

Men are so constituted that every one undertakes what he sees another successful in, whether he has aptitude for it or not.—GOETHE.

Largely Signed Petitions.

Through the efforts of the members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, petitions for statewide prohibition have been circulated in every section of the county, and on yesterday they were forwarded to Columbia. In the aggregate, the petitions contained between one thousand and eleven hundred names, not including two or three petitions yet to be sent in. This is by considerable odds a majority of the voters in the county, and indicates what the predominating sentiment is upon this issue. There were hundreds of voters who could not be seen during the short time that the petitions were circulated.

Committee Assignments, Much Work to be Done. Mr. Simkins' Bill.

The legislature has been in session one week, and, as the first few days are always consumed in organization, appointment of committees and other preliminary work, very little has been done up to this time. The House adjourned from Saturday until to-day, yesterday being a holiday—General Lee's birthday. The senate declined to adjourn and has been steadily at work.

The committee assignments of Edgefield's delegation are as follows:

Senator Rainsford will serve on the following committees: Agricultural, Enrolled Bills, Engrossed Bills, Incorporations, Medical Affairs and Public Lands.

Mr. Simkins will serve on the following House committees: Judiciary, Hospital for Insane, Offices and Officers.

Mr. Wells received the following assignments on House committees: Education, Federal Relations, Fish, Game and Forestry.

The several vacancies that are to be filled will consume considerable time, the most important being the election of a Chief Justice and an Associate Justice. Either Associate Justice Jones or Gary will be elected Chief Justice, and prominently mention for Associate Justice are Circuit Judges Watts, Hydrick and Cagle, Representatives Cotran and Hon. J. C. Sheppard.

Some difficult problems to be solved this session are the repeal of the lien law, the liquor question, a change in the assessment of property for taxation, etc. More than two weeks were consumed last session upon the lien law and the discussion of prohibition without the accomplishment of anything. Such should not be the case this year.

Mr. Simkins has introduced a bill providing for an extension of the term of the County superintendent of education and county supervisor from two to four years. This should become a law. The fact is, it would be better if all of the officers were elected for four years, doing away with the frequent holding of elections. Furthermore, it requires one term of two years for an official to become thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office.

Will Compete For The Advertiser's Prize.

Mr. William Toney of Johnston, was in Edgefield on Monday and, while in conversation with the writer, said the man who wins The Advertiser's first prize next fall will have to grow some fine corn. He will soon measure off his acre and begin the preparation. Mr. Toney says no farmer in one section of the county has the advantage of farmers in other sections because of the supposed superior character of the soil. He says, and we believe he is right, the yield will depend upon the preparation, fertilization and manner of cultivation. An acre of average land anywhere in the county properly prepared, properly fertilized and properly cultivated can be made to produce a large yield. As soon as the land is in plowing order, select your acre and turn it up deep, very deep. That will be a good start. We want to see four or five hundred farmers enter this contest.

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Trio of Public Servants.

We present the third installment of county officials this week—a trio of public servants.

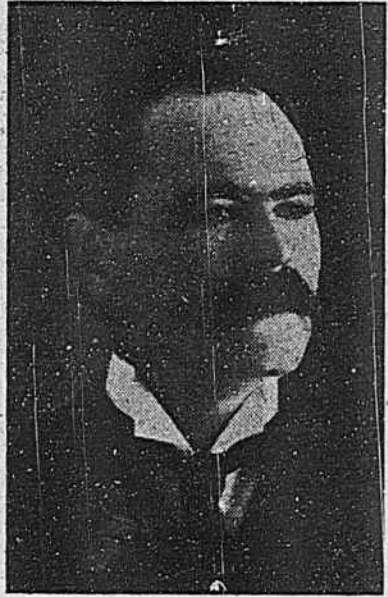
Mr. W. B. Cogburn has just entered upon his third term as clerk



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of court, having served for eight consecutive years in this capacity, always giving entire satisfaction to the people who elected him. Edgefield, or any other county in the state for that matter, has never had a more capable and efficient clerk of court.

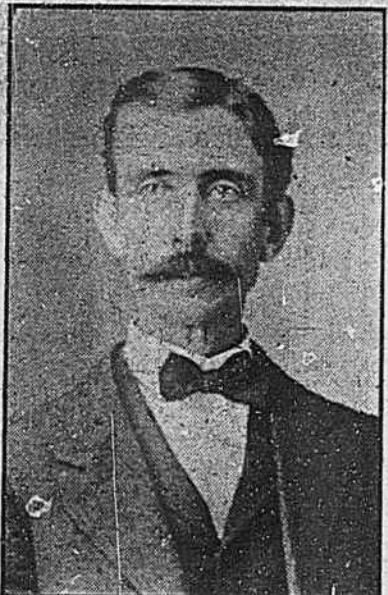
Mr. W. G. Ouzts, after filling the



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unexpired term of his lamented father, Sheriff W. H. Ouzts, entered with the new year upon his first full term as sheriff of Edgefield county.

Suffice it to say that this worthy son of an honored sire is ever alert, ac-



Mr. J. R. Timmerman.

tive, faithful and fearless in the discharge of the duties that pertain to this the chief executive office of the county.

In a few days the Governor will commission Mr. J. Ransom Timmerman as county auditor. This being an appointive instead of an elective office, Mr. Timmerman did not receive his commission at the beginning of the new year as did some of the other county officials. The newly chosen auditor is a young man who is just entering upon his public career, but being affable in manner, generous by nature, strongly endowed intellectually and of unimpeachable integrity, we are confident that he will measure up to the highest expectations of his friends in the discharge of every duty.

