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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Profitable Meeting of W. C. T. U. Death of Mrs. Lucinda Wright. Tent Meeting Has Closed.

The W. C. T. U. held the last meeting on the afternoon of September 14 in the home of Mrs. C. D. Kenney.

In beginning the president stated that all unions had been asked to observe the Red Letter date, September 14, this being when South Carolina took the stand for prohibition, and beginning the meeting, a short song and praise service was had.

The meeting was one of many interests, the reports showing that every one, more than ever, felt the great need of temperance in all things.

Patriotic Membership Day was observed by the union, by members making visits in interest of the cause, and thus try to gain new members. Two new members were gotten.

The report of the "Soldiers and Sailors Department" showed deep interest. The union has already sent on a box of comfort bags, but it was decided to do something for the home boys that will be a pleasant and enjoyable surprise. The committee appointed Mrs. M. T. Turner chairman, with Mesdames A. P. Lewis, C. D. Kenney and J. L. Smith, presented their plans to the union, and each member was so glad to have a part in this attention from the W. C. T. U. to the soldier boys. Their plans will not be made public, as a soldier boy might see a paper and know of the little gift.

Mrs. L. C. Latimer exhibited the pillow rest for the wounded or broken arm, and the filling for this. She suggested that the union take this up for further patriotic work, the filling of which was of tiny cloth clippings. The sample was turned over to Mrs. A. P. Lott, superintendent of this department, and the union thanked Mrs. Latimer for obtaining the sample for them and presenting this matter, which it will engage in.

Delegates to the State convention at Aiken were elected, the union being entitled to four. These are Mrs. A. P. Lewis, Mrs. C. D. Kenney, Mrs. A. P. Lott, Mrs. W. W. Satcher; alternates, Miss Eva Rushton, Mrs. L. C. Latimer, Mrs. P. B. Waters, Jr., and Mrs. James White.

The officers were all re-elected, and are: Pres. Miss Zena Payne; Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. T. Turner; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Olin Eidson; Cor. Sec., Mrs. J. P. Bean; Treas. Mrs. J. W. Marsh.

The officers are delegates, ex-officio, and will attend the convention, so the Union will be well represented.

Mrs. Lucinda Wright died last week at her home here, and in her death, is the passing away of one of the most beloved and honored of women. She was truly a "Mother in Israel," being 82 years of age, and her life has been one that will leave an impress for many years to come; the value of such a life cannot be reckoned.

No one ever thought of her but kindly and gently, sweet and so motherly. No better Christian mother was ever given to children as this noble woman, and she could want no better monument to her memory than these noble sons and daughter, in whom shines her Christian traits and teachings. These are Messrs M. R., W. M., and Joe Wright of our town, and Mr. Sumner Wright, of Greenwood, and Mrs. Manning Simmons, of this place.

Mrs. Wright was a member of Rocky Creek church, and was one of the main stays of the church as long as her health permitted, and even after she made Johnston her home six years ago, she still continued to attend.

There was a very large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends that attended her funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. W. S. Brooke, here at Mt. of Olives cemetery. A beautiful tribute was paid her memory and one of the songs, "What a Friend we Have in Jesus," was one she loved to sing during her pain and suffering.

The body was borne to its last resting place by her four sons, son-

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The Dear Old School Days of Childhood.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Time passes swiftly and we look back on the happy scenes of childhood as though it was but yesterday, when years have glided by, since the bud of infancy blossomed into the spring-time of life. Men live, love and regret before they realize that life has begun. Every life has its thorns and blossoms, every eye must view the sunshine and rains which brighten and sadden the paths of life. But all do not see alike. Some look long and pray for the sunshine of happiness while others wait in patience to see what the end will be. Every life is filled with memories both sweet and sad. Memory is a thing that we can neither buy or sell. Reason may leave a man, all hope may die in his heart, yet memory never tells him good-bye.

Most of us like to remember the "dear old school days of innocent childhood." And 'tis of those days that I will endeavor to write. 'Tis years since last we gathered in the old school-house friends, but it seems only a little while since we answered the roll call and met the smiling glances of a faithful school teacher, when each answered, "I'm here." Well, I remember those happy days that brought joy to each young heart, those days now gone beyond recall. All our hearts beat warm with love for each others friendship. The little games we played, the rambles in the near-by fields, and the laughs we had together while lying on the cool green grass, are not forgotten and memory holds them sacred. Oh, yes, we were happy then, and we loved each other as only school mates can love. But now the days of our spring-time are over, and all that's left us is a golden memory of those once happy times. The old school house has been torn down and carried away, and the wild briar now marks the place where it stood. The little spring where we went for water has dried up, and the sweet daisies grow in its bed.

