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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Jefferson Davis' Birthday Celebrated. Miss Emmie Wright Entertains. Boy Scouts Going to Mountains.

Jefferson Davis' birthday was celebrated on Monday evening, June 3rd, by the D. of C., and children of the Confederacy, the occasion being held at the home of Mrs. M. T. Turner. The program for the evening was this:

Instrumental duet: Misses Frances and Bessie Ford Turner.

Reading: Miss Ruth Tompkins.

Vocal solo: Mrs. J. H. White.

Life of Davis: Miss Zena Payne.

Piano solo: Miss Mary Spann Harrison.

Reading: Miss Annie Holmes Harrison.

Smith's march, so popular during the 60's: Mrs. Andrews.

Dixie by D. of C.

A contest, in which the answers related to the life of Davis, occupied an hour for the members of the children's chapter, and Miss Bessie Ford Turner had the most correct paper, and received the prize, a Confederate flag, and Miss Lucea Epes, was presented with a miniature cannon.

Mr. J. Lester Webb, of Columbia, was here during last week.

Mr. Ernest Satcher, and little daughter Emeline, of Augusta, visited here on Sunday.

Mrs. Mike Crouch and children have been spending awhile at Saluda.

Mrs. Hattie Parrish and Master Edward, will leave soon to spend the summer in Virginia and North Carolina.

Mrs. Jennings, of Parksville, is the guest at the home of her grandson, Dr. J. A. Doherty. Mrs. Jennings is a remarkable woman; she is in her 81st year and moves about with activity, and states that she has not been ill in 30 years.

Miss Enla Satcher has gone to Florence to visit her sister, Mrs. Chas. Early.

Misses Rachael and Marguerite Simmons and Pope Norris Simmons have gone to Spartanburg to spend the summer with their aunt.

Miss Emma Wright entertained a large party of friends on Tuesday afternoon at the home of her brother Mr. John Wright, the event being complimentary to her visitors, Misses Lyl Parrish and Kate Meyer of St. George. Two calling hours were arranged for, and the first set were greeted at the entrance by Mesdames C. F. Pechman, Junius Wright and C. J. Wertz and they were served with refreshing fruit nectar by Mrs. W. A. Kirby and Miss Virginia Harrison. The guests were escorted to the parlor by Mrs. F. M. Boyd where stood the receiving line, and Miss Wright appeared unusually beautiful in a canary colored messaline, with an over dress of net embroidered in yellow, and she wore yellow roses. She is a recent graduate of the Columbia Female College, and this was her first appearance in a social way. In the dining room, an ice course with sweets was served, and Mrs. O. D. Black showed the visitors to the refreshment table.

When the young ladies came to call later on, Miss Mary Spann Harrison received them at the entrance, and Miss Zena Payne carried them into the parlor to greet the visitors. A contest of 10 minutes, in which the object was to make the greatest number of words out of the letters contained in "St. George," was had, and Miss Meyer was presented with a bottle of perfume by Mrs. C. F. Pechman, and Miss Ida Satcher was given a pennant of the St. George high school, showing where she could acquire a larger vocabulary. After partaking of refreshments, a few moments were again spent at the punch bowl, enjoying the nectar.

Mrs. Susie Mobley Latimer, who has been spending the winter in Ohio with her son, Rev. Leon Latimer, will arrive soon to visit relatives.

Misses Ruth and Grace Tompkins spent last week at the home of Mr. M. T. Turner.

The ice factory is in full operation, and the delivery wagon, with a top apparently covered with snow and icicles, is kept constantly going. The bakery, also has a rushing business, and rolls, doughnuts,

cakes and pies make a daily round.

The boy scouts are agitating their proposed march and camp at Caesar's Head. They will make the trip with their scout master Dr. W. S. Dorset, and have allowed 3 weeks for the trip—a week to march there, one week in camp, and the remaining time to return.

Mrs. Carl Long has gone to Waynesboro, Ga., to visit her parents, and was accompanied by Mrs. J. P. Bean, who will spend awhile there.

