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JOHNSTON LETTER.

W. C. T. U. Held Profitable Meeting. Civic League Active. Miss Stansell Entertained Club.

A splendid meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held on Friday with Mrs. M. T. Turner there being a full attendance. This was "Union Signal day," and as Mrs. Turner has charge of this, she conducted the meeting. Several interesting matters were discussed. Mrs. James White reported having sent on the box to the Door of Hope, which was valued at \$15, this containing food and clothing. A letter was read from Miss Mary Meyer thanking the union for the medal. She stated that she would now try for the gold medal. A number of baskets of flowers and bouquets were reported sent. The leader stated that she was ready to take subscriptions to the Signal, and a verse of "Subscribe" was sung and the subscriptions were given. The treasurer reported the financial condition of the union very good. The monthly program was carried out and the selections as arranged were read by Mesdames L. C. Latimer and Hattie Parrish and Miss Zena Payne. Several inspiring songs were sung.

There was a very full meeting of the New Century club on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. P. Cassells and many points of interest pertinent to club welfare were discussed. One was the free library. The club has on hand about two hundred volumes, but they hope to increase this to be more instructive for the members and for the use of the general public. They have the promised co-operation of the other organizations. The patriotic organizations will supply books of this nature. The W. C. T. U. can put before the public such literature as will no doubt bring forth good results. The Apollo music club has offered biographies of the masters. The 100-centenary of Shakespeare will be observed by the club, the nature of this to be decided upon by a committee. "Baby day" instead of a "Better babies week" was discussed and a day during the first of April was decided upon. A club lecturer who is well informed has been secured for the day. A letter was read asking that the club endorse as president general of the federation, Mrs. J. E. Cowles of Los Angeles, California, in the next election. This the club will be glad to do, her husband having many warm friends here, at one time being a practicing physician. After all business Miss Mallie Waters took charge of the lesson study hour, six interesting women writers occupying the time. "One hundred years ago, when a woman wrote a book men applauded her as they would a dancing bear, not because she could do it well, but because she could do it at all. Now, there is no branch of literature which she does not adorn," so says Foster. Life sketches and interesting facts were given. "May Sinclair," Miss Zena Payne; "Mrs. Deland," Miss Alma Woodward; "Anna Katharine Green," Mrs. James White; "Kate L. Boshier," Mrs. C. D. Kenny; "Ida Tarbell," Mrs. F. M. Boyd; "Leona Dalbyrump," Miss Clara Sawyer. The hostess was assisted in entertaining her guests by Mrs. L. S. Maxwell and Miss Anna Harnes, and all enjoyed refreshing punch and an ice course with cake.

The Civic League will meet Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the school auditorium. It is hoped that there will be a full attendance, as there will be matters of interest to be presented.

The Apollo music club met last Friday with Mrs. Leon Stansell and two enjoyable hours were spent, the Polish composer Mourose Moszkowski being studied and the piano solos were of his productions. Miss Gertrude Strother was leader for the afternoon. During the business session two new members were added to the club, Mesdames W. J. Hatcher and J. D. Bartley. A life sketch of Moszkowski was given by Mrs. James Strother. Waltz Op. 17, Mrs. G. D. Walker; "Caprice Espagnol," Mrs. W. F. Scott; vocal duet, "In God's garden of roses," Mesdames H. W. Crouch and L. S. Maxwell. Berceuse "Op. 27," Miss Emma Bouknight; vocal solo, "Who knows," Miss Sallie Heyward. During the pleasant inter-

Southern Bestows Medals Upon Faithful Employees.

