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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 1912

LOCAL & PERSONAL

Mr. Julian D. Holstein, Jr., spent Sunday and Monday in Greenville.

Mr. Otis Lamb and sister, Miss Flossie, spent last Sunday in Aiken.

Dr. F. W. P. Butler of Columbia paid a visit to Edgefield on Saturday.

There will be a special service at Trenton Methodist church next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Sunday school will meet at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. W. E. Prescott and Miss Beulah Jumper, her sister, of Springfield, S. C., spent a few days in Edgefield last week.

Mrs. W. B. Cogburn and Mrs. James E. Hart spent Wednesday and Thursday in North Augusta, as guests of Mrs. W. S. Cogburn.

Mrs. B. B. Jones went over to Johnston on Tuesday, and represented the U. D. C. of Edgefield at the Reciprocity meeting of the New Century club at Mrs. J. Niel Lott's.

Mrs. Fannie Tompkins, who holds a warm place in Edgefield's heart, has gone to Mobile Ala., for an extended visit to her many friends and relatives there.

Mr. J. F. Lamb has gone to Augusta, where he will take a course of instruction in shorthand and typewriting in Dr. Dugan's Business College.

The many friends of Miss Iris Hamilton will regret to learn that she left home Sunday for Orangeburg where she has accepted a position.

Mr. Israel Mukashy calls attention to many new arrivals in spring merchandise. See what he says to the shoppers in his new advertisement this week.

For Sale: 100 bushels of Stony Improved Mustard Seed Cotton Seed Absolutely pure at \$1.00 per bushel.

D. T. Mathis,
Colliers, S. C.

Mr. N. R. Bartly announces this week that he is a candidate for reelection to the office of supervisor of registration. As a public servant he will do his utmost to give entire satisfaction.

Mr. Lewis Jones spent Friday in Edgefield. He has been employed for several years in the claims department of the Southern Railway, making his headquarters in Columbia.

The men's class in the Edgefield Methodist church has elected Hon. B. E. Nicholson as teacher. The men of Edgefield not already in any Sunday school are invited to meet with this class on Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

Last night, at Staub's Theater, W. P. Hale scored another hit. He was inimitable, and his selections brought down the house from the beginning, the audience being kept in a constant roar of laughter. His appearance was a decided success.—Knoxville (Tenn.) Tribune.

Mr. Sam Agner has his own fertilizer factory and has been operating it night and day during the fall and winter. Early in September he began to haul straw and leaves in his lot and stables, and now has hundreds of loads of barnyard manure. That is the proper way to reduce the fertilizer bill.

Capt. and Mrs. N. G. Evans returned last week from Columbia, where they went to carry little George for a slight operation to the city Hospital. While there they were guests of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Whaley. Mrs. Evans expressed pleasure at having heard Dr. Wharton preach on Sunday at the First Baptist church.

Mrs. M. C. Davenport of Greers, S. C., has just returned to her home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. B. F. Zimmerman. No wonder that Mrs. Zimmerman thinks that Greers is the garden spot of the earth, having in that vicinity seven brothers and sisters, and that fair town in the shadow of the Blue Ridge having been her early home.

Mr. Geo. F. Mims gives another eye talk this week. See what he says about fitting reading glasses. He can relieve your eye troubles.

The essay published on the first page of this issue, was written by Miss Helen Lewis of Johnston, and won the first prize on the subject, "Why this agitation about alcohol?"

Shirt sale 39c, 59c and 79c. Send us your money with order. Big value at F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

Mr. W. Powell Hale, the impersonator who will appear in the opera house Monday night next, is from Jefferson City, Tenn., and is a personal friend of Dr. M. D. Jeffries. He will be entertained in Dr. Jeffries home while here.

Mr. W. Powell Hale delighted a large audience at the Academy of music last night. Although the night was a disagreeable one, nearly every seat was taken. As an impersonator, Mr. Hale has few equals upon the American platform. His audience left greatly pleased with his performance.—Wilmington, N. C. Messenger.

For Sale: Twenty Berkshire pigs, \$2.50 to \$3.00. Can deliver at Edgefield.

W. E. Prescott,
R. F. D. No. 2. Edgefield, S. C.

Edgefield Rifles Inspected.

The Edgefield Rifles, one of the oldest militia companies in the state, was inspected by Capt. Geo. H. M. Moore, representing the national government, and Gen. W. W. Moore, representing the state.

The company under command of Capt. W. C. Tompkins made a very creditable appearance. After the inspection on the public square, Capt. McMaster repaired to the armory, where all government property was carefully inspected and checked up.

Opera House Monday Night.

