

TOWN TOPICS

Timely, Tersely, Truly Told To The Thinking Thousands

Announcements

Buists celebrate turnip seed in all the popular varieties, such as White Globe, Yellow Aberdeen, Seven Top, Cow Horn, Flat Dutch, Purple Top, just received at...

We are receiving and opening up the following new goods for the summer trade, embroideries, laces, ribbons, white lawns, dimities, long cloth, bleached goods, Fruit-of-the-loom and other popular brands...

I desire to inform the Edgfield people that I handle only choice beef at my market and never buy or kill grass fed cattle. Not being able to find first class beef cattle near here...

Use Elastic Carbon Paint on your Engines, Boilers, Plow stocks, etc., and make them as good as new. For sale at...

All straw goods, neckwear, negligee shirts, boys' and men's clothing are now going at greatly reduced prices. Those who come first get the pick of the bargains.

Everyone needs a good blood purifier in the spring. Rheumatism is recognized as the best wherever known. Refuse all substitutes. Does not injure the digestive organs. A superb laxative and tonic.

If you want a good smoke go to THE PENN DRUG STORE.

Let us do your printing for you. The ADVERTISER job office guarantees satisfaction on all work done.

Does any one in your home need oxfords or slippers? If so, now is the time to buy. We are offering all ladies and childrens oxfords and men's low cut shoes at greatly reduced prices.

Nothing would add so greatly to the beauty and comfort of your home as new matting spread upon your floors.

You can keep cool these long, hot summer days by drinking at the Luray.

We carry the largest stock of light and heavy, single and double harness, saddles, bridles, halters, leather, etc., carried in this section of the state.

Now is the time to secure great bargains at the New York Racket store. We are offering madras, gingham, muslin, colored dimities, etamines and mercerized waistings at greatly reduced prices.

Do not buy Eye Glasses as you would a paper of pins but have your eyes examined scientifically and a glass ground for each eye.

Does not your office or home need a new desk or book case? We have a beautiful assortment of Ladies Desks, Roller-top Desks, Book Cases, etc., suitable for the home or office.

We buy buggies in car lots is why we can sell them so cheap. All styles of Babcock, Tyson & Jones, Rock Hill and dozens of other reliable makes of buggies always on hand.

Warm weather is right upon us and we have the warm weather goods, such as porch and lawn sets, hammocks, ice cream churns, refrigerators etc. Call and let us show you our large and varied stock of merchandise.

Our prices on chairs, rockers, tables, beds, wardrobes, bedroom suits are surprisingly cheap. No one would think of ordering or buying these goods elsewhere if they see ours before doing so.

A FRIGHTENED HORSE. Rapping like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

Good Prices Paid For old Iron, Bones, Brass and Copper, Tallow, Hides and Beeswax.

Am selling airslacked Lime suitable for whitewashing and disinfectant purposes at 50 cents per bushel. Ice always on hand.

M. A. TAYLOR, Edgfield Ware House. May 4th, 1903.

Miss Lizzie Dobby is improving and enlarging her home in Buncombe.

Misses Fannie Mersh and Dolly Dugas are visiting friends in Grovetown, Ga.

Mrs. S. T. Cartel, of Columbia, is visiting at the home of Hon. and Mrs. J. W. DeVoe.

The stock holders of The Edgfield Mercantile company will meet on Thursday for the purpose of electing directors and officers.

Cotton brought 12 1/2 cents—8 pounds to the dollar—in Edgfield last week and may bring more this week.

Pretty Miss Ruth Cogburn is spending a fortnight in Spartanburg visiting her friend Miss Angelle Andrews.

There's something doing in Edgfield—four trains a day besides the rock train. The South-east does not run trains for fun.

It is said that appendicitis finds its victims among the wealthy and does not attack poor folks. Then newspaper men are immune to the disease.

It will pay the Edgfield shoppers, the ladies especially, to read the new advertisement of the Corner Store. Mr. Turner tells of his mid-summer arrivals and attractive prices.

Mr. Wallace Sheppard has steadily improved since he was operated on for appendicitis in the Augusta hospital on Wednesday last. He will have recovered sufficiently to return to his home in about two weeks.

Miss Lillian Bell, accompanied by Miss Nettie Smith, of Parkville, who is attending the summer school, visited her cousin, Miss Elliot Hardy, of Johnston, on Sunday last.

At the regular monthly conference of our Baptist church on Sunday last Mrs. M. C. Perkins united with the church by letter and, at their request, letters of dismission were granted to Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Burnett.

