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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

Wednesday, June 25.

Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.—GEORGE ELIOT.

Business Men to Organize.

The Advertiser is pleased to learn that the business men of the town are planning to organize along the line suggested in our editorial of two weeks ago. A mass meeting is called for Thursday afternoon of this week in the court house at four o'clock for the purpose of organizing a Board of Trade or Chamber of Commerce. This is a very important meeting. Other neighboring towns have organized and are reaping good results from their organizations. If Edgefield is ever to take on new life, secure better railroad facilities and establish many needed small enterprises, we must begin by first effecting an organization through which united efforts can be put forth. The editor of The Advertiser will be absent Thursday afternoon, therefore unable to attend the mass meeting, but we pledge our loyal support and co-operation.

Has Helped Edgefield.

Without any flourish of trumpets or making much ado over what it has achieved, the Edgefield Building and Loan Association has gone quietly forward with its work of contributing to the material wealth of Edgefield by adding scores of residences and several commercial buildings to the taxable property of the town. This much has been accomplished by the officers of the association without any great amount of effort, all of them being busy men who have their time largely occupied with other business. If others would join with this handful of business men in inducing citizens who have idle capital to take stock in the association, thus giving it more money to operate upon, it would not be long before dozens of persons who are now renting homes would occupy homes of their own. The Advertiser heartily favors whatever will contribute to the material wealth of Edgefield, therefore we heartily commend the work of the local building and loan association.

Agriculture in the Public Schools.

For some time there has been a growing sentiment in favor of teaching agriculture in the public school. In some states this is being done already. We feel confident that no department can be established or be added to the present course that will prove more helpful than a course in farming. Think of what a very small per cent. of men who engage in agriculture ever attend an agricultural college. Of course, it does not follow that those who attend agricultural colleges make a success of farming; but, all things else being equal, the young man who is given technical knowledge and scientific instruction in a college will make a greater success upon the farm than one who is no better equipped than were his forefathers.

Teach a boy the value of properly selecting seed for planting, the necessity of having soil well supplied with vegetable matter, the importance of preparing the land so it will retain a maximum amount of moisture, the reasons for using different kinds of commercial fertilizers upon different soils and under different crops, the importance of systematic rotation, together with scores of other things, and it will not be many years before the rural districts will make great strides forward.

One of the most helpful things that the Clemson college authorities ever did was the providing of a one-year agricultural course. While this will be of inestimable benefit to scores and hundreds of young men, yet there are teeming thousands who can not even avail themselves of this limited course. The Advertiser stands for instruction in agriculture in the public schools. Of course, the benefit to be derived will depend largely upon the kind of instruction books used and upon the capabilities of the instructors.

What Others Say

Easy to Find Fault.

It requires no great effort to pose as a fault finder. The most cross-grained person can take the lead in that business.—Spartanburg Journal.

He is Generally Right.

William Jennings Bryan says that even if he were a drinking man he would never let a child see him take a drink. Mr. Bryan is right.—Beaufort Gazette.

Why It Pays to Fondle Stock.

The farmer who goes out of his way a few steps to pet or fondle his stock never has to step out of his way to keep any of them from striking, kicking or biting him.—Farm and Fireside.

The Three Days of Grace.

One of the features of the new currency measure will be elastic notes, but this does not mean that the time honored three days of grace can hereafter be stretched indefinitely.—Greenwood Journal.

A Popular Theme.

There's one good thing about the hobble skirt; a woman can't ride astride with one of them on.—Newberry Observer.

There is nothing the matter with the split skirt. If cut high enough a woman can ride astride a 1500 pound horse.—Spartanburg Journal.

Wants Good Name Cleaned.

Doc Cook of "fake" Polar fame, said in Atlanta the other day that he has the polar fever again and is "itching" to go exploring some more, but he could not do so until his polar controversy with Peary is settled, as he owed the clearing of his good name to himself and family. This means that the "Doc" will remain permanently with us unless he is ridden out of the country on a rail.—Columbia Record.

Thoughtless Youth.