Mr. W. Powell Hale has been engaged to give an entertainment in the Edgefield opera house Monday night. Mr. Hale ranks among the foremost readers and impersonators on the American platform today. His impersonations are of a varied nature and never fail to captivate his large audiences. The people of Edgefield are fortunate in having an opportunity of hearing Mr. Hale. The entertainment begins at 8:30 o'clock Monday night.

Clark's Hill School.

Dear Advertiser: I have been reading pieces in your valuable paper written by other school children, also one from my sister, and I thought I would write too. I am going to "Pine Grove school", am in the third grade. Our school is small, but in spite of the bad weather the attendance has been regular. We all love our teacher Mrs. M. E. Thurmond, I know I do.

The measles hasn't visited our school so far, I hope our school will not close soon.

We miss little Roy Hammond very much from school as he has been sick for several days.

Mrs. Annie Hammond who has been quite sick for some time, am glad to say is very much improved. Will close for this time. I wrote this without help.

A Nine Year Old School Girl

County Board of Equalization.

The first meeting of the county board of equalization for the year 1912 was held in the Auditor's office Monday morning. The following members were present:

A. P. Lott; Johnston; D. T. Mathis, Colliers; Jas. B. Tompkins, Pickens; H. F. Cooper, Meriwether; L. R. Brunson, Moss; J. W. Johnson, Washington; P. A. Day, Shaw; J. H. A. Williams, Wards; G. T. Swearingen, Wise; W. E. Sheppard, Hilder; J. H. Cogburn, Elmwood; J. L. Mims, Edgefield; P. N. Lott, Johnston township; M. B. Byrd, Blocker; H. C. Sanders, Plum Branch.

The absence of Mr. R. A. Cochran, who has served so faithfully as chairman of the board for several years, was very generally regretted. After the roll call Mr. J. L. Mims was elected chairman for the ensuing two years.

The purpose of the meeting was to fix some basis for assessing the personal property of the county so as to have taxpayers bear the tax burden equally. It was unanimously agreed that the same basis as adopted last year be observed this year, which is to return all property at 80 per cent of the market value.

The next meeting of the board will be held in the auditor's office Saturday, the 23rd of March.

TRI-COUNTY CONVENTION.

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to Mrs. Atkins again. Her address on this occasion related especially to the achievements and glory of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the most magnificent and stirring eloquence on this subject ever heard in Edgefield county. The people were spell bound, and there were those there from all the country around Johnston, the adjoining towns and those at a distance. The chorus "My Mother's White Ribbon" by the Young People's Branch composed of the larger boys and girls of Johnston, all ranged on the front seats, made a picture not soon to be forgotten. Mrs. Atkins said she would be glad to take the organist and the choir along with her in all her journeys, and Dr. Dorsett as well for their inspiration and great and sympathetic assistance. About twenty-five new members were gained for the Johnston union.

The closing hymn is a favorite with everybody and so suited to close a service like that, "Shall we Gather at the River." This was sung with glorious enthusiasm, and the meeting came to a close, as all earthly joys must soon or later do, but fires are left burning in the hearts of those who passed out that night, which will never go out, and some day the purpose of God in the destruction of the demon of intemperance will be carried to completion.

Miss Roena Shaner was invited to talk to the High School on Monday morning, and we may be sure she gave them a splendid inspiration out of her great heart, her store of information and her magnetic manner.

Tick Eradication.

Francis Fahey of the United States bureau of animal industry, with headquarters in Spartanburg, was in Edgefield yesterday looking over the field with the view of undertaking work in tick eradication in this county. A mass meeting will be called in a short time in order to present the matter to the farmers and enlist their active cooperation. A representative of the state and one from the bureau of animal industry of the national government will probably be stationed here early in April and will press the work until this county is entirely free from ticks. Quite a number of farmers in different sections of the county have lost heavily during the past year because of the prevalence of Texas fever among their cattle, and the announcement that active warfare is to be waged on the pest will cause general rejoicing.

Flat Rock School.

May I come in and chat with you awhile? I am a girl from Flat Rock School, one of Miss Ruth Varn's scholars, and I have been a silent reader to so many nice little letters from all the school girls and boys, but never could gain enough courage to write myself, I would say, "some other day." There are wonderful things we are going to do some other day.

How many of the children like to go to school? How important it is that we should all try to get an education. It is worth it, and is one of the best and noblest things a boy or a girl could possess.

When I was 11 years old my Papa and Mother gave me an organ. Well do I remember my first lesson on it. Twice given me by Miss Eileen, one of our dear teachers from Flat Rock. I have been taking four terms. I am now one of Miss Ruth's pupils in music. How many of the girls like music, I'm devoted to mine. I just wish I could shake the hand of every music loving girl in the county.

