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COUNTRY LIFE.

Life Upon the Farm Should be Rendered Attractive. Homes and Surroundings Improved.

Did you ever think, Mr. Farmer, that all your planning and working and making and saving—your efforts to raise larger crops and acquire more money—have for their one great aim the making of a better, a more attractive, a cheerfuller, a happier home? asks the Progressive Farmer. For this, after all, you plow and sow and reap—that you and your wife and your children may have a better place in which to live and may find in it more of beauty and brightness and comfort.

There may be some folks who wish to acquire property for the mere sake of possession—simply to have and to hold and feel that it is theirs; but we do not believe that many of our readers belong to this class. We think instead that most of you who read this, while you fully appreciate our efforts to help you make more money, realize that if the money thus made does not contribute to the comfort and well-being of those you love it is after all worth very little to you.

The home is the great thing, and a poor home and a good farmer do not go together. This is why we urge each and every one of you to add to his home just as much of beauty and convenience as is possible. It is only justice to your wife that she have just as many helps toward making her work indoors easy and pleasant as you have in doing your work on the farm. It is no more than the absolute right of your children to grow up under the most favorable conditions and among the most healthful and inspiring surroundings which you are able to provide for them. And it is no more than you owe yourself that you make your home a place to which you are always glad to go—

attractive to the eye, restful to the mind, inspiring to the heart. This is the sort of home which we believe every one of our readers should have, and which all might have. Of course, none of you can have things just as he would; but we believe you will find it a money-making proposition as well as a source of the deepest and truest satisfaction to have your house painted; to make the grounds about it just as attractive as your means and time will allow; to see that the surroundings are healthful; to provide your wife the labor-saving equipment she needs and save her just as much work as possible; to get in as soon as you can a water supply and a bath room; to spend a little for books and pictures and music and handsome serviceable furniture: We believe, let us repeat, that it will pay you, merely as a financial proposition, to do these things; but even if it does not, you should do them just the same, for in this not, after all, what you are trying to make money for.—Philadelphia Ledger.

There's No Place For Her.

It was the first vaudeville performance the old colored lady had ever seen and she was particularly excited over the marvelous feats of the magician. But when he covered a newspaper with a heavy flannel cloth, and read the print through it, she grew a little nervous. He then doubled the cloth and again read the letters accurately.

This was more than she could stand, and rising in her seat, she said:

"I'm goin' home. This ain't no place for a lady in a thin calico dress."

WHITE TOWN UNION.

An Edgefield County Farmers' Union Attracts Attention. Others Should Follow Their Example.

The Advertiser is pleased to see that the Farmers' Union is pressing forward in a number of counties in the state, using every possible means for increasing its ranks.

We have all along been an advocate of farmers' organizations. Not only do farmers gain new and enlarged ideas by rubbing up against each other in their meetings, but through organization they become a force that must be reckoned with by the commercial world. The voice of one farmer is unheard but a chorus of a hundred thousand or a million voices will be heard.

There are several local Farmers' Unions in this county that are peers of any in the State, while others are doing but very little—merely existing. The last issue of the Farmers' Union Sun, an excellent paper published weekly in Columbia, had the following to say of the White Town Union:

"A letter has just been received from Luther Riddlehoover, secretary of this local union, stating that five new members have recently been added to their roll. They have decided to pay up their dues for the whole year from Jan. 1, 1910, to Dec. 31, 1910, at one time. They evidently mean business, and it looks as if they mean to stick to the organization."

"The Union had an oyster dinner on New Year's day. This was well attended and Executive Committee man W. R. Parks made an excellent talk on the objects, aims and purposes of the Farmers' Union."

This Union, according to the secretary has brighter prospects before it this year than ever before.

"What has been done in Edgefield county can be duplicated nearly everywhere in the State. This is a suggestion to others to do something like this."

The Public Drinking Cup.

Columbia, Jan. 24th.—The State Board of Health has started a crusade to eliminate the public drinking cup from the State on the ground that the cup is a dangerous spreader of infectious diseases. A bill will likely be introduced in the legislature abolishing the common cup in public places, including schools, waiting rooms and railroad trains.

Dr. Williams, secretary of the State Board of Health, is exhibiting a supply of individual paper drinking cups which are placed in a small vendor near the water cooler in the office of the board.

In North Carolina the board of health condemned the common cup last July. Authorities have proved that germs of diphtheria, tuberculosis and other loathsome diseases are conveyed from sick persons to healthy ones on the brim of drinking cups in public places.

Mr. Grump (a savage bachelor)—I don't see why a man should get married when a good parrot can be bought for \$25.

