

### SOLDIERS EULOGIZED.

**Soldiers are a Necessity to Progress of World. Indispensable in War and in Peace.**

The soldier is a necessary and distinct character in every age and every civilization. In the earliest records we have of any people we find among them the soldier, in war to fight, in peace to watch; in war to labor, in peace to wait. He was a product of natural evolving conditions of the world. He was produced for a distinct purpose and labored for a definite end. The soldier was never free from the responsibilities imposed by the nation or the tribe. He was oftentimes an advanced slave, glorified by some deed of valor, strength or strategy. A knight he may have been, wearing the spur of a king; a laborer we see him in Egypt's great civilization when Khpu called the "Glorious," began the construction of the great pyramid of Gezeh. We see him in Macedonia; at his home in Sparta, bidding farewell to mother and friends, on the Acropolis and at Athens, his armor glittering in the sunlight of a Greek day. What would Ninevah or Babylon have been without him, and what did he at last do for them? He wrought cities out of chaos, and made ruins out of cities; he built empires of human suffering and sighs, and then destroyed them with floods of human blood. In making a world of progress he destroyed nations, in establishing the religion of Christ he cut through dense pagan practices with the sword. It is at Thermopylae that we see the Persian and Greek die like men, one rejoicing at a victory, one sighing over defeat, both heroes. In Gaul with Caesar, in the forum of Rome he proclaims a truth for which he will die. And so we might go on and on and show who took part in making history for the world. In war a soldier, in peace a citizen. He is every where, in every land, in every time; no civilization has a history without the soldier. So it seems that the soldier is a part in the great economic plan of creation. We might arrange them in three classes.

The soldier of fortune, the soldier of adventure and the soldier of principle or patriotism. Now to the last and best belong the southern soldier of 1861. All praise to him dead or living. When the clouds gathered and the lightning flash of patriotic brotherhood tingled in the breast of every southerner the thunder broke in awful cadences over the lives of these men. When the call for volunteers came echoing down through the mountain gorges of Virginia, North and South Carolina and Tennessee, spreading over the lowlands of the coast and middle states; when the day of mustering in came, and our mothers and grandmothers handed to the boys in gray the sword or musket that spoke the words "war" and "death" when, with eyes full of tears—those holy crystals of the soul—they prayed God's blessings upon them; when the train moved out of the station and the shouts of "God bless you," when a quiet fell upon the town so appalling, so sacred; when this occurred, was it anything but love, duty or patriotism that bade the star in man's life move on to battle with a foe for a principle? What was it that took him from home and loved ones but the saving of that home, and saving of honor of a land, and the preserving untinged the flag of a proud people. Into the war, into the night sped the cars bearing the braves. What was it that gave the men to their fate, when on the field of battle, counting the moments by the blood drops from his side, he called to his comrade, "Don't give up, boys," and died when man after man, yes hundreds, thousands—fell in the conflict of might and numbers against right and home. When after the struggle a calm fell, peace declared and though it was like a dove, her wings made a shadow deep and long upon the face of our fair land over men, ragged, tired and hungry, over-powered, not beaten, turned homeward—alas, where were their homes? These men who had fought with patriotic fury, suffered privations unequalled, met the issue, and then put down

### Death of Mrs. Henry Medlock.

Early Sunday morning the entire community was greatly shocked when it became known that Mrs. Mattie Carmichael Medlock departed this life at six o'clock. She was the only daughter of the lamented Dr. J. H. Carmichael, who also died suddenly last February. A little less than a year ago she and Mr. Medlock were married and have since made their home with Mrs. Bessie Carmichael. Mrs. Medlock was reared in Edgefield and from early childhood has by her gentle manner and lovable disposition completely won those of all ages and classes with whom she came in contact. She was not only a social favorite but as a faithful and loyal member of the Methodist church she made her value felt in the religious life of the community. The influence which she has exerted upon her friends and the young people of the town has always been wholesome and helpful, having always devoted her time, talent and efforts to those things that elevate and uplift rather than to the transitory and fleeting things that afford temporal pleasure alone. Although taken while on the threshold of an active young womanhood, the life of Mrs. Medlock has been a blessing to Edgefield.

She is survived by her devoted husband and an infant son whose mother was spared to him just one hour. Mrs. Medlock also leaves her mother, Mrs. Bessie Carmichael, and one brother, Mr. Hammond Carmichael, who has been making his home near Beaufort. The funeral was conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church by Rev. J. R. Walker, assisted by Rev. E. C. Shannonhouse and Rev. E. C. Bailey. The interment took place in the village cemetery.

### "A Saloonless Nation in 1920."

The above is the name of a very elaborate and entertaining prohibition cantata, which will be given by the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union in the Edgefield opera house on April 6. In this cantata, about one hundred young people and children will appear, representing the various Nationalities and interests of America, and giving their message in song.