What is to be done with our thoughtless youths when their thoughtlessness gets them into court? Punish them? Sling a blot into their faces for life because they erred once or twice? We are all human. All of us have human passions which are often weaknesses. All of us have the criminal and the evil within us. Some of us have abandoned it because of our environment and have developed the good side of life. Can't South Carolina afford to spend a few dollars for a juvenile court to correct youthful breakers of the law? We spend much on the development of pigs.—Spartanburg Journal.

Smile Provokers

Father—"You have no sense; I'm going to out you off with a million."
The Son—"If you do I'll disgrace the family by riding around in a second-hand auto."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Daughter and her beau must have had a terrible quarrel!"
"Why so, ma?"

"Five pounds of candy, a bunch of roses, and two matinee tickets have just arrived."—Judge.

Tramp—"Yes'm, I wunst had a good job managin' a hand laundry, but it failed on me."
Lady—"Poor man! How did it happen to fail?"

Tramp—"She left an' went home to her folks."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The magistrate: "You say that one of these men held you and the other divested you of your money?"
The complaining witness: "It wasn't quite like that, your honor. They didn't divest me. They got it out of my pants. They didn't have time to go through my vest."

Office Boy—"There are two men out there, sir, who want to see you; one of them is a poet and the other a deaf man."
Editor—"Well, go out and tell the poet that the deaf man is the editor, and let them fight it out between them."

Yessir, said the big man, "I'm opposed to the election of the United State Senators by popular vote."
"My, I'm surprised to hear you say that," said the little man. What are your reasons?"

"I manufacture dictographs," replied the big man.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

At Hazelden Farm, his beautiful country home in Indiana, George Ade, that genial cynic, was talking to a young man who had fallen in love.

"You think, then, he said that a wife is absolutely essential to your happiness?"

"Absolutely essential, the young man answered, with a sigh."

"My poor boy, said, the humorist, nothing but marriage, then, can dispel this illusion."

Interesting Letter From Rev. J. R. Walker.

Between Quebec and Father Point, Canada, Saturday night, June 14, 1913.

Dear friends, Care The Advertiser.

Tonight at Father Point is our last chance to mail anything until we reach Glasgow, Scotland, Monday, June 23.

I will attempt only a short letter to our many friends tonight, though we have enjoyed our trip thus far enough to write a long one.

In Philadelphia last Sunday we attended two children's day services, second Sunday in June being children's day in northern Methodist church. One of these services was a great open air meeting.

The trip from Philadelphia to Niagara Falls on the Lehigh Valley railroad is through a beautiful country. The railroad follows the Lehigh river for nearly 200 miles, then 35 miles along lake Seneca. This lake with the gently rising green fields beyond makes a fine view.

Just as I am writing this a Nebraskan is playing Dixie. Nearly all our people on this tour are from Canada and our own north and west, but you ought to hear them applaud Dixie. In this parenthesis I might add that five people from Florida and Mrs. Walker and I are the only southern people on this tour. There are others going to Zurich on other tours. In our getting acquainted meeting tonight, when I stated that I was from away down in Dixie, I was applauded. We have a splendid set of people from many places.

To go back, Niagara Falls is beyond description. It is worth a 1,000 mile trip to see. From Niagara we crossed the western end of lake Ontario to Toronto, Ontario, "The city of churches." There are about 40 Methodist and 40 Presbyterian churches in Toronto. The Methodists lead in Toronto, but the Presbyterians in all Canada, with the Methodists close second. The Presbyterian of Canada were holding a great congress with 4,000 or 5,000 members.

Mail is now closing.

Hastily,
J. R. Walker.

Report of Historian Edgefield U. D. C.

In making this my report of the work done by me during the year, I wish first to thank you most heartily for again honoring me with your confidence, in that you have re-elected me to the position which I have held with so much pleasure and I trust some profit to us both.

In March 1912 I was asked by our president to assist her with the duties of historian, as the regular historian, Mrs. Susan B. Hill, was presiding over our meetings during the enforced absence of our president. I had before this time offered my services to Mrs. Holstein, being willing to help her in any way possible. So I took up the work of acting historian.

In that position I commenced the task of preparing for our chapter as near a complete history of the work done by our chapter since its organization, the papers read, the celebrations held, together with the entire roll of men sent from our county to the war between the states, with the casualties attending as I possibly could. I also attempted to get a sketch, however short, of each man represented by a Daughter in our chapter. In this latter endeavor I have not been entirely successful, as the ladies have, in many instances failed to respond to my insistencies.

