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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Mrs. John Marsh Entertains the New Century Club. Lecture by Rev. Vining. Death of Mr. Bush.

On Sunday evening, the Rev. A. J. Vining, representative of the European Baptist alliance, spoke in the auditorium to a large audience. Mr. Vining has traveled extensively in southern and eastern Europe and he dwelt principally, upon the condition in Bulgaria, Monte Negro, Austria, Roumania and Serbia. His lecture was an education in itself, and all felt greatly repaid for coming out.

On Sunday morning, at the union meeting at Philippi, Mr. Vining was present, and gave a splendid talk.

Mr. Smyly Stevens, of Meeting Street, was here on Friday, and has had a telephone line to extend from here to his store at Meeting Street. He is a young man of fine business qualifications, combined with great energy, and the splendid mercantile enterprise that he is opening up will mean much to the community.

Mrs. John W. Marsh entertained, the members of the new century club on Friday afternoon, in honor of one of the members, Mrs. George Landrum, who will leave next week for California, her new home. The afternoon was a typical spring one, and the drive to Mrs. Marsh's pretty colonial home near town was enjoyed. She is an ideal hostess and made the occasion a pleasant one. The music was especially sweet, and at the close, a salad course, with sweets, was served. The club deeply regretted, that, in Mrs. Landrum's leaving, they would lose one of the most active members.

Mrs. Maggie Hill, of Edgefield, visited Mrs. Willie Tompkins this week.

Mr. L. B. Lott, of Americus, Ga., spent several days here recently in business interest.

Dr. Coleman, the father of Mrs. B. L. Allen, of our town, died on Thursday evening at his home in Laurens. While he has been in failing health for the past year his death was unexpected. Mrs. Allen is ill at the city hospital, Augusta, and her friends deeply sympathize with her in her great sorrow. Mrs. Mary Allen Ashley went to Augusta on Friday morning to be with Dr. and Mrs. Allen in their bereavement.

Mrs. Chas. Kenny is at home from Bartow, Fla., where she visited her father, Mr. Macleod. On her return, she was joined by Mrs. Martha Kenny, of Jacksonville, Fla., who will spend a few months here with relatives.

Mr. A. A. Clark is at home from a week's stay in Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. W. J. Hatcher returned on Friday from a visit to the family of her brother, Mr. Duncan in Atlanta.

Mrs. Jack A. Lott entertained with a dining on Saturday in compliment to her visitors, Mesdames Isaac Edwards, Mrs. R. W. Rawl and Miss Amine Cartledge, of Batesburg. Invited to participate in the day's enjoyment were Mesdames W. S. Dorset, M. T. Turner, Annie P. Lewis, H. D. Grant, J. H. White, Lona M. Ivy, Jas. Dobby and Miss Addie Ozuts.

The remains of Mr. Jack S. Bush, whose death occurred suddenly at Edgefield, on Friday, were brought here on Saturday morning and carried to his home near town. On Sunday morning, the burial took place at Philippi. The Masons attended in a body and took part in the service.

Mr. James Fulmore and Mrs. Sallie Satcher were married on Sunday afternoon, at the Baptist parsonage, Dr. W. S. Dorset officiating. Mr. Fulmore is a progressive farmer who resides a few miles from town, and the happy pair left immediately for their home, after the ceremony.

Mr. Orlando Sheppard, Jr., and Master Mobley went over to Columbia on Friday to spend a day or two with Mrs. Sheppard, who is at the hospital there. We are glad to state that she is much improved.

Telephone lines are being extended from here to several points in the country and Mr. J. K. Allen is having a line to his residence.

U. D. C. Successful.

The Daughters of the Confederacy made a most splendid financial success of their oyster, supper candy booth, and other enterprises on Friday afternoon and evening. The evening was very pleasant in a social way and brought into the treasury of the organization about forty-five dollars.

Care of the Sleeping Room.

The ventilation of the sleeping room is most neglected, especially in cold weather. A mistake too often made when building is to take any space not otherwise used for a sleeping room without any thought for the light and ventilation and then to locate the bed in any place large enough for it. Some hotel rooms have no outside windows.

The bedroom windows should be open whenever the room is occupied. In the morning the bedding should be thoroughly aired. Do not forget to open the windows in the day time, nor to run up the shades and let in all the sunshine possible. Too many people manifest more interest in preserving the colors of their carpets than in keeping the healthy color in the faces of the members of their families.