I help Mother keep the house and cook, but I'll assure you, churn and dish pan, or broom, are not my pets. I think every girl has a hobby, and music and flowers surely must be mine. Mr. Mims, I could not say this if I had any sisters. I am the only girl, so you see I am the sunshine in our home.

The Sunday school at Flat Rock is progressing fine. McKie Bailey is secretary. We have a hard time in getting mail. My two brothers and myself went to see grand papa last Saturday. I guess every body knows who grandpapa is; Mr. J. H. Casey, who has been sick so long is up again and is expecting to visit our home next week. We will all be so glad to see him. He said he wanted to go the memorial day if the roads get good, so as Dr. Crafton can run his automobile he is talking of going with him and I know he will enjoy the ride.

I have just heard mother say, "Sunshine go practice." Yes we all do love Miss Ruth, and all the scholars love her, and we have good boys and girls, not a dunce among the lot.

NOTICE.

All persons are notified not to do any work on the public roads of the county without being personally instructed to do so by a member of the board.

W. G. Wells,
J. O. Herin,
N. L. Broadwater,
County Board of Com.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election as a member of the town council of Edgefield from Ward 4, and will abide the result of the election.

E. S. Johnson.

Special Notices

For Sale, or exchange 50 bushels long staple seed.

R. G. Shannonhouse.

\$25.00 up suits to order, write for samples, to F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

For Sale: 300 bushels of pure Toole Cotton Seed for sale, ginned on private gin, kept pure.

E. W. Samuel, Edgefield, S. C.

We have marked down a lot of fine hats that must be sold. Write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

For Sale: Ten tons of crab-grass hay at \$1.00 per hundred, or \$18.00 per ton, in car lots.

P. B. Day,
Trenton, S. C.

White Plymouth Rocks, won first prize on pen and first on cockerels at last fair. Eggs \$1.50 per 13.

Harold Norris,
Edgefield, S. C.

For Sale: (28) twenty-eight grown sheep, also several lambs easily controlled, a bargain for quick buyer. Apply to

J. O. Atkinson,
Colliers, S. C.

Landreth's seed Irish potatoes in the following varieties: Irish Cobbler, Early Rose, Red Bliss and Peerless. Buy Landreth's seed and be satisfied.

W. E. Lynch & Co

For Sale: 200 bushels of long staple cotton seed, cross between "Blue Ribbon" and "Columbia," both long staple. 10 bu. lots 75c. \$1 per bushel for less.

Calhoun Seigler,
Plum Branch, S. C.

For Sale: Several hundred bushels improved Cook cotton seed. Ginned on my one gin system. \$1.00 per bushel, less, for larger quantities. Hite's Prolific cotton seed also for sale.

J. W. R. DeLaughter,
Modoc, S. C.

Prize Essay Work of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The Edgefield County Woman's Christian Temperance Union offers each year prizes for essays written on subjects pertaining to the injurious effects of alcohol and tobacco. The purpose of the organization is to agitate this subject in the most intelligent way, giving, through literature of the most approved findings of science, a real glimpse into the deadly effects of these evils. Several hundred essays were written this year by a large number of the schools throughout our county. Johnston school, Edgefield Graded School, Trenton High School, White Town School, Beaverdam, Brunson, Flat Rock, Red Oak Grove, Colliers, Pine Grove and others.

There were eighty essays written in the Johnston School, and a large number in the Edgefield Graded School, and White Town school reported a large number. A number of teachers expressed gratification at the result, and reported unusual enthusiasm among the students. Five dollars was offered for the best on the subject, "Why this agitation about Alcohol," and the same amount for younger pupils on the subject, "Is the cigarette smoker safe." Two dollars was offered for the second best on each subject, these prizes to be awarded on Monday night of the Tri-County Convention at Johnston. When the contest was inaugurated, letters of instruction and literature were sent to every teacher in Edgefield county, and they responded nobly to the effort, as the teachers of our county always do to anything which is for the good of the children.

Cotton Seed For Sale!

Prolific cotton seed for sale. Will grow two bales to acre on ordinary land with 200 pounds of guano. I made 24 bales on 12 acres last year. Seed ready for delivery at the store of the Edgefield Mercantile Company—price 50 cents per peck. The seed I planted cost \$1 per pound.

F. L. TIMMERMAN,
Pleasant Lane, S. C.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Absolutely Pure
Absolutely has no substitute

Many mixtures are offered as substitutes for Royal. No other baking powder is the same in composition or effectiveness, or so wholesome and economical, nor will make such fine food.

Royal is the only Baking Powder made from Royal Grape Cream of Tartar

PRIZE ESSAY.

