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## Oldest Subscriber.

For Fifty Consecutive Years a Subscriber For The Advertiser.

This newspaper has on its subscription list scores of persons who have been constant readers for twenty, thirty and forty years, but only a limited number who have reached the half century mark. We feel honored in being able to present to our readers this week a cut of Maj. J. W. Aiton, of Rosa, S. C. Greenwood county, formerly Edgefield, who has been a subscriber for The Advertiser for fifty consecutive years, lacking only about two months.



He states over his own signature, in the following personal note to the editor, when he subscribed for the paper:

Mr. J. L. Mims,  
Editor Advertiser,  
Edgefield, S. C.

Dear Friend:

I first subscribed for the dear old paper the first of the year 1859 through your grand uncle, Mr. James H. Mims. I was then attending to business for him on his plantation. I have been taking it without ceasing ever since. I will be 74 years old if I live until the 10th day of November next. My general health is as good as I could ask at this time, though am very weak and it is with difficulty that I can see to read or write. Otherwise I am well, and hope this will find you and loved ones well.

Yours very truly,  
J. M. AITON.

Rosa, S. C., October 20th, 1908.  
As above stated, we feel greatly honored in being able to publish the cut and personal note from Major Aiton, a representative and very worthy son of old Edgefield county. The number of newspapers in South Carolina (if there be any others at all) is very limited that has names upon its subscription list that have been there for half a century.

Maj. Aiton now receives The Advertiser gratis, and will continue to receive it with the compliments of the editor until he shall have reached the end of life's journey, which we sincerely trust, will be yet very many years.

## HISTORIC SAND-BAR FERRY

Owned by an Edgefield Man, Mr. Warren Fair.

Now that a movement is on foot to abolish Sand Bar Ferry, across the Savannah river and substitute for it a bridge, the history of the old ferry is interesting. The first owner of the property, Col. Pepper, who in 1739, while at Fort Moore bluff, the eminence overlooking the river on the South Carolina side, obtained a charter and permission to introduce a ferryboat from the Colonial Government. Gov. Bull later transferred the charter and the property to Col. Pepper, who in turn transmitted them to the Lamar family. The Lamars conducted the ferry business for a number of years and sold it to Col. Abney Whately. It remained a Whately property until the close of the civil war when Mr. Johnathan Miller, who by the way, is still in the land of the living and with faculties unimpaired, at an age close to a century, purchased it from H. H. Hickman, administrator, for \$20,000. Mr. Miller held it for about ten years and sold it to Mr. Warren Fair, who a little over two years ago sold it to Mr. Paul Dunbar for \$7,000. In course of a year the ferry again changed hands and is now the property once more of Mr. Warren Fair. For a number of years before and after the war the annual income of the ferry reached a sum as high as \$25,000. The annual income at present is said to be between \$3,000 and \$4,000. The ferry ownership includes parcels of land, ten to fifteen acres, on each side of the river, on which taxes are paid to Richmond county and Aiken county, respectively.—Aiken Recorder.

## NEWS FROM TRENTON.

### Land Changes Hands, Wedding Bells Soon to Ring, Floral Fair to be Held.

Everything is very quiet about our little town at present. The sale of cotton has been practically stopped, owing to the sickness of one of the buyers and the other withdrawing to Edgefield. The cotton crop has been almost gathered, and now the farmers have begun to plan for 1909. We have heard a number of leading farmers say that they intend to plant large crops of grain and thereby cut the cotton crop.

Goldman & Co., of New York, closed the sale of Vann & Leppard's stock on Saturday. This sale has been going on for two weeks.

It was reported that one of the collectors for a book company was arrested here on Saturday. This company seems to have sold a lot of books in this section. The writer was told by one working for the company that something like \$1,300 worth of books were sold here. A great amount of these were sold to people who cannot read at all. We heard of numbers who purchased several dollars worth of these books and now when they have not made enough to pay their honest debts, these collectors are foreseeing them by threatening to take their houses hold goods.

Mr. Geo. S. Courtney will leave Trenton in the near future for Aiken, where he goes to enter business.

Mr. I. A. Webb has purchased his place and will reside there after this year.

Mr. L. D. Swearingen is enjoying the bliss of fatherhood. It is a boy.

It is reported that wedding bells will soon be ringing from one end of the Aiken road section to the other. If reports are true it seems that they will be so frequent that some will be double. There is but one regret we have to express and that is all of these fair maidens will be taken far away. Some will stop within the bounds of our own state, Georgia, to the blue grass region. Yes, even to the Rocky mountain states.

