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TRI-COUNTY CONVENTION

Johnston's Great Hospitality. Addresses Unsurpassed. Sympathetic Co-operation of Ministers.

For several months plans have been laid for the tri-county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. Johnston had issued an invitation for this auspicious gathering to meet in the First Baptist church, and had done everything to make the convention a success. The music had been carefully selected and most assiduously arranged for. The hospitality committee with Mrs. M. T. Turner as chairman, had been most cordial, not only in showing hospitality to those who came, but in their anxiety that as many as possible should come, and partake of their hospitality.

The delegates began to arrive on Saturday evening, some coming in from Leesville and Saluda unions, Nazareth, Harmony, Colliers, Edgefield, Ward, and other places.

On Sunday morning those who arrived from Edgefield were met in automobiles, carriages, buggies, etc., and transported to the various homes. Beautiful badges of white and gold were pinned on each incoming guest, and made them look as well as feel distinguished.

The weather was very gloomy, and would have spirited a less heroic body of women, but the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is invincible, and clouds overhead and slush under foot are but incidents in the onward struggle. Yet the Johnston union did their very best to counteract this obstacle by driving guests to and fro, and making them comfortable in every way.

The first session began on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

W. S. Dorsett presided, and conducted the devotions. The music was furnished by Mrs. Mamie Walker, who has been organist of the church for over thirty years, and Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman who accompanied most of the vocal solos and choruses. Dr. Dorsett explained the object of the convention most pleasantly, commending the organization, and introducing Mrs. Atkins. This address, called "Esther," which has already been written of and spoken of in such terms of commendation, was described by many who heard it, as the best appeal on this subject to which the large audience had ever listened. At the end of the address, a collection, amounting to about \$60, was taken. The solo, "Victory," which is always sung by the superintendent of the music department, Mrs. Graham of New York, at the National Convention, was most sweetly and effectively sung by Mrs. F. M. Boyd of Johnston, with organ accompaniment by Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, of Edgefield.

Sunday afternoon, in spite of a downpour of rain, a good audience gathered, and was led in devotional service by Dr. W. S. Dorsett, who introduced Miss Roena Shaner, of Missouri. Some one said that the two lecturers who so delighted the visitors and the people of Johnston, had come from two professions one, that of motherhood, the other from the teaching profession, as Miss Shaner was indeed called from a successful teacher's vocation to the temperance cause, and to which she is giving her best efforts in a very effective way. The children's choruses, which had been so beautifully prepared by Mrs. J. W. White, long interested and successfully engaged in this phase of work in the Loyal Temperance Legion, were delightful to listen to, for their simplicity and prophecy for the future of our nation. During the program two of these were sung and then a duet by little Laurie and Thomas Hoyt, in the sweetest and most appealing way. The very bright music by the choir was all taken from the Temperance Songster. Miss Shaner invited the audience after the benediction to come up and speak to her, and allow her to pin on the white ribbon bow, which she said she could make better than any other woman in the whole world. Quite a number of members were added at this time.

Sunday evening was one of the most delightful times of convention. "Hail Home of Liberty," from Temperance Songster came from

the choir, and the chorus of men's voices "Saviour breathe an evening blessing," was sung by Messrs. Avery and Frank Bland, Prof. Curry and Messrs. Boyd and Johnston, without instrumental accompaniment. Before Mrs. Atkins' address, she made very enthusiastic comment upon the music. The devotions for the evening were conducted by Rev. E. H. Beckham of the Methodist church. Mr. Beckham has always been sympathetic and helpful in the work of the W. C. T. U. in Edgefield county. Mrs. Atkins delivered her address on prohibition as the most effective means of dealing with the liquor traffic, answering with her large experience and trained mind on this subject, every argument of her opponents. She is a woman of great mind, and greater heart and perfected heroism. "Onward Christian Soldiers," with arrangement by Flagler, was an inspiring ending to a transcendently glorious meeting.

Monday morning's session had been set apart as a season for having some practical suggestions, and hearing from the various unions in the three counties. A large and enthusiastic delegation was present, and the devotions were led by Miss Cleo Attaway, with Mrs. Reese of Johnston as secretary. "The two years of Edgefield county work since 1910 was read by Mrs. J. L. Mims; Miss Cleo Attaway presented "Co-operation with Missionary Societies;" Mrs. C. F. Pechman read a carefully prepared paper written by Mrs. S. T. Adams on the "Flower Mission." Miss Leila Attaway wrote of the Loyal Temperance Legion; and Miss Roena Shaner made a very stirring address on "Missouri's greater W. C. T. U. activities." Mrs. Atkins followed with a plea for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and a number of new members were gained.

