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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Clubs Elect Delegates. Death of Mrs. Meyer. "Baby Day" Observed. New Century Club Met.

The Democratic club meetings were well attended here on Saturday, and resolutions were passed endorsing Woodrow Wilson and the administration of Gov. Manning. Delegates to the county convention were elected and are, I. R. Clark, A. M. Clark, E. L. Yonce, J. L. Walker, J. A. Lott, J. W. Hardy, S. J. Watson, W. L. Coleman, J. W. Cox, J. Rutledge McGhee, Dr. J. A. Dobe, John Wright and A. P. Lott, practically all being friends with the present administration. The sentiment of the delegates is in favor of abolishing the county to county canvas for state officers.

Mrs. Kathrine Meyer died here on last Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. E. Norris. She had reached the age of 75 years and for some time had been in failing health, for the past three months, being confined to her bed. She was lovingly administered to but her frail form could not rally from the encroachments of old age. Mrs. Meyer was a sweet christian character quiet and unassuming; she was a devoted member of the M. E. church and it was always her pleasure to attend the services. By her lovable and gentle spirit she was loved by every one. The funeral services were conducted on Thursday morning by Rev. J. H. Thacker at the home, after which the body was laid to rest at Mt. of Olives cemetery, beside the grave of her husband. There were many beautiful flowers sent from relatives and friends over the state and also from here, the M. E. church and Sunday school and other organizations. Three children are left, Mr. Milton Meyer of Aiken, Mrs. Wood Lowman of Timmonsville and Mrs. M. E. Norris.

Dr. G. D. Walker attended the state medical association held in Charleston last week.

Mesdames Mary J. Norris, Mamie N. Tillman, A. E. Padgett and Miss Natalie Padgett were visitors here on Wednesday.

The next session of the Sunday school convention of the Ridge association will be held with Dry Creek church April 28-30. This convention will take the place of the three district union meetings. A splendid program has been arranged and it is hoped that every church and Sunday school in the association will be represented.

"Baby day" which was planned for by the New Century club, was observed here on Saturday at the auditorium of the high school and each feature was of profit and interest. Dr. Mulherin of Augusta made an address in the morning, telling how to care for baby, what to do for it when sick &c., and a splendid demonstration was made with the little year and one half old baby, which lives at the University hospital this being done by one of the nurses who had accompanied her. An enjoyable feature was the music, a vocal duet by Mesdames H. W. Crouch and L. S. Maxwell, and also by Misses Helen and Mary Walker. Questions were asked by the audience which the Dr. cheerfully answered. In the afternoon excellent talks were given by Dr. J. A. Dobe and Dr. Beverly Epes, on "The teeth and the care of them." Dinner was served on the grounds and an hour was pleasantly spent. One of the most pleasant parties of the past week was of Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. J. L. Walker entertained for Miss Pet LaGrone, whose marriage is a happy event of May 9. The color scheme was violet and the hostess welcomed her guests in a violet summer costume and everywhere were violets, the lights being in this shade. The score cards for rook were painted in violets and after a lively game there was heard the sound of the wedding march and a little fairy all in violet, little Helen Walker, came in and pausing before the honoree presented her with a shower basket from the hostess which contained several beautiful gifts. Refreshments were served in the dining room and the table was beautiful with a centerpiece of a large green basket of violets tied

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Southern Always Alert and Active.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 18.—With the view of extending their efforts to promote the sale of southern made goods in the South American countries, Southern Railway, Queen and Crescent Route, and the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, will send their South American Agent, Mr. Charles Lyon Chandler, on a tour through South America this summer. He will leave in July and visit Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, where the opportunities are now particularly bright for extension of American trade because of the European War. Mr. Chandler made a similar trip last year.