A physician recently made the statement that in the city slums where the houses were illy ventilated, and big fires were kept up, mostly in cook stoves, and where windows were seldom opened, that nine-tenths of the children are victims of throat or lung trouble. One visit to such homes would convince us of this statement, and of the importance of fresh air to both sleeping and living rooms.

A lady from New England told the writer that she had been keeping her sleeping rooms free from decorations of any kind; no pictures on the walls and nothing on the dresser or wash stand but the absolute necessities, and that she liked the plan very much, as the room required much less care and the sanitary conditions were better.

I presume it would be a step in advance if we would discard the use of carpets in our sleeping rooms, and use some loose rugs or have hard wood or painted floors, as in most of our sanitariums. Many sleeping rooms are now being made of wood, and are very healthful. I believe the good sound thinking people of today are beginning to understand the importance and necessity of good fresh air, and the proper use of it.—Farmers Union Sun.

Methodist Missionary Society.

Friday afternoon at the Methodist church a most delightful treat was given to all the ladies of Edgefield, fortunate enough to be present. By the thoughtful consideration of the Methodist missionary society all other mission workers and Christian women had been invited to participate, and the church was full.

Miss Lou Gary, President of the Society had the meeting in charge, and welcomed all present in her characteristic way, making them at home. That grand old hymn "From Greenland's Icy Mountains" was sung and responsive readings were led by Mrs. E. E. Nicholson. Then came the most unique and interesting feature of the program, when America received the nations of the world. Miss Sadie Muns represented America, and all the nations among whom the Methodist denomination does Mission work were represented in the costumes of the various countries. All the young ladies of the Methodist church took part in this exercise.

After the exercises delightful refreshments, ice cream and cake of varied kinds were served to all present. The young ladies of the orient, the dark continent, and the isles of the sea, partook of viand to suit their taste in the comfortable Sunday school room adjoining the main auditorium, and made a beautiful picture. Real Japanese tea, in Japanese style was served.

Every one present came away full of enthusiasm for the gracious hospitality and enjoyment afforded them.

The Lost Shipping Tag.

A Missouri mule was being shipped to a farmer in Virginia. A tag with directions on it had been tied securely around his neck with a rope, but in the course of the journey the mule grew restless and chewed up both tag and rope.

This gave the negro brakeman great concern. He hurried to the conductor in the caboose.

"Marse George," he yelled, "for de Lawd, where yo' specs to put off dat mule? He done eat up where he's gwine!"—St. Louis Star.

It is related of an Irish coachman that, being in failing health, his doctor prescribed more animal food for him.

Remembering his case a few days afterward, he called upon Pat at the stable.

"Well, Pat," said he, "how are you getting on with the treatment?" "Oh, surs, sir," Pat replied. "O manage all right with the grain and oats, but it's mighty hard with the chopped hay."

DO WORK OF TWO.

Farmers Must Meet Increased Price of Labor by Making Each Day's Work Count For More.

Messrs. Editors: One of the most important problems that confront the farmer of today is that of adjusting our system to meet the high and increasing price of labor. The same man that only a few years ago was thankful for the opportunity to work for "50 cents and dinner," now requires from \$1 to \$1.25 per day. Then what is the solution? Simply to make this man accomplish as much in a day as he formerly did in two. If one man can take two good mules and do as much in a day as two men formerly did with the same two mules, then we have saved the wages of one man. This, I claim, is entirely practical through the use of better farm implements.

Take, for instance, the preparation of the soil. Instead of using one little mule and a pony plow and turning a furrow from 4 to 5 inches wide, it is just as easy for the same man to take a good team, say three good mules, and a good disk plow and turn from 8 to 10 inches. Besides, the work is better when finished. In December I saw a gentleman in Montgomery county breaking a field that had been cultivated in corn last year. Owing to the rainy season it had grown up in grass and weeds so that it would have choked an ordinary turning plow, yet he was probably breaking 10 inches at the time, and so completely was he doing his work that you could scarcely tell by looking behind him what had been planted there last season. In buying these

disk they can find, as they have an idea that the draft is lighter. This is a mistake. For breaking the same depth, say from 6 to 8 inches deep, the larger disk will pull lighter and give much less trouble, as it will not have to run its full depth and in this way choking or dragging will be avoided. I should never advise any one to buy less than a 24-inch disk, and 26-inch disk is still better.

