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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Store Burned, Death of Mrs. Geo. Pearce, New Century Club Honored, County Home Remembered.

On Saturday night about 12 o'clock, the fire alarm was sounded, and it was found that the store of W. R. Sandifer was on fire. This is situated near the center of a block, with the handsome store of V. E. Edwards on one side, and the grocery store of J. W. Eidson on the other. At first it was thought that the whole block was doomed, but there was comparatively no breeze stirring, and with good work on the part of all, the fire was confined to the one store, all of the buildings being brick. The contents of the adjoining stores were removed, with some damage. The building was the property of W. B. Ouzts.

Mrs. James White went to Spartanburg on Monday to attend the annual musical festival.

Mrs. W. D. Holland, of Trenton has been visiting her aunt Mrs. G. G. Waters.

Information reached here Sunday of the death of Mrs. Geo. Pearce, which had occurred at her home at Ninety Six. For the past two years she has suffered from pellagra, and during the last few months has been in a critical state. Before her marriage, she was Miss Birdie Reams, this being her home town. She leaves 4 sisters, Mesdames L. B. Asbell, Beulah McElhenny, James Dunbar and William Dunbar, and one brother, Mr. Jeff Reams. Besides the husband are several small children. Mrs. Pearce was a member of the Methodist church, and a sweet Christian character.

The Rev. Mr. Williams will preach on Sunday morning and evening in the Baptist church.

The junior Y. W. A., of the Baptist church, did a very happy deed on Saturday afternoon, the inmates of the county home being the object of their kindness. Some time ago their secretary wrote Mr. Seury, the steward, to find out just what special gift each one might desire. It was well worth the trouble to see the delight depicted on each countenance, as their wants were materialized. They did not ask for large gifts, and each request was so characteristic of the individual.

An honor has come to the New Century Club, of which they are justly proud. Of the 98 clubs in the state, this club has the distinction of most successfully carrying out the idea in reciprocity, the program for that day being an ideal one as viewed by the state committee of literature and reciprocity. At the State Federation, May 7-9, at Florence, a special time has been set apart during the convention, for the delegation from Johnston to give a report of what they did and how, with the view of creating interest and enthusiasm. The club here is composed of 20 members, with two meetings monthly, each of these meetings being very interesting, Shakespeare being the study for the year. The members are Mesdames F. M. Boyd, B. L. Allen, J. A. Dzier, J. A. Dobey, Hilliary Grant, W. A. Kirby, P. N. Lott, W. A. Mobley, J. W. Marsh, William F. Scott, James Strother, W. T. Toney, James White and Misses Angelle Andrews, Clara and Gladys Sawyer, Zena Payne, Jessie Rushton, Malbina Waters and Ruby Strother.

Mr. Oсад Walsh of Sumter made a short visit here during the past week.

Mr. E. D. Holland and Mr. James Holland, of Glendale, Ga., were here during last week the guest of the former's sister, Mrs. Virginia Watson. For a number of years Johnston was their home town, and their presence here was a genuine pleasure to many friends. Upon their return, they were accompanied by Mrs. Watson and Miss Mary Watson, the journeys being made in Mr. Holland's handsome "Keo" car.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Covington have returned to Atlanta, after a visit to the latter's sister, Mrs. B. L. Allen.

Miss Nora Herlong, of Batesburg has been visiting Miss Myrtis Smith.

Miss Elise Crouch entertained with an elaborate dining on Wed-

nesday, complimentary to her friend, Mrs. Bartow Walsh.

Mrs. Clifton Mitchell, of Batesburg, has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Strother.

Dr. John G. Edwards of Edgefield was here during the past week. Mr. Leroy Wertz, of Belton, and Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Goodwyn, of Greenwood, were guests at the home of their father, Mr. O. S. Wertz, recently.

Misses Cartledge and Nina Ouzts spent Thursday in Augusta.

Mrs. James White was guest of friends in Aiken during the reception, and attended the reception given the veterans.

