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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Baraca and Philathea Picnic. Miss Bean Narrowly Escaped Drowning. Mrs. Marsh Entertained.

The Baraca class of the Baptist church gave their annual picnic on last Wednesday, inviting to join with them the members of the Fidelis class. The day was a pleasant one and cars and wagons conveyed the crowds out to Yonce pond where the picnic was to be held. The morning passed pleasantly with various pastimes and about one o'clock a regular feast of good things was served. The afternoon had been planned for bathing, the waters of the pond proving very tempting, but this came near ending in a tragedy. The bottom of the pond has many deep places in it and one of the young ladies, Miss Bessie Bean, who could not swim but was wading came unexpectedly to a deep place and being a little distance from the rest, help did not reach her immediately. Mr. Julian Bland who was on the bank saw her sink and gave the alarm. The nearest to her were Messrs. Wallace Turner and Archie Lewis. Mr. Turner swam quickly to her, but she was sinking a second time, so he dived for her and supporting her Mr. Lewis lifted her above the water and she was soon to the banks. Miss Bean received no injuries other than the shock of the water.

Mrs. M. M. Stewart has returned to Chester after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Boyd.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Kneese and children spent the week-end in the home of Mr. M. W. Clark.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Brooke returned on Friday from Greenville where they attended the Baptist assembly. A most interesting account of this meeting was told by Mr. Brooke on Wednesday evening at the prayer service.

Protracted services are being held this week at Phillip church at 11 and 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. A. C. Baker, being assisted by Rev. W. S. Brooke.

Mrs. Hilliary Wright of Macon, Ga., spent a few days of the past week here with relatives.

Mrs. Wilmot Ozuts has returned from a visit to her parents at Telle, Ga.

The afternoon party of last Thursday which Mrs. J. W. Marsh gave for her sisters, Mrs. Isom and Miss Fleming was delightful in each detail. This home is beautiful and spacious and long since has had a reputation for such sweet and cordial hospitality, so at any of the social functions held here there is scarcely ever an absentee. Mrs. Marsh was assisted by her mother, Mrs. Pedrick, in receiving her friends and soon all were gaily chatting. Places were found by the score cards on the tables and an hour or more was spent with progressive rook the game proving very pleasant. Music was enjoyed after the game. Lovely centerpieces were spread on the tables and a most delicious repast of salads, sandwiches, pickle, crackers, tomatoes filled with mayonnaise, and iced tea. The beautiful china and cut glass gave a pretty touch to the tables.

Miss Sara Simmons of Newberry is visiting Miss Helen Lewis.

Mr. James White has gone to Chimney Rock, N. C., where his wife and daughter, Miss Hallie White have been staying. After the flood he became much alarmed and being unable to hear from them decided to go. On the evening before he departed a communication from Mrs. White stated that they were safe but that no traveling could be done within 20 miles of Chimney Rock only by walking. It was his intention to go as far as he could by conveyance and then walk the rest of the way.

At an early date a vote for water works will be again taken a petition going the rounds last week to find out the sentiment of all and enable the vote to be taken.

Miss Ethel Cullum of Batesburg is spending this week with Miss Bessie Ford Turner.

Messrs. Mark Toney and Powell Harrison spent last week at Olar with the former's sister, Mrs. Hampton Kirkland.

Misses Sallie Dozier and Ruth

Harris are visiting Miss Christine Kinard at Ninety Six.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marsh has within it this week a house party of relatives. Mrs. Pedrick, Mrs. Isom and Miss Theora Fleming of Gainesville, Fla., mother and sisters of Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Lou Jones and Misses Willie and Olinthia Jones of Laurens, Miss Emmie Lou Washington and Mr. Benedict Meer of Newberry.

Miss Maud Nickerson will leave in a few day days to spend awhile in the mountains of North Carolina. Mrs. Sammon of Macon, Ga., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Wright.

Mrs. Dorn of Spartanburg is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Dobe.

Mrs. A. P. Lewis entertained with a dinner party on Thursday for Mrs. Dorn.

Mr. V. E. Edwards has returned from a business trip to Chicago.

Miss Loise Boyd was hostess for a very pleasant afternoon party last Tuesday the honorees being Misses Ruth Harris, and Nellie Vera Bailey. Progressive rook was the chief diversion and after the game, which was an animated one, the hostess assisted by her mother, Mrs. F. M. Boyd, and Miss Marion Boyd served refreshing ices and cake.

Thursday evening was delightfully spent by the younger set, the occasion being a party given by Miss Lizzie Kate Anderson in compliment to her visitor, Miss Juanita Woodson of Augusta. There were about twenty couples present and after all had arrived the chief part of the evening was spent in progressive conversation and later, frozen cream with pound cake was enjoyed.

