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JOHNSTON LETTER.

K. of P. District Convention. Negro Child Burned to Death. Dr. Steel Deliver ed Two Lectures.

The district convention of the Knights of Pythias, which convened here on last Monday and Monday evening, was largely attended, there being delegates from every lodge. The first session was held in the Pythian hall, at which time delegates were enrolled and assigned homes, and in the afternoon the routine business of the convention was transacted.

In the evening the meeting was held in the auditorium, and the public invited, Dr. J. M. Rushton presiding. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. W. S. Dorset. A hearty welcome was extended by Prof. W. C. Curry, which was responded to by Mr. Jas. W. Williams, of Columbia. After this most interesting addresses were heard from, Past Grand Chancellor J. Walter Doar, of Georgetown, on Pythianism, Mr. C. D. Brown, of Abbeville, on Fraternalism, and Mr. J. A. Summerset, of Columbia, on Woman. This concluding the exercises, all repaired to Turner hall where the banquet was served. The hall was an ideal place, being spacious, and brilliantly lighted with electricity. The banquet table, which seated 200, was in the shape of a Greek cross, and the huge square center was an embankment of ferns and flowers and pyramids of luscious, tropical fruits. The artistic beauty of the table was due to the committee of young ladies selected by the Pythians. After the feast of many good things had been served, Toast Master, Mr. C. D. Brown called for toasts and was responded to by the following: Pythianism, as related to the ministry—Dr. W. S. Dorset. The Grand Lodge, Mr. J. Walter Doar. South Carolina and Johnston—Dr. James A. Doby, Man.—Rev. P. E. Monroe. Sir William, the Goat—Mr. J. A. Summerset.

This ended the banquet and general convention. The great success of the convention was due to special committee of Pythians: Messrs. W. M. Wright, M. E. Walker, A. L. Clark, J. Howard Payne, M. T. Turner, J. A. Doby, J. A. Lott, W. C. Derrick, W. E. LaGrone.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Faust, of Van Vave, Ohio, have been here on a visit to the home of Mr. Sam Lott. Mrs. Faust is pleasantly remembered as Miss Flora Lott.

Messrs. J. M. Wright and S. H. Toney attended the Shriners meeting in Columbia recently.

Mesdames Coleman, Landrum, White and Miss Edith Coleman returned Friday night from the D. of C. convention, Georgetown.

Mrs. Mary Jennings and Miss Martha Dorn, of Parkville, Mrs. C. A. Brunson, of Augusta, and Miss Eunice Abrams, of Newberry, spent last week at the home of Dr. J. A. Doby.

Mr. William Kernaghan, a former resident, spent a few days of this week here with friends.

Dr. S. A. Steel gave an interesting lecture on Sunday evening at the M. E. church, on the Pioneers of Methodism, and on Monday evening he was heard at the auditorium, his subject being Southern history. Dr. Steel is highly recommended as a lecturer, and the last subject mentioned was very instructive.

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INTERESTING LETTER.

Rev. P. H. Bussey Writes Very Interesting Letter From Seminary, Where he is Now Studying.

Editor The Advertiser:—For some time I have thought of writing you, but not till now have I seized the opportunity and taken the privilege of doing so. In the first place allow me to express my appreciation for that issue of The Advertiser giving an account of the Parkville fair. The citizens of the west side no doubt have attracted the attention of the entire county in this up-to-date movement. This is a movement out of which great good will come. The growth from last year and the anticipated growth for the coming year portrays a hearty co-operation of the sterling citizenship of Parkville and vicinity. In your paper, Mr. Editor, you permitted many to enjoy the Parkville fair, who had not the privilege of attending.

There is much to be said about our Seminary; but time and words would fail one should he attempt to speak adequately of this great institution of the Southern Baptists. Many know and many do not know that we have the greatest theological seminary in the world. Greatest from the standpoint of the number of young men trained for the work of the ministry and great because of the high standing of its faculty in intellect, spirituality and reputation founded on a high and noble Christian character. The number of students enrolled already is near three hundred. This number however is being increased every day by those coming in for the second quarter which begins December 5th. For a time Dr. Mullins, the president, thought that this would be a record breaking year in number but so far it has not reached that point. In speaking of the faculty certainly every one who should have the privilege of listening to Dr. Sampy expound the Old Testament, seeing the enthusiasm put in his speech and coming in contact with that warm spiritual life of his, would be forced to ask himself the question: where can another Dr. Sampy be found? Not only do we speak this of Dr. Sampy but in the same terms of Drs. Mullins, Robinson, Eager and all the rest. So our seminary is not only great from the standpoint of number but because of the great men of God whose business it is to teach men how to carry the glad tidings of a risen Saviour.