Miss Clara Sawyer was hostess for the New Century Club on Tuesday afternoon, and this meeting proved a very entertaining one with "Julius Caesar" for the study. Mrs. James Strother was leader and several points were brought forth with discussions. During the social hour, the hostess served frozen strawberries with a variety of cake.

Among the veterans from here to attend the re-union in Aiken were Maj. F. M. Warren, Judge J. G. Mobley, Messrs. James Turner, M. W. Clark, O. S. Wertz, J. W. Sawyer, W. T. Walton and a number of others living near by town.

Mesdames M. T. Turner, Chas. F. Pechman, Misses Zena Payne, Frances and Bessie Ford Turner, and J. Howard Payne made a car trip to Augusta during the week.

Mrs. William F. Scott left on Monday for Greenwood, to be present at the marriage of her sister, Miss Teresa Haltiwanger, which is of an early date. Following the wedding she will spend a few weeks with her parents, and at the close of the school here, Prof. Scott will join her, and they will summer in the mountains where they own a cottage.

Why McAdoo is Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Wm. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, is evidently a bad man. He does not believe in young people having things too easy and comfortable. He believes that work develops character. A recent publication quotes from a speech made by him several years ago, in which he said:

"I was brought up in Georgia in the path of General Sherman's famous march to the sea. As Henry Grady once remarked, 'General Sherman was a bit careless with fire,' and for this reason among other things he never has been a popular man in Georgia. For myself, however, I feel that I owe General Sherman a debt of gratitude. He produced conditions and an environment which made it necessary for the individual to develop every resource and every power with which nature had endowed him, in order to exist. I believe that character is produced and developed to the highest degree by hardships, suffering and poverty. I have never doubted that whatever of character or capacity I have developed has been in a large measure due to the surroundings and conditions which General Sherman forced upon the people of my section during the great war.

Mr. McAdoo in his own life has proven the truth of the views expressed. Going to New York some years ago as an unknown man, at least unknown to that city, he made a success of the banking business; then he turned his attention to the construction of the Hudson tunnel, after English and American engineers and promoters had failed, induced New York bankers to provide about \$75,000,000 for carrying out his broad plans, and raised nearly as much more at another time in bidding on subway work for the city. Mr. McAdoo takes the ground that whatever character and capacity he has developed are in a large measure due to the conditions which in the South just after the war made it necessary in his case, as in that of all others, to follow the old saying, 'root hog, or die.' There is much disposition in these days to train young people to think that ease in life, a soft job and short hours are the essential things to look for. The men who are going to do a work that will match McAdoo's are not the boys who are looking for easy jobs and short hours.—Manufacturers Record.

Cards From Jerusalem.

Cards from Mr. and Mrs. Laks have been received by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Padgett, and other friends in Edgefield, mailed from Jerusalem on which were photographed scenes from the river Jordan. Mrs. Padgett's card was purchased in Jericho, and had this romantic announcement inscribed upon it: "I dipped a corner of this card in the river Jordan." The cards were dated March 30. Mr. and Mrs. John Lake left on March 31, the next day, for China via the Trans-Liberian Railway, expecting to reach Canton, China on the 19th of April.

An Edgefield Boy Won Great Honor and Distinction.

The annual South Carolina inter-collegiate oratorical contest was held in the auditorium of Winthrop college Friday. Nine institutions were represented in the contest, each one by the best talent in its student body. For the first time in a number of years the South Carolina University won, its representative being Mr. Marion A. Wright, of Trenton, a brother of Mrs. W. D. Holland, and a son of the late P. L. Wright, of Johnston. Mr. Wright is a very brilliant young man. He has been a hard student from early boyhood and since entering the university he has made a splendid record. We have watched his career with more than usual interest and confidently expect to see him take high rank in whatever he chooses for his life work. The correspondent of the News and Courier at Rock Hill had the following to say of Mr. Wright's oration in reporting the contest of Friday night:

Marion A. Wright, who represented the University of South Carolina, has lived at Trenton, S. C., for the past eleven years, before which time he lived in Johnston. He entered the University in 1910 after finishing at the Trenton High School. He is a member of the Junior class and of the Euphradian Society.

