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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

### Good Game of Ball. Large Family Re-union. Contests Held at Methodist Church.

An exciting ball game was played between Johnston and Graniteville on Friday afternoon, the former being victorious, the score being 1 to 0. The chief feature of the game was the pitcher's duel between Hallett and Moyer, Hallett allowing only one hit and striking out 10 men, while Moyer allowed no hits and struck out 17 men. The score was Johnston 1-1-3; Graniteville 0-0-3. Batteries Johnston, Moyer and Edwards; Graniteville, Hallett and Padgett. Since August 1, the local team has played seven games, five of which were won and two tied. It is the intention of the team to fence the athletic field and erect an up-to-date grand stand. The gate receipts of the game amounted to \$37 on Friday afternoon and at the previous game \$43, so the treasury will soon be in a condition to materialize their plans.

Mrs. James Strother spent last week at Fruit Hill with her daughter, Mrs. Branch, who now resides in the Strother homestead.

Mrs. A. A. McLeod of Los Angeles, Cal., was the guest of Mrs. C. D. Kenny last week.

Misses Emily and Lee Dial of Laurens spent last week with Mrs. C. F. Strother.

Misses Ruby and Nettie Harling of Saluda are guests of Miss Rachael Simmons.

Mr. and Mrs. Manning Simmons have gone to Shelby, N. C., to visit the former's sister, Mrs. Clary.

Miss Virginia Harrison entertained a few friends with a tea on Wednesday evening and the hours were happily spent by all present.

Mrs. C. M. Maul of Charleston is the guest of relatives here. She made her home here for a number of years prior to living in Charleston and has many warm friends who welcome her.

Prof. John Waters of Vidalia, Ga., and Miss Vera Jenkins are guests in the home of Mr. G. G. Waters. Prof. Waters will have charge of the music department of the high school and will soon come to reside here. All of Johnston will be delighted to have him and his family here, Mrs. Waters being a Johnston girl, Miss Helen Wright.

Mrs. W. W. Satcher and Mr. Gary Satcher spent the week end at Saluda with relatives.

Mr. Calhoun Kammer has returned from a visit to his parents at Blackville and was accompanied by his sister, Natalie Kammer who will visit her cousin, Miss Virgie Courtney.

Mr. and Mrs. Brunson of Augusta were week-end visitors in the home of Dr. J. A. Dobby.

Dr. J. D. Waters of Saluda was a guest in the home of his father, Capt. P. B. Water, Sr., during the last week.

Mesdames Joe Allen of Saluda, and Mary Ashley of Fruit Hill, were recent visitors in the home of Dr. B. L. Allen.

A family reunion was held in the home of Mr. Owington Wertz last week, all of the children being under the home roof, these being Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Goodwyn of Greenwood, Mr. and Mrs. Getzen Wertz, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Wertz and Prof. and Mrs. Wilber Wertz, Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan of Congaree and Mr. Leroy Wertz of Belton.

Mrs. O. S. Wertz accompanied her daughter, Mrs. Taylor Goodwyn, home to Greenwood for a two weeks' visit.

Mr. Joseph Jacobs is enjoying a week's stay in Washington, D. C. Mr. W. A. Bradford is expected in a few days from Charlotte, and will spend the winter months here, being one of the cotton buyers.

Mrs. Nancy Lott entertained several of her young friends with a very pleasant dining one day of the past week.

Speed limit signs for automobiles have been placed at the entrances to the town and in other conspicuous places and although warned, the joy riders continued, and as a result they have been fined and it is hoped that this recklessness is being stopped.

On Sunday evening at the Metho-

## Rev. J. E. Johnston Dies Suddenly.

Greenwood, S. C., Aug. 27.—His friends in Greenwood were greatly shocked this morning to learn of the sudden death of Rev. J. E. Johnston at 12 o'clock last night at his home near Phoenix. Mr. Johnston, with a number of his neighbors, had gone to the assistance of Mr. Jeff Witt in the attempt to extinguish a fire in the latter's residence and died while on his way to the well on his own piazza for a bucket of water. He fell as he climbed the steps and expired almost instantly. Dr. Pratt Henderson, who was only a few feet distant, rushed to his assistance, but found him dead.