Mr. Chandler will interview the merchants and buyers of the three republics and investigate trade opportunities generally in order to be able to advise southern merchants and manufacturers where and how to place their products to the greatest advantage. While on this trip, his services will be at the disposal of Southern firms who are anxious to have specific trade opportunities investigated for them, and will also be glad to assist and promote their trade there in any way possible. Firms desiring Mr. Chandler to represent them should address them at 322 James Building, Chattanooga. No charge will be made for this service, the work being part of the Southern's general scheme for developing the South.

"There is a particularly good market for Southern cotton goods in Argentina and Uruguay at the present time," declares Mr. Chandler, "and over \$10,000,000 worth of cotton fabrics, piece goods, both bleached and colored, could be sold to Argentine Republic alone from the Southern States. We only export \$28,000,000 worth of cotton piece goods annually while our exports of automobiles amount to \$23,000,000. The South Americans are now looking to the United States for manufactured goods and other products necessary in their every day life, and there is no reason why the South should not get a full share of the business if it is sought in the proper way."

Average Value of Horses and Mules.

Auditor J. R. Timmerman has just completed an abstract of the personal property of Edgefield county to be forwarded to the Tax Commission in Columbia, and he has given us the following figures which show the average value at which horses and mules are returned for taxation in the different townships:

	Horses	Mules
Blocker T'ship	44.76	49.05
Collier	45.30	48.97
Collins	50.51	52.85
Edgefield Town	49.57	51.46
Elmwood	45.28	48.81
Hibler	47.66	52.00
Johnston	45.98	50.44
Meriwether	47.43	49.74
Moss	47.90	54.02
Pickens	50.17	52.16
Plum Branch	46.65	45.13
Shaw	48.75	52.76
Talbert	46.18	50.79
Ward	52.19	59.14
Washington	50.79	49.00
Wise	46.60	50.32

A study of the above figures will show that the assessed values in several townships should be raised. Ward is the banner township, horses and mules both averaging higher in that township than in any other. Collins and Pickens almost tie for second place.

Swat the Fly!

(Published by request.)

Oh, my!
Swat the fly.
Hit him low,
Hit him high,
Swat him on the head,
Bat him in the eye.
Kill him good, kill him dead.
Watch him till you see him die.
He is nasty, he is bad,
He is loathsome, he is mean.
Use the swatter as a fad,
And keep your eatables clean.
If you have a stable
And you're strong and able,
Clean it out every week
And keep your family from getting sick.—Christian Advocate.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Wind and Dry Weather Without Precedent. Easter Service at Dothan Church. New Cars Galore.

Easter has come and gone and we did not freeze either. Saturday the wind was real cold all day. But although the wind blew a gale all day it was a hot wind. And everything is so very dry.

Some one was telling me in Augusta Saturday that the lakes in Florida are drying up from such extended dry weather and so much wind. It seems to strike every one with the same idea that they never remember having so much wind and dry weather. I very much fear we will have a very wet summer and the grass will take possession of the crops if it ever comes up during the dry spell. The men talk crops and politics now and how much the grain needs rain as well as other things.

Ladies want rain for their gardens. This is also their season for vying with each other in the chicken crop. The crows are breaking up hen's nests and eating eggs equal to the dogs.

Mrs. G. W. Medlock had bad luck with her chickens, lost so many from cholera and now Mrs. Georgia McKie is losing hers with it. We have been threatened with it several times in our flock, but fed salt, sulphur and soda in dough and put carbolic acid, permanganate of potash and turpentine in the drinking water, and have not lost more than three. Those we burned. We have a good many, over a hundred off. Some of our neighbors tell us they have 12, some none.

Sunday, Easter, was service day over at Dothan and we saw Mr. and Mrs. McKie Scott go up to attend services. Also Mr. Philip Markert and family go up in their new car to attend Dothan. Mrs. Georgia McKie carried Mrs. Frances Townes to service in Augusta in her new car.

Mr. and Mrs. George Townes and baby spent Sunday with Mrs. Julia Townes returning to Aiken in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bunch and children spent an hour or so with Mrs. S. V. Bunch Sunday afternoon. She is feeling very badly, still. Mr. Harry Bunch is quite unwell and the children have all been right sick during the past week.

