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MCKIE MERIWETHER.

Interesting Sketch of the Death of Hero of Hamburg Riot. Taken From Bamberg Herald.

The Columbia State, for a year past, has been publishing more or less about Thos. McKie Meriwether, the hero of the Hamburg riot, and of the act of the general assembly, whereby the State of South Carolina appropriated a sum of money to erect a monument to his memory.

This subject is to me of great interest, since the dead hero was a brother to my first husband, and I have thought perhaps a short account of the riot, and the tragic death of the young man, may prove of interest to your readers.

The town of Hamburg was just across from Augusta on the South Carolina side of the Savannah river. It has been almost wiped out of existence, but there are people now living who remember when it was a thriving town of three or four thousand souls and one of the most important inland cotton markets in the country.

In 1876, the time of which I write, there was only one business house, formerly occupied by Sibley & Usher, and one residence, the Usher homestead—left standing.

Only a few white families lived there, and the negro population numbered fully twelve hundred.

The place had become a harbor for every negro cow and cotton thief, house burner, and other type of negro criminal, in the country.

The municipal government was composed of negroes, and the marshal was a negro.

The negroes were exceedingly insolent and it was dangerous for white men to go through the place unarmed.

On July 4th, 1876, two young white men who were returning home from Augusta in a buggy were denied passage through the streets by a negro militia company which was parading, and had blocked the public highway.

The young men in question, Messrs. Butler and Getzen, swore out a warrant next day against Doc Adams, the negro captain of the company, for obstructing the public highway.

The trial was set for July 8th, but instead of Adams appearing in court, he was found with his company, one hundred strong, armed to the teeth, ensconced in the Sibley & Usher building in a defiant attitude.

Gen. M. C. Butler, who had come to Hamburg to conduct the case for his young kinsman, realizing that the time for action had come, sent a demand to Adams to give up their arms which was refused.

The news spread like wild fire, and soon men were rushing to the scene, among them Col. A. P. Butler and the Sweet Water Sabre club he commanded, and to which McKie Meriwether belonged.

This young man of twenty-four, handsome and debonair and brave, was one of five detailed to hold a position at the abutment of the railroad bridge, and when firing on the negroes in the building was ordered to begin in the afternoon, fired his rifle so long and persistently that it became so hot he could not hold it.

Leaning over to place it against a pier, a bullet from the negro fort ploughed its way across the top of his curly head, stilled his heart, and quenched the brave spirit forever.

Thus died the hero of the Hamburg riot, one of Edgefield's bravest and truest sons, the idol of aoting father, and the pride of his family.

But the sacrifice was not in vain, for, as D. S. Henderson, of Aiken, probably expressed it:

"His spilled blood sounded the alarm which redeemed the State from corruption and misrule."

"A martyr to the cause of white supremacy in South Carolina."

Nettie Ogilvie Speaks.

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Edgefield School News. Our Boys Win Spirited Game.

Saturday afternoon, at the fair grounds, the Edgefield graded school gave Johnston a second decisive beating, the score being 37-7. The game belonged to Edgefield from the beginning and the question was not "will we win?" but "how much will we win?" Edgefield made six touch-downs, but owing to the ball's being wet, kicked goal but once. Johnston's only touch-down was really due more to luck than to real foot ball. In some unaccountable manner Lott eluded the whole Edgefield team and ran for a touch-down from kick-off. Padgett made one touch-down for Edgefield by skirting right end for twenty yards. The remaining five were made by Cheatham either around the ends or straight through the line.

Lott and Monroe played the best game for the visitors, while Deal, an Edgefield boy, substituting for a Johnston man was easily their next best. With the exception of Porter and Cheatham, all the Edgefield team played a good game. Good is not good enough for these two; for they played brilliantly, both offensively and defensively. They were our most consistent ground gainers, but Padgett also made some good runs. Britt pulled down a Johnston forward pass at one time and captured the ball again after the visitors had punted. Neither side held the other for downs; each was forced to punt once. Johnston gained twenty yards on a forward pass at one time but could work it no more. Edgefield depended on straight foot ball, trying only one short pass which was incomplete.

The attendance was good, in spite of threatening weather. Every one came to our next game. The humbling of a chesty rival should be a gala occasion and every aid in solidifying school spirit and gaining prestige for the school which the teachers are this year endeavoring to make the best for its size in the state. The line-up of the teams are as follows:

Edgefield: Cheatham, F.; Padgett, R. H.; Talbert, L. H.; Porter, Q.; Britt, R. E.; Sharpton, L. E.; Timmerman, R. T.; Prescott, L. T.; Thurmond, L. G.; Holson, R. G.; Jones (Bill) C.