Mr. James Black, of Saluda county, has purchased a part of the Luke Crouch place and is now moving to his new home. We are glad to see these good people from Saluda come into our community. This reminds us that some of our best and most substantial citizens were once residents of that part of old Edgefield that is now Saluda county. They have all proved to be worthy citizens.

Mrs. J. H. Privette, of Darlington, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Courtney, will return home on Wednesday.

Mrs. R. B. Smith will return this week from Columbia where she went for treatment. We are glad to know that she has greatly improved in health.

The annual floral exhibition will be held on November 3rd. Dinner will be served by the ladies who are interested in the cemetery. The proceeds of this will be expended for a new fence.

Mrs. Burquette, a Swedish lady, was buried at Ebenezer last Tuesday. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Gillespie. Mrs. Burquette, with her husband and four little children, came here from Boston more than a year ago. They settled on some land over the line in Aiken county sold them by Mr. J. M. Swearingen. These people are a good class of immigrants. They are hard working, honest, Christian people. The family have the deepest sympathy of our whole community in this hour of sadness.  
READER.

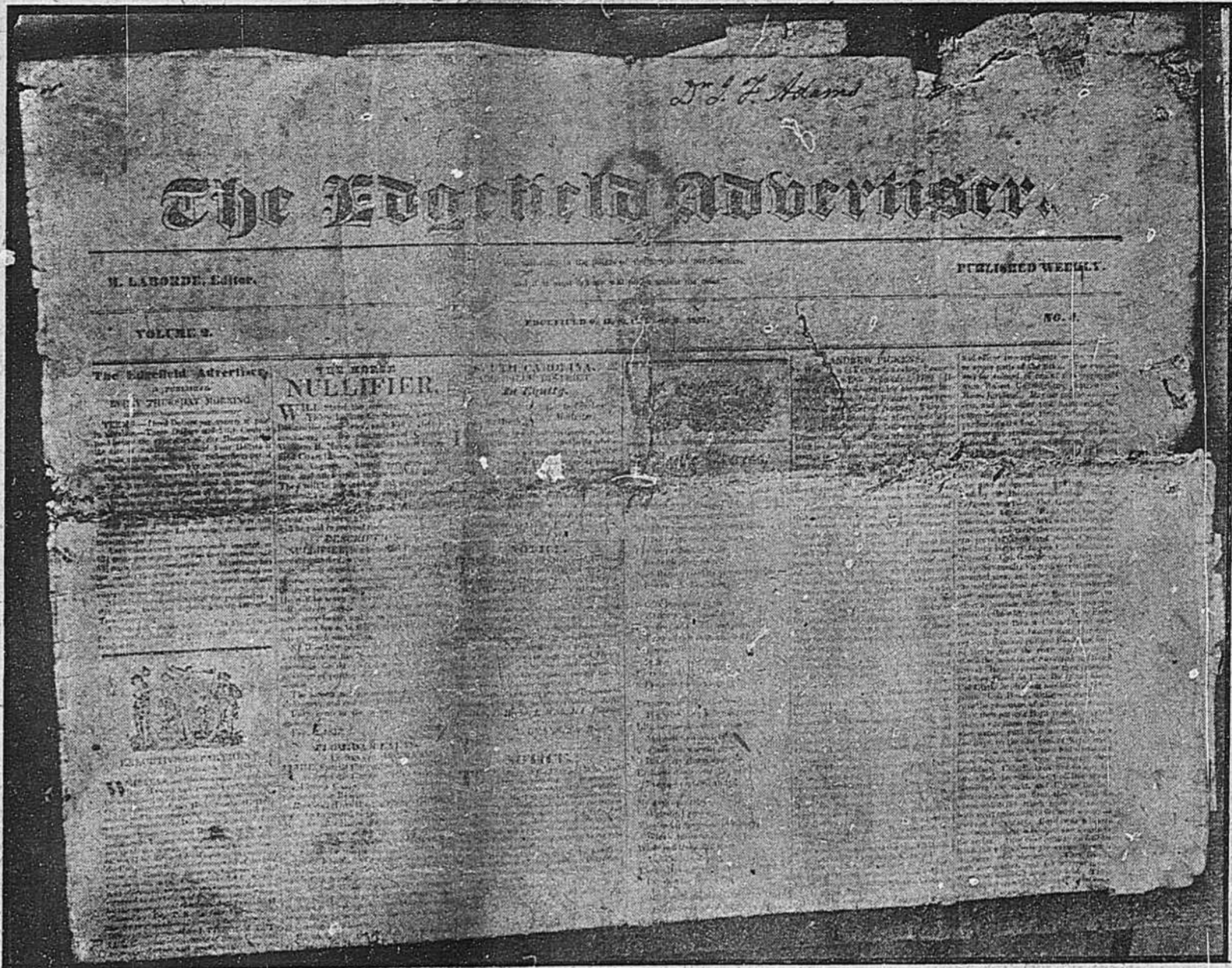
### Delegates to Charleston.