In cultivating the crop we should and in the future must, use implements that will enable us to get over the ground rapidly in order to be able to cultivate often. In my opinion, there is no more effective implement for the rapid cultivation of young crops than the harrow. The use of this implement should be begun in some cases even before the corn or cotton is up, as the surface is often packed so hard by heavy rains that many of the young plants are unable to break through. By running the section harrow diagonally across the rows this crust is broken and the plants may come up readily. This can be done very rapidly, as we harrow a strip eight feet wide at a time. Then after the plants are up more young grass can be killed with this harrow than with two or three single plows in the same time. It requires some nerve on the part of the farmer to use this harrow on his cotton or corn, as it looks like he is "playing havoc with it at the time, but it will be all right in the end.

An extensive cotton planter made the statement last year that he saved by actual count in labor \$242 by cultivating his crop the first time with the section harrow, and left it in better condition than if it had been cultivated the old way. Of course, it requires some judgement and common sense to set the teeth at the proper angle according to the nature of the soil. When the crop is too large to admit of the use of the section harrow, we should, by all means, use a good 2-horse cultivator that will cultivate a whole row at once. The best corn that I ever made, taking the fertility of the land into consideration, was only cultivated four times after it was planted. I went over it thoroughly once with a section harrow, twice with Avery's Comet walking cultivator, and one furrow in the middle with a large short sweep.

I do not think any farmer is properly equipped for making a crop until he has a good team, a large disk harrow, a good combination planter and a 2-horse cultivator.—R. S. Wilson in Progressive Farmer.

An Irishman settled in Canada wrote home to his old mother living in Dublin and asked her to send him an ulster from a well known shop in the city. He received the coat, and with it the following letter:

"Dear Pat—I send you the coat you asked for and, as the buttons are rather heavy, I have cut them off to save postage, and put them in top left hand pocket."

Prize Essay Contest.

All teachers in the county are requested to begin at once to give instruction to children in regard to the essay contests, for which prizes will be offered by the county Woman's Christian Temperance Union. A prize of five dollars will be given for the best essay on the "Relation between Alcohol and Crime," and two dollars and a half for the next best, these essays to be written by a girl or boy over fourteen. A prize of five dollars will also be given the boy or girl under fourteen who writes the best essay on "the effect of tobacco on the nervous system." A second prize of two dollars and a half for the second best essay on this same subject by girl or boy under fourteen. For further information, write to Mrs. J. A. Dobby, Johnston, S. C.

All essays must be in by March first. It is requested that every teacher insist on this essay work, as a part of their scientific temperance instruction.

Rev. C. E. Burts Pastor of First Baptist Church.

Rev. Charles E. Burts, D. D., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Columbia. His acceptance will be presented to the congregation at the service this morning by the chairman of the committee which presented the call, Rev. Dr. W. C. Lindsay, pastor emeritus.

The resignation of Dr. Burts as pastor of the Baptist church at Edgefield will be tendered also Sunday. Not only the members of the Edgefield Baptist church, but all the people of Edgefield, city and county, have been loath to think that Dr. Burts might leave his presiding community when his decision is made known.

It is expected that Dr. Burts will come to Columbia next week to make preparations for taking up his new work here and he will very shortly remove to Columbia and enter upon the duties of the pastorate.

The New Pastor.

Dr. Burts is a son of the Rev. R. W. Burts of Abbeville county, who has only recently retired from the active ministry himself. Dr. C. E. Burts attended the Honea Path high school and entered Furman university, from which he was graduated in 1893. He was not then a student for the ministry, but entered the Southern Baptist Theological seminary, after teaching two years in Aiken county, and after his graduation from the seminary his first pastorate was at Gallatin, Tenn., where he served the Baptist church two years. He then accepted a call to Blackville, S. C., where he remained four years, going from that point to Edgefield eight years ago.

In 1906 the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on him by Furman university. He is now a member of the board of trustees of Furman and of the Southern Baptist seminary and has also served on the boards of ministerial education and State missions.

In 1905 Dr. Burts was married to Miss Sadie Watson of Anderson. They have one child, a boy 3 years of age.—The State.

Death of Mrs. Hagood.

Mrs. Mary Timmerman Hagood who for many years has made her home in Georgia returned to Edgefield several months ago bringing with her two little children. Her health was very bad, and she said that she had returned to her old home to die. On Sunday at the home of her brother Felix Timmerman of Pleasant Lane, Mrs. Hagood passed away, having received the tenderest and most devoted attention. Mrs. Hagood's husband had preceded her to the grave several years ago, but she left in her Alabama home four grown sons.