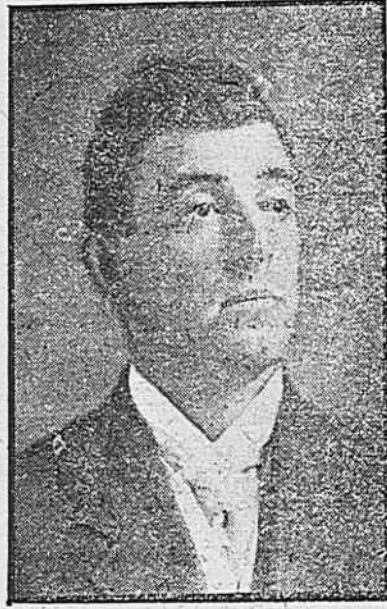
Surely to-day the need for workers in the kingdom of our Master is greater than it has ever been. The call comes to the seminary from China, Japan, Africa, South America, in fact from all parts of the foreign field, for prepared men and women to come and tell those about Jesus who have never heard of Him. Not only does this call come from what we term the foreign field, but here in our home land the call for efficient pastors is greater than it has ever been. Nor can we stop here, the call is equally urgent from the various departments of the home mission work. There are calls from the larger cities of our country, calls from here, there and everywhere, calls for help of carrying on the work of extending the kingdom of our Master in the hearts of men at home and abroad.

In view of the pressing need of the time, what are the Christians to do? We who claim to represent our Christ can conscientiously do nothing but throw ourselves in the hands of our Lord and say, "Here Lord take me and use me where thou can best use me." Every Christian should feel a vital interest in the urgent call for more workers in the kingdom of our Master.

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THE TWO PROGRESSIVE YOUNG FARMERS WON THE GOLD IN THE ADVERTISER'S CORN CONTEST



E. N. SMITH



J. R. SMITH

These young men have been awarded \$15 each

Mr. J. L. Mims, Editor The Advertiser:

We, your committee appointed to canvass the reports and decide the result of the corn contest, find as follows: The two highest yields were made by Messrs. E. N. Smith and J. R. Smith, both making a fraction over 121 bushels to the acre. We, the committee would declare that whatever difference that may be between the two above named contestants would be so small that your committee could not fully decide which should be first in the contest.

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. ROATH, J. M. COBB, J. D. ALLEN.

Besides the two highest reported above by the general committee, the following also made large yields:

	bu.	lbs.	bu.	lbs.	bu.	lbs.
B. R. Smith	112		J. W. Marsh	104	R. N. Broadwater	94
J. R. Hoyt	91		J. H. Courtney	84	D. T. Mathis	67

Senator Tillman in Washington.

Washington, December 2.—"Retire?" exclaimed Senator Tillman repeating an inquiry. "I shall not retire until they bury me; I have no idea of quitting the game."

The South Carolina senator, who arrived here to-day, was in his committee room at the capitol and appeared to be as vigorous as he was before he was stricken down by severe illness during the last session of congress.

Mr. Tillman expects to remain here four or five days only, however. He will return to his home next week, but counts upon coming back to Washington early in January, when, he says, the real business of the session will begin. He said he felt in good condition for work, but would not apply himself so assiduously as formerly. Mrs. Tillman emphasized the last remark by declaring that she would keep him as quiet as possible.

"Yes," said the senator, "she is running the airship and I guess she will be able to keep it pretty close to earth."

Senator Tillman attributes his restoration to health to the fact that since he got out of bed he has been giving his attention to the building of a big barn on his plantation. He said that the work benefited him by giving him something to think about besides himself.

Our Parkville Letter. Tribute to Mrs. Sarah Parks, Who Has Been Called up Higher.

The regular church services yesterday at the Baptist church were very sad, caused by the funeral of Mrs. Sarah Parks, (Mudder), which took the place of our regular preaching service. Mrs. Parks died Saturday at the home of Mr. W. R. Parks about 10 o'clock a. m., after a lingering illness, if we mistake not, in her 87th year. She is the relic of the late W. L. Parks, the founder of Parkville, and leaves three sons, viz: Messrs. J. H. and W. R. of this community, and Mr. Felix Parks of Augusta. She had only one daughter, Mrs. Maggie Nelson, who preceded her several years, as also did her son, the late James T. Parks of Orangeburg. "Mudder" Parks lived to a ripe old age, being a Christian 60 or more years, and died loved by all who knew her. She served her day and generation well, and now sweetly sleeps, beside her husband in our cemetery, who died in 1884, and her children, grand children, and great grand children, rise up and call her blessed.