Johnston: Lott and Monroe, F.; Clark, R. H.; Smith, L. H.; Nickerson, Q.; Doughty, R. E.; Watson, L. E.; Hoyt, R. T.; Deal, an Edgefield boy supplying for Johnston, L. T.; Caldwell, L. G.; Brown, R. G.; Perrin, C.

On last Tuesday morning, Rev. E. C. Bailey made a most interesting talk to the graded and high school. We are always glad to have him come, and urge the other patrons to follow his example.

Mr. Pendleton Gaines spent the week end with friends and relatives in Trenton.

Everybody will please remember the entertainment on next Friday night. The money is to be used for the improvement of the school; therefore we expect a large crowd. General admission 25 cents. All school children enter for 15 cents.

In order to put some enthusiasm and excitement into the basket ball game, a pennant has been offered to the team that wins the most games of the series to be played this year. Each team is to play every other team three games; and the two teams winning the most games will play each other for the championship. The manager of our team is endeavoring to arrange a series of such games between the "pick" teams of the Johnston, Edgefield and Trenton high schools. Also we want to arrange for field day exercises, which will be held in Edgefield some time during the year.

School Correspondent

D. A. R. Meeting.

The D. A. Rs will hold their meeting this month one week later than usual so that the delegates going to the state conference will have returned and can make their report. The meeting will be at the home of Mrs. James Cantelou on Tuesday, November 23, at 3:30 o'clock and each member is requested to bring an offering of food to be sent to the D. A. R. school at Georgetown.

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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Miss Mobley Entertained Rook Club. New Century Club Met With Mrs. Grant. New Autos.

Mrs. W. F. Scott and Master William have gone to Greenwood to visit the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Haltiwanger, and from there she will go to Greenville to attend the D. A. R. conference.

Mrs. H. W. Crouch is at home from a visit to her sister, Mrs. Taylor Goodwyn at Greenwood.

Reg. M. L. Kester and Mr. W. B. Moffett represented the Lutheran church of this place at the Synod held last week in Newberry, and they carried with them a most excellent report: the best that has yet been sent from this church. Rev. Kester is a consecrated man of God and under his leadership, the church has made many upward steps.

Mrs. J. A. Lott spent the latter part of last week in Augusta with friends.

Miss Marion Mobley entertained the rook club on Wednesday afternoon and the rooms were attractively decorated in gorgeous chrysanthemums. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. J. L. Walker and Miss Orlena Cantledge, and Miss Gladys Sawyer gave several piano selections. Several tables of rook were enjoyed and during the latter part of the afternoon a tempting salad course was served.

An exciting game of basket ball was played here on the school campus between Edgefield and Johnston on last Friday afternoon, Edgefield winning, the score being 10-9.

There is nothing that is affording such pleasure and profitable study and research to the young members of the Century Club, and the year's study.

is a most fitting one. The last meeting of the club was held in the home of Mrs. H. D. Grant and eight of the writers were discussed, Miss Clara Sawyer acting as leader: Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Felicia Hemans, Adelaide Proctor, Jean Ingelow, Rose Terry Cook, Elizabeth Stewart Phelps, Lucy Larcom and Celia Thaxter. An hour or more was spent in the discussion which was followed by a half hour of social pleasures and the hostess, assisted by some of her friends served an elaborate repast.

Handsome Buick cars have been purchased by Messrs. Burrell Boatwright and Robert Smith.

Mr. John Bland of Vidalia, Ga., spent last week here on business and visiting relatives.

The friends of Capt. P. B. Waters will be delighted to learn that he is now able to be up again after a three weeks illness.

Mesdames M. T. Turner and J. L. Walker are in Greenville this week attending the conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mr. Haskel Clark had the misfortune to lose his barn, with contents, by fire last week. Two mules, a buggy and wagon were also burned.

Mesdames Bettie Allen and Mary Ashley of Fruit Hill, have been visiting in the home of Dr. B. L. Allen.

Mrs. Lessie Moyer of Lexington has moved here to make her home, having rooms in the home of Mrs. T. R. Denny.

Messrs. F. S. Bland and G. G. Waters spent a few days of the past week in Vidalia, Ga., making a car trip.

Mrs. C. P. Corn has returned from Walhalla where she visited in the home of her father, Mr. William Strother.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Doby visited their daughter, Mrs. Brunson, recently in Augusta.

Miss Lois Carter of Batesburg spent last week here the guest of Mrs. E. O. Crouch.

Mrs. D. W. Caldwell has returned to Monroe, N. C., after a visit in the home of her brother, Mr. Henry Whittaker.

Mrs. Joseph Wright is at home from Macon, Ga., where she visited her mother, Mrs. Sammon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woodward of Aiken were week-end visitors here.

Mr. Julian Bland, now of Green-

AUGUSTA FAIR.

Our Hardy's Correspondent Visited Fair and Makes an Interesting Report. Edgefield Won Prizes.