Dr. W. S. Dorset went over to Hephzibah, Ga., on Saturday and on Sunday morning preached the commencement sermon before the graduating class of the school.

Mr. David Simmons died at his home near town on Friday evening after an illness of several months. He was a Confederate veteran, and leaves a large family connection, besides a wife and five children.

Miss Angell Andrews has gone to Augusta to visit relatives.

Mrs. J. H. White gave a birthday dinner last Tuesday for her friend, Mrs. Nancy Lott, and invited the elderly ladies of the town to join with her in making the day a happy one.

Rev. P. E. Monroe spent last week in Fairfax with his brother, Prof. Monroe, who is ill there with typhoid fever. Prof. Monroe's home is in North Carolina, and during the past term, he has been principal of the high school at Fairfax. The commencement exercises had just closed, but he was taken ill, and was unable to leave for his home.

Some Experience With Cover Crops.

Much has been written about the value of cover crops as a means of increasing the fertility of the soil. Many attempts along this line have been made by farmers in various sections, some with partial success and more with attendant failure. Crimson clover has been recommended highly, and the majority who have tried it, have failed to secure a stand or get a satisfactory growth. Still the perseverance of the saints will win, and here and there comes accounts of success. Last week we took a trip up in Banks county, Georgia, to visit Mr. Elonzo Thompson, and to see his eleven acre cut of crimson clover. It was certainly a beautiful sight to behold such a fine rich growth, and so many thousands of crimson flowers. Mr. Thompson sowed this in his corn early last fall. He secured a perfect stand. On seven rows he used Farmogerm to inoculate the seed. You could see plainly its value by the greener and better growth made by this strip. On about 30 acres Mr. Thompson sowed three pecks rye and four pounds crimson clover and four pounds of hairy vetch seed per acre. We liked this plan fine and recommend it to all who desire to try the clover crop plan, until they get their soil thoroughly inoculated for the legumes. It was a sight to see the amount of stuff Mr. Thompson had to turn under and now when hay is selling at such a high price, it seemed a pity not to be able to save it, but the seasons have put him too far behind. It will pay him to turn it under, but could he have cut, baled and sold it all, it would have brought something like \$1,000. The cover crop idea is a good one. It is here to stay. The way to do is to get in line and to keep on working until you solve the problem satisfactorily for your own conditions. Mr. Thompson is going to put this land in corn again and will only need a little acid and kaint to make a fine yield.

We enjoyed our trip to Banks and were surprised to see the farmers so well advanced with their work. Everywhere they had fine stands of cotton and nearly all the land had been planted. Although the lands are rolling up in Banks, they are selling at prices ranging from \$40 to \$60 per acre, because the white farmers know how to do good work and good farming.—Southern Cultivator.

Truth Will Out.

Hub (with irritation)—"Why is it that you women insist upon having the last word?"

Wifey (calmly)—"We don't. The only reason we get it is because we always have a dozen arguments left when you stupid men are run out."

—Boston Transcript.

PARKSVILLE LETTER.

Applicants to Matrimonial Bureau. W. O. W. Decoration Day. Sad Death of Mrs. Morgan.

Yesterday was our regular preaching day, but was more, because agreeably to a custom of the order of the W. O. W., the first Sunday in June nearest the 6th, is set apart as decoration day, in which each Woodman is expected to lay, at least, a flower upon the grave of his fellow brethren. The pastor, Bro. Freeman, was requested to preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion which he did from the words: "This is my commandment, that ye love one another as I have loved you." John 15th chapter and 12th verse.

After Sunday school, the craft formed, decorated each of the four Woodmen's graves as follows: Sows, R. S. Blackwell, J. L. Stone, W. A. D. Blackwell, and L. F. Dorn, then marched into the church, occupying seats reserved for them. Each and every Woodmen gave the closest attention, as the zealous and consecrated man of God developed the theme of "Christ our pattern of love" in chaste and tender language, which must have appealed to the most callous.