The following ladies from the Edgefield association will attend the Woman's Missionary Union convention in Charleston November 10th to 12th:

Miss Robbie Jones and Mrs. W. S. G. Heath, Antioch; Mrs. J. P. Nixon, Clark's Hill; Mrs. J. H. Tillman, Mrs. J. W. Peak, Mrs. Barnwell Jones, Mrs. J. H. Allen, Misses Eileen Outz and Kate Pattison, Edgefield; Miss Mary Emma Williams, Gugal; Miss Madge Mays, Horn's Creek; Mrs. W. P. Parks, Miss Lucy Jaro, Parksville; Mrs. Hugh Wates, Mrs. W. E. Prescott and Miss Alma Hammond, Red Hill; Misses Carrie Barkhalter, Julia and Fannie Joe Strom, Rehoboth; Mrs. Kate M. Black and Mrs. J. C. Long, Mrs. E. L. Posey, Mrs. A. I. Webb, Trenton; Mrs. J. L. Griffin, Red Oak Grove.

Mrs. P. B. Day and Mrs. J. D. Mathis were in Edgefield Monday and stated that everybody in and around Trenton are coming to the floral fair Friday, including nurses and babies.

## Oldest Newspaper In South Carolina.



The Advertiser lays claim to being the oldest newspaper in South Carolina, basing its claim to that distinction and honor upon the fact that it was established in January 1835, nearly 74 years ago, and has been published continuously since that time under the same name. Other papers claim to be older, but their age is probably gained through consolidation, taking the age of the oldest of the papers consolidated. Herewith is reproduced in part a copy of The Advertiser published March 3rd, 1837, Vol. 2, No. 4, the imperfect impression being due to the faded and time-worn condition of the old paper photographed for making the cut shown above.

### Greatly Missed at Cedar Springs.

The Palmetto Leaf Published by the faculty and student body of the Cedar Spring Institute had the following to say of Hon. John E. Swearingen's absence last week: "Hon. J. E. Swearingen—it seems hard not to say John—is one of our boys." History simply told us this: accidentally blinded by the discharge of a gun when about ten years old, a pupil here, a student at the South Carolina University, a teacher here nine years, State Superintendent of Education elect for the State of South Carolina. None wished him success more than his Cedar Spring friends; none miss him more than we do now that he is gone. He did a strong work here and put hope and ambition into every pupil that came under him. We feel in his new field that he will be of great help to our school. We would beg him to remember that the Leaf "demands" an article from him just as in the days gone by."

### Attention County Schools.

The Edgefield chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy is offering a gold medal, to be awarded as a prize for the best essay on Gen. Robt. E. Lee. This offer is open to all pupils of the various schools of our county, boys and girls from the ages of 15 through the 18th year. Every teacher is requested to choose the best two papers from each school, one a boy's and the other a girl's and send these two to Mrs. Julian Holstein, secretary of the chapter, by December 14th as none coming in later can be accepted. The papers sent in will be read before the members of the chapter by Mrs. Holstein and the best six three boys and three girls will be chosen by the Daughters and these parties will be notified at once, that they will be expected to read their essays in the opera house of our county seat on January 19th, 1909, to an audience assembled in celebration of Lee's birthday.

The Daughters of the Confederacy will attend in a body and decide then and there which essay as well as delivery is the best and the medal will be awarded on this occasion. It is earnestly hoped that the various schools will take this matter up and co-operate with the U. D. C. in trying to instill a love and interest in the Confederacy in the young people of our county.

Veterans desiring Crosses of Honor will call on Mrs. Griffin at the Edgefield Bank for application blanks as soon as possible and have same filled out properly returning them to her at once. Orders for Crosses must go in between the 1st and 10th of November as this is the time appointed for the State Custodian to receive applications.  
Mrs. N. G. Evans, Pres.  
Mrs. J. D. Holstein, Sec.

### COLD SEEDING NEWS.

#### School Flourishing Farmers Sowing Grain, Christian Women at Work.

The crop for the year 1908 is about all gathered. Short crops, short prices and everything else high makes "hard times."