We attended the woman's missionary meeting at Mrs. Frances Townes last Thursday afternoon and enjoyed it very much.

Mrs. Julia Townes and Mrs. T. J. Briggs attended the meeting at Aiken and gave us some very interesting accounts of what interested them most at that meeting. Both were very much impressed by Mrs. Tillman's great ability and gracious manner of carrying out her points, and conducting the meeting. Just as every one is obliged to be with that lovely christian lady.

We were glad to have Miss Emie Lanham with us also at our meeting. She had attended the Aiken meeting as well as visiting Miss Georgia Reese, over at the bungalow with Mr. John Reese.

Mr. Luther Reese has been having chills but we are glad to see him out again. Miss Georgia hopes to get out of the reach of the malaria by going to stay with Mr. John Reese awhile.

The Gardnerville school children had an Easter egg hunt on Good Friday and enjoyed it immensely. Some two young men on their way home from town ran into Miss Beatrice Stevens' buggy as she and the teacher, Miss Birnes Barker, were going home from the egg hunt and tore Miss Stevens' buggy and one of the young men in the car up pretty badly. Fortunately I did not hear of any one being hurt.

The Sweetwater memorial services will be held this year, second Sunday in May. Every one is invited to come prepared for all day services, and enjoyable time.

Next Sunday being fifth Sunday the union meeting convenes at Rehoboth and we wish so much it were possible for us to be there with all those good, hospitable people. But we cannot make the trip in one day with Balam and have no automobile. Guess we will be at home, thinking of those who will go and enjoy it.

Hardy's.

RED OAK GROVE.

Corn Up and Plowed. Fishing Favorite Sport. Easter Egg Hunt. Approaching Marriage.

Our farmers seem to have gotten their business where they can feel at leisure somewhat. Much corn has been planted, some of the corn has been plowed and good stands reported. Cotton the uncertain King of the South, is coming too. "I did not know what was best," remarked one of our neighbors, in reference to several loads of guano he was having placed on his farm. The above remark doubtless expressed the sentiment of many hard laboring, honest farmer. In that adventure, as in all things, we can be made satisfied, by trusting in Him who knows our needs better than we do. Amen to the farmer.

Last Saturday Messrs. O. O. Timmerman and J. T. Griffith took several young people down to Stevens Creek to fish. Whether the wind was too high or a preference of "Dry land" fishing prevented a real fish dinner, we do not know how that was, but however having had sufficient experience in the uncertainty of either satisfying the appetite of a party on occasions like that a nice lunch was provided and spread for the enjoyment of all.

Preferring the amusement of the children, rather than fishing, Misses Kathleen Kendrick and Bertha Parkman gave an Easter hunt at Mr. Charlie Parkman's for quite a happy little crowd, on last Saturday p. m. No prizes this time were offered they said, but we had so much real fun ourselves, we hope to do more next time for the children.

Several from our town spent the day near Modoc on Savannah river. Among them Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lamb, Messrs. Mallie Clegg, Albert Shalton and Frank Kenrick. Notwithstanding the unfavorable conditions for fishing, a number went over on the Georgia side.

Fishing from the boat was made quite interesting. The champion work of the day, by Mr. Tillman Howle. Mr. Clegg was happiest his only haul being a large carp, he by the side of his fish lay dormant till dinner was announced, and upon that announcement, he declared the day a success. Down by the river-side among the stately cotton-wood trees and lovely willows, on the carpet of Bermuda grass was spread a spotlessly white cloth—bearing just the things that we find provided on all well regulated farms, making a scene of a most lasting impression. But back of this spread was the sweetest picture. A happy home, despite affliction, ruled by an affectionate father, a kind and untiring mother, who so graciously provided this lunch for our pleasure. We feel under lasting obligations to Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Howle for their many courtesies extended us on this enjoyable trip.