For the last 2 or 3 days, the smoke from the chimneys of the residents of this town, here in the middle, or nearly so, of June, indicates a peculiar condition to those of us, who have been bred and born in the sunny south. We don't remember to have seen it exactly on this fashion before, though it is very probable that as cold weather in June has occurred often. It is a fact however, that the cold snap makes the little cotton leaf beetles, and some other insects, in a serious way on the effects of the "East wind on the liver" or some such subject, such weather makes our old codgers ill. If not in health, they become "snappish and snarly." No doubt many an unselfish housewife wishes it to turn warm—I mean the weather—for its effects upon dear husband's disposition.

A sad death occurred on last Friday afternoon in the person of Mrs. John Ed Morgan, whose husband is a son of Mr. Evan G. Morgan, Sr. Mrs. Morgan had been sick several years and during all this time, the tender devotion and solicitude of the young husband was beautiful. Mrs. Morgan was a remarkably smart woman, as her needle and fancy work at all our fairs abundantly demonstrate besides being an expert taxidermist and painter, but best of all she was an humble Christian, clinging to the cross of Christ even as she "passed through the valley of the shadow of death," and her "soul feared feared no evil."

She was quietly laid to rest in our Baptist cemetery Saturday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. B. H. Covington of the Methodist church, to await the resurrection. She leaves no children, and to her lonely young husband we offer our unfeigned sympathies.

We had the pleasure of a short visit to bustling Plum Branch on Saturday last and were shown through the new bank, being introduced to the cashier, Mr. Faulkner, who has the same name as that of our mother. His suavity, and cordiality would make us love him anyway, but we confess that we love him more on account of his name. The bank is in good condition and we predict great success for the institution under its present management.

Mr. Willie Self worshipped at Plum Branch yesterday. We promised Willie to write an article for your paper on bugs before long. Willie is down on bugs, especially hum bugs.

The next meeting of the union of the 3rd division meets at Plum Branch in this month. These good people are already picking out the fat pigs for the occasion to entertain the attendants. Anyone who has ever attended a union meeting at Plum Branch will want to go again.

Misses Mary and Mattie Middleton, of Meriwether, have been recent visitors to our town. These pretty girls would not own it, but we suspect they came up to join the matrimonial bureau of our town. This institution has done good

work if reports are true, an attractive feature being the famous "rabbit's foot." The legend has it, that this charm to be effective has to be captured out of a grave yard, at midnight by a red-headed, cross-eyed negro. They claim to have the genuine article that never fails. The present president will be married soon, and then such a scramble for the "rabbit's foot."

Mr. Frank Middleton visited Parksville Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Harvley and family of Modoc worshipped with us at the Baptist church yesterday.

Miss Martha Bell left Parksville yesterday for Augusta whether she has gone for a fortnight's stay with her sister, Mrs. Addie Bell Parks.

Mrs. J. C. Parks has returned from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. J. F. Edmunds of Abbeville. We hear that Mr. Edmunds is much better.

We are glad to say, that Mrs. J. H. Parks and Mrs. Ann Holmes, of Modoc, who sustained, each of them by a fall, severe bruises, are both better.

We are sorry to report Mrs. M. E. Walker of Modoc, and Mrs. Bab Morgan of Morgantown, quite sick, though not seriously.

Mr. Nick Chadwick of Modoc had the misfortune to get his hand badly cut robbing a bee tree.

Uncle Iv Morgan is on the sick list, having chills. Some folks thought Uncle Iv too old, but he shakes real well. We hope the worst is past.

Mr. J. C. Morgan and Miss Martha Dorn visited Mr. P. H. Bussey, Sr., on Saturday whom they report as being quite sick.

More Anon.

Plum Branch News.

"Rain, rain, go away, come again another day," expresses the wishes of Plum Branch people for these days. It is a relief to have the rain have had its effect on our town.

This is Friday, June 7th, and Miss Clifford Beckum's last day with her music class. In her efforts to rescue her slippers from the mud, her lunch box tumbled into the mud, and so her dinner was gone. "Farewell Plum Branch!" she says.