"Since his entrance into college Mr. Wright has affiliated himself actively with literary interests, having served as editor-in-chief of The Gamecock, the University weekly, and as assistant editor of The Carolinian, the monthly magazine. He has been connected in a reportorial capacity with the Columbia Record and the News and Courier. Mr. Wright was a member of the Carolina debating team which met Davidson college at Rock Hill some months since.

"'America and Peace' was the subject of the oration by Mr. Wright. It set forth in concise form some of the reasons which make this nation peculiarly fitted for leading the peace movement of the world. America's isolated position, her vast extent, peculiar facts of her history and the varied character of her citizenship were cited by Mr. Wright as placing the United States under the moral responsibility to take the lead in the cause of peaceful settlement of international disputes. 'The most effective step' said Mr. Wright, 'and the only one about which there can be no question as to its sincerity, is to declare for disarmament.

"The cost of war, the expense of preparation for it and the terribleness of human life were pointed out in showing that war under modern conditions means the wrecking of governments. 'We of the South to-day,' said the speaker, 'are suffering and will continue to suffer as a result of the War Between the Sections, and we have no right to impose such a burden upon posterity.'

"But if wars settle moral issues," said Mr. Wright, "if the rule of might acted with wisdom and justice as the arbiter of international affairs, then there might be reason for war. But in ages past avarice and greed have often been the cause of war than has a deeply rooted conviction of the justice of it all.

"America has taken the lead in settling a number of international disputes. She is known among the nations as a nation of peace. She should show to the world that she deserves the characterization and will practice in all sincerity the doctrine which she has so proudly upheld."

We Need More Bermuda

Last summer I was riding with a friend over his farm, and we passed the corn field. He said: "There is a patch of Bermuda, and we have trouble with it every year, for it grows after the corn is laid-by." We rode on, and I watched the corn and said: "I notice that the best corn you have is right where that Bermuda patch is." And I have seen this time and again. Of course, it is a bother in the cultivation of the crop, but the man who practices a good rotation of crops and grows plenty of legumes will seldom find the Bermuda a pest. Sow peas among the corn and the Bermuda will have little chance in the dense shade and will soon be shaded out. The great lack of all the South, as the Editor has said in reply to Mr. Avery, is the fear of grass and the effort to avoid a sod. All over the South the notion prevails that the land must be kept continually in cultivated crops, and there is nothing better on a Southern farm than a pasture of Bermuda grass.

On sandy soil it is easily destroyed, for I have done it in one season. I had a dense sod of Bermuda on the old Contra Camp at Fort Monroe, Virginia, which I broke for the first time after the war. I ran a big plow under it about three inches deep and turned it over in great flakes. An ordinary horse hay-rake was then used and the masses of grass gathered up and hauled off to the salt marsh nearby. Then a spring-tooth harrow was used and more gotten out. Then the land was sown thickly to peas. It would take a pretty close examination the next season to find any Bermuda, and I used the land for truck crops and had no grass to contend with.

If one-half the effort that is made all over the South to kill the grass was devoted to growing it, the Southern farmers would be far more prosperous, and would not allow the gullies to form, and would be making bigger crops per acre of their money crop. We should not allow gullies to form, and if the plowing was always of the best and a sod always on the land to turn for a hoed crop, there would be no gullies, if the cultivation is level, but if there are gullies some one else has let form, there is nothing better than Bermuda to stop them.—Prof. Massey in Progressive Farmer.

Pleasant Lane News.

Miss Pauline Byrd has returned home from Laurens, where she taught school the past session.

Mr. W. Frank West of Augusta, Ga., was up to see his mother, Mrs. G. H. West Sunday.

Messrs. Harry Strom and Julian Williams spent Sunday and Monday at home, returning to the S. C. C. I. Tuesday.