Washington, D. C., March 17.—One thousand, seven hundred and fifty-eight men in the employ of Southern Railway Company, representing all ranks and all classes from general officer to blacksmith helper, who have exceeded twenty-five years of continuous service on the road, will shortly be awarded a medal by President Fairfax Harrison in recognition of their achievement and to commemorate their honorable record. The presentation of the medals will be made personally by Mr. Harrison to all those entitled to them during the next two weeks. In announcing the plan, the following statement was issued by President Harrison:

"Southern Railway Company has in its service 1,758 men of all ranks and classes, from general officer to blacksmith helper, who have exceeded twenty-five years of continuous service on the road. There are, indeed, thirty-four men who have exceeded fifty years of such service, and it is also of interest that there are 235 negroes on the list. These men are best men the Company carries on its rolls, for they have proven their loyalty and their fitness for their several responsibilities in the hard school of experience and by survival of the strict discipline which is necessary in the administration of a railroad. To recognize their achievement and to commemorate their honorable record, the Company has arranged to award each one of them a medal which they can wear so long as they live and hand down as an heirloom of their families."

The medal is of bronze, of highly artistic and successful design. It is the work of the distinguished sculptor Victor Brenner of New York, who was recommended to the Company by the United States Director of the Mint. The artist is best known, perhaps, for his design of the current Lincoln penny.

The obverse of the medal bears the inscription "Southern Railway Company. For Loyalty," and shows an actual scene on the road, a section of modern double track equipped with automatic signals, with an all steel passenger train running through the mountains of North Georgia. President Harrison's plan was to show a typical industrial scene with a factory in the background, but the sculptor would not agree that a factory was capable of artistic treatment and insisted on mountains. It is, however, fortunate for the Company and for those who will wear the medals that there are factories on line as well as scenery.

The reverse of the medal shows three symbols of modern railroad: a telephone dispatcher at his switch-board, a section gang engaged in maintenance and a large heavy-power press to represent the shop crafts. Thus each principal branch of the service is indicated. On the reverse is also engraved the name of the man to whom the medal is awarded, with the dates of his service record.

mingling of friends the hostess served a tempting repast.

Miss Sara Stevens who is teaching at McCormick spent Saturday and Sunday here at her home, having attended the teacher's convention in Columbia.

Mr. Williams of McCormick spent Sunday in the home of Mr. P. C. Stevens.

The Angeline Bacon chapter, D. of C., held a very enjoyable meeting on Saturday afternoon with Misses Sadie Lee and Jamie Bruce, Miss Jessie Edwards conducting the meeting. There were two new members gained, Misses Carobel Stevens and Leola Moffett. Miss Frances Turner, historian had an interesting program arranged and the meeting proved very interesting. While chatting and making plans for an Easter party and a camping party during the summer days all enjoyed delightful refreshments served.

Mr. White of Saluda has been for a visit in the home of his son, Mr. James White.

Mrs. Elzie LaGrone and little Irene Elizabeth spent last week at Aiken in the home of the former's mother, Mrs. Irene Coleman.

Mrs. W. L. Coleman has gone to the Baptist hospital for treatment.

CLEORA BOOMING.

Boulevards Being Made by Gang. Boosts Big Country Store. Doolittle's Horse and Buggy Asylum.

Dear Old Advertiser:

We people of Cleora are so much elated over the good work being done around here by the chaingang, with Capt. Barrett in charge, that we are just obliged to whoop up our town a little bit. Capt. Barrett, with his genial smile and accommodating disposition, has won the friendship of all our people. It is being said that he is doing more and better work, with less fuss and less help than has ever been done in this section before. Yes, and Charlie Broadwater, the Old Rock of Gibraltar, stands pat and is god-father for the whole crew.

Now, Mr. Editor, we want you to get in your new six-forty Paige car and come up to see us, taking a spin up Bartley street to Cleora, down McClendon street to Williams street, then to Red Land farm. Then take down Brunson street to the Vienna road and back to Cleora through Reel's Southside avenue and if this fails to make you smile, I will pay the fiddler.

Now, if the supervisor wants to complete the happiness of all of the people of this burg, just let him put Capt. Barrett and his gang on Morgan street. This is a new street and road leading from Cleora to Berea church. We are not expecting that this road be put in thorough repair at this time but a few days work on it now would give us a better way to get to Berea church and would be highly appreciated by us all.