Mr. Jacob T. Perkins, of Chester, arrived in Edgfield on Saturday last to visit his mother, Mrs. M. C. Perkins, and brothers, Messrs. A. Fuller and William G. Perkins, returning to his home Monday afternoon.

Mr. A. B. McMillan, who at one time was assistant agent for the Southern at Edgfield but now holds a lucrative position with the Louisville and Nashville railroad, spent several days in our town with his friends last week.

Supreme Dictator J. C. Sheppard, after an absence of two weeks, attending the Grand Lodge of the Knights of Honor in Richmond and visiting St. Louis to install the newly elected Supreme Treasurer of the order, returned on Sunday last.

Since our last issue another pretty young teacher, Miss Helen Wright, of Johnston, has become an attendant upon the summer school. She and Miss Lula Wright, who has been attending the summer school since the opening day, are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Jones.

Although turnip seed have advanced The Penn Drug Store has just received a large lot of fresh seed direct from the celebrated Buist seed farms and is selling them at the old price. Mr. R. L. Dunovant is always on the alert to promote the welfare of the patrons of The Penn Drug Store. Read their new local.

The Edgfield cotton mill, like hundreds of other mills, has great difficulty in obtaining sufficient cotton to keep its spindles running full time. Mr. H. A. Smith went to Spartanburg last week to purchase cotton, buying 100 bales from the Pascolet mills. Usually the cotton seeks the buper but now the buyers go out and search the highways and hedges for cotton. Such would always be the case if it were made a secondary instead of primary crop.

Mr. Jesse Lott, who graduated recently from the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute, stopped in Edgfield on Saturday last while en route to Red Hill to confer with the trustees there with reference to teaching the Red Hill school next session. Mr. Lott was a hard student and having completed the full E. E. course he is well fitted for teaching. We wish him abundant success in his chosen field.

There is general complaint of the scarcity of labor. The quarry has had a very demoralizing effect upon labor in the vicinity of Edgfield. There the common laborer receives from 90 cents to \$1.10 per day and it is, of course, out of the question for farmers to pay such prices. Should farmers try to make crops with \$1 a day labor the sheriff would "git em" this fall. The work at the quarry is much harder and more hazardous than work on the farms but the workmen seem not to care for this.

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July 4th being a legal holiday both bank's of our town will be closed on that day.

Let the ADVERTISER know when you have friends visiting your home.

Mrs. E. W. McLenna, of Johnston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Jones.

Mrs. Kate Black and Miss Florrie Morrall are visiting relatives at Allendale and Millet.

Mr. J. W. Peak visited his branch store at Meeting Street on Thursday last.

Hon. and Mrs. W. J. Talbert have been for the last week at the bedside of their son, Mr. E. H. Talbert.

Lexington has a Lazy Club and The Sons of Rest. How would such organizations thrive in Edgfield?

Mr. W. E. F. thro, the mayor of Williston, S. C., spent several days in Edgfield last week as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith.

Mr. Willie Cogburn, who has been playing good ball on the Columbia team spent Sunday at home, leaving Monday to play a series of games in Augusta and Columbia this week.

Mrs. James T. Ouzts, of Elmwood, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. G. T. Asbill, spent Saturday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harling.

The crops over the county are small for the season but generally they are in a growing condition. If worked well they will regain what has been lost.

Married, on Thursday afternoon last, at the residence of the officiating minister, by Rev. P. P. Blalock, Mr. William Covar and Miss Sadie Calliham, both of Edgfield.

While in Edgfield on Thursday last Hon. W. A. Strom purchased a very handsome carriage from Messrs Ramsey & Jones. It was the most expensive vehicle that has been brought to this market.

May the Great Physician yet stay the disease and restore young Talton Brunson to health. For several days he has been lying at the point of death and the latest intelligence, as we go to press on Tuesday, is that he is no better.

Col. and Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey, accompanied by the little ones, arrived from Bamberg on Friday last. They will go by private conveyance to Clyde, N. C., next week where they will spend a month or six weeks at the Skyland Home hotel.

We regret that Mr. E. H. Talbert is very ill with typhoid fever at his home three miles south of Edgfield. He is receiving the best possible attention but a prolonged attack of fever will go very hard with him as he has been in bed only three days in his life on account of sickness.

Mrs. B. D. Thames, who has been quite sick for more than a month, was thought to be strong enough on Thursday last to be carried to the home of her parents at Lykesland, Richland county. On arriving in Columbia she was taken suddenly worse and Mr. Thames carried her to the hospital where she will remain sometime for treatment.