This will be one of the most attractive entertainments ever given in the opera house, and one of the most original.

### Week of Prayer.

The Woman's Mission Society of the Baptist church will observe their annual season of prayer for home missions, beginning Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church, continuing through Friday afternoon, with the exception of Tuesday, when opportunity will be afforded those who wish to attend the W. C. T. U. meeting at Trenton.

Each afternoon prayer service will be in charge of a different member of the society. All the ladies of the church and of other churches are cordially invited to each meeting of the week.

### Summer Cotton Uniforms.

Augusta, Ga., February 21— "New uses for cotton" is progressing. The civil service commission of Augusta has just ordered cotton spring and summer uniforms for the firemen and policemen. Savannah has decided on cotton, and at an early date will give her order. Augusta wants 175 uniforms. Savannah a larger number. The Atlanta order will be announced in a day or so. Six to a dozen cities and towns have decided to adopt cotton uniforms. The J. Willie Levy Company of Augusta has done and are doing magnificent work in bringing about cotton uniforms as a new use for cotton.

the musket for the hoe, the saber for the plow, the sword for the pen and revived. Who can say these were soldiers of fortune, or soldiers of adventure? Not one. They were glorious, they were grand in their efforts for a noble principle, nurtured in the pure soil of a southern heart and blossomed under the bullet showers of a battlefield. These were men the full measure and stature of perfect men born to meet any situation contrary to Lincoln's philosophy. J. Russell Wright.

### MT. ZION NEWS.

**Fertilizers Being Considered. Singing Class Organized. Woman's Missionary Society Soon to Meet.**

The farmers of our community are beginning to ponder deeply the matter of fertilizers for the coming year. This is indeed a serious question under present conditions. The general tendency is to return to the old-fashioned methods of farming, and rely more on home-made fertilizers.

Another disturbing element is the presence of hog cholera, from which some of our farmers are suffering serious loss.

On Saturday afternoon, the 13th, Miss Mamie Cheatham gave a party for her school children at the home of Mrs. W. A. Pardue. Interesting games were enjoyed, and delightful refreshments were served at the close of the evening.

Mrs. W. J. Gaines has organized a singing class for the young people of the community. This meets every other Saturday afternoon at the school house.

The Woman's Missionary Society of Mt. Zion will meet on the afternoon of March 13, at the home of Mrs. Monroe Padgett. At this meeting the articles which the ladies are preparing for the Baptist hospital will be collected and packed ready to be sent. All wishing to make contributions of bed or table linen will please bring them to this meeting.

We are sorry to report that Mr. Cal. Hatcher continues in very poor health.

Mr. Walter Carpenter is sick with grippe.

Mrs. E. M. Padgett and children spent several days in Batesburg last week.

Miss Mamie Cheatham spent the week-end with Miss Ellee Swearingen.

We hear that Mr. Will Timmerman is making frequent visits in our neighborhood, which are of more significance than mere "social chats."

### Purchasing Power of Farm Crops Dwindling.

Washington, D. C. Feb. 22.—The Federal Department of Agriculture has just issued a statement showing the purchasing power of an acre of farm crops in 1915 compared with 1909. While the price per acre of several farm crops is shown to have increased to some extent within the past five years the grain in price has not kept pace with that of some of the necessities used by the farmer. The report shows that the purchasing power of an acre of wheat in 1909 was 93 pounds of lard while it was only 81 pounds in 1913. In 1909 an acre of wheat would buy 243 yards of calico while in 1913 the purchasing power was only 178 yards. Forty-nine hoes could be purchased with the proceeds of an acre of cotton in 1909 while five years later the buying strength has decreased three hoes. An acre of corn in 1909 would buy 79 pounds of coffee and only 59 pounds in 1913. Twenty-seven pairs of overalls could be bought with the receipts from one acre of cotton in 1909 while the purchasing power in 1913 dropped to 24 pairs. An acre of wheat in 1909 would buy two more pairs of brogan shoes than in 1913.

### Clemson's Income Greatly Reduced.

Revenue for Clemson college from the state fertilizer tax has decreased this year slightly more than 70 per cent, according to information obtained Monday from the office of the state treasurer. The receipts to date from this source totaled \$30,310, as compared with \$117,922 for that period of 1914 ending today.

In previous years, Clemson annually derived more than \$200,000 from this tax, which constitutes the principal source of income of the institution. The legislature last week voted to loan Clemson \$90,000 of state funds to meet possible financial exigencies.

The greater part of the receipts this year were from the tax on cotton seed meal it was pointed out.—Columbia Record.

