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**LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.**

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He who has no opinion of his own, but depends upon the opinion and taste of others is a slave.—KLOPSTOK

**Interest Increasing.**  
Interest and enthusiasm in the corn contest steadily increases. Besides many who have heretofore competed for the prizes a goodly number of new names are being added. The highest number enrolled for any of the past contests were seventy odd, but the editor of The Advertiser wishes to make it a hundred this year. Help him to reach that number.

**Good for Plum Branch.**  
The Advertiser is pleased to see, as shown by a notice published in this issue, that the people of Plum Branch are interested in providing additional funds for the support of their school. Having voted a special levy several years ago, in compliance with the High School law, they have now petitioned for an election to vote upon the question of making an increased levy for school purposes. Three cheers for Plum Branch! The Advertiser rejoices that they are still in Edgefield county.

**Rural Police.**  
A measure that will mean much to Edgefield county was the one that was passed by the legislature recently providing for a rural police. Wherever this system of enforcing law in the rural districts has been tried the results have been entire.

adoption of this means of enforcing law is not the outgrowth of prohibition, for the "wet" counties were among the first to adopt the rural police. The mounted officers in Aiken county for instance have had a wonderfully deterring effect upon criminals. If the right man or men be chosen for this important duty in Edgefield, the wisdom of such a law will soon become evident.

**The Right Man Chosen.**  
Unlike Judge Russell of Georgia, who made a fruitless race for governor without resigning from the bench, Ira B. Jones resigned his chief justiceship before announcing his candidacy for governor of South Carolina. While he took no active steps looking to perfecting plans for his campaign while on the bench, yet from the day his resignation took effect early in January, he has lost no time in getting in touch with political conditions in South Carolina. Having established headquarters in Columbia, the geographical as well as political centre of the state, he set about to secure the most capable man available to manage his campaign.

That Mr. Jones is an astute politician, as well as able jurist and statesman of unusual breadth, is indicated by the selection of Hon. J. Wm. Thurmond to be his campaign manager. Because of his intimate acquaintance and thorough knowledge of men throughout the state; because of his ability and prominence as a lawyer, bringing him in close touch with attorneys of almost every bar in the state; because of his experience while an active member of the house, which gave him personal contact with many men in public life; because of his distinguished service as solicitor of the fifth circuit for several terms; because of his conservative judgment and inherent fitness for the duties of this important position, no wiser selection could have been made than that of Mr. Thurmond.

The management of the campaign of Mr. Jones, means six months very strenuous activity on the part of Mr. Thurmond. But he, like a patriot responding to the call of duty, has put self-interest in the background, realizing that it involved a sacrifice of time and means. South Carolina is facing a crisis, and the election of Mr. Jones means more than the casual observer realizes. It behooves every citizen who stands for good government, law and order, to rally to the support of Mr. Thurmond in his efforts to conduct this campaign in such a way as to result in a decisive victory of Ira B. Jones for governor.

**Meriwether School.**  
Well, as nearly all of the schools in Old Edgefield County have been represented in The Advertiser ours had better hurry and come in. We have a nice large school building, large grounds and a plenty of room for tennis and croquet. We have about twenty-seven or twenty-eight regular pupils, and our number has decreased since last year.  
Our teacher, Mrs. Bradley had an awful bone-felon last week and was forced to make a trip to a physician. As she was unable to teach any more after it was lanced we only had two days school last week.

Mrs. D. W. Sharpton and Mrs. E. A. McDonald were to entertain a number of their friends last Wednesday afternoon but as rain had been falling several days it was too bad for many to go.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Adams made a short visit to relatives in Augusta last week and were also on a spring shopping trip.

Mr. Tom Meriwether from Baltimore, who has been visiting friends at Morgana has returned to Meriwether. We hope to have Mr. and Mrs. Meriwether with us several weeks longer.

Miss Allie Middleton who has been suffering from tonsillitis for several weeks is thought to be slowly improving and friends hope to see her out again soon.

Miss Frances Rich of Clark's Hill has gone on a long visit to her sister, Mrs. V. S. Maree near Moncks Corner, S. C.