Dear Advertiser: As Hardy's news is scarce, we will stray off a little this time and say a few words about the Fair. We spent about four hours out there last Thursday and enjoyed it very much. While I have seen better exhibits, they were remarkably good. I am truly sorry to see that the Meriwether club did not assist in putting on their exhibit, as they have done formerly, which caused the loss of a larger prize. We think the committee that worked and put on the exhibit, deserves great credit for making as good a display as they did when so few of the club members took interest enough in its club exhibit to assist in sending things to help with the display. The spinning wheel in the exhibit seemed to be of great interest to a great many. For this generation it was a great curiosity as the mills are all equipped with the latest improved machinery. Quite a contrast to the slow old timespinning wheel darkey that takes her time, the Sibley mills had in a loom run by electricity, showing its speed of turning off the work. They had some beautiful goods displayed there also.

The woman's work department was grand as it always is. There were not so many paintings as formerly I don't think. The clay work done by Miss Dickie Puryear was very much admired and was fine. We did not get around to the poultry department. The cattle, swine, and horses, were fine. We saw in one of the side shows a cow said to be the best in the state.

and they were very fine. I would like to see some steak from some of those fat fellows. I know it would be juicy and tender. Speaking of the woman's department, our friend, Mrs. H. F. Cooper and her two girls won some prizes from that department on needle work and fruit. Dr. McKie won several prizes on his Poland China hogs. Mr. McKie Scott and Mr. Henry Cooper won on their Duroc Jerseys.

Dr. McKie had quite a bad accident last Tuesday. His horse fell on his left leg and broke the small bone just above the ankle. It is giving him a great deal of trouble. We hope though, that he will soon be up and about again.

Mrs. Julia Townes is spending some time in Augusta with her daughter, McClare, and will spend a part of this week with her son, Mr. George Townes, in Aiken. Mrs. Carmichael is visiting Mrs. Francis Townes, Mr. Henry Medlock and baby.

Mr. Milton Barker arrived home last Tuesday from Chattanooga, Tenn., where he has been since August having his crops gathered and oats saved. He will return there on the 20th to complete his business, then come to make Carolina his home. We are so glad to have him come here to make his home instead of robbing us of "Miss Lou."

We always welcome good neighbors, and are sorry to hear we are to lose so many by their having to move off from malaria. Hope they may soon be able to come back among us.

Hardy's, S. C.

ville, has been visiting the home folks.

Miss Alma Woodward spent last week in Augusta with her aunt, Mrs. Dicks.

Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Parker were visitors in Augusta during last week.

Johnston will be well represented in Aiken the latter part of the week at the state convention, U. D. C. The delegates are Mrs. James White and Mrs. O. D. Black. Mrs. F. M. Boyd whose poem took the state prize and Miss Frances Turner whose essay also took the prize are among the guests of honor and will give these at the historical evening. Others who will also attend are Mesdames P. B. Waters, B. L. Allen, J. A. Dozier, Misses Emma Bouknight, Clara Sawyer and Zena Payne.

Thanksgiving Day And The Orphan.

President Wilson has appointed November 25, as the National Thanksgiving Day. It has been our annual custom on that day, or the Sabbath following, to remember the orphans. We hope that every reader of these lines will gladly do so. You have a wonderful amount to be grateful for. Put your gratitude to the proof. Send to the orphanage of your church, your thank offering. Presbyterian people in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina will remember that they are united in supporting the Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C., which is the property of those three Synods. The children are all orphans, some three hundred in number. There are 17 cottage homes, each occupied by some 15 to 25 children, with a good motherly woman in charge. The children are regularly in school for forty weeks each year, and are taught some trade or occupation, by which they can earn an honest living. Usually they leave the home at the age of 16 to 18, unless an earlier discharge is found advisable. Their support depends upon gifts of good men and women. Especially at Thanksgiving times, they ought to be remembered. There are 180 children from South Carolina, 70 from Georgia and 28 from Florida. The rest came from seven other states.

Contributions should be sent simply to Thornwell orphanage, Clinton, S. C. Checks and post office orders should be sent to the same address.

Honor Roll Edgefield Graded and High School.

First grade: Mae Allen Lott, Elizabeth Johnson, Margaret Lyon, Martha Thurmond, Mary Thurmond, Sara Hatcher, Mary Lott, and Mary Lott.

Second grade: June Stewart, Mary Stewart, Frances Moore, Mary Lillie Byrd, Elizabeth Bailey, Jeannette Timmons, Annie Lawton, Hansford Mims, Renaud Shannonhouse, Carrie Dunovant, Albert Kainsford.

Third grade: Felicia Mims, May Rives, Robert Tompkins, Nell Strom, Allen Geo. Thurmond, Willie Parks.