The delegates to the state convention from this town have returned, and report a glorious meeting. The good people of Laurens crowned themselves with glory in entertaining the many delegates from all over the state, but one of them from Parkville was especially well favored by being entertained by Dr. F. L. Timmerman, a dentist and a son of our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. J. B. Timmerman, of this community. Tommie is not only a good dentist, but a good fellow of whom Edgefield should feel

proud, in fact all or nearly all, the boys, who go out from old Edgefield "make good," and it is gratifying to me to tell you, that Tommie Timmerman is "making good" in Laurens.

Mr. Jim Coleman of the Liberty Hill section has moved down, and has become a citizen among us. We welcome him to our community and assure him, that he never lived among a more hospitable people, and we trust his stay among us may be pleasant and lasting.

Mrs. Gary Minor, a part of last week with her husband's people, Mr. and Mrs. James Minor, of this place. We hope for her to come often.

Mr. Frank Middleton of the prosperous town of Meriwether was a welcomed visitor in Parkville yesterday. Frank who is always genial and pleasant, as well as handsome, tells us things are lovely around his home town. He did not say so, but I think he is fixing to get married for he is a firm believer in carrying out the scriptures, or the injunction to "multiply and replenish the earth."

Mrs. Mamie Walker, the popular and efficient Modoc teacher, worshipped with us yesterday and in the absence of our organist, Miss Martha Dorn, who is over in Johnston visiting her sister, Mrs. James Doby, performed on the organ to the delight of the audience. She ought to come oftener.

We hear of more new stores for this town in the near future, but what about the hotel. What say you, you money barons of Parkville? Yes, did I understand you, that the slogan for 1911: A hotel for Parkville?

We are pained to learn of the serious illness of Mrs. Amy Hammond of the Franklin section.

Col. and Mrs. W. J. Talbert have returned from her bedside, and express themselves as very much alarmed over her condition.

Miss Barbie Christian has returned home to the delight of her friends, from an extended visit to friends in Augusta.

The subject of the B. Y. P. U. last night was: "How much oil have we?" Misses Rosa Minor and Carrie Cotton, and Mr. D. A. Bell read appropriate selections from the 25th chapter of Matthew and Rev. T. H. Garrett spoke of the life and character of Matthew T. Yates instead of Mr. W. W. Fowler, who was absent. The indisposition of Miss Belle Sanders, one of our teachers kept us from hearing an excellent paper on how senator Gore of Oklahoma overcame the difficulties of blindness and became a power in the world.

More Anon.

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Attention Sunday Schools!

Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse, Edgefield, S. C.,

Dear Mr. Shannonhouse: We are almost at the end of a most successful convention season. I am glad that you have held your Convention, and I am praying that the work done there in your county is already furthering the Master's work. The work all over the State is moving steadily forward. Men and women all over South Carolina are catching a vision of this work as never before. There are only twelve counties yet to be organized. The goal I am working for is every county organized; and in the counties already organized, every township with a live association. Won't you help toward this end?

We are planning and praying for the largest and best State Convention in our history. As you already know, it is to be held in this city March 28-29-30, 1911.

We have secured some of the very best talent in the State for our program, besides two of the International workers that are to come to us. Messrs. Tullar and Meredith of New York City are to lead the singing. We are to have a large Bible Class Parade of 2000 men. The county delegations are to sit in seats reserved for them with the name of the county in large letters. On a large map of the State each county with all townships organized is to be marked by a large gold star. Will your county be in that shining company? We hope so!

Let us hear from you. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
Grace W. Vandiver,
General Secretary,
Spartanburg, S. C.

Too Smart to be a Lawyer.

B. Davis Noxon was one of the ablest lawyers in central New York. A young man entered his office as a student and was given Blackstone to study. At the end of a month he asked Mr. Noxon what he should read next.

"Do you understand Blackstone?"

"Yes," was his answer.

"Read Kent," was the order.

In another month he announced that he had finished Kent and "what next?"

"Have you read Blackstone and Kent?"

"Yes."

"Do you understand them?"

"Yes."

"Well," said Mr. Noxon, "you had better go at some other business, you are too smart to be a lawyer."—Case and Comment.

