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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Sacred Concert. Apollo Music Club Laboring For Belgians. Quiet Home Wedding. U. D. C. Meet.

The services at the Baptist church on Sunday evening were greatly enjoyed, this being the first of the sacred concerts, and once a month this delightful feature will be repeated. Mr. F. M. Boyd is musical director with a choir of about 20 voices. Following is the program: Organ and flute duet, "To a wild rose rose," Miss Willis, Mr. Boyd; anthem, "Crossing the bar," prayer, Dr. A. T. King; hymn, "Give of your best to the Master," offertory, scripture and sermon, Dr. King; vocal solo, "Consider the lilies, Mrs. J. H. White; hymn, "Crown Him," vocal duet "Ashamed of Jesus," Mrs. L. C. Latimer and Miss Clara Sawyer; anthem, "If He should come today," hymn, "Saved." The orchestra which has been playing in Sunday school, added volume and sweetness to the hymns when sung.

The Apollo music club gave a concert on last Tuesday evening for the benefit of the Belgian fund, the affair being held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crouch. The program rendered was most delightful each selection given being a gem in itself. The orchestra kindly assisted and were generous with their encores. The inclement weather prevented some from attending, but when a silver offering was taken, \$12 was found to be given for those stricken people.

On last Sunday afternoon Miss Effie Hart was married to Mr. L. W. Gaston at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Victoria Hart, the Rev. J. H. Thacker officiating. The marriage was in a measure a surprise to many friends and was witnessed by only the immediate family. On Monday the happy couple left for Peak, S. C., the home of the groom, where he is engaged in business, having charge of the electric plant of that place. As Miss Hart, the bride has many admirable traits of character, and previous to her marriage was stenographer for six years for a business firm at Macon, Ga.

The Mary Ann Buie chapter, D. of C., held the monthly meeting in the home of Mrs. H. W. Crouch, on Thursday afternoon there being a good attendance. There were numerous matters for decision. The annual flower show was decided upon as the best means for re-imbursing the treasury, but this year no prizes will be offered, blue and red ribbons substituting. Selecting a speaker for Memorial day was acted upon. The committees who have charge of the different departments in chapter work gave good reports. Mrs. M. W. Clark who has charge of the flower department, reporting a number of bouquets sent to the sick and a box of flowers to a member who is in the hospital. Along historical lines the chapter is doing splendid work, the next historical meeting to be held on Thursday afternoon 4 o'clock with Mrs. James White, the subject to be concerning Sherman and the burning of Columbia.

Mesdames J. Neil Lott and Toney entertained a number of their friends with an "At home" on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being held in the home of the former. There was a full response to the cordial invitations and the hours spent with these charming and entertaining hostesses were happily spent. They were assisted in receiving by Mesdames J. L. Walker and B. T. Boatwright and Miss May Watson. Progressive games were played and the honoree, Miss Julia Omohundro, was presented with a dainty piece of hand embroidery. During the latter part of the afternoon an elaborate two course repast was served, Misses Josephine Mobley and Marion Mobley assisting.

The Apollo music club met with Mrs. James White on Friday afternoon, the president, Miss Willis conducting a short business session. The name of Mrs. H. W. Crouch was added to the membership list. The masters studied were Liszt and Wagner, and Mrs. J. W. Marsh as leader made the lesson very interesting and instructive. "Franz Liszt" was unrivaled as a teacher; he filled his pupils with a great welling am-

Syrup From Johnson Grass.

Recently Mr. Henry Hill sent us a copy of the Southern Ruralist containing an interesting article from a farmer in Texas in which he gave his experience with making syrup from Johnson grass roots. To us that is something entirely new under the sun. Some persons have found Johnson grass a great nuisance when growing upon lands that are cultivated in the usual field crops, while others find it valuable as a hay crop. But never before have we heard of the roots of the grass being utilized for making syrup. If we remember correctly, the Texas farmer stated that 600 gallons of syrup could be made from an acre of Johnson grass. Who'll be the first farmer in this section to try the experiment? What say you, Mr. Hill? Try about a quarter of an acre in Johnson grass this year and send us down a quart of the syrup next fall. We must confess that we are to some extent a doubting Thomas, but a word from our friend of the Cleora section, whether it is pro or con, will settle all doubt.

Edgefield County Magistrates.