in which the young people were specially interested, for the program consisted of the young ladies in the Medal contest. At this service Dr. W. S. Dorsett presided, and Mrs. Atkins, Miss Shaner and Rev. E. H. Beckham were judges. The contestants were Misses Blanche Holston, Saida, "Little Blossom;" Sarah Quattlebaum, Leesville, On Which Side;" Clevie Moyer, Johnston, "The Bridal Wine Cup;" Florence Peak, Edgefield, "The Second Election, and Maggie Edwards, Saluda, "In the Kegs." Dr. Dorsett said that like Abraham Lincoln, on one occasion when he was asked to make judgment in a case he said "they all mutually excelled." Indeed, it was a creditable contest from every standpoint, and each locality represented in the contest looked on and listened for the decision of the judges with bated breath. However the judges decided upon Miss Florence Peak as the successful one, and Edgefield, of course, did not demur.

Monday evening was a climax to all the former meetings, which was as it should be. The organ music was splendid, and the first chorus, "White Ribbon Vibrations" by the choir was beautiful. The devotions were led by Rev. P. E. Monroe of the Lutheran church in a most helpful way. A unique musical selection was a bass solo by Mr. F. M. Boyd, "The Battle Song," the chorus of which was sung by a company of fresh and happy young ladies of the Young People's Branch under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Lott and Mrs. J. A. Dobe.

Another thing of interest was the presenting of the prizes for essay work under the Scientific Temperance Instruction department. The first of these, for "Why this Agitation About Alcohol," was presented to Miss Helen Lewis of Johnston High School, the second prize of \$2 to Miss Antoinette Denny of the same school. The first prize to a boy or girl under 15 was won by Master Newton Dorsett of Johnston on the subject, "Is the Cigarette Smoker Safe?" The second prize was won by Miss Evelyn Edmunds of the Edgefield graded school. These prizes were awarded by Rev. P. E. Monroe. The gold medal for oratory was presented by Dr. Dorsett to Miss Florence Peak. By request, the choir sang "Hail Home of Liberty" which had been previously sung, and so pleased the audience.

And now comes the time when the expectant audience was to listen

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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Leap Year Party. Tri-County Convention of The W. C. T. U. in Session. New Bakery.

The leap year party given Thursday evening at Turner hall by the young ladies of the town was the chief social event of the season, and was beautiful in every detail. The hall was a festive scene with ferns and pot plants, and garlands of hearts were hung from the four corners to the main center chandelier, and after the arrival of the 50 couples was a veritable Land of Arcady. The invitations were in red and white and read as follows: "Will you to me, my cherished friend, On Thursday evening your presence lend? At 8:30 o'clock, I'll call, And lead you forth to Turner hall.

If perchance, you may think this queer, Please remember, dear friend, Leap year is here!"

The gentlemen greatly enjoyed the novelty of this, and more than one young lady patiently waited, by a purposely delayed toilet, and by other experiences that they had had. Progressive hearts passed a happy hour, and the tally cards were heart shaped with red cords. Proposals were written by the young ladies, and these were bid for by the gentlemen, and after all had been coupled off, were seated at the banquet table where a several course supper was served, the red and white motif being carried out. Souvenirs were arrow pierced hearts. Toasts were given to the young ladies of the town.

Previous to the arrival of the head of the house, one relative very importantly that "we are going to have some of them things come to our house," and the other one not to be out done replied with, "well my dad has sent down a big long sheep leg to eat."

Miss Evelyn Horne, of Ridge, has been visiting Mrs. Alonzo Horne.

Mesdames John Griffin and Ralph Grant and Miss Maud Livingston, of Saluda, have been guests of Mrs. William Satcher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neil Lott spent Wednesday in Augusta.

Mrs. Van Every Edwards has gone to Saluda to visit her parents. Mrs. Albert Lott has been quite sick during the week from an attack of measles.

Mrs. Carl Lowry has returned from Waynesboro, Ga., where she visited in the home of her father, Mr. Hearsy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crouch spent several days of the past week in Augusta.

Mrs. Annie P. Harrison is now domiciled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Crouch.

Miss Leila Attaway, has been the guest of Mrs. A. P. Lewis.

A bakery will soon be operating here, and the town can enjoy fresh bread each day.

Mrs. James Tompkins, of Edgefield, has been spending a few days here.

Mrs. Clifton Mitchel, of Batesburg, spent last week here with her mother, Mrs. Anna Strother.

Mrs. Willie Tompkins has been suffering greatly for the past three weeks with inflammatory rheumatism.

Mrs. William Toney spent a few days of last week in Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quinby, of Graniteville, are guests of Mrs. J. M. Turner.

Mr. Hundley Crim, of Columbia, is here for a few days.

Mr. Paul Cogburn spent Friday and Saturday here with friends.

To Mothers—And Others.