Alas for Plum Branch! For twelve or fifteen delegates to the rally meeting of the W. M. U. of the Cokesbury district of the Methodist conference have landed here in this mud. They will see the worst side of things in our town, and may think there is no other. Dr. Kilgo preached last night, and Dr. Lander is to deliver an address to-night. The members of the Methodist church have been making preparation for this meeting for some days. They have put a choir stand in the church, clipped the grass in the yard, and have improved the appearance of things generally.

But let it not be forgotten that the mud gets away in a few hours when the sun shines, and business goes right on. All the business houses seem to be doing well. The president tells me that the new bank is doing a thriving business.

Miss Lucile Starkey is home from Lander college.

Mr. J. W. Miller and son, Ellison, made a business trip to Edgefield on Wednesday.

Mr. James Blackwell has moved his family to McCormick, and Mr. Rush, who has been living for some months in the White Town section, is moving into the house Mr. Blackwell has vacated here. We welcome these good people to our town.

A Letter of Appreciation.

The editor of the Advertiser has just received a letter from Rev. George W. Bussey, the pastor of Red Oak Grove church, from which the following paragraph is taken:

"I want to thank you for giving so much space in your paper of this week to a report of our centennial at Red Oak Grove. It was very kind indeed that you gave so much space and said so many nice things about us. I appreciate it very much, however unworthy I may be of it. Now I want to ask another favor of you. I have children away from home who could not be there and who do not take The Advertiser, also an aunt in Kentucky who, when young used to attend the Grove church who would be delighted to have one of your papers. Please send a copy to the enclosed names."

TURN ON LIGHT.

"Citizen" Urges that Report of Finances be Published. Charges No Wrong Doing Whatever.

Mr. Editor: The municipal election is now history. There is gladness to some and disappointment to others. It is not the purpose of the scribe to comment upon any methods used in the recent election or to offer congratulations or condolence, nor is it the purpose to criticize the former council or to offer suggestions to the present council.

But let us look at conditions as they now exist. There is a considerable sum of money that passes through the hands of the council. Not a half dozen people in the whole town know how much is annually paid into the town treasury, neither do they know how it is expended. We all know the property tax has been paid. No one outside of the town authorities has any idea how much this property tax amounts to, nor have they any adequate conception of the amounts received from licenses, compound, dog tax, fines &c. How does any citizen know that anybody besides himself has paid his compound.

All the vouchers etc., are held by the clerk and can be examined by any citizen who desires. Without the shadow of a doubt the town funds have been judiciously handled. Would not question that fact for a moment, but in the light of justice let every citizen of the town know whence the funds came and whither they have gone. Every citizen of the town has a right to know these things. There is no way for the people to know unless they are informed by those who have these things in their hands. We are not only a citizen and not directly knowledge. Is a council meeting public or not? When are the regular meetings held and has the public any right to be present?

When are policemen elected and to whom are petitions for such positions to be presented? Turn on the Light.

Citizen.

Little Girl From Flat Rock Sends Good Letter.

Dear Mr. Mims: With real pleasure I endeavor to send a few words to your paper this week from our quiet, yet interesting neighborhood.

Recently some visitors remarked they would like to live in our town because the people seem to live in unity, working for the interest of neighbors as well as themselves. That sounds broad to me. Yesterday was a good day for our Sunday School and Woman's Mission Society.

In the absence of our Bible class teacher, Mr. P. H. Bussey, Mr. Luther Timmerman was at his best and gave the class an interesting talk on the lesson.

The Mission Society was conducted by our beloved friend Mrs. Eva Wates Bussey who manifested much interest in the mountain school work.

Last week there were several visitors in our "town." Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Bussey at Mrs. P. H. Bussey's and Misses M. J. Horne of Augusta Ga., and sweet and lovable Mattie Shaw of Sweet Water at Mrs. Mattie Kenrick's. Miss Mattie, because your stay was short, a certain fellow says he wished you had not come. All right for North Augusta eh!

Mr. J. C. Morgan of Parksville, accompanied by his niece, Miss Martha Dorn, were among the visitors last week also.