Fourth grade: Isabelle Byrd, Elizabeth Lott, John Wells, Allen Edwards.

Fifth grade: Mitchell Wells, Lillian Pattison, Eleanor Mims, Raymond Folk, William Strom, Robert Ouzts, Helen Nicholson, Mobley Sheppard.

Sixth grade: Lois Mims, William Folk, William Jones, Geneva Quarles, Elizabeth Rives, Ethel Cheatham, Dixon Timmerman.

Seventh grade: Edith Ouzts, Frances Jones, Norma Shannonhouse.

Eighth grade: Arthur Britt, Edwin Folk, James Porter.

Ninth grade: Margaret May, Neta Ouzts, Willie Peak, Johnnie Cogburn, Brook Jones, Annie Sue Broadwater.

Tenth grade: Ouida Pattison, Pendleton Gaines, Janice Morgan.

Eleventh grade: Annie Mae Timmons, Ida Folk, Jennie Simkins, Annabel Saunders, Lallie Peak.

Henry C. Tillman Against Woman Suffrage.

Mr. Henry C. Tillman, who will be a candidate for Congress from the Third District in the primaries next summer, is opposed to woman's suffrage. He made this positive statement to The Journal today when he was asked what stand he would take in the campaign which has been launched in every congressional district of the state by Mrs. M. T. Coleman. The appeal to the suffragists is given in another column of the Journal today.

So far as known Mr. Tillman is the only one of the several candidates for Congress from this district who has made public his views on the suffrage question. Statements from the other candidates, there are said to be some six or seven in addition to Congressman Aiken will be interesting.—Greenwood Journal.

Do you need a typewriter? The Advertiser is offering a great bargain in Oliver typewriters. Nothing better on the market.

W. M. U. MEETING.

State Convention of Baptist Women Held in Spartanburg Last Week. Profitable Gathering.

The meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union in Spartanburg from Tuesday to Friday of last week, was one of the most enthusiastic conventions in many years. Edgefield county was well represented. From Johnston, Mrs. W. J. Hatcher superintendent of the Sunbeam societies of the state, and one of the most efficient and popular officers of the convention; Mrs. L. C. Latimer president of the Johnston society; Miss Zena Payne and Mrs. J. H. White.

Trenton was represented by Miss Marian Clark, the youngest member of the party who left on the Southern Tuesday morning. Plum Branch had as their delegates Mrs. R. E. Coleman, Miss Juanita Miller and little Cornelia Cothran. Bethany was represented by Mrs. B. N. Talbert and Miss Nannie Talbert. Red Hill by Mrs. J. T. Littlejohn and Miss Hassie Quarles. Edgefield by Mrs. E. P. Jones, Mrs. A. E. Padgett, Mrs. Abner Broadwater, Mrs. L. T. May and Mrs. J. L. Mims.

As vice president of the western division, Mrs. Tillman's absence was regretted, and many inquiries were made in her behalf. She was represented by Mrs. W. H. Hunt of Newberry. Mrs. Tillman was re-elected to the same position. The Edgefield delegates served on the following committees: Mrs. Abner Broadwater made the report as chairman of the committee on time and place of next meeting, Mrs. J. L. Mims was a member of the committee to nominate delegates to the

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary of the church.

The Edgefield delegation were very cordially received by Dr. and Mrs. M. D. Jeffries and Miss Snow was one of the ushers at the convention.

A very delightful occasion was that of Thursday evening when a number of the Edgefield visitors were very hospitably entertained at dinner at Converse college by Miss Antoinette Denny, a senior and vice-president of the student government body. Miss Annie Crouch of Johnston was also very attentive in conducting the visitors about the institution and acquainting them with the beautiful environment and splendid equipment of the college.

Mrs. Broadwater remained over to the last executive board meeting to represent Edgefield association, Mrs. Littlejohn and Miss Hassie Quarles paid a visit to Mrs. Littlejohn's old home at Lauford and later visited J. T. Littlejohn, Jr., and C. B. Littlejohn at B. M. I., Mrs. L. T. May stopped over a few days with her mother in Laurens county and Mrs. A. E. Padgett remained over on invitation in Spartanburg, afterwards visiting Miss Gladys Padgett at Greenville Woman's college.

On the way over to Spartanburg the Edgefield contingency were most cordially greeted at the station in Columbia by Mrs. Matthews who had come down to meet her sister, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, and very kindly carried the party in her lovely car out to the city hospital where a visit was paid to Mrs. Holstein and Mrs. Griffin. We also found Miss Flora Ouzts in the hospital, but on the eve of returning home to Edgefield. Later her sister Mrs. Tillman Asbill joined the party and added to Edgefield's strength and enthusiasm.

The next convention will be held in Orangeburg the third week in November 1917.

Mrs. J. L. Mims.

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