Mr. Editor, just let me speak of a few more things and I am done for this time. You know we can boast of the largest country store in the county, if not in the State, run by men of a high order of business qualities. They put on a bargain sale some time ago and you can bet that our town has been thronged with people from far and near, carrying off bargains by the armful, by buggy loads and wagon loads. You see, when Albert Reel, one of the best business boys in the county, puts out price on an article you may be sure it is down. Yes, down below zero and you safely take it in.

Furthermore, we have got one of the best horse shoers and wheelwrights to be found anywhere. So if your horse's feet need a doctor, or your wagon or buggy goes crazy, just bring them to Doolittle's asylum at Cleora. He stands at his forge ready and willing to make you happy.

Brunson school is progressing finely under the guidance of two of the best teachers to be found anywhere, Miss Sara Stevens and Miss Carrie Collins. They have 50 pupils, all of whom are sound and healthy, without a single defect of any kind.

Grain is looking fairly well around here, but I hear some complaint of the fly being in it. More diversification is being practiced by our farmers than was ever known before and less guano is being used than ever.

Old Klu Klux.
Cleora, S. C.

Edgefield School Letter.

The preliminary contest in declamation and recitation took place in the high school auditorium Monday morning. The contestants were as follows: Annie Mae Culbreath, "Biff Perkins Toboggan Slide"; Janice Morgan, "The College Oil Cans"; Willie Peak, "Higher Culture in Dixie"; Emmie Broadwater, "The Soldier's Reprieve"; Edwin Folk, "Devotion to Duty"; Pendleton Gaines, "Happiness and Liberty"; William Folk, "Surrey's Dream." The judges were: Mr. S. McG. Simkins, Mr. B. E. Nicholson and Mr. A. S. Tompkins. Their decision was rendered in favor of Miss Janice Morgan and William Folk. It was necessary to select the second best as a substitute in case one should be needed, so the following were chosen: Miss Willie Peak and Edwin Folk. The ones selected in the athletic contests will appear next week.

School Correspondent.

RED OAK GROVE

Train Boys to be Good Citizens. Body Found Near Modoc. Farmers Very Busy.

"Better say nothing, than nothing to the purpose."

Seeing facts as they present themselves, as we read of current events, and the progress of science, brought about by the development of our resources, the demand upon us as a people makes us feel that no time should be lost on all lines of education. How can anybody say "they have no part" in that which is for the betterment of mankind. Some say, what is done at Washington does not come before me and mine. Why not? Each family despite its humbleness, helps round the numbers of this great nation. So no matter the position in life, our greatest asset is the children of our land. To our mind the foundation work begins at the fireside. Discuss the business world and its doings with the children, teach them by helping them to see the right and wrong of affairs. True patriotism is keeping ourselves spiritually and intellectually informed. The young should be encouraged to equip themselves to encounter the great problems which progress of time will advance. Life is full of perplexities and grows as time advances. To keep anywhere in advance, it can be done, only by an education, and a trust in Him who rules over all. Comes to my mind right here, an incident of my childhood: A young man of bright ideals, but of poor parentage said, "I desire above riches, an education," my father to encourage him said, "you have a dictionary, study that, and read your Bible to keep your mind clear, and if you try, you will succeed." Those were words of encouragement, so expressed to me a few years ago, the person having reached to success as a business man and a man of usefulness. To keep good company is a means of education. Some writer has made this assertion. "To keep bad company is like playing with dirt, some is sure to stick to you."

On the 11th inst., near Modoc the unidentified body of a young man with one foot severed entirely just above the shoe the other limb at the hip almost from the body and an ugly gash in forehead was found by engineer early freight going down. The railroad officials had inquest over the body, and upon examination, decided the killing was accidental. In the shoe on the severed foot was found some money both silver and bills so crushed that could not determine the amount, also a telegram in his coat pocket from Central S. C., to Augusta, Ga., by name Wiley McCalliban. Soon the railroad was in communication with the unfortunate family. In meantime the body was arranged for burial, the good people of Modoc rendering assistance, feeling that it must be done orderly, saying it was "some mother's boy."