### SURPRISE MARRIAGE.

**Miss Marie Key Became the Bride of Mr. Hal Beman of Augusta Monday Afternoon.**

No marriage of the season will be the occasion of a more sincere and widespread interest than that of Mr. Hal DeWitt Beman and Miss Marie Key, of Edgefield, announcement of which was made yesterday to the surprise and pleasure of Mr. Beman's many friends, who did not know that the wedding would occur before April. Mr. Beman was spending the week-end at the home of his fiancée's parents in Edgefield, and Monday he persuaded her to be married at once and return with him to his home instead of waiting until April. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few close friends and members of the family by the Rev. J. R. Walker, of the Methodist church, and the young couple left immediately afterward for Augusta, and are at home at the groom's parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beman, on The Hill, where they are receiving the congratulations of their host of friends.

Mr. Hal DeWitt Beman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Key, of Edgefield, and is well known throughout Georgia and South Carolina, where she is prominently connected in both states. She is a very lovely girl, and one whose beautiful charm of manner wins admiration as much as her personal charm, and her sweet womanly nature corresponds with her other attractions.

Mr. Hal Beman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Beman, grandson of Mrs. Henry Beman and the late Henry Beman, Esq., of Sparta, and a nephew of Mr. Howard Stafford, of this city. Mr. Beman is "a worthy son of worthy sires," and is equally well known and popular in both the social and business world. He is a valued employe of the Georgia Railroad Bank, and was kept in the city yesterday receiving congratulations as the news got abroad that he was married. Mr. and Mrs. Beman will make their home at the Beman residence on The Hill for the present.—Augusta Chronicle.

### County Equalization Board.

Auditor J. R. Timmerman has called a meeting of the county equalization board to meet in his office Saturday, March 6. The following are the members of the township boards, the chairman of each composing the county board:

- Blocker township: M B Byrd, chairman, Pierce Timmerman and N F Manley.
- Collier township: D T Mathis, chairman, T L Miller and H W McKie.
- Collins township: H E Quarles, chairman, J L Bailey and C C Jones.
- Edgefield town: J L Mims, chairman, L T May and B L Jones.
- Elmwood township: J H Coghburn, chairman, J H Payne and J M Shaffer.
- Hibler township: W E Sheppard, chairman, J K Corley and W T Reynolds.
- Johnston town: J Neal Lott, chairman, W S Mobley and J W McCright.
- Johnston township: P N Lott, chairman, E R Clark and W M Sawyer.
- Meriwether township: H F Cooper, chairman, H L Bunch and J O Scott.
- Moss township: L R Brunson, chairman, R W Christie and J J Griffs.
- Pickens township: Jas. B. Tompkins, chairman, H W Dobeay and W S Marsh.
- Plum Branch township: J C Sanders, chairman, W R Freeland and J L McKenney.
- Shaw township: P B Day, chairman, I A Webb and H W Jackson.
- Talbert township: R A Cochran, chairman, W A Winn and D I Morgan.
- Wards township: J E Cullum, chairman, Lewis Holmes and J O Herin.
- Washington township: J W Johnson, chairman, W McDaniel and W N Elkins.
- Wise township: Geo. T Swearingen, chairman, J M Mays and Joe S Smith.

### Death of an Aged and Honored Citizen of McKendree Community.

An old and honored citizen of the McKendree section has passed off the stage of activity. He played his part in the affairs of life humbly, peacefully and without great noise or ostentation.

S. W. McDowell (Wright Mack) was born September 29, 1848, and was in his 67th year. He lived and died in the home of his grand parents which is in a stone's throw of the site of the first McKendree church.

Mr. McDowell was a son of J. T. McDowell, grandson of J. Wm. McDowell and Elizabeth Ouzts, and great grandson of old Peter Ouzts who immigrated from Germany just prior to the Revolutionary war.

In 1871 he married Miss Mahala Parkman, daughter of the late Jefferson Parkman, who survives him. From this union three children were born, Messrs. Rufus and Tolbert J. McDowell and Mrs. Fannie Pardue, all of whom are living in the McKendree section and have families.

In the latter years of the eighties under the preaching of the late Rev. R. P. Franks, the pastor of McKendree, and much beloved, Mr. McDowell was converted and became a Christian and member of that church, and needless to say remained a consistent member to the time of his death.

For the last several years Mr. McDowell's suffering had been great, continued and often excruciating. He bore it with patience and christian fortitude. An affliction of a complicated nature—asthma, rheumatism and an affection of the heart had kept him confined to the house for the last three or four years.

After a couple of days' lapse into unconsciousness he passed peacefully away at 9 p. m. February 15, 1915.

On the following afternoon his remains were interred at the old family burying ground on the premises in the presence of a large number of relatives and neighbors.

In the absence of his pastor, the Rev. Mr. Brabham, Mr. J. M. Shaffer conducted the funeral services.

The beautiful cross of hyacinths and violets that was gracefully laid upon the shapely mound expressed that all was done that loving hands or human kindness could do.

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### Petit Jury, Second Week.