Governor Manning has made the following appointments for magistrates in Edgefield County:

First District—C. E. Quarles, Edgefield.
Second District—Wallace W. Wise, Trenton.
Third District—J. W. Cox, Johnston.
Fourth District—J. F. Pardue, Colliers.
Fifth District—J. R. Bodie, Plum Branch.
Sixth District—R. L. Bodie, Cold Spring.
Seventh District—A. Gilchrist, R. F. D. McCormick.
Eighth District—A. C. Ouzts, R. F. D. Edgefield.

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to do, to be, and become. We will not say that Wagner was—he is. He lives immortal in his art." Life and works of Liszt, Mrs. James Strother; piano "Love dreams," Miss Willis; Rhapsodie No. II, Mrs. James Callum; character and works of Wagner, Miss Clara Sawyer; duet march from Tannhauser, Mrs. F. L. Parker, Miss Gladys Sawyer; violin solo, "Oh thou sublime sweet evening star, Wagner, Mrs. O. D. Black; seven song, Lohengrin, Mrs. W. F. Scott; prize song, master singers, Miss Nina Ouzts. After a short while of social chat the hostess invited all into the dining room where a delightful salad course, followed by hot chocolate with cakes was served. Dainty little bouquettiers were given each one present.

The recital given by the music department of the high school on last Friday evening was delightful and the full program was most pleasing, especially the choruses. Miss Willis is a painstaking teacher and the manner in which each selection was rendered reflected much credit both to teacher and pupil.

News was received here on Sunday of the death of Miss Fannie Levell of Newberry, a sister of Mrs. G. A. Wright. When Mrs. Wright resided here, Miss Levell visited her and made many warm friends by her kind and gentle manner.

Mrs. J. W. Browne was hostess for the members of the Pi Tau club on Wednesday afternoon and two hours were spent by the members chatting and busy with fancy work. Refreshments were a pleasant conclusion.

Mrs. James White entertained a few friends last Tuesday, the day being the birthday of her aunt, Mrs. Harriet Kenny. Mrs. Lou Carter of Aiken, and an aunt of the hostess were the guests of honor.

Mrs. J. A. Dobey is able to be out among her friends after an illness of two weeks.

Miss Sara Sawyer is visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Willis at Williston.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Compulsory Education and Prohibition Referendum Are Paramount Issues. Tax Commission Bill.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 7.—With two-thirds of the session gone, the general assembly is in the midst of one of the most important measures on the program for constructive legislation. This is the local option compulsory education bill, which is one of the administrative measures, and which has behind it the practically unanimous support of educators, press, and apparently the people, for it was one of the issues of the campaign last summer, and probably the majority of the legislators who were elected had this as one of the planks of their platform.

The compulsory education bills as they were introduced were based on the reverse local option, that is the law would be put into effect unless a majority of the qualified electors of the school district or county should petition for its suspension, in which case it was to be suspended for two years by the county board of education. This feature could not command a majority support in the senate and it was stricken from the bill and an amendment put in, which provides that before the law can be put into effect in any school district it must first be submitted to the vote of the people, an election to be ordered for this district when one-fourth of the qualified electors petition the county superintendent for an election. This bill makes the school district a unit. The senate has now under consideration an amendment by Senator Padgett, which would strike out the provision in the bill calling for an attendance officer. A motion by Senator Simpson definitely postpone the Padgett amendment will come up for consideration when debate on the bill is resumed on Monday night at 8 o'clock.

It looked at one time as if the fight between those favoring the reverse local option and those favoring the referendum as a prerequisite to putting the law into effect, was going to kill the whole compulsory education matter in the house, but finally the two sides got together and appointed a special committee to redraft a bill for local option compulsory education and report it on Tuesday.

The chief interest centers in the fight for prohibition referendum, which has passed the house and is now pending in the senate. This matter comes up as soon as compulsory education is disposed of, and debate on the bill should begin not later than Tuesday. The prohibition referendum would submit to the people on September 14th, the question of whether or not they want liquor sold in South Carolina. The anti-prohibitionists or local optionists have put a clause into the bill so as to broaden the referendum to include the question of high license, and it is believed that the local optionists will first center their efforts on the getting of high license in the referendum.

A bill putting into effect the Webb law, limiting the shipment of liquor, will be considered along with the prohibition referendum. This bill has already passed the house.

Another important administration measure is the tax commission bill. This bill received a favorable report in both the house and senate. It was debated in the house for a few minutes last night and will be taken up again on Monday night at 8:10.

The ways and means committee of the house will probably report the annual appropriation bill to the house during the coming week. The finance committee of the senate has been meeting with the ways and means committee of the house and holding hearings on the requests for appropriations and when the bill comes in its passage should not take up a great deal of time, for with the careful work and the earnest labors of the members of these two all-important committees, it is certain that the bill will have been trimmed to the lowest possible calculation to meet the needs and with a view to keeping taxes as low as possible in this time of stringency.

