two youngsters are employed in the same bank. One steals some money from the bank and manages to throw suspicion upon his fellow worker. The innocent man goes to prison. Later the guilty one cleans up the bank and is killed in attempting to escape. In still another, that crown prince of driving idiots, in portrayal, Charlie Chaplin, was the hero. He appeared beastly drunk and was explaining to a group of kindred spirits how he came to drink. Is not all this edifying, elevating and refining? Are these portrayals not in fine harmony with the Ten Commandments and the teachings of the home, the church and the school?

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien, As to be hated needs but to be seen; Yet seen too oft, familiar with her face, We first endure, then pity, then embrace."

A word to the wise ought to be sufficient. Upon that other class words are wasted.

FROM OTHER PAPERS.

"Stone-wall Wilson." There stands Wilson like a stone wall!—Florence Times.

Bravely Spoken. A party that cannot stand by such a president does not deserve the confidence of the American people.—Spartanburg Herald.

We Hope So Too. We certainly hope that the financial troubles of the Chick Springs hotel company will not have any deleterious effect on the press fest this summer.—York News.

As a Georgian Sees It. Former Governor Cole Bleasie, of South Carolina, is in the race for governor again over there. The devil evidently feels that he owes South Carolina a grudge.—Valdosta Times.

Who Recalls Him? What has become of the old-fashioned teacher who made it a rule to whip every boy the first day? According to Dr. Henry Alexander White, this stern gentleman was principal of the Lancaster High School during the year 1819.—Woodruff

Easter Late This Year. Ash Wednesday comes this year on March 8 which throws Easter on Sunday, April 23. Eleven years ago Easter fell on April 23 and after the approaching event it will not come again so late until 1943. According to experts, Easter will not come on April 23 again until the year 2,000.—Greenwood Journal.

No Pleasant Prospect. The clans are gathering, and already is heard the Macedonian challenge: "Under which flag, Bezonian? Speak or die!" Much to the regret of all good citizens, the state is once more to be given over to the possession of factionalism, class hatred and political greed.—Greer Observer.

It's Started Here. With the opening of Spring in Rock Hill, there are a number of other things which ought to open. One of them is the building movement. It ought to be able to open soon. There are many laboring people here in need of work, and there are many who have left Rock Hill to find work elsewhere who will return, when the building movement has its spring opening.—Rock Hill Herald.

The season for the sandhill farmers to begin plowing up the so-called roads through their fields is again here. Where there is such a road it is almost invariably used as a ditch to carry off the surplus water. The rows usually run in such way that the water is emptied right into the road. Loose white sand thus fills the roads, and the sand is right there to annoy all who try to travel the road. Why do sandhill roads have no ditches on the sides to carry the water and keep out the loose sand? Why, also, do those who plow insist on dragging the plows right out into the road, piling up lumps and plowing out tiny furrows in the road?—Pageland Journal.

PROGRAM.

- The Fantasia—Benefit U. D. C. Opera House, March 9, 1916. Drills: Gypsies—24 girls. Tots—18 children. Rose—24 girls. Farmers—Mr. Davis and company. College—24 high school boys and girls. Chinese—Mr. Davis and chorus. Soldiers—24 boys. Children's Chorus—60 children. Solo—Miss Belle Williams. Coon Specialty. Cabaret. Solo—Mr. Beaty. Solo—Mr. Feaster. Uncle Silas. Mr. Davis. Aunt Keiziah. Mrs. Taylor. Waiters, Guests and Soloists. 25c., 35c. and 50c. Reserved seats on sale at Hough's.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

Last Session of Current Year Held Saturday.

The march meeting of the County Teachers' Association, which is the last meeting of the 1915-1916 session, was held here Saturday morning. About twenty-five teachers were in attendance and listened with interested attention to an address by Rev. W. S. Patterson, pastor of the A. R. P. church on what the teacher contributes and what is contributed to the teachers' bringing out the teacher's part in the life of the community.

Miss Johnnie May Lynch, of the Lancaster high school gave a helpful demonstration of eighth grade algebra work. A constitution which will be published in our next issue, was adopted and the remainder of the time was devoted to perfecting plans for Field Day. After the business was finished the social service committee of the Civic League served light refreshments. Supt. Lingle expressed his and the teachers' appreciation of the courtesy shown them by this committee and the association acknowledged the attention by a rising vote of thanks.

