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WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16, 1908.

Cowardice asks, is it safe?
Vanity asks, is it popular?
Conscience asks, is it right?
- FULLER.

Three cheers for Hon. John E. Swearingen, State Superintendent of Education! Edgefield is proud of him.

It has been announced that Kern will tour the South. Edgefield will give him a large audience if he will come this way.

It is very probable that the records do not show a closer contest for state office than that between Caughman and Cavaler for railroad commissioner. Out of a total vote of 110,021 Caughman's majority was only 553.

That twenty-nine-million-dollar fine imposed upon the Standard Oil Company is yet in the courts, and is likely to be there for some years to come. When it is paid the consumers will doubtless be appraised of it by an advance in the price of oil.

If the resolution and determination of the newly elected sheriff of Anderson to enforce law are in keeping with his size, there will be but little lawlessness in that county. He weighs 425 pounds and is said to be the largest man in the southern states.

Railroad Commissioner Caughman had a hair's breadth escape from defeat. His Edgefield blood is the only thing that saved him. Whenever there are political contests anywhere in the state in which Edgefield men are involved, you can bet your boots that Edgefield will win. Look at Nicholson's victory in Greenwood, and Peurifoy's in the 9th circuit. Ray Humphreys of Union became in-odulated while a student here at the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute.

It is exceedingly gratifying to those who have an abiding interest in the welfare of the old Ship of State to note that there has been a general raising of the standard among those who are to assemble in Columbia in January to make the laws under which we shall live. The counties in which the standard has not been raised are exceptions, and not the rule. Richland has done herself well in this respect. Many other counties and names could likewise be mentioned.

Will Make Good.

The Advertiser does not doubt for a moment that Hon. John E. Swearingen will make good at the head of the educational department of South Carolina, and there are 61,287 other persons in the state of the same opinion. The loss of sight will only handicap him in performing with his own hands the clerical work of the office, and this, in fact, is always done by clerks instead of by the State Superintendent of Education himself.

Through natural endowments of heart and mind, through training at college and through experience of nine years in the school room; Mr. Swearingen is eminently fitted to plan and direct the educational system of the state. The Hon. John J. McMahan, a prominent attorney of Columbia, who formerly filled the office of State Superintendent of Education for four years with very distinguished ability, published an article in the daily papers just prior to the election in the interest of Mr. Swearingen's candidacy. After writing of Mr. Swearingen's phenomenal achievements while a student at the South Carolina college, Mr. McMahan had the following to say in the closing paragraph of the article:

"It cannot therefore, be feared that Mr. Swearingen's blindness will prevent his measuring up to the fullest requirements of the office of State Superintendent of Education. This is an office, not of mechanical routine, not of physical inspection of details of work, (as is largely the office of superintendent of a school or even of a county.) If reduced to this, it is a farce. It should be an office of inspiration and leadership through moral and intellectual power, rare personality. As compared with such a force, always needed to blaze the outlines of progress, eyesight is of insignificant value. Eyes are common and cheap. Cut off from much that frets away thought and life, John E. Swearingen will revolve in his mind ideals of educational statesmanship and will guide with rare ability the constructive work which peculiarly belongs to that office."

If the white voters of South Carolina cast over 110,000 ballots in the primary, that number, or more, should be cast in the general election in November.

It is difficult for Georgia to tell where she is at politically. The Democrats, Republicans, Prohibitionists, Populists, and the Independence party are all at work in our sister state.

Edgefield's daughter, Saluda, polls more votes than the old mother county. Saluda's vote in the last primary is placed at 2,052, which is 300 more than Edgefield's vote in the first primary.

After all expenses of the campaign were paid, Orangeburg's Democratic executive committee contributed \$100 from the amount left in the treasury to the Bryson and Kern fund. We do not know what balance Edgefield's executive committee had left after paying all expenses of the campaign, but it would have been a very grateful act could they have made a contribution to the national fund as did Orangeburg.

Edgefield Agricultural Club Organized Under Favorable Auspices.

In response to the call of Gen. M. C. Butler twenty-five or thirty farmers and business men met in the court house on Saturday for the purpose of organizing an agricultural club. Gen. Butler was, on motion of B. E. Nicholson, elected temporary chairman and Mr. L. Wigfall Cheatham secretary. Gen. Butler declined to accept the presidency of the club, and Mr. James R. Cantelou was elected president, Mr. Cheatham being permanent secretary.