Rev. P. P. Blalock conducted the funeral services at Berea church on Tuesday, when the large family and friends of her youth gathered to pay this parting tribute.

He Practiced What He Preached

Two ladies in a street-car were discussing their clergyman, and one of them remarked severely: "Mr. M—— does not practice what he preaches."

The cavalier received a shock, when a small boy, who had apparently been absorbed in looking out the window, turned and said indignantly:

"Well, he does, too, for he's my own papa, and I hear him practicing what he preaches every Sunday in his study before he goes to church."

DO YOUR PLOWING NOW.

It Should Have Been Done Earlier, But Now There is Not a Minute to Lose. Advantage early Plowing

While in a broad sense it is not true that "tillage is manure, yet for all practical purposes, to a certain extent, this is true—for a good preparation of the soil at this time is often equal to the application of several hundred pounds of commercial fertilizer. It is even more important to the man who is going to invest in fertilizers, for it will go a long way toward insuring a profitable return therefrom. The sooner we can all realize that our soil fertility is not primarily a question of absolute plant food but rather one of available plant food, the better it will be for our pockets. The freezing and thawing action of winter and the admission of air are great factors in increasing the available plant food in our soils, and were fall and winter plowing more common there is no doubt that there would be much less work next summer and spring for the plant doctor and the bug man.

The dry winter offers still another strong reason for winter plowing and emphasizes the fact that this should be deep. Already many are predicting that crops are apt to suffer this year for lack of moisture, and in this prediction we find a confirmation of the fact that our soil should be well stored with moisture during winter for summer use. With an abundance of rain during the winter, many soils are able to store an ample supply of moisture, even if not broken. But a soil that has been deeply stirred and as it now seems likely that we are not to get our usual precipitation before the next crop is pitched, it would be well to put our soil in a condition to save as much as does fall. Not only deep turning of the surface but the following of this with the subsoiler will certainly be found profitable. It has been many a day since conditions were so favorable for a fair test of subsoiling. As a rule during winter, even when the surface soil was in fair tillage condition, the subsoil was too wet to be stirred, and there is no doubt that doing so under this condition has often resulted in actual injury. Doubtless this fact will often explain some of the unsatisfactory results that are reported therefrom.

The good farmer will see to it that his teams do not stand in the lot while this bright sunshine is calling to him to get into his fields and turn over the soil that nature may have more ample opportunity to store it with gold in the form of available plant food. Whether he is preparing to plant more cotton to be used in making up for last year's deficit, or more corn and feed stuffs, to be used in feeding his increased supply of live stock and thus incidentally add to the permanent fertility of his land, the dirt should still be turning.

Miss Tillman to Wed.

Special to The State: Washington, Jan. 28.—The engagement of Miss Lona Tillman, daughter of Senator B. R. Tillman of South Carolina, to Charles Sumner Moore of Atlantic City, N. J., was announced today. The marriage is set for April at Trenton, the home of Senator Tillman.

Mr. Moore is a lawyer, practicing in New Jersey. He is prominently connected throughout that state. He is a nephew of Judge Joseph Thompson and a cousin of Judge Allen B. Endicott of Atlantic City and of Rear Admiral M. T. Endicott, U. S. N., retired, of Washington.

Every Precaution Taken.

During a recent small-pox epidemic in Alabama special precaution against the disease was taken in the mining camps. In one of these camps the president of the mining company paid a visit of inspection and came upon an old negro leaning against the side of a building.

"Jake," asked the president, "are you afraid of the small-pox out here?"

"Some may be, sah," Jake replied. "As fo' me, I ain't scared; I see jest gwipe to get me some lime an' limate mah house; an' den de doctah, he's comin' up an' 'sassin' nate mah family; so dat, den sah, if we do git de small-pox, 'twon't be nothin' but de celluloid."

A man never gets rid of his temper by losing it.

Loafing is a business which doesn't bring in the loaf.

It is all right to be on pleasure bent if you do not bend too far.—Christian Herald.

LOST!

Somewhere Between Sunrise and Sunset, One Golden Opportunity. No Reward Offered, for it can never be regained. You will Certainly Have Lost a Golden Opportunity if you Fail to get into The Advertiser's Great Voting Contest

The Piano is Here!

And is now on exhibition at J. W. Peak's store.

"Yesterday is gone, today is short," if you wish to win this beautiful piano, begin now as if you thought to-morrow would never come. Enter the race, let your friends know that you mean to win this handsome prize, and ask them to help you.