The funeral service will be conducted at the residence Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Dr. E. J. Smith and interment will be made in the Ninety Six cemetery at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Johnston was one of the best known Baptist ministers of this section of the state. He had served six years as pastor of Bold Spring, Damascus and Mt. Moriah churches and during that time had made friends of all his acquaintances of all denominations throughout the country. He was a good preacher and a universally beloved man. His death has cast a gloom over the section of the county where he was held in the highest esteem.

Mr. Johnston was a native of Newberry county, having been born near Bush River church 46 years ago last October. He married Miss Ellen Suber of Newberry, and is survived by her one son, J. E. Jr., who is 14 years of age.

Mr. Johnston received his collegiate education at Furman University and was later graduated from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

dist church a musical and declamation contest was held, and every seat in the auditorium was filled and the exercises were greatly enjoyed, each selection being well rendered. Some were done so remarkably well that works of praise were heard all over the church. The contest was for the silver medal, the exercises being arranged by Mrs. James White, who is superintendent of the music department, W. C. T. U. After the Lord's prayer was chanted, the song and story "Buy your own cherries," was held, Mrs. L. C. Latimer reading the connecting story. There were five songs in this by Elliot Lewis, Davis Lewis, Hattie Johnson, Ethel Crim and Barney Lee Duncan, all joining in the ending chorus. The other selections were, "God bless our temperance band," India Lee Crim; "Pity the fallen," Azilee Yonce; "Pledge the children," "Wind the white ribbon," Mary Walker; "Only a flower," Belle Yonce; "Not fit to be kissed," Francis Lott; Recitation, Mary Myers; "The wine cup," John Howard Black; "When prohibition wins," Laurie Hoyt; recitation, Annie Lou Seary; song, Corrie Cheatham; recitation, Martha Reese; "My little white basket," Orabelle Perry; recitation, Frances Jones. Mr. Guy Horne was organist. At the conclusion of this excellent program the judges, Mesdames J. L. Mims, Mamie Tillman and Prof. Waters for music, and Mrs. H. D. Grant and Messrs. J. L. Mims and Charlie Dobson, for declamation, rendered their decision, but they found it a difficult task as each had done so well. For music, the silver medals went to Elliot Lewis of Johnston and Corrie Cheatham of Edgefield, and for declamation, the medals were awarded Martha Reese and little Miss Scurry. Mr. J. L. Mims presented the medals in that happy and pleasing manner so characteristic of him.

On Sunday evening during the severe electrical storm the barn of Mr. W. T. Walton was struck by lightning and burned, and also the contents, among which were nearly 22 bales of cotton. His many friends sympathize with him in his loss. There was no insurance.

Mesdames T. R. Denny, James White, Olin Eidson and Miss Zena Payne will go to Allendale Thursday to attend the state W. C. T. U. convention.

Misses Alleen Payne and Christine Kinard and Mr. Calvin Kinard of Greenwood are visitors in the home of Mr. M. T. Turner.