Dr. W. E. Mealing, secretary and treasurer of the associated farmers clubs of the Savannah valley, was present by invitation, and was called upon to give an outline of the work of the Schultz Hill club and the other clubs that compose the association. He spoke of the benefit derived from the experiments that had been made by the members and of the advantages derived from the social feature. At the regular monthly meetings topics of vital interest to the farmers are discussed from a practical standpoint. Dr. Mealing also referred to the friendly rivalry that existed among the clubs, arising from the exhibits at the Georgia-Carolina Fair. He urged the newly formed Edgefield club to compete for the grand prize of \$100 in cash to be awarded to the club having the best exhibit of agricultural products at the Georgia-Carolina fair to be held during the week beginning November 2nd. The Georgia-Carolina Fair association will donate \$100 toward defraying the expenses of the exhibit.

The club exhibits at the fair last year were exceedingly creditable, especially that of the Meriwether club which won first prize. We see no reason why the farmers in this vicinity could not combine their products, and make an exhibit that would compare favorably with those of the other clubs.

Practically all who attended the meeting enrolled their names as members of the club; and a committee of three will be appointed by President Cantelou to solicit members. A large, prosperous agricultural club, conducted along the lines of those of the Savannah Valley association, will be of incalculable benefit to the farmers of this vicinity. Give your name to the secretary, Mr. L. W. Cheatham, and assist in making the club a success. By a unanimous vote the thanks of the club were extended to Dr. Mealing for his presence and very helpful and encouraging remarks. The next meeting of the club will be held the 2nd Saturday in October.

The editor of The Advertiser was very glad to meet Maj. J. H. Aiton at Mountain Creek last Friday while attending the Edgefield Baptist association, eighteen years having passed since last we saw him. Maj. Aiton has been one of The Advertiser's subscribers for more than fifty years, and is now on our honor roll.

The Edgefield Baptist Association.

The one-hundred and first session of the Edgefield Baptist Association was held at Mountain Creek church on Thursday and Friday last. It was the writer's pleasure to attend on Friday.

The officers that have served so faithfully in the past, O. Sheppard, moderator; Rev. J. T. Littlejohn, clerk; and Mr. L. F. Dorn, treasurer, were re-elected.

All of the churches have increased in membership and the reports that were made to Association were exceedingly encouraging. Dr. C. E. Burts made the report on Foreign missions and followed it with a stirring address. Mr. Sheppard then read a very interesting letter from Rev. John Lake, the missionary on the foreign field who is supported by the churches of the Edgefield association. A special prayer was offered in behalf of Mr. Lake by Rev. P. B. Lasham.

Rev. J. E. Johnston, made the report on Home Missions, which was followed by appropriate addresses by Col. F. N. K. Bailey and Rev. Mr. Heckle. Under the subject of education the representatives of the educational institutions presented their claims. Rev. O. L. Stringfield made an appeal for more loyal support of the Greenville Female College

and Dr. Fletcher presented the claims of Furman university. Col. Bailey represented our institution, the S. C. C. I.

The report on Women's work was made by Mr. L. F. Dorn, who followed the report with a short address that made an excellent impression.

The report on Temperance was made by Mr. J. L. Mims for the committee, and by request an address upon this subject was delivered by Dr. C. E. Burts in a forceful and effective manner.

By common consent this was declared to be the most pleasant and most profitable session of the association ever held. The delegates and visitors were lavishly entertained by the good people of Mountain Creek. Some who attended suggested that Mountain Creek be made the permanent meeting place for the association.

The association will meet next year with Antioch on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in September.

Interesting Letter Received by Mrs. Robert H. Mims From Rev. John Lake.

My Dear Aunt: Letters from you and Uncle and a host of friends, expressing sympathy for me in my great sorrow, have remained unanswered, not because I did not appreciate them—they went to my heart of hearts, all of them, and helped me—but I have been sick. Four weeks ago to-day I took my bed, though I had been sick for a good while then, ever since dear Pearl was taken from me. In fact I had had several attacks of the stomach and bowel trouble so much dread in these tropical summers, the disease that cost her her life. And now I am here in the hospital where she passed away—in sight of the house (or the wreck of it) where we had planned to spend a part of the summer resting—and nearer still to the cemetery where she lies sleeping.

For five weeks after her death I was in the same house and under the care of Dr. Hayes or our Mission, or Dr. Swau, the head of the hospital at Canton, except for a few days at the compound at Canton. While there I wrote a letter to Mr. Sheppard for the Edgefield Baptist Association at Mountain Creek in reply to the message sent me by the last association meeting. I thought when I wrote that I should have been well now, but a relapse made it necessary for me to be brought to the hospital.