The farmers are very busy now sowing grain. It seems to be the general intention among them to plant a larger number of acres this year than usual. That means less cotton planted next year and more "hog and hominy"

Our school is running full time now and the attendance is good, considering that the farmers are so busy and need the help of their children. Miss Strom is boarding at the hospitable home of our pastor and is giving music lessons to his two bright little boys. She is also giving music lessons to other young people in the neighborhood. Mr. Mellichamp is boarding with Mrs. Sallie Thomas who for many years has thrown open her doors to the teachers, thereby conferring a favor upon them and the patrons of the school.

The ladies of the Red Hill church entertained themselves very pleasantly last week and at the same time accomplished something useful. They divided into two groups one meeting at Mrs. Dr. Prescott's home, the other at "Rose Cottage" and each group quilted a quilt for the Connie Maxwell orphanage. Some little child's dreams will be made sweeter by nestling under the quilts made by the hands of the sympathizing mothers of Red Hill.

At the last meeting of our young people's organization of this church they made a move toward beautifying the inside of the church and the grounds. This church is already one of the best country churches in this county but we believe in pushing forward and not "let well enough alone" when it comes to matters of this kind.

Ask Mr. John Bailey how he enjoyed the show at Edgefield last Saturday.

The monument erected to the memory of Mr. John Wash, by the Woodmen of the World will be unveiled at Rehoboth the 2nd Sunday in November. Dr. A. J. S. Thomas of Greenville has been invited to preach for our pastor at 11 a. m. and to deliver the unveiling address at 2 p. m. There will be dinner served on the grounds.

About two weeks ago Mr. Lewis Glanton had the misfortune of sticking a nail in his leg near the knee. Blood poison set in and he has been suffering very much, but we are glad to say that there is some improvement at this writing. Notwithstanding the fact that this year has turned out to be a

### Items of Interest From the College

The eighteenth session of the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute commenced on the 30th of September.

Upon returning the students found the building and surroundings greatly improved. Acetylene gas lights had been put in, bathing facilities were ameliorated and the fare, although excellent heretofore, was found to be still better this year.

The three literary societies have started off beautifully and it is to be hoped that they will keep on as they have begun. The presidents are as follows: of the Fidelity Literary Society, Miss Roselle Burns; of the Pierian Literary Society, Cadet Lieut. L. D. Holmes and of the Bailey Literary Society, Cadet Capt. W. White.

A unique feature of the S. C. C. I. is that it has a Sunday School of its own. The superintendent is Prof. P. P. Burns; Secretary and treasurer, Capt. C. F. Colvin.

The military feature is very strict this year—an excellent thing—and we all feel sure that under the direct supervision of Maj. T. J. Lyon nothing but good can result.

Counting day students and boarders there are altogether about 200 students, a list of which will be given later.

CADET.

Oct. 24th, 1908.

### Making Bryan-Kern Speeches.

The following is from the Columbia Correspondent to the News and Courier:

"Hon. W. L. Daniel, of Saluda, member-elect of the Legislature from that county, spent a day in the city, his way home from the North. While in Washington Mr. Daniel was called on to speak at a democratic rally, and the Washington papers report his speech in complimentary terms, stating that he received hearty applause from the crowd."

hard one, there has been several new dwellings built in this section of the county in the last few months, besides additions or improvements on others. Mr. Willie Quarles is to have a new home soon. The lumber has been placed on the ground. Mr. Jack McLendon who has built a new house in our town is to move his family here in the near future. We extend to them a hearty welcome.

The camp of the W. O. W. here is in a flourishing condition and at almost every meeting some poor, blind candidate is introduced into the mysteries of Woodcraft.  
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### DEDUCT FOR BAGGING.

#### Exporters and Mills Limit Quantity of Bagging for Baling Cotton.

Notwithstanding the fact that farmers have in the past been urged to cover their cotton better so as to protect it, the exporters and mills have recently adopted a rule not to accept or purchase cotton which has more than six yards of bagging to the bale without making deduction in weight for all in excess of that quantity.

The Edgefield buyers have received formal notice of the new rule and are now forced to make suitable deduction in weight on cotton they purchase which has more than six yards of bagging to the bale. Not to do this, as is shown by the subjoined letters, would in the aggregate mean heavy loss to them. In order that the people may fully understand the position of the local buyers, and the "why and wherefore" of their action, we publish letters from certain mills and exporters to whom they ship cotton.