The birds may sing as sweet, the flowers may bloom as lovely, and the sun may shine as bright as in those days but the birds song, the fairest flowers, and the brightest rays do not seem as gray and beautiful to us now as they did in the days when we, with merry hearts, met at the school house. Some of the pupils fell as a victim to that cruel fate, called disappointment, realizing that their blossoms of spring-time had faded. Others have sailed the deep blue sea in quest of fortune and are to-day breathing the air of some distant clime. Some of us have seen the light burn low in the room of a dying mate, and our hearts were filled with sadness when death with its cold icy arms bore the loved one away. We have followed with slow footsteps the pale sleeper to the old churchyard, and there viewed for the last time the face of one who in life had been merry with us, and as we looked on the fragrant face of earth's sweetest blossoms, we remembered the dear old days at school, when the grave was finished and a monument erected to the memory of the occupant, memory erected a monument of love, hope and forgiveness in our hearts over the grave of bitter feelings that lay dead beneath, and no more on "times wild shore" will the faults of the dead be remembered. Thus the once happy school-mates have passed away, while some of us remain near the sacred spot where the old school house stood.

It is good for us to take a look backward at times, and think of the good old school days. It will help to re-unite our hearts in the golden ties of friendship, for if the tenderness and memories of the "dear dead past" were taken from a man's heart, he would not be much better than a brute. There are only three of my old school mates now living that I recall, Mrs. R. S. Wright, Mrs. Lod Stevens and Mrs. William Kinnaird, four with myself. Mrs. William Wright who died at Johnston this week was one of my first school mates at Rocky Creek. But as I write I well remember each form and face as they came up in panoramic view.

Yes, the happiest days are the old school days at the old schoolhouse, they are but dreams of the past now, but they are sweet dreams. So it is well for us to stop and look

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Suffering From Drought. Missionary Meeting Thursday. Many Boys and Girls Return to School.

The weather has been hurrying up winter clothing for the past week. Fire felt good too. We have had clouds and cold wind all this week, but the rain will not come it seems like. We are still very dry, all branches have dried up and our well has almost given out. 'Tis really serious in this streak of dry weather.

I suppose a great many were kept home from church on account of the mist Sunday morning, there were so very few out at church on Sunday. It made us feel lonesome to see how few there were, when we thought of the many there were during the Woman's meeting. We will meet next Thursday at Mrs. James McClain's home, and hope to have a full attendance, as that is the day for electing officers and we hope we will all get there.

We hear Miss Chrystine Cooper entered the school at Ninety Six, she and Miss Timmerman. Hope they may enjoy a very successful year there.

Master Hall Townes entered the North Augusta school for this term. We saw him and his mother and the Misses Lena and Nellie DeLaughter and J. P. DeLaughter on their way to school Monday morning.

Mr. Edward Bunch returned to Clemson for the opening, Sept. 18. Miss Majorie McKie has not gone yet to take charge of her school. Mrs. Harrison and her son Robert McKie went to Trenton Sunday for little Miss Alice McKie so she could begin her school duties also.

We suppose the Cemetery Hill school will open October 1st, Mrs. E. L. Fouché as teacher. Miss Theresa Bunch, and Stella Nixon leave on Wednesday 19 for Limestone where they will take the post graduate course. We were glad to find Mrs. Theresa Adams looking and feeling so well. Mrs. Sallie Bunch and daughter spent the day with Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Ollie Bunch last Wednesday. Mrs. Sallie Bunch has taken a very heavy cold and is suffering very much from it.

We were very sorry to hear of Mr. Milton Barker being so ill with chills, hope he will soon conquer them and be alright. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Barker returned home on the 7th and were given an entertainment on the 12th by Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Harley. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Medlock attended services at Hardy's Sunday.

Mrs. Gregg McCutchen and little son Gregg, Jr., are visiting her father, Mr. P. B. Latham. Little Gregg's grandfather says Gregg Jr., thinks he is a man already. He had better not sink that way he might have to go to the war too soon.

Augusta is alive with soldiers. The restaurants are doing a land office business and so are the ice cream stand and electric cars, if they are able to collect the fares. Hardy's.

Home Demonstration Club Organized.

Miss Gadsy Smith, assistant State Home Demonstration Agent, spent a few days last week in Edgefield.

Wednesday p. m. a demonstration was given at the school building on the making of grape mince meat and Dixie Relish. A club was organized with the following officers:

Miss Helen Tillman, President. Mr. W. L. Dunovast, Jr., Vice President.