Forty Acres of Velvet Beans.

During the past few years much has been written on velvet beans as a substitute for peas in this section. Quite a number of farmers have experimented with them in a small way but only a few have planted largely of velvet beans. Last year Mr. James R. Cantelou, a practical, observing man and one of our most successful farmers, planted a small quantity of velvet beans by way of experiment. He was so well pleased with the results obtained that he purchased five bushels this year, half of the Chinese variety and half of the early speckle velvet beans, and planted them in a forty-acre field of corn. The beans were dropped among the corn when it was about waist high, one bean at a place six feet apart in the drill. Mr. Cantelou has almost a perfect stand, the distance between the beans being something like 4 1/2 by 6 feet. The corn was laid by several weeks ago and the beans are beginning to climb the stalks. Where the corn is not a perfect stand the beans are more advanced and have almost covered the ground.

There are several points in favor of velvet beans as compared with peas. They are less expensive in that a peck will plant considerably more than an acre, while nearly two bushels of peas are required to the acre to cover the ground broadcast. It is claimed also that beans will store away as much nitrogen in the soil as peas and will in addition produce a ranker growth, leaving more vegetable matter on the ground. If we remember correctly, Mr. Cantelou planted the forty acres of beans among the corn at a cost of about 20 cents per acre. We hope to visit this field of very fine corn, the entire 40 acres averaging well, in the fall and see for ourselves what the beans have done, and will then report it through The Advertiser for the benefit of the farmers over the county. Thus far we are decidedly of the opinion that velvet beans are just THE thing for our farmers.

Miss Ida Folk Entertains.

On last Friday evening Miss Ida Folk entertained a group of young people, three tables of rook being the charming amusement. Tally cards were given the guests as they entered so that they might record the amount made.

The evening was greatly enjoyed as rook is a popular game. Delightful pineapple cream and cake were served, after which, the prize was presented to Miss Gladys Bell. This consisted of blue stationery. The guests enjoyed the game and reluctantly left.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Floods Have Descended. Meriwether Barbecue Largely Attended. Meeting at Sweetwater Church.

Rain, Rain, rain, we are having lots of it and too much too. It began raining Sunday morning at 5 o'clock and poured until half past 9, then held up a half hour and started again for the rest of the day. Monday morning it began at 8 o'clock and is still busy. The farmers are very blue. The crops being young, are growing fast making weeds and need work and sunshine to make fruit.

The Meriwether club barbecue was largely attended and very much enjoyed, notwithstanding the rain and mud. The roads down this way are badly washed and some very deep mud which stalled the automobiles down by the Misses Lanier. The road through toward Sweetwater and Carryton from the Martintown out by Misses Laniers, Barker and Bunches is almost impassable. I think we deserve good roads as well as in other parts of the county.

Mrs. George Townes has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Barker. Mr. George Townes spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Julia Townes. He returned to Aiken in the afternoon.

Mrs. T. L. Harley spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Georgia McKie, returning home in the rain Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Baxley and children returned home Saturday from a very pleasant visit to Mrs. P. M. Markert of Belvedere.

Mr. and Mrs. John DeLaughter from the Red Hill section spent a day or two with the Misses Lanier and attended the cue, returned home the last of the week.

Mr. Pick Adams visited Mr. and Mrs. John DeLaughter the first of last week.

Miss Theresa Bunch has returned home after an extended and very much enjoyed visit to relatives in Columbia and Fortson, Ga.

Miss Beatrice Stevens is home again from her visits to Trenton and Columbia.

We were glad to see Miss Sallie DeLaughter so much improved since her operation at the University hospital.

We were glad to hear of the many converts out at the Sweetwater protracted meeting. Hope Hardy's may be as successful this August.

The clouds are thinner and sun trying to shine. What a welcome sight.

Hardy's.

Sunbeam Mission Study Meeting.

On Thursday afternoon at four o'clock several automobiles full of happy children might have been seen on their way to a mission study meeting at the home of Mr. Charles R. Dobson. The spacious lawn was a beautiful background for the little children in their many colored ribbons and white dresses and suits. There were several trips made by the three cars bringing in all about fifty children from their homes.

The children played drop handkerchief and other games until a small shower compelled them to come up on the roomy porch. Here the program was carried out, Mrs. Curran Feltham telling the story of the lesson consisting of a travel through the countries of the Orient. As each country was passed in the imagination of the children some child wearing the native costume came out or perhaps some missionary added her experience. Miss Lois Dobson was dressed as a child widow of India, Miss Gladys Bell represented Mrs. Anne Haseltine Judson of Burma. She wore a costume resembling the one that Anne wore and looking much like the noted character. Miss Eleanor Mims dressed as a Burmese woman. The victrola entertained the other guests during the afternoon.