In June of 1912 I was elected your historian, since which time I have striven faithfully to perform the duties devolving upon the office, continuing the history upon which I had been engaged as acting historian.

I had hoped to be able to compete for the banner offered by Mrs. L. H. Rainees of Savannah, in 1912, for the greatest amount of history prepared by a division or chapter, but alone I could not do it. Our division did not compete.

This year it has been my object to send in our history to our division historian, for preservation among the U. D. C. archives in Columbia, in time for her report to the historian general. After some correspondence with her it appears that it would be the proper thing for our history to be presented to the division during its convention in Edgefield, as it would there be taken as a pretty compliment from the hostess chapter. Miss Washington, our division historian, suggests that we mention the matter to Mrs. Graham, our division president, and request that time be given for the presentation; although she also suggests it would be better to keep our records in our own chapter, not realizing that we would present only a copy of our records, retaining the originals in our secre-

tary's hands. I have copied nearly half of our history into books suitable for preservation, and for the purpose of handing them. The rest will be furnished in time.

I have sent to our division historian original articles prepared by Mrs. Holstein, Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. W. L. Dunavant, Mrs. B. E. Nicholson and your historian. I have also furnished by special request from Miss Rutherford, our historian general, three articles for the history which she is preparing and which will be published by the general U. D. C. These articles were, "The Edgefield Signers of the Ordinance of Secession", "Wayside Hospitals and Relief Associations" and the "Flags and Seals of South Carolina." The latter paper was sent, first, to our division historian for her criticism before being sent to Miss Rutherford.

Miss Washington complimented the Edgefield chapter very highly upon the class of work which it was doing, and spoke well of the paper on the "Flags and Seals" offering to have it typewritten for me, which she did, sending me two copies, one of which I sent to Miss Rutherford, and one to Mrs. Holstein.

In December I was honored by being sent by you as a delegate to the State convention in Charleston, where I did all I could to serve your interests, making the report from our chapter before the convention, and bringing to you a full report of its proceedings on my return.

For the last three months I have been away from Edgefield, but my labors have not flagged. I have kept in touch with our president and have been able to assist with the monthly programs. I appreciate more than I can tell you the support you have given me and in accepting the office for another year I pledge you the faithful performance of its every duty. I wish to thank each and every one of you, and to remind you and assure you that, while I have been absent personally, my heart and mind have been with you at every meeting, and that I have served you better in my absence than in my presence, because in the quiet of my son's home I have been able to accomplish more, and to write better articles than when I was in Edgefield. Now that I have returned to Edgefield I hope to carry on this work that is so dear to our hearts, and may we not rest until our history is placed before the people of our county, that it may stand as a fitting memorial to all of our boys who wore the gray, both the rank and the file.

I shall, as heretofore, always emphasize the work done by the men of Edgefield. Thus shall our chapter stand by our own men, and, as is right and proper, your historian will be foremost in showing up their mighty deeds of valor, so that all men will look upon our county with respect and admiration. Let us always remember that an Edgefield man made the first Secession speech in the South Carolina legislature; an Edgefield man was the author of the Ordinance of Secession; an Edgefield man got up the first company for the war; an Edgefield man led the first regiment to the war; Edgefield gave the two war governors and Edgefield had within her borders at least two unreconstructed rebels who never signed the oath of allegiance to the United States government.

In conclusion, I want to say to you that in a letter from Miss Washington she gave me the information, that we would have with us during our convention Miss Mildred Rutherford of Athens, Ga., the historian general. It will be an unusual honor thus accorded us, and I hope and know that you will give her every attention in your power. She is occupying an office superior even to the president general. She is a woman of great personal charm, besides being of very brilliant intellect and it is unnecessary to assure you that you will be delighted with her. I am glad to tell you that I have been instrumental in bringing this about, and I am sure that you will agree with me in feeling, after you meet her, that this is the best thing that I have accomplished since I have held the office of historian.

Agatha Abney Woodson.

Round Trip Excursion Rates for Fourth of July.

Account Fourth of July, the Southern railway announces very low round trip excursion fares between all points, tickets on July 2, 3, 4 with final limit July 7, 1913. Call on any ticket agent or address,

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