Rev. P. H. Bussey Jr., left Friday on a visit to Darlington, S. C.

We regret to state that Mrs. G. L. Timmerman, Mr. P. H. Bussey, and Mr. John Agner are indisposed at this writing, though all are convalescing.

Doubtless in the memory of the school children will ever live a pleasant spot for your kindness and your patience with them.

Yes indeed all Flat Rock school loves you and every spelling Bee, or any specially arranged exercises we had we felt like we would like to have Mrs. Mims to come, but of course we considered your situation

and along with bad roads would not write you. We also enjoyed the appreciation and encouragement of fond parents and interested friends extended, for the space given us in your paper. Now later on you will hear something from our Sunbeam Band.

With hearty good wishes to all the school correspondents, and you and your staff for a pleasant summer.

Modoc, S. C.

Pupil.

Plan Campaign Dates For The Candidates.

The itinerary for the state campaign was prepared Tuesday by a sub-committee of the State Democratic executive committee. The first meeting will be held in Sumter on June 18, and the campaign will be brought to a close in Greenville on August 22. There will be a recess of one week beginning on July 26. The members of the committee preparing the itinerary were John Gary Evans, state chairman, of Spartanburg, and Richard I. Manning, of Sumter, and W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw.

The primary election will be held on August 28. All pledges must be filed by the candidates for all offices by June 17.

The following itinerary has been prepared by the committee:

Sumter, Tuesday, June 18.

Bishopville, Wednesday, June 19.

Darlington, Thursday, June 20.

Bennettsville, Friday, June 21.

Chesterfield, Saturday, June 22.

Florence, Tuesday, June 25.

Dillon, Wednesday, June 26.

Marion, Thursday, June 27.

Conway, Friday, June 28.

Georgetown, Saturday, June 29.

Kingstree, Tuesday, July 2.

Manning, Wednesday, July 3.

Moncks Corner, Thursday, July 4.

Charleston, Friday, July 5.

Waterboro, Saturday, July 6.

Hampton, Sunday, July 7.

Barnwell, Friday, July 12.

Bamberg, Saturday, July 13.

St. George, Tuesday, July 16.

Orangeburg, Wednesday, July 17.

St. Matthews, Thursday, July 18.

Columbia, Friday, July 19.

Chester, Saturday, July 20.

Winnsboro, Monday, July 22.

Lexington, Tuesday, July 23.

Saluda, Wednesday, July 24.

Edgefield, Thursday, July 25.

Aiken, Friday, July 26.

One week off.

Camden, Monday, August 5.

Lancaster, Tuesday, August 6.

Yorkville, Wednesday, August 7.

Gaffney, Thursday, August 8.

Spartanburg, Friday, August 9.

Union, Saturday, August 10.

Newberry, Tuesday, August 13.

Laurens, Wednesday, August 14.

Greenwood, Thursday, August 15.

Abbeville, Friday, August 16.

Anderson, Saturday, August 17.

Walhalla, Tuesday, August 20.

Pickens, Wednesday, August 21.

Greenville, Thursday, August 22.

Land of the Sky.

Picturing the grandeur of the "Land of the Sky" region in a most elaborately illustrated booklet, the Southern railway is this season advertising to the world the fact that, aside from her agricultural pre-eminence, the South lays proud claim to a resort section more beautiful in scenery and healthful in climate than any in all America.

The views in the booklet are true to life and many of them are in colors. The high mountains, the broad fertile valleys, trout streams, water falls, fountains, farm houses, balsam forests, riding parties, hotels, handsome dwellings and other attractions are all arranged in a most entrancing manner, and together with a graphic story furnish a complete and representative idea of the beauties and advantages of this famous region.

In Asheville and other resort points of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee preparations are being made to care for the largest summer crowds on the record, and the Southern railway has arranged to provide new and improved service in anticipation of increased travel in this direction.

\$25.00 up Suits made to order of fine woollens, made with snap and style to please you. F. G. Mertins, Augusta, Ga.