A brother came the next day and carried the remains to Central. The father was ill, hence the telegram, but died day of accident.

Our farmers are busy now. Some are using guano, but not much. The timely warning of National President of Farmers Union should be, food for thought, for the entire South.

Irate Father—It's astonishing, Richard, how much money you need.

Son—I don't need it, father; it's the hotel keepers, the tailors and the taxicab men.—Boston Transcript.

Owens—My landlord has ordered me out because I can't pay my rent!

Bowens—Glad I met you. So has mine. Let's change quarters.—Boston Transcript.

FOR RENT—A five-room residence near the high school. Possession given at once. Apply to J. L. Mims.

The Best Hot Weather Tonic
GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC enriches the blood, builds up the whole system and will wonderfully strengthen and fortify you to withstand the depressing effect of the hot summer. 50c.

To-The Teachers of Edgefield County.

Remember that Friday, April 7, is Field Day for Edgefield county. The success or failure of the day will depend upon the schools of the county. Every single school should be represented.

The committee has arranged a very interesting program, consisting of both mental and physical contests. Each school is allowed two representatives in each contest.

The parade will be formed on Main street leading from the public square to the depot, promptly at 10:30 o'clock. The column will be led by a brass band. The school children accompanied by their teachers and trustees will march in column of two in the following alphabetical order:

Antioch, Beaver Dam, Berea, Bethlehem, Brunson, Camp Branch, Cemetery Hill, Center Spring, Colliers, Edgemore, Edgefield, Folk, Flat Rock, Gardnersville, Griffin, Harmony, Jeffcoat, Johnston, Lenoir, Liberty Hill, Limestone, Log Creek, Long Branch, Long Cane, Lott, McKendree, Meeting Street, Modoc, Morgana, Mt. Zion, Oak Grove, Parksville, Pine Grove No. 1, Pine Grove No. 2, Pleasant Lane, Plum Branch, Red Hill, Rehoboth, Ropers, Sweetwater, Sullivan, Tillman, Trenton, Waycross No. 1, Waycross No. 2, White Town, Wimberville Branch.

The parade will end at the school grounds where the welcoming address will be made by Hon. J. C. Sheppard, announcements and information given out, and when all contests will be held. Before dinner the athletic events will take place and after dinner the mental contests consisting of the spelling contest and declamation and recitation. Teachers bear in mind that the declamation and recitation contests will be held in the afternoon instead of the evening as at first scheduled.

Remember, teachers, patrons, trustees, April 7 is school day. Can you think of a day more interesting or important? See that your school is represented. An interesting program, a picnic and barbecued dinner, a brass band. What more could you wish.

The Central Committee.

Court of Common Pleas.

At the time of our going to press last week the court was engaged with the suit brought by Dr. J. R. Timmerman against Mr. O. O. Posy to recover 23 acres of land and damages, the sum of \$1,000 being involved. A verdict was rendered in favor of the plaintiff, restoring to him the 23 acres of land and awarding damages to the amount of \$25.

The case that has attracted most attention since the convening of the court of common pleas was the suit brought by Mr. John O. Scott against the Georgia-Carolina Power Company for \$2,500 damages. Mr. Scott alleged that the impounded water resulting from the dam which the Georgia-Carolina Power Company constructed across Savannah river has caused a stream near his home to overflow and that has created sickness in his family, and because of this damage to his property and menace to the health of his family he sought redress in the courts.

The testimony in the case was completed Saturday, and Monday morning the sheriff, following the order of the court, secured four automobiles and carried the jury down to view the property in order that they may act more intelligently.