Miss Readywit—As usual, we women are at a disadvantage. A grizzly bear can't be bought for many times that.—Boston Transcript.

"Maria, I can't stand it any longer. Where did you put my pipe?"

"Up in the attic; John, behind the old trunk, along with a package of chewing gum I put there at the same time. You may as well bring them both down."—Chicago Tribune.

COLLIER LETTER.

New Year Brings many Changes, Mrs. Zehner, the Distinguished Lecturer, Complimented.

Little Edward Harling, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harling, who has been very sick for the past ten days is improving.

Miss Nona Math's returned home last week, after a pleasant visit of three weeks to her friend, Miss Elsie Smith, at Cloy, Ga.

Mr. Cothran and his bride accompanied by Mrs. Cothran's brother Mr. Will McGee, all from Clara, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. LaSore last Thursday.

Many changes were made in our community with the coming of the new year. Mr. Doc Prince has sold his farm to Mrs. Frank Shelton from Modoc, and he and his wife are making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Jim Hamilton, at Effie. We were sorry to lose these good people from our neighborhood, but are glad that Mrs. Shelton and her family have come to live among us and we extend to them a cordial welcome.

Mr. Markus Timmerman, from Plum Branch, was a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mathis last Saturday.

Miss Lucile Whatley, is attending the singing school at Red Hill. She came home last Friday afternoon to spend the week end with her parents.

Messrs. Smith and Logan from Edgefield were pleasant visitors to Collier last Sabbath. What means the frequent visits of these young Edgefieldians to our community?

Mrs. McKie, widow of the late Dr. Bob McKie and her son, Mr. Will McKie, who made their home last year with Mrs. McKie's daughter in Beach Island, have returned to their handsome home near Collier, to the delight of their many friends and acquaintances.

Little Julian Landrum Adams, the handsome little son of Mr. and Mrs. John Adams, was the happy recipient of a very handsome Christmas present and a beautiful letter, from the distinguished editor of The Advertiser for whom little Julian is named.

Miss Aminee Cartledge returned home last Friday from a delightful visit to relatives in and around Plum Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Perdue, who lived last year at the Dr. Bob McKie place, are making their home this year with Mrs. Perdue's mother, Mrs. Carrie Hammond.

Mr. Druce Morgan, who resides in Texas, and has not been in this county for many years, gladdened the heart of his father Mr. Ivan Morgan by a visit to him Xmas.

The young people of Collier who took vocal music from Prof. Boling have improved wonderfully in singing. We hear many compliments paid them by strangers who visit our Sunday School.

Miss Alice Hammond, the pretty young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hammond, who has been suffering for several weeks with tonsillitis was carried by her parents to Augusta last Wednesday to have her tonsils removed. We trust the operation will be successful, and that Alice will soon be able to resume her studies at Cedar Springs.

Mrs. A. C. Zehner, reform lecturer from Dallas, Texas, addressed a very appreciative audience at Peace Haven on the thirteenth instant. It was not generally known that Mrs. Zehner would be at Collier, and for that reason many missed hearing her. Mrs. Zehner's subject "People who help and people who hinder" was masterly handled. Her flow of words is wonderful, her thoughts are beautiful and so entertaining is she that her listeners do not tire. We thank Mrs. J. L. Mims for the privilege that will again be ours on the 26th, and we predict a full house to hear this distinguished Southern woman.

While hunting last Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Fred Mims had the good fortune to kill a wild turkey gobbler that weighed twenty pounds.

On the twenty-third of last December the marriage of Miss Sallie Bussey and Mr. Oscar Timmerman was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Bussey, near Effie, Rev. G. W. Bussey the bride's uncle officiated. There were no cards sent out and the affair was very quiet. After the ceremony the bride and groom were driven to Modoc where they took the train for Augusta, going from there to points of interest in Florida. Mrs. Timmerman is a very sweet, lovable and attractive young woman and has countless friends who congratulate Mr. Timmerman on the good luck which has attended his wooing. Mr. Tim-

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

Notwithstanding Very Small Attendance, Prof. Barrow's Remarks Were Timely and Well Said.

It is an extremely difficult matter to get the farmers of this county to attend farmers' institutes. Less than a dozen gathered in the court house Thursday to hear Prof. D. N. Barrow. It seems that if Hon. W. R. Parks could come from Parkville scores of other farmers who reside nearer could have attended.

In the outset, Prof. Barrow said complaint has been made that Clemson college does not benefit the farmer, so in order to get in direct touch with the agricultural classes the farm extension work has been taken up, under the direction of Prof. Barrow. Through the co-operation of the executive committee of the Farmers' Union he has arranged to conduct two or three institutes in each county.