## Some Reminiscences of Col. Elbert Bland.

Just a few days ago, I met two young friends whom I had never met before, Mr. Wallace Tompkins and his wife, grandchildren of Col. Elbert Bland, one of Edgefield's noble sons. And I was truly glad to meet them, for there was no man I had higher regard for than Col. Bland. He was what I would call an ideal soldier and a leader of men in battle. He knew no fear; he was masterful in tactics and a cyclone in battle. He was a veteran of two wars and helped to lead Gen. Winfield Scott into the city of Mexico in 1846 and he stood at the ford at Bull Run July 21, 1861 and helped to keep this same Gen. Scott out of Richmond. It was after this battle that President Lincoln asked Scott why it was that he was taken to the city of Mexico in six months with 5,000 men and you can't take Richmond with 100,000 men in twelve months. It was easy for Gen. Scott to answer, "Sir the very men that led me into the city of Mexico are the men that are keeping me out of the city of Richmond." Col. Bland was strictly a military man, and a fine disciplinarian. He was perfectly devoted to his men and his men looked upon him as the "Wild Hun." It has been thought by a few that Col. Bland was foolishly brave, but I never thought so. I was quite young then, but whenever my regiment went into battle, if I could see Gen. Kershaw and Col. Bland, no matter how close the call or how hot the contest, I counted on a victory; and that was the opinion of the regiment and brigade. Col. Bland had unbounded confidence in his men. He well knew that they would follow him to the death. He called the 7th regiment his "hell cats." And all the while the battle was on, his command would be, "Aim low men and shoot 'em in the stomach and make them die hard." After Fort Sumter was taken the 7th South Carolina regiment was organized. Col. Bland raised a company at Edgefield of five looking body of soldiers as I ever saw, company "A" Edgefield rifles. This company he commanded for twelve months. At the expiration of the twelve months the army re-organized and Dwight Aiken was elected Col. and Capt. Bland lieutenant colonel. Col. Aiken was shot through the lungs at the battle of Antietam Maryland, on the 17th of September 1862. In June 1862 Aiken returned to the regiment and commanded it until after the Gettysburg fight and on account of the nature of his old wound, he was not able for active field service and he was assigned to a post of duty at Macon, Ga., but never resigned his command as Col. of the 7th regiment, hence that blocked Lieut. Col. Bland's promotion. He should have been a brigadier general. He commanded our brigade for quite a while. While Col. Aiken was a fine officer, rigid in discipline and brave to a fault, at the same time he should have gotten out of the way of Col. Bland's promotion. Col. Bland was very popular with the army officers as well as with the private soldier. Gen. Longstreet complimented him highly in his history from Manassas to Appomattox. He says "Col. Bland's command was always on time and ready for action whenever the order was given." He had the ear of a tiger and the eye of an eagle and was as straight and slender as the mountain pine. He had a very high regard for a brave soldier, one who was ready to face duty and danger when it was necessary. Col. Bland was killed Sunday morning, September 20, 1863, while leading his regiment in a charge on the enemy, at the battle of Chickamauga, and I will say in this connection that he was the first and only field officer that was ever killed while leading his command in a charge from Edgefield county. He had no patience whatever with a man that would show the white feather in time of danger. I heard him give a fellow one of the most scathing lectures once for sneaking out of battle. What he said to him was enough. We had a man in our regiment belonged to company "K" who everybody called "Big Nasty." Col. Bland gave him the name. I can't now recall his real name, in fact one very seldom went by the name that his mother gave him. But "Big Nasty"

At the close of the contests Dr. E. Pendleton Jones was introduced by Mr. J. M. Shaffer, who as master of ceremonies, was entitled to a medal for the way he rendered his part. Dr. Jones made a very vigorous temperance argument, going for the liquor traffic with gloves off. His admirable address was effectively rendered and was well received.

A vocal trio by Mrs. John R. Tompkins, Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman and Mrs. W. L. Dunavant was beautifully rendered.

On every hand, at the close of the exercise, could be heard remarks to the effect that the day had been profitably as well as pleasantly spent.

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The Journal has contended all along that while up to this time the whiskey forces had been apparently making no effort to stay the prohibition landslide in this State, it could be counted certain that they were not going to let prohibition win by default. We declared that it was contrary to their custom to sit idly by and see whiskey voted out of any city, county or State.

Sure enough the first move came some two or three weeks back when an effort was made to secure an injunction which would have prevented the election. This effort failed. Now comes an announcement out of Columbia that "the Local Option League of South Carolina" has been organized with headquarters in Columbia, and that the league proposes to make a vigorous fight against prohibition in this State. Strangely enough no names of any members connected with the league were given in the dispatch sent out from Columbia. The people of the State would like to know who is at the head of it.

It makes no difference if two dozen "Local Option Leagues of South Carolina" are organized, prohibition is going to carry in this State next month by a tremendous majority. Indeed we believe that it will carry every county in the State with the possible exception of three or four.