The first is a letter from an exporter to Messrs. W. W. Adams & Co., which shows that this Edgefield firm recently sustained a loss of \$1.78 per bale on 10 bales of cotton on account of deduction for excessive quantity of bagging. The letter is as follows:

Messrs. W. W. Adams & Co.,  
Edgefield, S. C.

Gentlemen:-

Attached hereto is claim for \$17.83, account surplus bagging picked off ten bales cotton in your shipment marked "LEX."  
Please send cheque to cover.  
Yours truly,

A large cotton mill has also written Mr. Adams as follows upon this subject:

Mr. W. W. Adams,  
Edgefield, S. C.

Dear Sir:-

There is considerable complaint about the excessive tare on the cotton that you ship us, and we think you ought to require the farmers from whom you buy cotton not to put so much bagging on the bales. I understand that several buyers have withdrawn from your territory on account of the excessive tare and if this is the case you should certainly protect your old friends, the cotton mills, who have stood by you so long and have made little or no complaint heretofore about this matter. It is serious, however, and you should help to protect our interests in the matter.  
With kind regards, I am,  
Yours truly,

Not having received a reply to the foregoing letter, the mill wrote

## REV. A. B. WATSON RETIRES.

### Withdraws From Active Ministry After Thirty-six Years of Service.

After many years of ministry spent as an active member of the Methodist Conference Rev. A. B. Watson has concluded to become one of the supernumeraries of his church. For thirty six years he has preached, passing through all the ranks into which the Methodists divide their ministers. For nineteen years he has been an "active minister." Having served in all sections of the state he is generally known; and by reason of his lovable character has endeared himself to each of his congregations. Finding that his health is not equal to the demands of the active ministry he has bought a farm a few miles out of Beaufort at Cherry Hill where he plans to live with his wife and younger children. Before becoming a preacher he was a farmer and looks forward with pleasure to rounding out his life in the same occupation with which he began it. Cherry Hill contains 180 acres and its homestead overlooks the upper part of Port Royal harbor from a high bluff which is shaded by live oaks and palmettoes. He is enthusiastic about Beaufort, its climate and opportunities. As an illustration of the sacrifices that the ministry demands it may be mentioned that this property represents Mr. Watson's savings before he went into the ministry and that for his many years of labor for his people through the church he has "nothing to show in the shape of this world's goods."

At the army post at Fort Fremont Rev. Watson has held regular services in the mess hall—the soldiers like him, he is the kind of man men like to tie to; at Seabrook he has a small congregation that is growing; the Port Royal church has been in his charge beside the one in Beaufort. As a supernumerary he will preach occasionally to all of these congregations, each of which is very glad that it will not lose altogether a pastor of whom they are so fond.—Beaufort Gazette.

Mr. Adams a second time as follows:

Mr. W. W. Adams,  
Edgefield, S. C.

Dear Sir:

We have received no reply from you to our letter about tar, so here after we shall deduct 50c per bale on all cotton that has excessivetare. We give this information for your guidance so that you may know what to do with your customers.

Unless something is done in this regard many of the buyers will leave your territory, and it will work to your disadvantage in the end.

With kind regards, I am,  
Yours truly

Mr. A. E. Padgett, president of the Edgefield Mercantile Company, has also received several letters bearing upon the same subject, the following being an exact copy of one of these letters:

Edgefield Mercantile Company,  
Edgefield, S. C.

Gentlemen:-

We sent you several days ago a copy of the Carolina Mill Rules under which most cotton in this section is sold, and we wish to call your attention to the fact that this year the mills are allowing only 20 pounds of bagging and ties to the bale on uncompensated cotton. There has been great complaint on cotton shipped from your section having more than the ordinary amount of bagging that would be used on a bale of cotton. We trust that you will co-operate with us in getting the farmers to reduce the amount of bagging put on cotton within the prescribed limits of the Carolina Mill Rules, and we are writing you to let you know that cotton purchased from you in the future will be made according to Carolina Mill Rules and for excess tare over 20 pounds, deductions will be made. In most towns now farmers use 6 yards of bagging instead of from 9 to 12 pounds. We trust that your customers will do likewise, so that all parties can be protected.  
Yours truly,

While it is a great hardship upon farmers to lose all bagging in excess of six yards that was put on cotton before the mills and exporters announced the new rule, yet the above letters show that the buyers at this place are in no way responsible for it. The fact is, they are as powerless to remedy the matter as are the farmers themselves.

The names of the writers of the above letters have been withheld but they are in our possession, and any one desiring to read the letters can do so.