DR. P. B. WELLS' VISIT.

Delivered Masterly Sermon at First Methodist Church. Rev. P. B. Wells, D.D., presiding elder of the Rock Hill district, delivered a masterly sermon Sunday night at the First Methodist church.

In order that the members of the other churches might be present and welcome the new presiding elder on this his first official visit to Lancaster, the several congregations gave way and all united in a union service, the several ministers of the town taking part in it. Mrs. Oia P. Gatling was the organist and her several instrumental solos were much enjoyed. Mr. R. M. McDermid's violin accompaniments were also a feature of the service. Just before the sermon Miss Martha G. Creighton sang very sweetly the sacred solo, "Hold Thou My Hand." After a few words of welcome by Rev. E. T. Hodges, pastor of the church, Dr. Wells announced as his text, "What Think ye of Christ?" Matt. 22:42. Then followed one of the most scholarly discourses ever heard in Lancaster. Dr. Wells is a pulpit orator of unusual ability. He is logical, interesting and very earnest. His enunciation is clear and distinct, his delivery most attractive. He has something to say and says it in a fashion that carries the weight of conviction. Dr. Wells was listened to with profound attention by one of the largest congregations ever assembled for a religious service in Lancaster. The large auditorium of the church was filled with people as was also the Sunday-school room which adjoins it. The sermon made a strong appeal to the congregation whose first impression of the new presiding elder is very pleasant. At the close of the service, Dr. Wells held the first quarterly conference.

PARENT TEACHERS' MEETING.

Interesting Program Carried Out Friday.

Interesting features of the meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association of the Central school held last Friday afternoon where an excellent address on "Character" by Dr. J. H. Thayer, a well considered original paper on "Character Building" by Miss Juanita Neely and a colonial play which was a dramatization of history studied by the fifth grade and was cleverly presented by that grade. After the regular program plans were discussed for the meeting on March 15, under the auspices of the association at which Mrs. Higgins and Mrs. Mears, of the National Congress of Mothers, will speak.

Death of Mr. Duren Bailey.

Mr. Duren Bailey died at his home, two miles south of Lancaster, February 12, 1916, after a short illness with bronchial pneumonia, age 63 years. He leaves a wife who was Miss Addie Sledge, of Fort Lawn, S. C., and two children, Miss Allie and Master DeWitt Bailey, also one brother and one sister, Mr. L. A. and Miss Mary Bailey. His remains were interred at New Hope cemetery after the funeral service conducted by Rev. J. F. Hammond.

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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT MEETING.

Addresses Made by Miss Creighton and Mr. McManus. A good meeting of the School Improvement Association was held at the Osceola school Friday afternoon. The county demonstrators, Miss Creighton and Mr. McManus, were present and made talks concerning their work. Delightful refreshments were served after the program was completed. On account of the inclement weather only a few were present, but an interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held. The teachers and trustees of the school are to be congratulated on the good work that is being done.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

Whereas, one-third of the freeholders and one-third of the electors of the age of 21 years, residing in Jones Cross Roads school district, No. 15 have petitioned the county board of education to order an election to determine whether or not an additional tax of 2 mills shall be levied on all real and personal property for school purposes.

We hereby order said election to be held by the trustees in said Jones school district, No. 15 on Wednesday March 22 at the school house. At which election only such electors as return real or personal property for taxation and exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates shall be allowed to vote.

The opening and closing hours shall be the same as in all general elections. V. A. LINGLE, JOS. K. CONNORS, W. B. TWITTY, County Board of Education.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Presbyterian Church Has New Elders and Deacons. After the service Sunday morning, the congregation of the Presbyterian church met and held an election for three additional elders and eight additional deacons which resulted as follows: Messrs. John T. Green, Paul Moore and E. C. Secrest are the new elders and the new deacons are Dr. R. C. Brown and Messrs. R. T. Beaty, Jr., O. B. Bartlett, W. P. Davis, E. Curtis Mackey, John H. Poag, J. S. Wilson and M. S. Witherspoon.

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