Quite a number of people from Greenwood came down in their cars Sunday afternoon to see the new steel bridge over Turkey creek at the Reynolds ford. Among them were Mr. J. C. Self and Miss Lara Mathews, Dr. Pratt Henderson and Miss Ruth Etheridge, Mr. Jack Abney and Miss Susie Mathews.

Several of the Confederate Veterans attended the re-union at Aiken this week.

Miss Ruth Etheridge will leave soon for Phoenix, S. C. where she will visit her friend Miss Maxie Stallworth, and will stay for the play that will be given May 16th by the Phoenix local talent.

Dr. R. Pratt Henderson of Phoenix S. C. was a visitor in Pleasant Lane Sunday.

Misses Ruby Watson, Sallie May Nicholson and Ruth Etheridge were the guests of Miss Ida Timmerman Wednesday afternoon. The afternoon was very pleasantly spent playing tennis.

Mrs. Phoebe Timmerman spent several days last week in Edgefield with Messrs. J. R. and J. P. Timmerman.

Miss Ollie Byrd from Edgefield spent Sunday at home.

Mr. F. P. Walker, Sr., spent last week with his daughter Mrs. F. L. Byrd.

"Bert is a awful flatterer, said Clara. Have you noticed it dear?" "Why, no, replied Dora. Did he say that you were pretty?" "No, dear, responded Clara; but he said you were."

Solicitor Timmerman Anxious to Hear Decision in Grant Hearing.

Washington, April 27.—Special: Solicitor George B. Timmerman, of the 11th judicial circuit of South Carolina, is in the city awaiting news from the Federal District Court at Philadelphia, before which he appeared several days ago to represent the State in anti-extradition proceedings conducted by counsel for Joe Grant, the recently apprehended negro who is wanted in South Carolina on the charge of having killed J. T. Durst, a white citizen of Edgefield County, at Johnston in 1906. The Judge at Philadelphia reserved his decision, and when it is announced, appeal is likely to be noted by one side or the other. Grant's counsel is of his own color.

Solicitor Timmerman made his first trip to Pennsylvania about the 1st of this month, going in that case to Harrisburg to appear before Governor Tenner, who granted requisition papers. Counsel for Grant then appealed to the State Court of Quarter Sessions for a writ of habeas corpus, which was denied and application to the State Superior Court also failed.

Now the negro's lawyers have turned to the Federal Courts in the hope of faring better than they have at the hands of the State tribunals. They have done all in their power to create an impression that if Grant is sent back to South Carolina he will be burned at the stake. Solicitor Timmerman has retorted that this is a good deal less likely in South Carolina than it would be at Cotesville, Pennsylvania, where such a lynching did occur a few years ago; and he cites his own record of never having had a lynching in his circuit though he has had a number of cases just as bad as Grant's to handle.

Sunday School Worker Coming.

Miss Grace W. Vandiver of Spartanburg, the general secretary of the Inter-denominational Sunday School Association of South Carolina, will visit Edgefield Sunday, May 11. Special meetings will be arranged for that day. Later in the week Miss Vandiver will attend the Edgefield County Inter-denominational Sunday School convention which will be held at Clark's Hill.

Another Attractive Feature For Memorial Day.

In order to show their appreciation for financial assistance which the people of Edgefield have given them in equipping their band, the members of the Colliers band have volunteered their services to the Daughters of the Confederacy on Memorial Day. Their very kind offer was accepted by Mrs. J. D. Holstein, the president of the chapter. The members of the band, like the veterans of the county, will be guests of the "Daughters" at dinner on that day. The people are delighted that the young men of Colliers are coming. A hearty welcome awaits them. We are confident that the occasion will inspire them to play "Dixie" and other southern airs as they have never played them before. Music by the Colliers band will be a feature of Memorial Day which we have never enjoyed before. The Advertiser expects to buy, beg or borrow a phonograph and "can" some of the Colliers band selections to be reproduced afterwards. Happy thought indeed that of coming to participate in the memorial exercises. Edgefield appreciates the very gracious offer.