Prof. Barrow's remarks Thursday were devoted chiefly to commercial fertilizers. He said the fertilizer bill of the farmers of South Carolina amounted to about \$17,000,000 last year, or about \$10 for every bale of cotton produced. Within five years the use of commercial fertilizer has increased 50 per cent, while the yield of crops has increased only 25 per cent, which indicates that fertilizers are not being used to the best advantage. He does not advocate a curtailment but urges a more intelligent use of commercial fertilizers.

Prof. Barrow next entered into a very interesting discussion of the treatment of the soil so as to render available the plant food it contains. It matters not how fertile soil may be, unless it is rendered soluble plants will not thrive. The application of decaying vegetable matter is the most economic way of renovating soil. The fermentation that takes place when vegetable matter decays releases the plant food. Moisture must be present in order to render plant food available. A large amount of water must also be provided for the plant growth.

Ninety per cent of a turnip is water and 40 to 45 per cent of hardwood is moisture. But an excess of water in the soil will exclude the air and cause the roots of plants to decay. It requires 300 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter. Thus is shown the enormous amount of water that is needed to grow a crop. As it is impossible to obtain sufficient water supply from rain that falls after the crop is planted water must be stored by plowing deep in the fall and early spring.

Prof. Barrow spoke at length upon bacterial life. While, said he, injurious germs are all about us, there are thousands of good germs for every injurious germ. What is known as the killing of soil where lightning strikes a field is simply the destruction of the germs which renovate the soil and feed the plant. Stable manure contains a large quantity of germs is why it is so valuable as a fertilizer.

Prof. Barrow is a strong advocate of using fertilizers that are mixed upon the farm. He says ready mixed guano is used upon all kinds of soil, when the farmer should study the character of his soil and mix a fertilizer that is suited to its needs. It is often the case in buying ready mixed fertilizers that a man will spend money for something that he does not need. Nitrogen, acid phosphate and potash should be purchased and mixed on the farms, the percentage of each being determined by the kind of soil on which they are applied and the kind of crop to be grown.

Prof. Barrow says every farmer should conduct an experiment station of his own, in order to determine what kind of fertilizer is best suited to his soil. Not only different kinds of fertilizers should be used but varying quantities, the yield from each row being weighed in the fall. Actual analysis of the soil does not give satisfactory results.

Prof. Barrow advised the use of fish scrap or blood tankage for obtaining nitrogen for mixing fertilizers, instead of cotton seed meal. He congratulated the farmer upon obtaining full value of the seed this year, and he is of the opinion that the mills should continue to pay good prices.

Tom—I can't teach that Wilson girl to skate: its no use trying.

Dick—But why does she persist in wanting to learn?

Tom—Oh, she thinks she falls so gracefully.—Boston Transcript.

Tom—A prosperous farmer and saw-mill man, and is worthy the bride he has won.

CLEMSON COLLEGE.

Report Shows Affairs of This Institution to be in Very Unsatisfactory Condition.

The report of the legislative committee on educational institutions which has been made public, since our last issue bears out The Advertiser's statement concerning the need of an investigation into the affairs of Clemson college.

There has not only been friction in the management of the affairs of the college but the practice of nepotism—the employment of relatives by the board of trustees—has also been a mill stone around the institution's neck. When a vacancy had to be filled on the faculty, instead of employing the most capable man available a kinsman of some member of the board of trustees would be elected.

We are more convinced than ever that a thorough investigation into Clemson's affairs is needed. Not only will President Mell's statements be confirmed, but we believe that there will be found other wrongs to be righted. We are of the opinion that other resignations than some mentioned by President Mell should be called for. In order for our readers to see to what extent relatives of the board of trustees have been employed, also to what extent the president has been handicapped in his administration, we publish herewith a portion of Dr. Mell's letter to the legislative committee:

"Nepotism is a serious drawback to good and efficient growth in the college and there should be some remedy for this evil. The following trustees have relatives on the official force of Clemson Agricultural college:

"R. W. Simpson, three sons-in-law on the faculty.

"W. W. Bradley, a brother on the faculty.

"J. E. Wannamaker, a brother-in-law on the faculty, a nephew on the station staff, a niece in the office of the president, a relative in the treasurer's office.

"W. D. Evans, a son in the treasurer's office, a son holding the position of fertilizer inspector.

"Alan Johnstone, a nephew on the faculty.

"Three other members of the college force are supposed to be related to trustees by marriage, but I am not in possession of accurate information on this score.