Miss Ethel DeLoach, Secretary. This club will meet every fourth Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the school building. All ladies are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

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back for a while, and take our bearings, and see just how it was with our old school mates at the old school house on the hill. J. Russell Wright. Seneca, S. C.

RED OAK GROVE.

Meeting Saturday Afternoon at Church. Farmers Growing Food Crops. Circle to Meet Saturday.

When I was a little child my parents use to take the big Bible and hunt up the pictures that represented our Sunday school lessons, and point out to me in that way the real meaning of the lesson. Impressions made in childhood can hardly be erased; therefore to us the lessons now about David have many happy memories.

The union meeting of this division meets at Red Oak Grove the fifth Sunday.

Our people should avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the meeting to be held at Red Oak Grove church Saturday, the 22d inst., by Hon. N. G. Evans, who will be accompanied by others; all coming to us with much information and encouragement, many of us need both, that we may think right and act wisely. So let us show our appreciation by attending and getting others to come.

Mrs. Zelpha Thurmond has been quite sick, but is improving. She is on a visit to her daughter's, Mrs. John Mathis at Colliers.

Mrs. Genie Thurmond, also her sister, little Edra Thurmond, have been quite ill.

Mr. Dewey McClendon has many warm friends who are anxious about his condition. He is under treatment of our good and successful Dr. Whitlock, having also the skilled attention of a trained nurse.

Mrs. Luther Timmerman has returned from Augusta, Ga., having accompanied her daughter, Miss Ruth, who now is a student at Tubman High School.

Mrs. Sam Agner has recently returned from Greenwood where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John Holland, Jr.

Mrs. Quattlebaum, Press Rush of Kirksey were guests of Mrs. Joe Bussey last Sunday.

Mr. Oscar Timmerman returned to Augusta Sunday, having spent last week on the farm superintending the making of his cane into syrup and other farm work. I think every family in this section has good cane, and also many large peanut and potato patches.

Mrs. J. T. Griffin has a nice patch of late Irish potatoes.

Mrs. James Hamilton is also on sick list, but was able to be out Sunday.

Mrs. Daisey Clegg will lead our circle, which meets at Mrs. Joe Bussey's next month. We all enjoy our meetings, and they continue to grow in interest.

D. A. R. Meeting.

The first meeting of the season for the daughters of the Revolution took place on Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock, the hostess being Miss Lillian Smith who entertained the Chapter just prior to her departure for Columbia where she goes to resume her position as teacher in the Logan school.

In the absence of the Regent, Mrs. Tillman, Mrs. J. H. Cantelou presided and conducted the business of the afternoon.

The Chapter took a forward step in all suggestions made by the State D. A. R. deciding to support a French orphan, this making two now supported by the Chapter, Mrs. W. C. Tompkins assuming entire expense of one.

The next meeting which will be held with Mrs. D. B. Hollingsworth will be the occasion for a contribution of jelly from each member, to be sent to the hospitals. Magazines and other comforts will be provided and an entertainment will be arranged for soon to raise more money for knitting. The roll call was responded to by each one giving some vacation experience, this being an interesting feature.

At the close of the business session, little Miss Margaret Lyon sang, with accompaniment by Miss Gladys Lyon, and the meeting closed with the social half hour at which time a delightful salad course with iced tea was served.

Just received a shipment of Georgetown Crepe Waists. Prices \$4.50 to \$6.00. Rubenstein.

Sen. Tillman Asks Government to Investigate Combination.

Trenton, Sept. 16.—The sudden fall in the price of cotton seed in the past few days has caused the people to open their eyes and it is generally believed there is a combine among the buyers and crushers to lower the price of seed at this time while the poor man and the negro must sell. The drop has been so sudden and uncalled for in view of the small crop as estimated by the census bureau that Senator Tillman has taken hold of the question. On being interviewed today on the subject the Senator said:

"From the best information I have there is evidently a combine, restraint of trade among the buyers and crushers of seed, to lower the price and buy them as cheaply as possible just at this time while the poor man and the negro has to sell. I have to-day wired Attorney General Gregory the facts in the case and urged upon him the necessity of prompt action on his part. I expect to get him to send agents here to investigate the probable combine, and will not let up until I have gone to the bottom of the question. The people can depend upon that. There is no apparent reason for the decline in the price except the greed of the crushers, and I will do what I can to see that the people get a fair price for seed."

The Senator has received a number of letters and telegrams bearing on the subject which tend to prove that there is a combine, and it is generally believed his efforts will result in the alleged combination being broken up.

Home Demonstration Meetings Next Week.

Sept. 26.—Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Trenton school building.

Sept. 28.—Friday p. m. at 4 o'clock at the Edgefield school building.