I am dressed and sitting up to-day for the first time and expect to be well enough to return to Canton and begin work again next week or the week after. It has been a dreary time here, in the place hallowed by such tender but sad memories, but God and she have seemed with me always, and I have felt too that the prayers of all who had written to me and of many more have been sustaining me. I feel closer to God than ever before. I have no notion of giving up the work of course, and I believe I shall be upheld till God calls me to higher service in heaven—there certainly is no higher service on earth than this work of teaching the heathen to love God.

Last Monday night the worst typhoon that has been known out here tore part of the roof off the hospital building, throwing some of the debris through the floor of the second story and onto my bed and in my face as I lay sick in the men's ward on the first floor. It did other damage to this splendid new building and wrecked many houses and sunk many boats in and near Hong Kong, causing the death of many hundreds if not thousands. A similar one here two years ago is supposed to have killed two thousand people. This time we had telegraphic warning, which saved thousands of lives. In the former one I was on a river boat, about a hundred miles from here and had to remain on the boat for twenty-four hours before the boat would dare to go on. The boat itself was injured somewhat. Episcopal Bishop Hoare, as you may remember, was also on a missionary journey near Hong Kong at the time and his boat was capsized and his body never recovered. So you see what kind of storms we have out here.

A few miles from Hong Kong, which, as you know, is an island in the Pacific, is another island called Cheung Chow. On that several missionaries are resting during the hottest weather. Some of their homes were wrecked Monday night, including the one in which dear Pearl and I had planned to be at this time and in which I would have been but that I had to come to the hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Hayes escaped with their lives. I guess the bed room furniture and all of my summer clothing that I left there are ruined. I haven't heard.

Well, in this land of tropical diseases, typhoons, boxers, rebellions, Asiatic cholera, bubonic plague—and what not—I feel safe and happy in God's work. Please let this letter be for all the friends in Edgefield and Edgefield county, in so far as you can communicate with them. I am taking a risk to write so much, and here comes the doctor. Love to all.

Affectionately, JOHN

Cheaper Water.

We are glad to announce to our patrons that we can now supply them with 5 gallon demijohns Glenn Springs water for \$1.75. Penn & Holstein.

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Statement From Mr. E. S. Johnston.

Mr. Editor: Please allow space in your paper this week for me to make statement relative to statement made by Mr. W. W. Adams calling into question my veracity.

I made affidavit in regard to the weighing of 25 bales of cotton sold by J. H. Reel to W. W. Adams in the spring of 1905, in which I stated that I had settled, as I thought, the loss in weight on this lot of cotton satisfactorily with Mr. W. W. Adams. This affidavit was posted at Edgefield about 1 o'clock on September 8th, 1905. Under my affidavit Mr. W. W. Adams wrote the following: "If Johnson collected any money from Reel he did so without authority from me, and has not paid me one cent." This raises the question of veracity between Mr. Adams and myself. The question is, who told the truth? Did I not tell it? Is Mr. Adams the only man who can tell the truth? Why did I have to get authority from him to collect money from Reel. If I had paid over money to Adams, which he had numerous times demanded of me on account of the lot of cotton, 25 bales, sold to him by Reel, why did I have to get authority from him to collect this money from Reel? He says that I have not paid him one cent. I will give to the public verbatim my receipt signed by him and written out entirely in his handwriting and then let the public judge, and I will also state that Mr. J. H. Reel paid over to me this amount of money, after I had paid it to Adams. Here is Adams receipt to me which I can show when the proper time comes. "Received of E. S. Johnston \$4 and 3-100 dollars for the loss of 53 pounds of cotton as above." This receipt is written under affidavit of weigher at Graniteville Manufacturing Company, giving the number of one of the bales of cotton sold by J. H. Reel to W. W. Adams. My good name is worth as much to me as Mr. Adams'. Let the public judge whether I told the truth or whether Mr. Adams told it. He sought to bring reproach upon me and Mr. J. H. Reel. Who deserves the reproach of all right thinking people? E. S. Johnston.

Card of Thanks.

I desire through your columns to heartily thank my many friends for their generous support and loyalty to me in both primary elections just past; I desire further to thank them for every expression of kindness shown me during the campaign. As a public servant and official of Edgefield county, it will ever be my purpose to discharge the duties devolved upon me faithfully and without fear or partiality. Sincerely, W. G. Ozias.

Card From Mr. Reel.