S. C. C. I. Commencement Program.

Thursday, May 15, annual concert 8:45 p. m.

Friday, May 16, entertainment by school of education.

Saturday night, May 17, celebration of the literary societies, and contest for medals.

Sunday, May 18, 11 a. m., commencement sermon by Dr. D. M. Ramsey, of Greenville.

Sunday night, Baptist church, address to Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A.'s by Dr. Ramsey.

Monday, May 19, 11 a. m., Alumni-Alumnae association meeting, address by Haddon Johnson, of Aiken, class of 1911.

Monday night, 8:45, graduation exercises, literary address Hon. B. E. Nicholson and delivery of diplomas by Hon. J. C. Sheppard.

S. C. C. I. News.

On Thursday morning Rev. J. R. Walker, of the Methodist Church, spoke at the chapel exercises. He gave us a very good talk from 2nd Timothy.

Last Monday week the college girls went to the morning train to see Rev. and Mrs. E. T. Snuggs start on their return to their work in South China. Each girl received a personal word and handshake before the train pulled out bearing them away to their far distant home in Canton. Rev. and Mrs. Snuggs go away with the name of Edgefield always in their mind and we are sure that they hold the town and county and State in sweetest remembrance. Their three children went with them as far as Columbia where they parted.

Captain R. B. Cain returned Saturday morning after several week's rest in his home at Sumter S. C. He seems real well again and ready to take up the tasks that are his.

The Commencement invitations are being ordered and can be secured from Cadet Burris at 20c a piece. This year they promise to be very attractive and substantial.

Cadet Private Milton Meyer returned Monday night from a visit to his family in Aiken. Cadet Atkinson is still at home.

All the contestants for the class medals are practising hard to be ready for the preliminaries the end of this week. Only two for each class will be allowed to contest at the Commencement exercises.

The MS for the last issue of the CO-ED left the school Monday night and the magazine promises to be out by the 15th of May. All of the contributors and the editors have worked hard at producing a first-class, good issue of their last college magazine.

Rev. J. R. Walker made a splendid talk at a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. Sunday night. It was presided over by James B. Huggins. Mr. Walker's text was "Great Men in the Midst of Difficulties" and he presented vividly the history of Moses, Christ, Paul and Robert E. Lee as illustrations.

The Junior Musical Recital was postponed from Monday to Tuesday afternoon on account of two things: the cool weather and the non-arrival of the piano tuner on Monday. There will be more in next week's paper about the Recital.

No Fidelity Literary Society meeting was held Monday afternoon.

As Captain Curry, the presiding officer of the Pierian Literary Society, was absent Monday, the New Boy's Improvement Contest debate was not held. The result of his contest will determine to a large degree who shall be given the Improvement Medal offered annually by the Society to the new boy who has improved most in Society work.

Monday night the "unexpected" happened when the judges gave the result of the drill in the Manual of Arms. Cadet Private Odom won the New Boy's medal and Cadet Sergt. Patrick W. was presented with the Old Boy's medal. The whole battalion was surprised as two or three boys who had always won the medals were called off the rostrum and boys who had not always made the stage were left. Company A had the honor of capturing both medals for the victors were of that company.

Captain Curry returned Monday night from a pleasant trip that he had taken for business.

H. H. S.

Pains in the Stomach.

If you continually complain of pains in the stomach, your liver or kidneys are out of order. Neglect may lead to dropsy, kidney trouble, diabetes or Bright's disease. Thousands recommend Electric Bitters as the very best stomach and kidney medicine made. H. T. Alston, of Raleigh, N. C., who suffered with pain in the stomach and back, writes: "My kidneys were deranged and my liver did not work right. I suffered much, but Electric Bitters was recommended and I improved from first dose. I now feel like a new man." It will improve you, too. Only 50c and \$1.00 Recommended by Penn & Holstein, W. E. Lynch & Co.