"Since the college was opened for students in 1893 the board of trustees have appointed 91 of their relatives to important positions in the college. There are now 11 relatives on the present force. The board have also appointed two of their members to good salaried places in the institution within the past eight years.

NEPOTISM.

"The practice of nepotism has caused much of the trouble and disturbances during the administration of my predecessors and during my term of service as president. As an evidence of the wilting influence nepotism has on the official action of the board of trustees, I will cite three instances which came in my own experience in my efforts to equip the college with strong and capable officers: March, 1908, I recommended to the board of trustees a list of mathematical experts for the chair which had been vacated by the death of Prof. P. T. Brodie several months before. I headed this list with the name of Dr. Otto Dunkel, who was then associate professor of mathematics in the University of Missouri. Dr. Dunkel was a native of Virginia, a graduate of the University of Virginia with the degree of master of arts, a graduate of Harvard University with the degree of doctor of philosophy, and also a graduate in mathematics in Göttingen University of Germany. He spoke German and French fluently and had a reading knowledge of Spanish and Italian. While abroad he studied mathematics under some of the best mathematicians both in Germany and in France. There were two other strong men on my list, but I endorsed as my first choice Dr. Dunkel. At Prof. Martin's request I submitted his application to the board for the chair. I did not consider Prof. Martin equal to Dr. Dunkel in mathematical training. After several ballots the board failed to elect anyone, and after transacting other business adjourned to meet in July, at which time Prof. Martin was elected, although Prof. Dunkel's name was submitted by me again.

Prof. Martin is a son-in-law of E. W. Simpson, the former president of the board and a life trustee. My work for the college from that time became greatly hampered and interrupted by serious difficulties thrown

upon me. (Continued on page 8.)

JOHNSTON LETTER.

Very Unique Celebration of Lee's Birthday, Masons Elect Officers. Miss Toney to be Married.

The Mary Ann Buie chapter, D. of C., celebrated Gen. Robt. E. Lee's birthday January 19th, in a very pleasant manner by inviting the veterans of the town and vicinity to be their guests on that day. Invitations in red and white were issued to about 100. The occasion was had at the spacious home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Turner, Mrs. Turner being vice-president of the chapter.

This home was an ideal place for such a gathering, for with the large reception hall with folding doors between the rooms being thrown into one, the program for the day which was as follows, was easily heard:

Song, "Maryland."
Prayer, Rev. Joab Edwards.
Greetings, Mayor J. D. Bartley.
Song, "Dixie."
Address, Rev. P. E. Monroe.
Solo, Miss Clara Sawyer.
Song, "I'm an old time Confederate."

Instrumental selections, Misses Parrish and Sawyer. At the conclusion of this, all the veterans were seated to a sumptuous dinner of turkey, ham, salad, rice, bread, pickles, mince pie with whipped cream, and coffee.

Passing out into the hallway, the war relics of the veterans were exhibited. Dr. S. G. Mobley had the set of surgical instruments he used in the war; Mr. Shealy, a sabre; Mr. Griffin Asbell, canteen; Mayor Bartley, a small book made from the bones of Yankee soldiers; Mr. John Perry, a spoon and fork which he used during the war, and obtained from a hungry Yankee soldier for a piece of "hard tack"; Mr. J. W. Payne, bayonet; Mr. S. P. Sawyer, a cap box; Mr. Wallace Wright, a cartridge belt and knapsack; Mr. O. S. Wertz, bayonet; Capt. P. B. Waters, a key of a large powder house and a piece of cloth woven during the war; Mr. Wayne Posey, a bible; Different sizes of shells were also exhibited.

Another interesting feature was an original patriotic song, which veteran Joab Edwards sang. The sentiment and music were very inspiring.

These grand old heroes of the sixties seemed to enjoy being together once, and it was a great pleasure to the others present to be with them and listen to their war stories.

At the meeting of Camp McHenry on last Wednesday morning, Mr. J. D. Edison was elected commander, Judge J. D. Mobley, secretary, and Capt. P. B. Waters, treasurer. The above mentioned were also elected to attend the re-union in the spring months.

Mr. Herbert Eidson has been elected cashier of the Graniteville Bank and he and his family left on Thursday morning for Graniteville, where they will make their future home. Dr. Dobby has purchased Mr. Eidson's residence on Edisto street.

Mrs. Missouri Lott, of Edgefield spent a few days of last week in Johnston with relatives.

Mr. Thos. Stausell has returned from a northern trip.

Miss Sara Waters is the guest of friends in Newberry.

Rev. Breeden, of the M. E. church attended the conference in Columbia last week.