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## Temperance Rally and Medal Contest at McKendree.

The announcement was made that Rev. M. M. Brabham, the pastor, would preach at McKendree last Sunday morning and dinner would be served at the church, and that a temperance rally would be held in the afternoon, consisting of a music and declamation contest and an address by Dr. E. Pendleton Jones. On account of being indisposed, Mr. Brabham was unable to attend, and a great number who gathered in the forenoon to hear this saintly man speak were disappointed.

At the regular hour dinner was served, and a princely feast it was too. Such generous hospitality as was dispensed at McKendree Sunday has won for the people and community a reputation that is enviable. Nothing was left undone that would in any way add to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors.

Early after dinner the congregation assembled in the church to hear the music and declamation contests and the address by Dr. Jones. The music contest consisted of songs by half dozen small boys and girls, all of which were creditably rendered. The judges in this contest, Mrs. J. M. Shaffer, Mrs. Wilbur Harling and Mr. Whit Harling, awarded the medal to Master Julian Mims, the son of Mr. E. J. Mims.

There were two declamation contests, the participants or contestants in each being six girls and these likewise rendered their selections very creditably. In the first contest the medal was awarded to Miss Anita Ouzts, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ouzts, and Miss Florence Mims of Edgefield was awarded the medal in the second contest. Misses Lucile and Annie Mae Chibbreath of the Rehoboth section would have competed for the medals but a puncture in their shoes delayed their arrival until after the contest closed. However, after reaching the church, they came forward by request and rendered their selections beautifully.

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## The Old "War Horse" Says Vote "Dry" Ticket.

Mr. Editor:—Please allow me space in your paper to write a few words on the blind tiger. We see it is still being used around here and elsewhere. If we go to picnics or any place of enjoyment, we find it there. I heard a fellow say some time ago he couldn't talk to a girl if he didn't have a little whiskey along. I always thought different from that. If I had any they would not talk to me. But the day has changed since then, so now let's get in style. We might as well be out of the world as to be out of the style. When the ladies go to buy a dress they get as little as necessary to make one, so let's do without the blind tiger entirely. The law is being enforced, but it can be better enforced if the good citizens will pull together. Now remember the 14th of September and go the polls early, take your wives and sweethearts along to see that you vote dry. The ladies are going to the baseball games with their husbands and sweethearts and I think sometimes they could vote better than the men. Even the old time darkies say if they could vote, they would do all they could against blind tigers. It is our duty to fight it all we can.

J. M. Minor.  
McCormick, S. C.

## Growers of Asparagus Held Meeting in Aiken Saturday.

Saturday afternoon at the courthouse, a meeting was held of the South Carolina Asparagus Association, and the members present were addressed by Mr. Arthur R. Rule, vice-president and general manager of the North America Fruit Exchange.

The South Carolina Asparagus Association is a new organization formed by the amalgamating of clubs which had been formed to procure cheaper rates and to facilitate the marketing of the product.

The town of Trenton, Ridge Spring, Williston, Blackville, Elko and Hattiesville were among the prime movers in the organization of the large association.

The officers in charge are Mr. J. B. Knight, president; B. R. Tillman, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

The directors of the association are: F. T. Carwile, Ridge Spring; B. M. Asbell, Ridge Spring; B. R. Tillman, Jr., Trenton; M. C. Kitchens, Williston; P. L. Shuler, Williston; D. E. Crouch, Elko; B. M. Hair, Elko; Idis Bradham, Hattiesville.

The association had extended an invitation to Mr. Rule to come to Aiken and advise the association as to the best methods of shipping the asparagus, and to see if the North America Fruit Exchange would handle the association's product. Mr. Rule gave the members who had assembled an entertaining talk, and if some of his suggestions are followed out, there is no reason why this section of the state can not become the leading asparagus market. Mr. Rule said that the product of the association reaches the northern market at a time when the market is hungry for the edible, and the prices will repay those who ship the asparagus.