Mrs. H. A. Adams, daughter and small son were on a visit to relatives at Plum Branch, S. C. and had the good luck of a longer visit on account of being blocked in by snow.

Mr. Covington, the young Methodist minister preached here on Sunday week.

As most of the young folks around here are off teaching or being taught the rest of us are still here and had a lonely "Valentine."

After all this snow and rain the farmers expect a fine crop.

We will soon have the use of our telephone lines, as they are being rectified.

Well as I am afraid my letter will get in the trash-box I had better stop for this week.

Hope to see some other child's letter in this week.

Blue Eyes.

Telephone Being Repaired.  
Pete and Tobe Visit Augusta. River Full.

There has been snow, rain, and cold weather in this neck of woods for the past week. Farm work is at a stand still just now, no guano shipped and do not hear of any to be. There is more water in the river than has been since 1908, the snow and then rain making it pretty full.

Mr. R. H. Middleton and Mr. S. T. Adams are busy repairing our telephone line and we hope soon to have good service. Pete is still on the job. He has had a peculiar experience lately, he believes in diversifying. He raises chickens, eggs, pigs, vegetables, &c, for market, makes his trips regularly and to great advantage, and he decided to carry along his hired man Tobe for a change. Tobe had never seen a city, and Pete all along was coaching him telling what wonderful things he would see. Knowing he would be excited, he warned him not to step in Savannah river for broad street. Everything went well on entering the city. The first thing they met was a trolley car, and little Jack the mule pricked up his ears and Tobe looked shy.

On they went, and met an automobile. Jack whirled around, up set the wagon, broke out the shafts and made toward home at a 2-40 gait. Tobe looked bewildered, Pete explained it all, said such was a part of life, began getting things together picking up eggs, vegetables &c. Tobe's nerves were strained a little, and he began to help, when a flying machine swooped down across his back. That was more than he could stand, for he really thought he was sent for and he started for home at a double quick. Pete knew with Jack and Tobe both at home he had best go too, and he lost no time on the road. Jack reached home at day break. Tobe at 7, and Pete at half past 7. Tobe said he saw a great host in air, and listened for the blast of a trumpet, thought he heard a horn and it was time for him to be doing. Pete returned to his wagon. The owner of the Automobile, had all repairing done needed, paid above market price for broken eggs and all injuries, and Pete sold the balance at a good profit. His trip netted him 20 dollars more than it would otherwise have done and he is at home satisfied. Tobe is quiet, and the family is happy. I told Pete to tie Tobe to the rear end of the wagon like he would a colt. Pete says all is well that ends well, and so it is.

Sol.  
Clark's Hill, S. C.

**Silver Medal Contest.**  
The Frances Willard Memorial meeting and silver medal contest was well attended on Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church. "Sweet Bye and Bye" was most appropriately and skillfully rendered on the pipe organ, and Mr. A. S. Tompkins conducted the devotions. The chorus "We are coming dear leaders" was sung, and the young ladies began the contest for the medal. Miss Catherine Mims who was on the program, was detained at the last minute by sickness, and her absence was regretted.

The first selection was an incident in the life of Frances Willard, called "The boys' petition," and recited by Miss Florence Mims; the second was a "Southern incident" taken from an address of Miss Willard by Miss Hortensia Woodson, whose rendition of it was very favorably commented upon; Miss Florence Peak and Miss Georgia May Wates followed with two selections from Miss Willard's addresses, one being "Moderation bridge," and "Total abstinence bridge." Both these young ladies have won reputation for themselves as elocutionists, both in plays at the college, and in other selections, before the public, but only one could win the medal, and the judges, who were Mrs. J. R. Walker, Capt. E. H. Folk, and Capt. R. B. Cain, decided to present the Frances Willard medal to Miss Florence Peak.

At the close of the contest, a vocal trio by Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse, Miss Lula Tisdale and Mrs. J. R. Tompkins, with pipe organ accompaniment, was sung, "Lift up your voice."