To Preserve Eggs.

A good way to preserve fresh eggs is to place them in a jar and cover with a water-glass solution. Use one part water-glass to nine parts cold water, which has been boiled. The jar should be covered to keep out dust.

Water glass may be obtained at the Lynch Drug Store.

Twelve Failed to Appear.

Of the 806 men called by the local board for examination, all reported for examination except twelve men, all colored men. As the board has found it difficult to reach a large number of colored men through the mail, because of their being unknown to the postal officials, it is probable that the men who have not received the call to appear. The Advertiser publishes below the names of the twelve who have not yet responded to their country's call, and any information concerning these men will be appreciated by the members of the local board.

Lee McIntyre, Johnston; Thomas Rainsford, Edgefield; Willie Dukes, Edgefield; John H. Brooks, Edgefield; James Lewis, Edgefield; Warren Glover, Edgefield; Albert Adams, Edgefield; Joe Robertson, Clark's Hill; Berry Dent, Johnston; Arthur Hampton, Johnston; Mat Smith, Saluda; Sherrick Bodie, North Augusta.

PROOF FROM AIKEN.

Aiken Citizens Speak Out Publicly.

In Aiken we find that people are praising Doan's Kidney Pills as highly as here in Edgefield. Being so near by, the statement of an Aiken resident is of particular interest. Edgefield people will do well to profit by the experience of J. Brunson, of Brunson & Gilliam, furniture dealers, 1432 Park Ave., He says: "I had pains in my back which annoyed me a great deal. Mornings I was sore and stiff. The kidney secretions were unnatural, too. Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me."

Price 60c. at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that cured Mr. Brunson Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. Rubenstein.

MT. ZION NEWS.

Mentally Deranged Negro Committed Suicide. Contributes Two Splendid Young Men to Edgefield.

A tragedy occurred in our neighborhood on last Thursday morning when Jacob Jackson, a young colored man, committed suicide. Early in the morning he went out to his cotton-house. His wife hearing a gunshot went out to learn the cause. She found her husband in the cotton house in a dying condition, the muzzle of his gun near his neck, which was torn open, and from which the blood was gushing. His clothing was on fire. He had arranged the gun so that he could pull the trigger by a string with his foot. No cause is known for his act unless it was mental derangement, for he was prospering, living on a plantation of good land owned by his father, Jacob Jackson, Sr. Such acts are very uncommon among the colored race. The deceased left a wife and several small children.

Mr. T. H. Whitlock left this morning for Edgefield, where he has gone to fill the position with Mr. Ed. Rives which was held by his brother, Mr. C. M. Whitlock. He will be a good man for this place. His young wife will join him in town the latter part of this week. It is with much regret that our community gives this young couple up.

Edgefield is to be congratulated upon gaining these honorable young men, the Whitlock brothers. Now harness them into your church and Sunday school work, and you will find them very faithful helpers.

Lumber and brick have been laid down on the farm owned by Mr. Eddie Walker. This is soon to be converted into a cozy cottage, which, when finished, will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Padgett.

Miss Eva Howell, of Florence, has been elected to teach our school the coming session.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Pardue have bought a pretty little Shetland pony and cart for their children, and, beginning next week, little W. A., Mildred, and Herbert will drive each day to the Trenton school.

We were glad to see Capt. B. F. Gaines, from Camp Jackson last week. He is much pleased with his camp, but most of all pleased with his men. He says, "I am mighty well pleased with my company, and the manner in which they are taking to the service. They certainly have fine spirit, and are doing every thing just right. He said further, "We are well taken care of this time—nothing like it was at Styx." Rev. and Mrs. Jos. A. Gaines were down Sunday afternoon. The former has gone this week to hold a meeting at Chappells.

There are rumors of some land sales in our neighborhood this fall, but nothing has matured yet.

Weekly Cotton Review.

The wide and varying fluctuation of values in the cotton market during the past week has been more or less the result of the technical condition as it switched from time to time in a narrow market. The crop has not begun to move as yet in sufficient volume to bring about an active and even trading, supplying the necessary contracts, that is essential in a well balanced market, and the demand at the moment for the actual is sufficient to absorb the limited amount of spots. How long this condition will exist is entirely problematical, and whether the free offerings which are yet to come can be taken care of at present values is rather difficult to forecast. Our opinion, however, is that when cotton begins to move in normal volume the urgency of the spot demand will not be sufficient to absorb this supply at the present level prices, and we, therefore, are of the opinion that values will decline to a still lower level.

Yours very truly, Garrett & Calhoun, Inc. Sept. 15, 1917.

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