Again the children romped and played on the grass until delightful peach ice cream cones were served. The afternoon was delightfully spent and the children heartily enjoyed it.

A Guest.

COUNTY CAMPAIGN.

First of Series County Campaign Meetings Held at Johnston Saturday. Small Attendance.

The first county campaign meetings arranged by the Democratic executive committee was called to order by County Chairman B. E. Nicholson in the opera house at Johnston Saturday morning at 11:30, there being about 100 voters present. Mr. Nicholson read the names of all candidates for office who have qualified under the rules of the party, and after performing this official duty he turned the meeting over to the local chairman, Mr. W. Lee Coleman.

Previous to the meeting the candidates held a conference and decided upon the order in which they would speak and also what time would be allotted to the candidates for the several offices. It was agreed that the candidates for the senate were to have 30 minutes each, the candidates for the house 20 minutes and the other candidates who desired to speak 15 minutes.

The first speaker presented by Mr. Coleman was Mr. M. P. Wells, a candidate for the State senate. He stated that the public record of every servant of the people was a matter of public interest and could be discussed. He discussed the Laney-Odom insurance law at some length, stating that whatever their intentions were, the legislation that gave us the law made a mistake. He stated that if he is elected he will vote for its repeal and will make it possible for insurance companies to do business in South Carolina.

Mr. Wells favors reducing the legal rate of interest to 6 per cent. He next attacked the tax commission, stating that it was more expensive than the former system and less satisfactory. He stated that it had lowered the assessed valuation of property \$140,000 in Edgefield county. This decrease had been made in corporations while land remained the same. He called attention to the lowering of the assessments of the banks while they were making 25 and 30 per cent. He said the tax commission had decreased the amount for which Charleston banks were taxed but had raised the assessed valuation, which had been of no real benefit to the people. Mr. Wells read a list of the amount of taxes paid by the banks of Edgefield county for 1914 and 1915, before and after the reduction of assessments by the tax commission, the amount in the aggregate for 1915 being about \$1,200 less than 1914. He stated that during the past 20 years the rate of increase of property has been about seven and one-half million dollars a year, while under the tax commission the increase has been only three and one-half million dollars each year.

Mr. Wells referred to a measure introduced by Mr. Nicholson to amend the law relative to public cotton weigher, stating that while a member of the house he had this amendment repealed. Hon. B. E. Nicholson was next presented and thanked God that he could say that all of his acts as a legislator have been in accord with his best judgment and that he had nothing to conceal, stating that if the criticisms of Mr. Wells were for the public good he was doing his duty, but if for the purpose of elevating himself to the senate then his were unworthy motives. He stated with emphasis that he would vote to retain the tax commission and give it a chance to work out the tax situation. He gave the figures to show that by reducing the banks of Edgefield county the commission was merely equalizing the tax burden. The banks of Edgefield county had hitherto been paying on a basis of 60 per cent. of their capital and surplus, while the banks of Marlboro county had been paying only 20 per cent. and banks in Charleston had been paying less than 30 per cent. The Edgefield banks were lowered and the other banks raised. Concerning the assessments of corporations in Edgefield county, Mr. Nicholson read figures obtained from the office of the comptroller general showing that while the assessments of the banks had been reduced \$44,000 by the tax commission other property was

increased by something over \$39,000, leaving a net loss to the county of a little more than \$4,000. Mr. Nicholson gave the figures to show what increase had been made in the assessments of banks, cotton mills, electric plants, fertilizer plants, railroads, and other corporations by the tax commission, all of which aggregated about \$9,000,000. He said the expense of the board was a mere bagatelle compared with the great benefits derived through it.

Mr. Nicholson said the great need of our people is more money with which to develop our resources. The banks are unable to supply the demand. He referred to the excellent results from legislation which he enacted requiring foreign insurance companies to make loans within the State. The coming of this money into the State will result in farmers being able to obtain loans from insurance companies at a low rate of interest. He read a letter from Insurance Commissioner McMaster commending him for securing the passage of the act requiring companies to make investments and loans in South Carolina.

Concerning the legal rate of interest, Mr. Nicholson showed that the rate fixed by law only applies to judgments and other matters of that character. The contract rate, the rate charged by individuals and banks, would not be changed by the law reducing the legal rate. He gave the legal and contract rates of a dozen or more other States to show that South Carolina was no higher than a majority of the States.