A colored friend called at our sanctum a few days ago and asked for a "catlin margage," but our stock in trade of blanks did not contain one that answered to that name. Possibly that is one of the vagaries of the last legislature that has come to light—the change of nomenclature or creation of a new legal form or blank.

In order save the expense of conducting two stores, such as rents, etc., Messrs. Ramsey & Jones have decided to move their stock of jewelry and silver ware into their main store. The line of silver ware is a fitting complement to several other lines of their large stock of house furnishings. The change will be made as soon as the handsome wall case that is being made is completed.

Mr. W. H. Turner spent the greater part of last week in Augusta assisting in nursing his little nephew, the nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Sarling. This bright little child died on Friday and was buried Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Sarling have been sorely bereaved, having lost four of their five children. The sympathy of their Edgfield friends is with them in this dark hour.

A professional man in Edgfield remarked to us that as cotton had reached 12 cents he would have to take down his shingle, shut up shop and buy a farm. He thinks there is more money in cotton at 10 cents than in almost anything else. There may not be more money in farming than can be made in some other pursuits but we confidently believe that, all things considered, there is more genuine happiness.

We know of one farmer in Edgfield county who made 22 heavy bales of cotton last year with two mules. He averaged 10 cents a pound for his entire crop and yet hundreds say that no money can be made at farming. The farmer in question does not live in what might be called a garden spot of the county and it seems that many others could do what he has done. Success or failure depends more upon the man than upon environments or the pursuit chosen. This is true not only of farming but of all lines of human endeavor.

A Strong Testimonial

Mr. Editor: I feel it my duty to express publicly my appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which Mr. Jas. T. Mims' company, Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company, has dealt with me in the loss of my house by fire. They have paid the full amount of policy, being \$1,675.

Very respectfully, J. M. McKIE.

Barn and Contents Burned

On Saturday night last at about two o'clock one of the large barns of Dr. W. E. P.cott was burned. The building contained a great quantity of oat, corn and fodder, which was also burned. The entire loss is estimated at \$1,000; no insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown. The hour at which the fire occurred would cause one to suspect that it was the act of an incendiary. The friends of Dr. Prescott regret that he has sustained such a heavy loss.

Given a Reception

Upon the return of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley G. Ouzts from their wedding journey on Wednesday evening last Sheriff and Mrs. W. H. Ouzts gave them a delightful reception at their home. A great number of Edgfield's young people were invited to participate in the pleasures of the evening. For the present Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ouzts are boarding at the home of Mrs. Ida F. Sheppard, where they are "at home" to their friends.

PRIMARY ELECTION.

Partial Returns from Tuesday's Election.

A full and accurate report of the result of the primary cannot be given before Thursday, when the official count will be made. Had we held this issue over for complete returns many of our readers would not have received their paper till Saturday. We telephoned for the Johnston and Trenton returns, which, with the Edgfield vote, we give in full:

Table with columns: Candidate, Edgfield, Johnston, Trenton. Includes Bell, Chestnam, Cochran, Mays, Parks, Quarles, Self, and Total.

In the first primary of last year Johnston's vote was 207, Trenton's 81 and Edgfield's 270. A total of 558 votes, against 320 Tuesday.

This is 45 per cent less than last year. If the vote has been proportionately light at all of the 22 precincts not over 900 votes have been polled, against 1,571 last year.

It is probable that a second primary will be necessary to elect a Supervisor. Not until the official count is made will it be definitely known who will be in the second race.

THE ADVERTISER will give a full report next week.

A Postal Card.

We herewith reproduce verbatim et literaliter what appeared on a postal card that was received a few days ago by Messrs. Ramsey & Jones, of our town, from one of their numerous patrons:

May 4 1903. R. F. d. no. 3.

Johnston, S. C. Mr. Jones dear sir it is with great Pleasure i rite to you to let you no that i aint dead nor sick and aint Been Sence 2nd week in March and i due you 90 cents But i aint Paid it and i has don all i could for you and that aint nothin i dont get enough to et trying to meat the pint i could do Vide with you and Docket, But docket Bill aint in my head and you know what that is, and if you has thought hard dont think so no longer for i Be sho i no you got r hart like a man and not a gient like a chicken or else you would not hav don the good you don for me and i am going to Pay you if i live and if i dont you will get it. JOE ABNEY.

The Rough Roads.