All the program was interesting and enjoyable, but the climax was reached in the very original and interesting presentation of the life and character of Frances Willard by Prof. R. B. Curry of the S. C. C. I. who made an analogy between Charlemagne the great organizer of the 15th century in things of state, and Frances Willard's great organizing force in matters of moral movement. He spoke of her as an organizer, an author, an orator and a woman, and ended with that beautiful poem dedicated to her memory, "How beautiful to be with God." A collection of \$6.00 was taken for the memorial fund, and the medal was awarded by Capt. R. B. Cain.

The winning of this silver medal entitles Miss Peak, to contest for a gold medal at the next convention which will meet at Johnston. The program was ended with a vocal solo by Mr. Reynolds and the congregation singing "He leadeth me."

Interesting Meeting.

The Woman's Mission Society at the Baptist church on Friday afternoon was an unusually interesting occasion, several original features being introduced. The scripture portion of the devotional service was read by a number of members present, taken from different passages. Commodore Perry's entrance into Japan was read by Mrs. A. A. Woodson, and this was followed by the singing of the hymn "Before Jehovah's awful throne" which was sung as Commodore Perry's fleet entered the harbor of Yeddo.

The subject of the afternoon was Japan, and a most interesting synopsis of the first chapters of "Where the world is waking up," was read by Mrs. Jeffries. This book which was received in Edgefield recently was written by Mr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, and is a description of his recent visit to the Orient. Those who have read the book were so pleased with its originality and brightness of presentation, that it was suggested as a probable mission study. Some facts about the life of Mr. Poe were related by Mrs. J. L. Mims. A leaflet on the gospel ships of Japan was read by Miss Kellah Fair.

Mr. I. E. Reynolds, the gospel singer, who is leading the music this week in the revival services, sang a very appropriate and effective solo, "A little bit of love." The collection for the month amounted to \$35.00.

A beautiful pipe organ selection by Mrs. John R. Tompkins completed the program.

A Girl's Wild Midnight Ride.

To warn people of a fearful forest fire in the Catskills a young girl rode horse back at midnight and saved many lives. Her deed was glorious but lives are often saved by Dr. King's New Discovery in curing lung trouble, coughs and colds, which might have ended in consumption or pneumonia. It cured me of a dreadful cough and lung disease, writes W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex., "after four in our family had died with consumption, and I gained 87 pounds." Nothing so sure and safe for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Penn & Holstein, W. E. Lynch & Co.

**Sand Rock School.**  
Please allow me space in your valuable columns to record a few notes from our school and give you the details of the pleasant valentine sociable our good teacher gave us on valentine evening. We all look to valentine day for the joy and pleasure it brings us. On account of the bad weather the attendance was very small, although there were quite a number of valentines.

The valentine box was beautifully decorated with white and pink hearts. The valentines were read by Miss Mary Winn which was very much enjoyed by all. Then we had a large red heart tacked on the wall to shoot at, with bow and arrow.

We were blindfolded before shooting. The object was to see who would pierce the heart in the center, and point. Mr. G. S. Coleman won first prize, and Master Frank Simmons the booby.

The building was beautifully decorated with evergreens and pink and white hearts of various sizes dangling here and there.

As we sat around the heater enjoying the festivities of the occasion we could look out the windows and see mother earth covered with ice and snow.

Our Superintendent of Education W. W. Fuller visited our school this week. We were very glad to see him, especially Miss Maggie as he was her first teacher. He congratulated us on our good attendance.

**A WOMAN'S BACK.**  
**The Aches and Pains Will Disappear if the Advice of This Edgefield Citizen is Followed.**  
A woman's back has many aches and pains. Most time 'tis the kidney's fault. Backache is really kidney ache; That's why Doan's kidney pills cure it. Many Edgefield women know this. Read what one has to say about it.  
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FINAL DISCHARGE.**  
Notice is hereby given that I will apply to Hon. W. T. Kinnaird, Judge of Probate of Edgefield County, South Carolina, for final discharge as Administrator of estate T. R. Rusk, deceased, on March 16th, 1912.  
R. H. Middleton,  
Feb. 12, 4c.

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