To the people of Edgefield County: I take this occasion to extend thanks to you for your kindness and courtesy to me during the campaign just closed and express to my friends my high appreciation of their efforts in my behalf as a candidate in the recent primary. My opponent treated me fairly in our canvass and I do not say one word against him, but I wish to say here that false and malicious reports were circulated against me just before the last primary and they caused my defeat. My purpose and aim in life from youth up have been to deal fairly and justly with everybody, and any rumor or report to the contrary is utterly without foundation. If the people of Edgefield county will scrutinize my life I must think that as a fair and just people they will be convinced that the result of the second primary for the office of supervisor was due to the most improper and unfair methods adopted against me. Very truly, J. H. REEL.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased. Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. The unpleasant troubles due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose. Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Name of Swamp-Root, including all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle. I have purchased one of the latest improved machines for drilling wells, and solicit the patronage of the public. Parties wanting wells should communicate with me at Pleasant Lane, W. A. Strom.

Card From Mr. Adams.

Editor Advertiser: My attention has just been called to a card of Mr. E. S. Johnston; it is too late to reply in your this week's issue, but will in your next. Yours truly, W. W. Adams.

Card From Mr. Wells.

Please allow me to thank the people of Edgefield county for the vote they gave me in the recent primary, as well as for their kindness and hospitality extended to me during the campaign. I am deeply grateful for the honor conferred upon me and will strive in my humble way, to merit the confidence reposed in me. Respectfully, M. P. Wells.

Card From Mr. DeVore.

Please allow me to thank the people for their very generous support in the recent primaries. Though not elected, I shall ever appreciate their kindness. James DeVore.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to express through your columns my sincere appreciation for the very loyal support that my friends gave me in the two primaries. I shall endeavor to merit their confidence by a faithful discharge of every duty that devolves upon me. A. R. Nicholson.

Mr. Moultrie Thankful.

I am deeply grateful to the people of Edgefield county for the manner in which they supported me at the polls. I shall never forget their kindness and will discharge the duties of the office of supervisor to the best of my ability. R. J. Moultrie.

Card From Mr. Mayson.

To my fellow citizens: Waiting for the mist to clear away, and the excitement of election over, I now express my deep gratitude to my friends for their confidence and loyalty to me in the election of August 25th.

It is true defeat came to me in the last moments of the campaign, through political scheming, and the perverting of certain utterances I made in my speech in Edgefield on the 22nd of August, but it was not any fault of yours. In my campaign, I appealed to reason and not to passion, and stood for and upon principle and not policy, consequently I spoke boldly and honestly my convictions, and those principles for which I contended will live serenely in the bye and bye when policies are dead and forgotten. I feel kindly and sympathetically towards those who did not agree with me, and time only will develop who was right and who was wrong in the directing of a cause for the betterment of our commonwealth or the promulgation of a policy. P. B. Mayson.

Statement of the condition of The Bank of Trenton

located at Trenton, S. C., at the close of business Sept. 11th, 1908.

Table with 2 columns: Resources, Liabilities. Resources include Loans and Discounts, Overdrafts, Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures, Due from Banks, and Bankers, Currency, Silver, Nickels and Pennies, Checks and Cash Items. Liabilities include Capital Stock Paid in, Surplus Fund, Undivided Profits, less Current Expenses and Taxes, Paid, Individual Deposits subject to Check, Time Certificates, Bills Payable.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF EDGEFIELD.

Before me came A. J. DAY, 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.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of Sept, 1908. WALLACE W. WISE, (L. S.) Magistrate, E. C. S. C.

Correct Attest, S. T. HUGHES, J. F. BETTIS, J. C. LONG.

RUBBER TIRES: I have a machine for resetting your old tires or putting on new ones. Best rubber tires carried in stock. All work guaranteed. W. H. Powell.

NOTICE.

On the 18th day of September 1908, the und-signed will make application unto the Probate Court at Edgefield Court House, South Carolina, for a final discharge from her trust as administratrix of the estate of George Sawyer, deceased.

Mrs. M. A. Sawyer.

A Paying Investment.

Mr. John White, of 38 Highland Ave., Houlton, Maine, says "Have been troubled with a cough for every winter; and spring. Last winter I tried many advertised remedies, but the cough continued until I bought a 50c bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery; before that was half gone, the cough was all gone. This winter the same happy result followed; a few doses once more banished the annual cough. I am now convinced that Dr. King's New Discovery is the best of all cough and lung remedies." Sold under guarantee at W. E. Lyuch & Co., Penn & Holstein, successors to G. L. Penn & Son, B. Timmons drug stores. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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YOUR Account Solicited

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