A tentative agreement between Mr. Rule and the association was entered into, and Columbia as a central shipping point was talked of. If Columbia is chosen as the shipping point, a sales manager furnished by the North America Fruit Exchange will have charge of the office, and this manager will be assisted by local managers at the scattered shipping points.

The amount of asparagus to be shipped is around 150 cars for the season at present, but as the raisers of truck realize the advantage of the market, the number of cars shipped will increase.

Committees have been appointed to select a uniform crate and have them properly labeled, which Mr. Rule claims is one of the best features of the association's endeavors to put South Carolina's asparagus on the market.

The members after discussing various other matters of interest to the organization, adjourned to meet in January.—Journal and Review.

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## TRENTON NEWS.

### Miss Bouknight Entertained Beautifully. Concert a Success Socially and Financially.

The beautiful Bouknight home has been the scene of gayety and the accustomed hospitality for almost the entire summer. Morning card parties and motor parties afforded by the lovely and beloved young mistress of the home have been the pleasing and happy pastime. Those who have been among the honor guests are Miss Lura Mims from Edgefield, Miss Agnes Flythe from Augusta, Miss Laura Clark from Scotland Neck, N. C., Mr. Geo. P. Reynolds, Hartsville, Mr. J. Frank Simmons, Charleston, Mr. A. H. Macaulay Chester.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Courtney have returned from Washington, D. C., where they enjoyed a two weeks stay. Mrs. Courtney however did not forget her friends, but brought them as a beautiful souvenir a friendship fern. It is a privilege to claim this most enthusiastic and interesting club woman.

Mrs. J. F. Bettis and Mr. William Bettis are in Orangeburg, guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wolfe. Mrs. Anna Eidson and Mrs. T. P. Salter are at Clark's Hill this week in attendance upon the woman's missionary convention.

Mr. John Darter from Birmingham, Ala., and his three sons have been visitors at the home of Mr. G. P. Salter. They made the trip in a handsome Cadillac.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Day gave a beautiful supper party in Wednesday evening last complimentary to Prof. and Mrs. H. W. Scott.

Mrs. Ben Harrison is enjoying a visit to friends in Saluda.

Miss Ruth Salter and Master Fred Salter have returned from a visit to friends in Augusta.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Miller and beautiful little Lawrence are at home again after a month's stay among the mountains of North Carolina and their friends are happy to see them.

Mr. W. F. Roper from Columbia spent the week end with his wife and baby who are visiting here.

Miss Etheredge from Saluda is visiting her daughter, Mrs. F. C. Black.

Miss Owdom from Saluda has been the attractive guest of little Cornelia Webb.

Miss Lillie Haltiwanger from Ninety Six is the admired guest of Miss Geo. Wise.

Mrs. J. E. Walker and Mr. Douglas Wise were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Cox of Johnston, S. C., on Monday last.

Those who attended the concert on Friday evening last and heard the program in recitation, voice and piano never so fully appreciated the home talent as on this occasion. Every selection was splendidly rendered. Special mention must be made of the quartette who for the first time appeared before the public. This quartette was composed of Prof. Scott, Mr. Julius Vann, Mr. B. R. Tillman and Mr. Fred Long. They captivated the audience from the beginning and each number was lovely and enthusiastically applauded. The concert was a success socially and financially and among the large audience we were gratified to see many of our Edgefield friends.

### Finest Melon of the Season.

The Advertiser is indebted to Mr. J. O. Herin, one of the most progressive farmers of the Long Branch community, for the finest watermelon that we have seen this season. It weighed 56 pounds and supplied more than could be consumed in 24 hours by The Advertiser household. Mr. Herin grew this enormous melon on land from which he cut a heavy yield of vetch hay. This will be a point for Demonstration Agent Lott in his advocacy of leguminous crops. Mr. Herin did not plant the melons until late in May, yet a very satisfactory crop was made. The large melon which he sent us was the marvel of all who saw it. Mr. Herin easily stands at the head of melon growers in the county this year. We are grateful for his thoughtful kindness in sharing with us so generously.