Tribute to Mrs. Savannah Timmerman of the McKendree Section.

May we not compare life as a journey and long or short it must meander certain vicissitudes, accompanied by many ups and downs, rough roads, much suffering and many anxieties and vexations. Duties and responsibilities that often seem insurmountable, are to be met and frequently without help or sympathy. These are some thoughts that came to us as we learned of the death of a most estimable old lady, Mrs. Savannah Timmerman, who died at the home of her son-in-law Mr. Monson Dorn near McKendree Wednesday morning, February 3, 1915. Mrs. Timmerman was a daughter of the late Wm. McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts and grand daughter of old Peter Ouzts, father of the Ouzts family in Edgefield and Newberry counties.

In 1847 or 1848 she married Mr. Thomas Timmerman, son of Jacob Timmerman. Mr. Thomas Timmerman gave his life to the cause of the south in the conflict between the states. In the beginning of the war he enlisted in Co. K., 14th S. C. regiment, and was in active service with his regiment in all the battles up to the time of his illness at camp Gregg on the Rappahannock river near Fredericksburg, Va., where he died in 1862.

Mrs. Savannah Timmerman, like so many others, was left a poor widow with the care of five small children, a responsibility that could only be met by self reliance and a stout heart in those harrowing days that tried the souls of brave men and fearless women.

In early life Mrs. Timmerman became a member of Stevens Creek church, and was ever loyal to the Baptist faith. She was a devout Christian and her long life was a beautiful example of piety in her Saviour.

For many years she had experienced much suffering from chronic bronchitis and this, complicated with an affection of the heart, terminated in her death.

She outlived all of her contemporaries and God in his divine wisdom and mercy added twelve years to the three score and ten allotted to man. Every member of her father's family have long since preceded her, though she is survived by the following children: Mr. N. T. Timmerman, Mrs. Elizabeth Rearden, Mrs. Sophia Pardue, Mrs. Lucinda Dorn, Thomas Trapp, her youngest child, died during the early part of the war.

Her remains were laid to rest at Stevens Creek on Thursday afternoon in the midst of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. The officiating minister, her pastor, Rev. H. B. White, after reading several Bible selections preached a very beautiful and appropriate funeral sermon from the 116 Psalm, 15th verse. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." He portrayed the character of a saint in contrast with those who are not saints and gave some beautiful illustrations of the line of thought, the text suggested. He also paid a beautiful tribute to the deceased who had fought life's battles so long with child-like devotion, amidst trials and suffering. She was prepared to die; and wanted to die. And her life was encompassed with that faith which made her death "Precious in the sight of the Lord."

W. D. O.

Card of Thanks.

We, brothers and sisters of the late Perry Harling, desire to express our sincere thanks to the good people of Plum Branch who were so kind and thoughtful during his late illness and death. Whenever the opportunity is presented we shall return this kindness in full measure. Again we wish to express our sincere gratitude to these kind friends.

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Arthur Harling,
Mrs. J. N. Griffiths,
Mrs. Emmie Ellis.

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Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Monday afternoon at 3:30, Mrs. Rainsford and Mrs. Groneker entertained the W. C. T. U. at the annual Frances Willard meeting. A large number were in attendance, and the occasion was very pleasant and inspirational.

Mrs. Peak conducted the devotions and Rev. J. R. Walker offered the prayer.

In the business session Mrs. J. W. Stewart read the minutes in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. W. A. Hart. A letter of acknowledgment of 56 pounds of merchandise was read by Mrs. W. S. Cogburn from the secretary of the Belgian Relief Fund, Robert McCarter. Announcement was made of the coming of Mrs. Amy C. Weech, national lecturer and organizer of the W. C. T. U., the last of February to spend several days in our county.

The death of Mrs. P. B. Day of Trenton was announced, Mrs. Day having been one of the most active temperance workers in our county for many years, and at the time of her death was leader of the Trenton Loyal Temperance Legion.

The Frances Willard program was as follows: A selection from the Union Signal, "Why a Frances Willard" was read by Mrs. W. L. Dunovant and was a most eloquent tribute to the greatness of Miss Willard.

Mrs. J. L. Mims made an explanation of the Frances Willard memorial and Miss Elizabeth Rainsford sang "The Perfect Day" playing her own accompaniment. Miss Ouida Pattison followed in her attractive manner with a selection "America for me."