COTTONPICKER INVENTED

Atlanta Man Claims to Have Invented Cotton Picker That Will Work Satisfactorily.

A cotton picker that will really do the work and do it well—

For many years this has been the dream of inventors by the thousand, and for just the same number of years, so far as anyone knows nothing but failure has come to all the attempts to perfect a cotton picker. Many failed to get the fleecy staple, a few got it, but so slowly that they were impracticable, while in all something to prevent their being a success was found.

However, an Atlantan has now come forward with a device which, to all appearances, has overcome the difficulties many have so long believed insurmountable. E. H. Schofield is the man, and he has just completed a machine which he has demonstrated to a number of people will pick cotton from almost any sort of a boll, pick it rapidly and free it of the most of the trash.

The Schofield cotton picker as it is called uses suction to get the cotton from the boll. A fan driven by a gasoline engine furnishes the power not only to drive the fan but to propel the farm wagon on which the picker is to be mounted.

One man and six boys are required to operate the machine. The man has control of the picker, while the boys use the "picking nozzles" through which the cotton is sucked into the body of the picker. The "picking nozzle" is practically two inches in diameter and is fitted with short teeth which project inward from the mouth of the nozzle. These teeth are used to gather the few bolls which stick so tightly to the locks that the suction will not pull them off.

This nozzle is some 18 inches in length and is connected with the body of the machine by a flexible metal tube. The nozzle is connected to this tube by what is known as an "universal joint," giving the nozzle the utmost freedom of motion in every direction. This makes it possible for the person operating the picker to come into easy reach of all located in any part of the field.

Mr. Schofield and his friends believe that with this machine it will be an easy matter to pick cotton for much less than one-half the average price at present. It is believed that the cost of gathering the staple with this device will not exceed 20 cents per hundred pounds, as against 50 cents and even more by hand.

For putting the cotton picker on the market Mr. Schofield has organized a company, known as the Schofield Cotton Picker Company. A charter has been granted this company, as have been patent letters thoroughly covering the essential features of his invention.

At this time the company is planning to build a complete cotton picker which will be sent to eastern Texas early in June. Here exhaustive tests of the machine will be made, and if these tests bear out what those made here indicate, the machine will be placed upon the market at once.

The company, of which Mr. Schofield has been made president, has headquarters at room No. 513, in the Grand Opera House building, Atlanta Constitution.

SEED SELECTION.

Prof. Napier of Clemson College Writes Detailed Instructions About Selection of Seed Corn.

The proper observance of a few important factors relating to the breeding of corn will result in securing increased yields of a better grade of corn than the original seed. This grain can be easily secured if one will devote a little time and patience in making the proper start in the right direction.

The first thing to be done in the breeding of corn is to go through a field before the crop has been gathered and select about one hundred of the best formed ears that point downward from the most vigorous looking stalks, but in order that any future increase in yield may be brought about by these selected ears, they should be taken from stalks which have not been favored by fertile spots in the field or had more distance in the drill from which to draw an extra supply of plant food. After having made the above selections the ears should be "shucked" and placed on a large box or table in order that each individual ear may be carefully examined.

In making this examination one should consider the following points:

(1) All the ears which are to be planted in the breeding patch should be as much alike in every respect as possible, thus securing uniformity.

(2) All ears should be as near a cylindrical shape as possible, as a cylindrical shaped ear will carry a higher percentage of grain than a tapering one.

(3) All white varieties should have white kernels and white cobs unless a red cob variety, then all cobs should be red. Yellow kernels and red cobs in white corn indicate mixture.

(4) The tips and butts should be well covered with uniform and well shaped kernels.

(5) The kernels on all parts of the ear should be as near alike in shape size and color as possible, as the shape and size determine, in a large measure, the regularity with which a corn planter will drop them.

(6) The length for single ear varieties should not be less than eight inches with a circumference about six inches, measured one-third the distance from butt.

Having selected about fifty ears according to the above directions from the one hundred first gathered they should be stored away until near planting time in some dry place where weevils on mice will not affect them. Then they should be placed on a plank or large box and numbered consecutively from 1 to 50 in order that they may be tested for germination or ability to sprout. This test is made as follows: fill a soap or starch box with wet sawdust, placing on top of the sawdust wet flour or meal sack which has been laid off in pencil squares 2 x 2 inches. The squares should then be numbered from 1 to 50. Then take ear No. 1 and remove six kernels from it, taking the first kernel about one inch from the butt, slightly turn ear in the hand and remove another kernel about one and a half inches from the place where the first one was removed.

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