You can use Bucklen's Arnica Salve to cure children of eczema, rashes, tetter, chafings, scaly and crusted humors, as well as their accidental injuries, cuts, burns, bruises, etc., with perfect safety. Nothing else heals so quickly. For boils, ulcers, old, running or fever sores or piles it has no equal. 25 cts at Penn & Holstein's W E Lynch & Co.

THE PRIZE ESSAY.

Essay Written by Student of Johnston High School. Wins Prize of \$15 Offered by W. C. T. U.

"History is a record of a sad procession of world tragedies. Nations and empires in turn have risen to greatness only to fall. Before the death blow was struck from without the evidence shows in every case the ravages of a titanic destroyer within, under whose operations the vitality and strength of the nation were submerged in a general degeneracy. For centuries the philosophers and historians have looked on appalled, overwhelmed. Only in the last few years has science taken up the question. Following her patient rigid methods, under which nature and life have slowly yielded up their secrets, science has at last gazed up the mystery and identified the great destroyer as alcoholic poisoning."

This great agitation about alcohol had its beginning in Ohio in December 1873. A small band of women were moved by an address by Dr. Dio Lewis of Boston and they decided to battle against this demon, alcohol. They formed an organization and from it, temperance societies in other counties were formed, then it became a state wide question, and now it has crossed the ocean and has become a world-wide agitation. Now the W. C. T. U. women are working all over the world to educate the young to form a better public sentiment, reform the drinking classes, transform by the power of Divine grace those who are enslaved by alcohol, and to secure the entire abolition of the liquor traffic. Christian men and women are working as missionaries for the cause, they are sending temperance tracts, and parts of the temperance bills are being brought to congress frequently against this deadly evil, "alcohol" in all of its forms.

Why are so many people becoming interested in this great alcoholic question? Good Christian people of every name and in every clime have found out that they cannot conquer vice by letting it alone. They have learned that it is the duty of virtue to rule vice, for the good of both parties, and that, if virtue fails to rule vice, vice will rule virtue. For illustration of this I mention Charleston, where the same people who are striving to keep their gambling race-tracks, are attempting to drive the salvation army away.

Second, people have learned that governments are very important moral agencies. They have learned that all governments are installed to uphold virtue and put down vice, knowing that what is virtue and what is vice is not a matter of superstition, but a matter of experience, virtue being such self-restraint as experience has shown to be good for mankind, and vice that excess of liberty, which experience has shown to be injurious to mankind. All the nations of the past have understood the elementary principle of statesmanship, that the sole purpose of government is to uphold virtue and put down vice. See what Gallio, the Roman governor said in Acts 18th chapter, 14-16 verses.

Good people were deceived for a long time by the false doctrine that governments should do but little governing. Even that pious man Jefferson Davis, temporarily crushed the prohibition movement in Texas, many years ago by urging that doctrine in a letter to the governor of that state. But the alcohol habit became so heinous and insolvent and insatiable that good people were compelled to abandon that false doctrine, and require their governments to reinforce the good work done for temperance in their homes and churches. It makes every good man and woman in Edgefield shudder to think of the days when "Peter Tim's Tavern" was in operation within a mile of Pleasant Lane, S. C., ten miles from the policeman of any town. If good people had not required their governments to curb such liberty in dealing with alcohol, what would be our condition? Is it not clear that

virtue everywhere would now be crawling in the dust before vice and anarchy.

Good people have learned that governments are established to govern, and if the governments are established to govern and if the governments do not protect virtue, private interests will govern and promote vice. They have learned that abundant governing will be done by somebody; and that they have resolved that the governing shall be done by the government, the common instrument of the people, to reinforce the temperance work that is being done in the homes and churches of good people to promote virtue and prevent the human race from going down again into anarchy and barbarism.

Since alcohol is the great evil which is causing this great agitation let me tell you some of the many awful effects of alcoholism in every sphere of life and thus convince you that we have great reason for this world-wide agitation. First let's imagine a real true advertisement sent out by a saloon keeper, and then consider again this agitation: "My business is to manufacture drunkards, paupers, lunatics, beggars, criminals and "dead beats" for sober industrious people to support. Being well backed up by the law I add to the number of fatal accidents, of painful diseases, of disgraceful quarrels, of riots, and of murders. My liquors rob some of life, many of reason, most of prosperity; and all of true peace, to make fathers fiends, wives widows, and children orphans. I cause young women to lose their purity and young men to become loafers, swearers, gamblers, and "lewd fellows of the baser sort." I prefer to make boys and girls to become drunkards. On two hours notice I agree to put husband in condition to reel home, break the furniture, beat their wives, and kick their children out of doors, and I make good working men become tramp. If a man is