After being in the room several hours the jury rendered a verdict Tuesday afternoon for \$500 in favor of Mr. Scott. The plaintiff was represented by J. Wm. Thurmond and B. E. Nicholson and the defendant by Sheppard Bros, Elliot and Herbert of Columbia and Boykin Wright of Augusta.

The next case called Tuesday was similar to the above, being a suit for damages in the sum of \$10,200 against the Georgia-Carolina Power Company by Mr. Walter Cheatham.

The jury will be taken in automobiles to view the property Thursday. There are about 16 other cases against the Georgia-Carolina Power Company but these were continued to the next term of court. As the suit of Mr. Cheatham will be the last for this term, all petit jurors except those drawn on this case were discharged Tuesday afternoon.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Township Equalization Board Met. Hardy's Church Without Organist. Missionary Society to Meet.

Sunday was a lovely spring day, warm, bright and very little wind in comparison with what we have been having. We have had more wind and harder wind this season than for years it seems to me. The trees ought surely to grow well after such work as the wind has given them.

We were truly sorry to hear of the extreme illness of little James McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. McClain, Sr., who have recently moved to the Cooper neighborhood. He has pneumonia and was taken to his aunt's Mrs. Will Walker's to be treated by Dr. Moore, the child specialist. We hope to hear to-day of his being much better.

Glad to see Mrs. Luther Reese up again after her severe spell of chills, she and Miss Georgia Reese. Mrs. Reese spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Gertie Shaw, hoping to gain some strength and get rid of some of the malaria. She certainly shows what malaria has done for her. She guarantees us a full supply of malaria if we will come spend one night with her. Of course we promised not to come.

We are glad to report that we have just heard that little James McClain is a little better. His fever being less this morning.

Miss Mary Townes left this morning for Shelton, S. C., where she will take a school for a short term.

Last Tuesday the equalization board of Meriwether township met at Mr. John Scott's and we were invited to spend the day also with the ladies. Mrs. Scott and Miss Inez have their cousins, a bright young lady from Grovetown, Ga., Miss Nina Blackstone, visiting there, also the teacher a sweet little creature Miss Kitty Link. Mrs. H. F. Cooper and Miss Lilla Bunch, Herbert Bunch, Mr. H. F. Cooper, Mr. Wiley Glover, Mr. Will Parrish and Mr. Ed Spires were all there to dine that day, and enjoyed the entire day with Mr. Scott's hospitable family.

Since Miss Irene Scott married we have lost our organist at Hardy's, and we missed her Sunday very much as no one else would play for us. There were not so many out as should have been as pretty a day as it was. There was a fairly good attendance at Sunday school at Sweetwater we were told, and after it was over the young folks motored to Augusta for a joy ride.

We were very sorry to hear of Mr. T. J. Briggs being so sick. Hope she will soon be up again and be able to attend the missionary meeting which will be at Hardy's church, owing to Mrs. Townes not being at home. Sorry to hear Mr. Will Briggs is not at all well.

Hardy's.

Attention! Woman's Mission Societies!

The Institute of the western division will take place at Aiken on April 10, 11 and 12. The first meeting will be held on Monday night at the first Baptist church and will be one of great interest. The proximity of Aiken to Edgefield is a great advantage in this instance and every member of the mission societies who can possibly do so should derive the benefit and inspiration from this occasion.

The institutes are arranged for the convenience of those belonging to the respective divisions as many can not attend the state meetings. There is no restriction as to delegates. As many as can be secured are expected and the Aiken people are preparing for a large number.

Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Fizer and Mrs. Davis will be present. Dr. E. P. Jones will make the Monday evening address.

Mrs. Tillman as vice-president of the western division will preside over all the sessions.

Mrs. J. L. Mims.

Seed Irish Potatoes.

We can supply you with the celebrated Buist Irish potatoes for planting, none better on the market. We have the Bliss, Early Rose, Cobbler and other popular varieties.

Penn & Holstein.