The expenditure of thousands of dollars by the Twin-City Power Company makes the possibilities seem most a reality to greater things for McCormick county. A railroad track has been built, which will make industrial resources easy, that now lie quiescent, many inducements are there and will some day come to light. Price's Island three miles in length belonging to this corporation, could be used to many advantages. What is more useful or a greater advantage than a good stock farm. Nature has done much for man-kind everywhere.

Mr. Will Rogers from Birmingham, Ala., where he holds a responsible position, accompanied by Mr. Hollie Clegg from Callison, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Effie Wates who has been teaching near McCormick and has been elected to teach next school term is at home with her sister Mrs. G. W. Bussey.

The entire community is abounding in best wishes to our beloved young friend Miss Georgia Mae Wates in her approaching marriage to Mr. Joseph Ramsey of Colleton county on May 4.

Miss Allie Evans returned to her home in Abbeville last week, but will return for the Wates-Ramsey wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Griffith were guests several days last week in the

Mr. Jack Ripley Drowned in Turkey Creek.

Friday afternoon Messrs. Joe and Gregg Fagan and Messrs. Jack Ripley, Sr., and Jack Ripley, Jr., went on a fishing expedition to Turkey creek, pitching their tent about half a mile above Moultrie's mill. Soon after sunset Gregg Fagan and Jack Ripley, Jr., went some distance down the creek to set some hooks, leaving Joe Fagan and Jack Ripley asleep on the bank of the creek. When they returned about dark they found Mr. Fagan still asleep but Mr. Ripley was missing. His hat and coat were there but he could not be found. However, as he had said something about returning home, they thought he had gone home, and all of the other members of the party remained through the night fishing. When they returned to Edgefield Saturday morning they could find no trace of Mr. Ripley, so they reported to Sheriff Swearingen that he was missing and that possibly he had fallen in the creek, as he left his coat and hat. Sheriff Swearingen went up at once in his car to the fishing camp, taking with him the members of the party, and he also stopped at the home of Mr. Walter Brunson and took him along.

After dragging the creek some time where Mr. Ripley was left asleep on the bank his body was found. It was on the bottom of the creek about 10 feet from the opposite bank from which he fell. The water at this place was about 10 feet in depth.

Sheriff Swearingen notified Coroner Byrd about 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and an inquest was held as provided by law. The verdict of the jury of inquest was to the effect that Mr. Ripley came to his death from natural causes, having fallen in the creek and drowned.

The body was brought to his home near Edgefield, and the interment took place at Philippi church Sunday afternoon, Rev. Arthur L. Gunter conducting the funeral. Mr. Ripley is survived by his wife and six children.

Edgefield Clubs Met.

Saturday afternoon in compliance with the rules of the Democratic party the members of the two clubs in Edgefield met, reorganized and elected delegates to the county convention which is to be held in Edgefield the first Monday in May.

Edgefield Club No. 1 elected M. P. Wells, president; B. E. Nicholson vice-president, W. E. Lott secretary and treasurer, and A. E. Padgett county executive committee. The following delegates were elected to the county convention: Thomas H. Rainsford, J. C. Sheppard, M. P. Wells, S. McG. Sunkins, B. E. Nicholson, A. E. Padgett and J. L. Mims. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the national Democratic administration and also endorsing Woodrow Wilson for the Democratic nominee for the presidency.

The Edgefield club No. 2 re-organized by the election of S. B. Mays, president; A. S. Tompkins, vice-president; J. W. Kemp, secretary, and W. M. Harling, treasurer. The following delegates to the county convention were elected: S. B. Mays, J. Wm. Thurmond, P. B. Mayson, P. A. Hightower, W. A. Strom and A. S. Tompkins. The club adopted appropriate resolutions endorsing Woodrow Wilson's administration and also endorsing him for the Democratic nomination for the presidency. J. Wm. Thurmond was chosen as county executive committeeman.