During winter and early spring the cry was bad roads, now it is the rough roads. Although the roads are firm, and heavy loads can be drawn over them, they are miserably rough. The deep ruts and holes that were made by heavy wagons when the ground was soft are still there. If a man drives for 25 miles over some of Edgfield's roads and does not feel the effects of the joltings and jostlings for a week afterwards he must be made of clay of an extraordinary kind. The point we wish to make is that while the roads are very rough they are passable now but should these ruts and holes remain there till fall, the season in which good roads are most needed, they will become practically impassable. Could these places be filled now it would not require much time or labor. It is up to the supervisor to grapple with this road problem.

If possible the convict forces should be increased so as to cover as many miles of roads in summer as possible. That "a stitch in time saves nine" is especially true of road working. Mr. Supervisor, whoever you are, when you get your commission you must also get your picks and shovels, pull off your coat and make good those promises that are fresh from your lips. You may forget them later on.

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THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The Opening Day Will Be the July 25th, 1903.

The following is a letter from Prof. Newman to Hon. J. C. Sheppard, which fixes the date of the Farmers' Institute for Edgfield county:

CLEMSON, S. C., June 19, 1903. Hon. J. C. Sheppard, Edgfield, S. C.

Dear Sir: The date for the Farmers' Institute to be held at Edgfield has been fixed for July 25th, 1903.

The lecturers who will be there on that date are Dr. G. E. Neson, manager, who will speak on live stock and animal disease, Prof. C. Carter Newman, who will lecture on horticulture and fruit growing, and Prof. Wister Daniel, the representative of industrial education.

The special subjects for the lectures can be arranged to suit each place where there is a demand for a certain line of information. It is very important that you, as manager of your institute, give ample publicity to the fact that the institute is to be held there on the above date so that all who may desire to do so can attend.

A notice in your local or county paper will be an excellent means of advertising it, and hand bills or posters would serve a valuable purpose.

It is understood that there will be no other meeting there at the time to conflict with this, and that no political discussions or other attractions will be billed for the same date in connection with the institute.

I wish also to have it thoroughly known that the State Farmer's Institute will be held at Clemson College, August 10th to 14th. During that week the State Fair Association, the State Horticultural Society, the State Live Stock Association and the State Dairymen's Association will meet here.

Yours very truly, J. S. NEWMAN, Director Farmers' Institutes Making Improvements.

The officials of the Edgfield Manufacturing Company are having the oil mill thoroughly overhauled throughout all of its departments. Repairs are being made where needed and where the machinery is considerably worn it is being replaced by new machines of the most improved type.

When completed the ginny will be practically new throughout. Six new gins will replace the old ones. In future there can be no complaint about lint being left on the seed. New presses and elevators are being put in. The management has very wisely decided to put in suction systems for unloading cotton from the wagons and conveying it to the gins. This will be a great improvement over the old way of dumping the cotton in the hoppers from the wagons by hand.

A goodly number of wearers who were employed in the cotton mill before the shut-down have been given work in the oil mill. After all contemplated improvements shall have been made on the plant the Edgfield oil mill will be one of the best equipped mills in this section of the state.

All are here awaiting you. The most complete stock of Clothing, Hats and Furnishing Goods that we have ever shown. The suitings surpass any we have ever shown for beauty, style and durability. The prices are very reasonable, in fact they can't be duplicated on same line of merchandise in the city. Our Cash buying and Cash selling sends us to the front in bargain giving. A look will convince you of the above facts. 10% discount on Clothing.

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Change of Schedules.

Scarcely had the traveling public adjusted itself to the recent change in the railway schedule before another change was announced which became effective on Sunday last. The last change was made necessary on account of the rock trains between Edgfield and Aiken having been put on.

Until further notice the early morning train will leave at 6 and return at 9:10; the second train leaves at 12:10 and returns at 2:25; the third train leaves at 3:20 and returns at 5:50 and the fourth train leaves at 5:50 returns at 6:45. On Sundays there will be no early morning nor late afternoon trains. Edgfield will receive mail on three trains, at 9:10 a. m., at 2:25 and 5:50 p. m., instead of two as heretofore. Under the new schedule those who go to Augusta for the day will leave that city at 1 instead of 3 p. m. as formerly.

We direct attention to the letter of appreciation from Mr. J. M. McKie which we publish elsewhere. Not long since the valuable property owned by Mr. McKie, known as the Lanham place, near Rogers was burned. It was insured by Mr. J. T. Mims in the Globe and Liverpool and London insurance company. As soon as the proof of loss was properly prepared the face of the policy, \$1675, was paid without a word. Mr. Mims represents other large and very reliable fire insurance companies, also the New York Life insurance company.

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