Mrs. Rainsford read very effectively, a poem called Frances E. Willard, and a quartette was sung by Mesdames J. O. Gramlich, J. R. Tompkins, W. L. Dunovant and Geo. F. Mims.

At the close of the Frances Willard program two numbers of a cheering nature were given by Mrs. M. P. Wells and little Benjamin Cogburn. Mrs. Wells' selection was "The south is going dry," a poem which has been extensively published and is a prophecy of the early coming of prohibition to our southland, containing sufficient mild humor to make it very attractive. The audience was charmed with Mrs. Wells' rendition of this selection, and her contribution thereby was an added inspiration to the meeting. Benjamin Cogburn sang to the tune "Aperary,"

"It's a short way to prohibition
It's the right way to go
It's a sure way to bring salvation
To the greatest land I know
Let's all stick together,
Let this be our cry,
It's a short, short way to prohibition
And our nation will go dry."

The audience could not withhold a demonstration at this encouraging sentiment, and clapped most heartily.

Mr. Walker gave a few remarks reminiscent of Frances Willard, saying that he had never forgotten one remark of Dr. Carlisle as he announced her coming to the students of Wofford. He said that Frances Willard was one of the great minds of the century.

Miss Nannie Gunter of Batesburg is never allowed to escape when she comes to Edgefield, and was present this afternoon, and on the urgent invitation of the president, sang, "Thy will be done."

There were a number of visitors present, but the most honored one of all was little Frances Willard Johnson who was present during the most of the meeting, and brought with her a gift to the memorial fund enclosed in an envelope and a card bearing her name and her love. This little lady was introduced again to the union which she belongs, and was most graciously received, and had a place of honor in the arms of the hostess a large part of the afternoon.

The climax of the meeting was the reception of four new members. The hostess served a most dainty salad course with coffee and whipped cream. The souvenirs were cards with pictures of Frances Willard and a quotation from her writings or lectures appropriately tied together with the white ribbon bow, the emblem of the organization.

The next meeting will take place March 8, with Mrs. W. S. Cogburn.

FARMERS MEETING.

"Fertilizer and Economy Day" Will be Observed Here Next Saturday, February 13.

Clemson College, Feb. 6.—There will be at least two speakers at each of the meetings to be held in the court houses of the State on Saturday, February 13, which has been designated "Fertilizer and Economy Day." Moreover, reports coming to Clemson College indicate that in some counties it is proposed to have more than two speakers for the occasion. One part of the meeting will be devoted to discussions of what fertilizers to use, when to use them and how much of each kind to use. The other part will deal with matters of economy and there will be an attempt to point out to people how they may effect real savings on the farm and in the farmhouse.

At Clemson College an outline has been painstakingly prepared for use on Fertilizer and Economy Day. This outline treats of economy only and discusses the true meaning of economy, points out what is bad economy, and suggests ten important ways in which good economy may be practiced in South Carolina.

Each suggestion is enlarged upon in the outline, but the topics treated, stripped of their developing parts, are as follows, only those under the heading "Good Economy" being quoted.

According to this outline, it is good economy.

1. To cut out all luxuries, especially liquors, tobacco, new buggies and automobiles.
2. To cut out some unnecessary, such as tea and coffee and meat three times daily.
3. To save on food by means of an all-the-year garden, certain easily possible substitutions, and a ration more carefully balanced to preserve health and strength.
4. To save on food for our animals by means of balanced rations as worked out by experiment stations, substitutions of cheaper feeds, and permanent Bermuda grass-bur clover pastures.
5. To save on food for our plants by means of winter legumes, summer legumes, and winter grain and legumes.
6. To save on dress by dressing a little less fashionably, a little more simply.
7. To spend money on the house and the wife for a water supply.
8. To spend on the orchard for pruning and spraying.
9. To establish and maintain a logical and practical system of farming in accordance with Dr. S. A. Knapp's Ten Commandments of Agriculture.
10. To co-operate with your neighbors in organizations, in breeding better live stock; in buying food supplies, fertilizers and live stock; in owning and using farm implements, in beginning cream and egg routes, in selling farm and garden produce, in boosting your community and living up to your talk about it, and in a quiet cheerfulness that approaches all tasks with a faith undimmed and a courage undismayed.

Card of Thanks.

We the children of the late lamented Rev. J. P. Mealing take this means of thanking his and our friends for their kindnesses to him and us during his last illness. And for the respect shown to his remains by the many beautiful floral tributes placed on his last resting place.

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