Johnston's Delegates.

The clubs of Johnston met Saturday afternoon and elected delegates to the county convention. Lee club elected S. J. Watson, A. P. Lott, J. W. Cox, J. A. Dobe, J. Rutledge McGhee and John Wright, W. Lee Coleman were elected county executive committeeman. Washington club elected the following delegates: I. R. Clark, A. M. Clark, E. L. Yonce, J. A. Lott, J. L. Walker and J. W. Hardy.

home of Mrs. G. D. Mims.

Robertson & Bro. have installed an up-to-date saw mill and are now ready for extensive lumber business on Mr. D. Bussey's land.

TRENTON LETTER.

Trenton Girls Win Honors and Distinction. Baptist Minister Has Resigned. Beautiful Easter Service.

We send congratulations to our quartette of Trenton girls who have very recently acquitted themselves so creditably at their graduating piano recitals. We have reference to Miss Ruth Long of Limestone, Miss Fannie Miller of Chicora, Misses Martha Harrison and Helen Clark of Coker. From Coker college items in The State we find the following: "Misses Helen Clark and Martha Harrison gave their senior piano recital on last Thursday evening. Both young musicians made most favorable impression, Miss Clark's playing being marked by tenderness and sweetness of tone, and Miss Harrison's by unusual dash and brilliancy."

Mrs. Floyd Johnstone from Dublin, Ga., who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Swearingen, was joined by her husband on Thursday for a visit to Asheville. They will be the guests of Mr. Johnston's mother.

Miss Lizzie Butler motored up from North Augusta in her handsome new Oldsmobile to spend Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. J. Miller. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Butler who spent the day with Mr. James Miller.

Mrs. Rubye Shealy entertained the married ladies embroidery club Wednesday afternoon. About fourteen ladies were present to enjoy Mrs. Shealy's hospitality and particularly the delightful repast she served.

Mr. J. H. Courtney has purchased a beautiful new Ford.

Easter service was observed in the church of our Saviour on Sunday afternoon last and a large congregation listened attentively to the splendid sermon by the Rev. Shannonhouse. The music was good and the church tastefully decorated in white and green. We were glad to have with us Rev. Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Shannonhouse from Edgefield, Mrs. Annie Harrison and Miss Brockington from Johnston and Mr. Carwile from Ridge Spring.

An afternoon that was thoroughly enjoyed was Wednesday of the past week when Mrs. Leslie Eidson was the gracious hostess for the "Entre Nous" embroidery club. The young folks had a jolly good time and Mrs. Eidson served tempting refreshments late in the afternoon. Miss Annie Timmerman who was visiting Mrs. Eidson was guest of honor at this meeting.

Miss Fannie Miller came home from Chicora to spend the Easter-tide.

Rev. and Mrs. Graves Knight and Mr. Knight's mother were guests of Misses Mae and Carrie Harrison on Sunday last.

Mrs. D. C. Brown, our beloved Lucy Quarles, has returned to Kingstree after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Quarles.

Mr. Dorian Swearingen has purchased a handsome Buick.

Rev. Graves Knight preached his farewell sermon to his Ebenezer congregation on Sunday last. Mr. Knight's many friends regret to see him leave and we will intuitively associate him with the dear old church, since he has been with her and her people through sunshine and sorrow for a period of twelve years.

Meeting Street Club.

The Meeting Street Democratic club met Saturday afternoon and elected J. M. Shaffer, president; J. F. Payne, vice-president, and J. K. Allen, secretary and treasurer. J. R. Blocker was elected county executive committeeman. The delegates to the county convention are J. M. Bell, W. E. Turner, J. F. Payne, J. R. Blocker and J. K. Allen.

We have the biggest spring stock we have ever had. It is impossible to mention everything, come in and let us show you. Our goods are the best and our prices are very reasonable.

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Large assortment of summer underwear of all kinds and sizes.

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