How to Enter.

Cut out the nomination coupon, fill in the name of the young lady you wish to nominate and send it in to The Advertiser's Contest Department. It is free to all to enter. In each issue of the paper you will find a free voting coupon. Cut them out and ask your friends to save them for you. They are good for 25 votes each if sent in within 10 days from date on coupon.

A Jolly Race.

This will in truth be a jolly race. There's fun in it, lots of fun. You really can't afford to miss getting into this race either as a contestant or by helping some friend who is a contestant. The beautiful piano is now on exhibition at J. W. Peak's store and every one is delighted with it. Enter the contest now for we shall begin to offer other prizes within the next week or two. Your votes will also count on the piano.

How to Win!

Enlist your father, mother, brother, sister, sweetheart and friends to help you and never stop until the piano is yours. The prize will be given to the young lady securing the largest number of votes during the life of the contest. The way to get the votes is by getting subscriptions to The Advertiser, either new, renewals or collections on past due subscriptions. Votes will be given according to the scale of votes published in this issue.

Contestants.

We understand that Misses Robbie Jones, Fannie Joe Strom, Mary E. Byrd and Miss Alma Hammond have gone to work in dead earnest and while we haven't heard from other contestants yet, we feel sure that we will some time this week and we can easily guess they will make some one hustle.

We give the list of contestants this week with their standing. Some new names have been entered. The friends of some of them have brought subscriptions in their favor. The race promises to be a lively one so let's get busy and do our best.

The Piano.

The piano is on exhibition in Mr. Peak's store, and you are cordially invited to go in and try it. Every one is delighted with it, and while you are there don't forget that Mr. Peak has an up-to-date line of general merchandise and his prices are right.

Rules Governing Contest.

Rule (1) All collections made by contestants must be turned over to the Contest manager within one week or votes will not be allowed.

Rule (2) Subscribers are cautioned to demand a receipt for all money given to contestant and to return same to contest manager to be dated according to books, showing date of expiration.

Rule (3) The Contest Managers signature must be affixed to votes before same are of any value in contest.

Rule (4) Ballots cannot be bought. The Contest will be run on a square and fair basis for all. Votes can only be obtained by securing subscriptions, either prepaid or renewals, or by cutting the nomination coupon or free voting blank out of the paper.

Rule (5) No employee of The Advertiser or a member of his or her family will be permitted to participate either as a nominator or voter in the contest.

Rule (6) Candidates will not be restricted in securing subscriptions to any territory, but may secure them in any place in the United States.

Rule (7) Only one nominating coupon, entitling each contestant to one vote.

Rule (8) All votes must be in The Advertiser's office by Saturday midnight of each second week from issue or else they will not be counted on the minor prizes that will be offered during the contest. Votes cast on these prizes will also count on the piano.

Rule (9) Votes once issued can not be transferred to another contestant.

Rule (10) Contestants in contest must agree to accept all rules and conditions in the contest.

Rule (11) The right is reserved to reject the name of any contestant for cause, also to alter these rules should the occasion demand.

Rule (12) Any question that may arise between the contestants will be decided by the contest manager and his decision will be final.

Rule (13) Under no condition will the nominators name be divulged. The manager will be always ready to call and explain anything regarding the contest.

Rule (14) Contestants may hold their votes until they wish to cast them. Until they are cast your standing will not be published.

Scale of Votes.

New.	
1 year	2,000 Votes.
2 "	5,000 "
3 "	8,000 "
4 "	11,000 "
5 "	15,000 "

Renewal and Collections.	
1,000	Votes.
25,000	"
4,000	"
5,500	"
7,500	"

STANDING OF TESTANTS

Name	Votes
Winona Mathis	3000
Robbie Jones	4165
Alma Williams	2000
Louise Lyon	1025
Fannie Joe Strom	1000
Martha Dorn	1000
Maggie Reel	1000
Bertie Horne	1000
Lena Stephens	1000
Inez Cooper	1000
Eileen Ozuts	2000
May Roper	1000
Mary Emma Williams	1125
Lucile Whately	1825
Mary Emma Byrd	1015
Alma Hammond	1800
Addie Stephens	1000
Berta Hill	1000

Respectfully,
American Music Co., Contest Mgrs.
By Royal V. Bidez, resident Mgr.

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Good for 25 votes in piano contest if filled out and sent in within 10 days from issue

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