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Notice to Taxpayers.

The county Auditor's office will be open for the purpose of receiving tax returns from the 1st day of January to the 20th of February 1909 inclusive, after which date the law imposes the addition of fifty cents penalty to the dollar for neglect or refusal to make returns. The law requires a full return of all property owned or managed by husband, guardian, executor, administrator or in a fiduciary capacity, and to note all transfers of real estate. All male citizens between the ages of twenty one and sixty years of age are required to pay a poll tax of one dollar each, except those exempt by law.

J. R. Timmerman, County Auditor.

Enter the corn growers' contest.

Successful Stock Raises.

Mr. Julian R. Strother sets a very worthy example to his brother farmers in that he raises all of the stock he needs on the farm. He drove a pair of fine home-raised mules to town several days ago that were far superior to any western stock that is shipped here. One of the mules, a tall, well-developed black mule, was only two and a half years of age, yet from its size and general appearance the casual observer would have estimated its age at twice that number of years. This shows that the best horses and mules to be found can be grown right here in Edgefield county. Every farmer should raise at least one colt every year. The county fair will stimulate stock raising throughout the county.

Union Meeting Program.

The union meeting of the second division will meet with Horn's Creek church on Saturday the 30th of January. After devotional exercises the annual election of officers will take place, the same having been deferred from the meeting at Plum Branch. The following queries will then be taken up:

1st. Query—Will the heathen be saved without the gospel? Rev. P. B. Lanham, Charlie Jones.

2nd. Query—Can parents hope to teach their children to be upright and honorable without first setting the example? J. D. Timmerman, S. B. Mays.

3rd. Query—When Jesus said "Ask and it shall be given unto you," did he mean spiritual or temporal blessings? J. O. Atkinson, Rev. J. T. Littlejohn.

Sunday morning: Sunday school exercises by superintendent Horn's Creek Sunday school.

Missionary sermon by Rev. P. B. Lanham.

Sunday afternoons exercises to be provided for.

H. A. Adams, Clerk.

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The union meeting of the third division of the Edgefield Association will convene with the Parksville Baptist church, 5th Sunday in January, 1909, and Saturday before, at 10 o'clock, at which time an organization will be effected by the enrollment of delegates and election of officers. The following is the program for Saturday and Sunday:

1st. Query—The holy spirit, a teacher, Rev. G. W. Bussey, Rev. J. P. Mealing.

2nd. Query—Which is the most detrimental to Christ's kingdom, sins of omission or sins of commission? J. C. Morgan, W. M. Robertson.

3rd. Query—Christian assurance, Prof. Harley, J. G. McKie.

4th. Query—The necessity of business methods in all departments of church work, T. G. Talbert, W. R. Parks.

Miscellaneous and adjourn.

Sunday Morning: Sunday school exercises conducted by superintendent of Parksville Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Missionary sermon at 11 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Thayer, of Laurens or Rev. G. W. Bussey.

Dinner.

Afternoon session given to young people's work with the following program:

1st. Making a start in B. Y. P. U. work, paper by Miss Carrie Banks.

2nd. The B. Y. P. U. differentiated from other church work, Bro. D. N. Dorn.

3rd. A fruitful life, paper by Mrs. Humphrey McDaniel.

4th. The sunshine habit, address by D. A. J. Bell.

Respectfully,  
L. B. White,  
D. A. J. Bell,  
O. D. White,  
Committee.

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Self-Explanatory Letter From Comptroller General.

Mr. J. T. Mims, Edgefield, S. C.

Dear Sir:—

I regret to say that I have been unable since your appointment as County Treasurer, and am still unable, to secure the services of an expert accountant, experienced in the matter of settlement of taxes who could go Edgefield and make a settlement as between you and Dr. Pattison, the late County Treasurer.

After consultation with the Governor, I suggest that you defer the actual collecting of any taxes or the actual exercises of any of the other duties of your office until such a settlement can be made as will protect the interest of all parties concerned. In order to avoid any injury to the tax payers, the Governor has approved my ordering an extension of the time for the payment of taxes in Edgefield county, without penalty, until the 1st of March.

I will endeavor to procure the services of an expert accountant and have the settlement made as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,  
A. W. Jones,  
Comptroller General.

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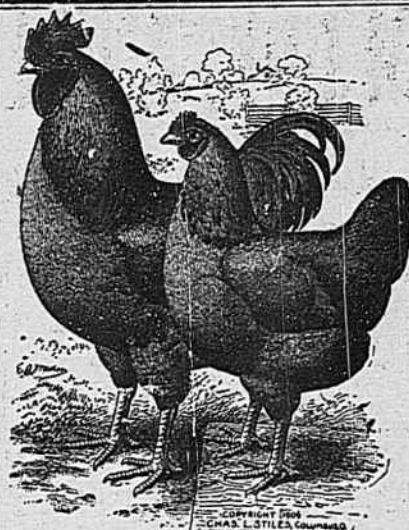
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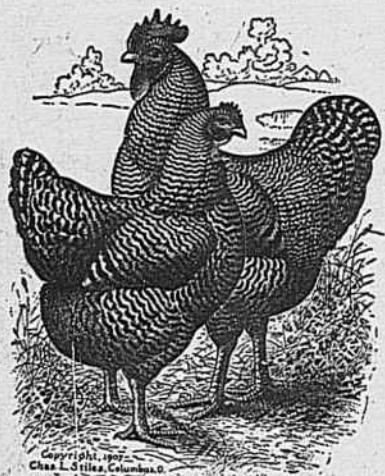
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