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books on the stand. The family is well-clad and there every one is happy and joyous. In the second home scene the piano was sold yesterday by the sheriff. The wife's furs are at the pawn-broker's shop. The clock and jewelry have been sold to get four. Carpets are off the floor. The family is poorly dressed. The wife is hard at work sewing for everybody. The baby has an awful wound on her face made by an angry blow. There is a deep shadow of wretchedness in every room. We hear the door bell ring. The children hide and the daughter turns pale and looks sad and depressed. The poor wife holds her breath as she hears the blundering steps in the hall and we see the door open. In walks the fiend cursing and swearing as he enters. Must I tell it? Yes. This is the same home. Alcohol transformed it. Alcohol changed the Paradise into a Hell.

Then too we see a bright young man graduating at college with first honors. He is lauded by all. All of his friends and relatives are quite proud of him as he receives his diploma. A year later he lies in a pool room. The doctor comes and dresses his wounds. His hair is matted, his lips are bloody and out, and he will soon enter into perdition. Alcohol made him the changed man. Alcohol withered the garlands of commencement day! destroyed parental expectation, and dashed out his manhood.

Why! Do we ask why this agitation! when such incidents occur every day? However eminent a man's services may be, if he has any habits of intoxication, he is unfit to have a part in our United States government. Our laws can be no better than the men who make them. "This demon, alcohol has turned the earth into a place of skulls and has stood opening the gates to a lost world to let in its victims, until now the door swings no more upon its hinges, but day and night stands wide open to let in the agonized procession of doomed men."

Alcohol destroys more than a thousand times as many men as war does. Let us save the children of to-day from alcohol and we are saving the nation of the morrow. "It is not enough that we close saloons. It is not enough that we teach obedience to law. We must teach the childhood and manhood of this nation the value of abstinence and sober living." Alcohol is the most prolific cause of crime for it is a stimulant to vice because it is a narcotic to good motives. One man very nobly said if alcohol be moved from the slums that there would be no slums. Let all of us join to put out this evil. The states are beginning to cast it out. The issue must grow.

Let all of us try to put out the saloon and clear our nation of the demon of strong drink and make it safe and clean, so that men and women may live in it and be clothed in their right mind. Teach the boys that a pledge frees and not enslaves and that it not only means the writing of a name but often the righting of one's life. "Everything that tends to plunge the working-man into misery is encouraged by alcohol; everything that is working to bring him out of his wretchedness is discouraged by alcohol."

Alcohol retards the physical and mental development of children, leads quickly to fatigue, causes dullness, promotes disobedience, causes nervousness, endangers moral nature, weakens the resistance of the body, and prolongs the duration of

sickness. Listen to this mother's appeal and see that we have great need of agitation in our America.

Mother: "O, Mr. Saloonkeeper I beg you don't sell The drink to my boy that will send him to hell

Remember how dear to my heart he must be, And let him tonight return sober to me."

Saloonkeeper: "They licensed me, madam, to sell him the stuff, The fool ought to know when he's taken enough.

You can't expect me to refuse those who come.

Its my business to furnish to drinkers their rum."

Mother: "O, Mr. Saloonkeeper I beg you to think,

How much it may mean if you sell him the drink

His soul is in peril, don't wreck it again,

Don't make it another young life you have slain."

Saloonkeeper: "Go yonder, and talk to the men who have said

I may sell—to the voters who stand at the head, of the church where

You pray, don't be whining away in this place they have licensed—

Go yonder I say!

Mother: "O, Mr. Saloonkeeper, they say you may sell,

But whose is the sin, if you send him to hell?

He buys at your bar what will bring him to shame

For all that may follow, God holds you to blame."

Saloonkeeper: "No, madam, the sin is not mine at the first,

Nor for it shall I be the only man cursed,

The men who permit to sell are the ones

To settle with God if I ruin their sons."

Of all the questions raised by alcoholism none is more important or more serious for our generation than that of heredity. Alcohol is to-day the principal cause of deterioration in the white race. Alcohol thus becomes a direct cause of depopulation.

We see that alcohol gradually ruins the body mentally and physically, for a long time and at last damns the soul. Christ's word says "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." Therefore we should rise up and show interest in the agitation all over the world. Must I stop? No, one more sentence.

"Alcohol, alcohol, bane of life,

Source of tumult, grief, and strife,

Could I but half thy evils tell, The good would wish thee safe to hell."

Candidates' Cards

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Supervisor of Edgefield county, pledging myself to render faithful service and to abide the result of the primary election.

R. J. Moultrie,

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Supervisor of Registration, pledging myself to render faithful service and to abide by the result of the Democratic primary.

N. R. Bartley.

Closing out Bath-ropes with slipsers at \$2.95. Caps at 10c and 39c. Suspenders, some ties, mufflers. Silk handkerchiefs and other goods all at half price. Write G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

For Sale: 100 bushels of pure Toole cotton seed for planting.

J. L. Mirus.