As to the Laney-Odom bill, Mr. Nicholson stated that in his judgment some changes should be made in the law and that if re-elected he will work to that end, retaining the good features of the law and eliminating the objectionable features. He explained his connection with the amendment to the cotton weigher's law to which Mr. Wells referred, stating that Mr. Wells made the same mistake, or was guilty of the same oversight, with reference to the changing of the supervisor's term of office in Edgefield county from two to four years.

Mr. Nicholson favors the pensioning of all veterans and introduced a bill making that provision at the last session. If re-elected he will press its passage. In referring to the condition of Edgefield county, Mr. Nicholson stated that the tax rate for this county will compare favorably with other counties of the State, being in fact lower than Union, Anderson, Greenville, Spartanburg and other wealthy counties.

Hon. J. Lucas Walker was the first candidate to speak for the house of representatives. He said it has been the custom for a number of years for the candidate at whose home a meeting is held to give the time allotted him to other candidates and following that custom he would make only a few remarks.

After welcoming the candidates to Johnston Mr. Walker stated that it is not the members of the house who do the most speaking who render the greatest service to their county and State. Some of the leading and most useful members are those who do their work in a quiet way in the committee rooms and on the floor of the house. He thanked his home people for their loyal support when he was elected to fill the unexpired term of the lamented J. P. DeLaughter. Their loyalty will encourage him to always do his best, always voting for and supporting the measures that will bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

Capt. N. G. Evans was the second speaker. He stated that in asking the suffrage of the people for the house he was not without experience as legislator, having served the people in that capacity once before. He said he had no special acts to pass and no special hobbies but will render the best service of which he is capable. Capt. Evans said, if elected, he will go to Columbia untrammelled and will do his full duty, pledging the best effort of his heart and hand. The man who promises he will do this or that is promising too much, for he is only one of 124 men. One member is only 124th part of the body.

Capt. Evans approves of the large

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CONDITIONS IN TEXAS.

Rain Needed. Cotton Gives Promise of Good Yield. Satisfactory Prices Expected in Texas.

Dear Advertiser: I will write to let some of my friends know what has become of me. Uncle Iv seems to think I have either run away or crawled into an alligator hole. I am like he is. I am getting too old to run and to find an alligator hole I would have to go too near the Mexicans. So I will stay where I am and if it comes to a fight or run I believe I could put up a better fight than a race. I have seen the time when it was necessary I could make as good a run as the best of them. Uncle Iv says he was seventy-two years old the tenth of June. I was seventy two years old the seventh of last December, but the description he gave of himself I am not as old as he is. I see as well as I ever did after an object gets three or four feet from me. I can see the stand pipe at the water works at Hubbard city with my naked eyes and that is twenty miles. That may be hard to believe but when any of you see J. C. Morgan of Parksville ask him if it is not so. When he was out here I carried him to Millford and from Brandon I showed him the standpipe at Hubbard 20 miles, the stand pipe at Frost 10 miles and the Female college at Milford all from one point and it was not from a high hill either. A fellow can see all around him here and is not hemmed by trees.

I will try and answer Mr. White. He wanted me to tell about the crops. Well, we are beginning to need rain, the last we had was about the fifteenth of June. The corn will not be as heavy as it would have been if we could have had rain two weeks ago but I think it averages forty-five or fifty bushels to the acre and some of it may make a little more. The cotton is doing very well yet but it will not be very long before it will begin to bloom up near the top. The ground in the middles is cracking open now. But to tell the truth about the cotton you can never tell what it is going to do. It may look like it will make a bale to the acre and you may not get more than a fourth and then it may look like it will not make that much and you may make from three-fourths to a bale it all depends on the seasons from now on. One year the boll worms eat everything off of the stalk and on the fifteenth of September it would not average more than two or three bolls to the stalk and it made three quarters of a bale by the last of October.

The talk out here about the price of cotton this fall is that it may go to fifteen or twenty cents a pound and cotton seed will be worth from fifty to sixty dollars per ton. Some were trying some time ago to average cotton at thirteen cents and seed at fifty dollars. If cotton and seed get that high from the outlook now nearly everybody will be riding in automobiles.

There are now sixteen hundred and ninety two autos and motorcycles in this county and they expect another car load in Hillsboro this week.

There will be two gins in Brandon, one of them burned down in February. They are going to rebuild and put in four eighty saw stand or five seventy. The other gin has ten seventy and when the season opens up and the weather is good they gin from eighty to one hundred bales a day. Both gins will be run by electricity and all the latest improved machinery.

W. J. Rochelle, Brandon, Texas.

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