- J E Reynolds, Hibler, J M Bell, Elmwood, M N Parkman, Blocker, J M Bussey, Washington, W P Johnson, Johnston, J E Yonce, Ward, J B Minick, Blocker, Pierce Boyd, B R Smith, Pickens, B L Mims, Wise, John Rainsford, Edgefield, J E Barrett, Washington, C W Odum, Elmwood, S E Posey, Shaw, L R Brunson, Jr., Moss, W A Stevens, Meriwether, G D Rhoden, Ward, W H Pardue, Shaw, A G Cheatham, Hibler, J F Burton, Blocker, P B Day, Jr., Trenton, W R E Winn, Talbert, B F Lewis, Johnston, R W Glover, Meriwether, W L Rutland, Ward, P J Coleman, Shaw, L B Derrick, Ward, G H Waters, Johnston, C R Holmes, Callier, N C Long, Moss, D B McClendon, Collier, G W Miller, Shaw, H M Self, Plum Branch, J P Strom, Jr., Talbert, A G Ozts, Elmwood, N J Parkman, Elmwood.

### Notice to Baptist W. M. U. Organizations.

Every society of the Baptist W. M. U. is urged to set apart March 10 or some day of prayer and especial effort to win the unenlisted women of the churches. On this date visit these homes, distribute home mission literature which can be secured from the Home Board and secure, if possible, a gift for this cause.

### JOHNSTON LETTER.

**Dr. Poteat Preached. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Entertained. Apollo Music Club Met. D. A. R. Meeting.**

Dr. E. M. Poteat, president of Furman university, preached on Sunday morning at the Baptist church, the auditorium being filled with an expectant audience. It was the pleasure of many to again listen to him and those who had never heard him preach were impressed and delighted with him. His sermon was characteristic and inimitable.

The next sacred musical concert will be on the 2nd Sunday evening in March. Mr. Boyd has added the piccolo to the orchestra, using this on Sunday for Sunday school music instead of the flute.

The members of the woman's missionary society of the Baptist church will observe the first week in March as a special week of prayer for missions.

Mrs. W. L. Coleman returned on Saturday from Wright's hospital Augusta, where she has been under treatment. Her friends are delighted that she is again back home.

On Friday evening Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Boyd entertained in a very elaborate manner for their friend and guest, Miss Gladys Chappell of Edgefield. The interior of the home presented a very festive appearance and an air of patriotism pervaded, for numerous flags were used with the fern decorations. A cordial greeting was given the guests at the front by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lott and in the parlor stood the receiving line, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, Misses Chappell, Harnes, Willis, Mr. Paul Cogburn and Dr. W. C. Stone.

After a short while of social chat eight tables of progressive rook were enjoyed, on the center of each table being a flag. The score cards were in red, white and blue and a picture of Martha Washington was in vogue on the cards. After an hour or more with this pleasant occupation, a two course repast was served in which these patriotic colors were well carried out, tiny flags being the favors. While the guests were enjoying the refreshments, Mr. Boyd gave several violin selections accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Boyd. The evening held many pleasures for every guest present.

William Wright celebrated his seventh birthday on Wednesday afternoon and a number of his little friends gathered to help make merry the time Games and pastimes dear to childish hearts were indulged in, but nothing was more enjoyed than the refreshments served. Many pretty gifts were brought to him.

The Apollo music club met with Mrs. E. R. Mobley on Friday afternoon, and after a short business period conducted by the president, Miss Lila Maud Willis, the study of the two masters was taken up, these being "Verdi and Gounod." Mrs. James Strother had charge of this part of the meeting and was a very able leader. The music was compositions of these two masters. "Facts in the lives of Verdi and Gounod," Miss Martha Watson; "Stabat master," Miss Elise Crouch; synopsis of the opera, Mrs. L. S. Stansell; vocal solo, Mrs. F. M. Boyd; instrumental solo, Miss Emma Bonknight; synopsis of "Il Trovatore," Mrs. M. T. Turner; Duo, (Il Trovatore), Misses Willis and Sawyer; synopsis of Rigoletto, Mrs. W. F. Scott; piano solo, Mrs. J. M. Cullem; synopsis of Faust, Mrs. O. D. Black; vocal solo, Mrs. James White; chorus, "Praise ye the Lord," club. During the social half hour the hostess served a sweet course in which the club colors, gold and white, were prettily carried out, the china used being in gold and white. She was assisted by Misses Josephine Mobley and Louelle Norris, who also served refreshing neustar to the guests.

Miss Josephine Mobley was hostess for the Kill Kare club on Thursday afternoon, and the hours proved most delightful ones, for many pleasures had been arranged for the guests. The rooms were prettily decorated in japonicas and ferns and the tables upon which progressive games were played, each holding a bowl of these lovely flowers. The game was an animated one and Mrs. Allen Mobley made

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