At the masonic meeting on Thursday evening last, the following officers were installed: H. S. Toney, W. M.; T. S. Milford, S. W.; Lee Price, J. W.; J. Jacobs, treasurer; J. D. Bartley, secretary; Henry Forrest, S. D.; H. D. Grant, J. D.; John Wright, Tiler; Rushton Scott, steward. An address was made by Mr. Giles, of Graniteville, who also assisted in the installation.

Little Howard, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Heath, died on last Tuesday evening, after a few days' illness. The burial took place on Wednesday afternoon at Mt. of Olives cemetery, Rev. M. L. Lawson conducting the services.

The following invitation has been issued to friends here:

Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton Kirkland request the honor of your presence at the wedding reception of their sister, Miss Harriet Toney, and Mr. Burrell Thomas Boatwright, on Wednesday afternoon, February the 2nd, at half past three o'clock, at home, "Oak Grove," Johnston, South Carolina.

The wedding ceremony will be at three o'clock and will be witnessed by only the immediate families of the contracting parties. Both of these young people are widely known and beloved, and their approaching marriage is one of keen interest.

SUIT FOR CHILDREN.

Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., Appeals to the Supreme Court to Recover Her Two Little Children.

In the State supreme court this morning Lucy Dugas Tillman, wife of B. R. Tillman, Jr., will bring habeas corpus proceedings for the recovery of her infant children, Douschka and Sarah. It is entirely probable that there will follow one of the most interesting legal controversies in the history of the State. Mrs. Tillman will bring the action against her husband's parents, Senator B. R. Tillman, and his wife, who are now in possession of the children. Her attorneys last night refused to give out any information, not that they oppose publicity, but because they wish for the records to be presented in court before any newspaper publication.

Mrs. Tillman, since her alleged desertion, has been making her home in this city with her nearest of male kin, Dr. Francis W. Pickens Butler. She is the granddaughter of F. W. Pickens, "war governor" of South Carolina and the minister to Russia under President Buchanan. To Gov. and Mrs. Pickens was born in St. Petersburg, in the palace of the Romanoffs, a girl baby, for whom the czarina stood godmother, and she was called Douschka, meaning "darling."

This woman, afterwards beloved by the people of South Carolina, married Dr. Dugas of Augusta, Ga., the father of Mrs. Tillman. The Pickens family and long been among the most influential in the State.

Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., were married December 29, 1903, and parted in November, 1908. Just why is not yet announced officially, but Mrs. Tillman's relatives stated that her husband drank to excess and was very unkind to her. In February of last year, after a separation of three months, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., began living together again, and this was supposed to be a happy ending of the quarrel.

But in December, while they were living in Washington, Mrs. Tillman had a sudden and desperate illness. Her husband, it is said, provided no nurse for her, and showed no proper attentions to her.

On the first day of her convalescence he came to the apartments and asked to take the two children to see their grandmother. The wife assented, but the children protested and had to be forced to go to their grandmother. This was on December 3, and Mrs. Tillman has not seen her babies since that hour. In the afternoon Tillman came back without them. He told his wife that their grandmother had taken them and had gone to South Carolina with the little ones. A few days thereafter Mrs. Tillman was informed by attorneys for Senator Tillman that the father of the children had made and recorded a regular deed in which the custody of the children is given to the grandparents until the little girls become of age. The deed on file with the clerk of court at Edgefield shows that young Tillman, after alleging his wife's inability and unsuitability to raise the children properly, admits that he, too, is unable to assume the responsibility.

It has been known in Columbia for some time that Mrs. Tillman's lawyers have been getting affidavits from the best citizens of Edgefield to show that she is a loving and painstaking mother and that she is financially responsible, having a plantation which brings an annual rental of over \$1,000. The affidavits will declare that the mother is far more suited to raise the children than their grandparents, who are away from home half the time.

Mrs. Tillman is named for the grandmother, Lucy Holcombe Pickens, the belle of the Virginia fashionable summer resorts before the war. Her husband was war governor and in her honor there was fitted out a troop known through the war as the Holcombe Legion. She was said to have been the most beautiful woman of the South at that period.

Her daughter, Douschka, was equally as much of a belle in South Carolina after the war. Of the once distinguished family, but the two daughters remain, Mrs. Sheppard and Mrs. Tillman. The late Gen. M. C. Butler was an uncle of Mrs. Tillman, and he was the political opponent of Senator Tillman in the bitter campaign for the United States senate in 1894. Another interesting feature is that the sons of B. R. Tillman and J. C. Sheppard, who opposed each other for governor in 1893, have married sisters.

B. R. Tillman, Jr., is clerk to

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