hell. I can fill orders promptly for fevers, consumption, or Delirium Tremens. I want to bring all men to Debt, Disgrace, Disease, Despair, and Death. Before very long I sent people to the poor house, the asylum, prison, or most likely to the gallows." Who pays the license and all other expenses of the saloon keeper? Often men do not want to associate with saloon keepers, but is it a good thing to vote for him to do a bad thing? If it is a bad thing to be a drunkard, is it a good thing to license men to make drunkards? People who go into saloons wish to be screened in from the rest of the world but he never objects to being seen at church. Is it right to vote for a thing which no decent man can defend? We must answer "No" to these questions, so we readily see why we want to beg everybody to see the right. Again, shall we prohibit the slaughter of buffaloes and license the butchery of babies? Shall not the cry of the child and the mother be poured into the ear of the state, which is the ballot box, and the power of moral suasion be supplemented by the strong arm of the law? Are the devil and his minions weighing our arguments or counting our votes? "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by law?" (Ps. 94:20.)

Are we not commanded in the Bible to remove stumbling blocks from the ways of others? Thus in this agitation we are trying to remove stumbling blocks. Christians can aid in this agitation by making Christ's law, their law, and by enforcing this law.

Alcohol is a great wrecker of homes. If every gallon of whiskey, if every flask of wine produced, should be taxed a thousand dollars it would not be enough to pay for the tears it has wrung from the eyes of widows and orphans, nor for the blood it has dashed on the Christian church, nor for the catastrophe of the millions it has destroyed forever.

Let us sketch two scenes of homes that we often see. The first is as bright as home can be. The father comes in at night and the children run out to meet him. Next the happy mother comes to greet him. Laughter and joy reign. There is music in the parlor and fine pictures on the walls. We see costly

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PARKSVILLE LETTER.

Excellent Sermon by Mr W. R. Leggot, of Clark's Hill. Welcomed Visitors. Woodmen Circle Organized.

Mr. W. R. Leggot of Clark's Hill preached a most excellent sermon for us yesterday at the Baptist church. Mr. Leggot is one of the best lay preachers we ever heard. He has been a sailor and has traveled almost all over the known world and has gathered in his large experience many fine illustrations, which he uses to fine effect. We had with us also Rev. James Sanford, of Springfield, Orangeburg county, who was invited to preach for us at night, but we were rained out. We were very much disappointed as many were extremely anxious to hear this brother who is a popular preacher in the Orangeburg association. We hope brother Sanford will come again when the weather is more propitious.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Parks with little "James Jr." came up Saturday to see friends and relatives from Augusta. James Jr., is growing rapidly, and some old folks hereabouts thinks he is a great boy, notwithstanding the fact that he may have imbibed city airs, but he is growing all the same.

Mrs. Sue Parks, and Misses Lillian and Robbie Parks, two pretty little misses, and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Parks of Augusta also spent the week end with kinfolk and acquaintances of Parksville. They ought to come oftener, stay longer and imbibe more of the revivifying ozone of the Parksville hills, which would make themuddy of complexion, and relieve the monotony of a strenuous city life.

Col. Louis Rich of the firm of Middleton and Rich of Marion county, who is expected to be married this summer anyway. I think the bursa has been recently recruited by some prominent members and seems to be in a prosperous condition. They claim to be able to turn out the finished product with the aid of the rabbit's foot, and we shall soon see what we will see.

Judge John Brunson and wife from Augusta came up to visit Mr. and Joe Branson, and their daughter Mrs. J. C. Parks yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Brunson have been greatly blessed having lived together as husband and wife 56 years. Very few married people live together half a century.

Misses Della Cartledge and Julia Stone from fair Rehoboth spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Parks.

Mr. Luther Stone of the C. & W. C. railroad, who was raised in this town, visited home folks last week.

Mr. J. P. Blackwell from Spartanburg, and Mr. Robert Blackwell from Mt. Carmel were among the many visitors in our village Sunday. Mr. J. P. Blackwell tells us that Mr. Joe Blackwell of Spartanburg whose life was despaired of for many months is improving, and we hope he will soon be up. Mr. Blackwell brought Joe's little girl down to see its grand mother, Mrs. Hattie Riddlehoover.

Miss Mary C. DeLahunty of Charleston spent two days last week in Parksville organizing a Woodman circle. This is an organization of wood craft to give insurance to the ladies, wives of woodmen. Woodmen can also take insurance in the circle. Miss DeLahunty succeeded in getting enough names to organize the circle, and will return in a few weeks to perfect the organization, giving to the ladies the grips, signs and wonders of the order.

Mr. Gordon Bussey who married Miss Jessie Morgan of Morgantown, a daughter of "Uncle Iv," is the happy father of a bouncing boy whose name we suspect is Dempsey-Drury-Abiah-Zedakiah, John, Evan Gordon Bussey. He is a fine boy and deserves more name than he has but if he makes as good a man as any one of his ancestry for whom he is named he will be useful in his day and generation. He helps to swell the population of Morgantown.

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