

Colored Association in Edgefield Met at Shaw's Creek. Senator Tillman Erected Monument to Faithful Negro.

The Mt Canaan Baptist Association met last week at Shaw's Creek Baptist church three miles north of Trenton. On the 9th they had an educational rally for Bettis Academy, a school established forty years ago, on the line of Aiken and Edgefield, by the late Alexander Bettis, a highly respected leader and preacher of Edgefield County.

Prof. A. W. Nicholson, a layman and late associate of the Rev. Bettis is now principal of the school. He has some of the best white and colored citizens on his trustee board.

The association is composed of few churches but from the standpoint of raising money and devotion to the school no Negro Baptist Association in the state surpasses it.

They invited me to be present with them on the 9th when they had the rally. In spite of the boll weevil and low price of cotton and other hindrances, I saw four thousand dollars laid on the table for this institution. They would have doubled this if the high price of cotton last year had continued to prevail.

The best behaviour, order and decorum prevailed at their association.

Monument to Joe Gibson.
Most people have heard of Joe Gibson, a faithful colored servant that lived for thirty-eight years in the home of Senator Tillman in the town of Trenton.

About seven years ago Senator Tillman wrote me a letter to come to Trenton as he wanted to see me. I arrived on Sunday afternoon. When he saw me he said "Come up here on the front porch and take a seat but don't misunderstand it." "Want you to write an epitaph for Joe Gibson's tombstone in the grave yard of Shaw's Creek church." He also said that Gibson was the most faithful and honest negro he knew. "He was an example to the race."

I did not write it but Senator Tillman wrote it himself and had it placed on the tombstone.

"Erected by Senator B. R. Tillman to the memory of Joseph Gibson—Born a slave about 1845—Died March 1, 1912." They lived together thirty-eight years. He was a loyal friend and a faithful servant. The best type of his race—an example of his training.

Joe Gibson was a member of Shaw's Creek Baptist church where the association met last week. The church grounds were beautiful, and one of the cleanest to be found in the state. The tombstone of Joe Gibson's is the largest in the cemetery which is in the rear of the spacious church house.

When Senator Tillman talked about Joe Gibson's life that Sunday afternoon he wept. He said "Yes, he was so true, so loyal, so earnest, I never doubted his word about anything."

I learned that for thirty-eight years he and Gibson never had a settlement but Gibson got whatever he wanted.

Senator Tillman bought his shroud before he died. He went away knowing however that he would die soon, but left word that if Gibson died send for him and whatever was needed call on him.

RICHARD CAROLL.
Columbia, S. C.

"\$95 of Every \$100 Spent for Oil Stocks is Lost."

If our people ever can get high prices for the cotton again, they will probably be less willing to let all take their surplus money from them. Readers who have money to invest this fall will do well to ponder the following item sent out by the United States Treasury Department.

"Production of oil is one of the great fuel requirements of the world today. But fake oil stocks have lit the fires under hundreds of thousands of bank accounts. Nathan Adams, vice-president of one of the largest banks in Dallas, Texas, in touch with every ramification of the great Texas oil industry, estimates that out of every \$100 invested in oil stocks, \$95 is lost."

Oil stocks and mining stocks are probably the most risky of all investments, but it is a safe rule to invest in no company that send out traveling agents up and down the country in search of buyers for its stock. Really high-class investments are not sold this way.

Companies whose stock and bonds are publicly advertised by long established and well-known financial institutions put themselves on record in black and white as to their assets, liabilities, and prospects. Consequently they may be held accountable for their statements. Stocks peddled about by all kinds of traveling salesmen, on the other hand, get most of their buyers on the strength of wild and extravagant oral promises which are never put in writing—and really would be worth nothing if they were put in black and white by irresponsible agents who are here today and gone tomorrow.

Invest first of all in machinery, livestock, paint, fencing, buildings and home conveniences for your own farm. Then invest your surplus only in reliable industrial stocks and bonds—never in any sort of oil stock or mining stock, nor in any kind of stock peddled about over the country by wandering agents.—The Progressive Farmer.

Serious Results from Colds.

Colds not only cause a tremendous financial loss but are also a serious injury to every one who contracts them as they lower the vitality and prepare the system for the more serious diseases. It is not at all unusual for people who have serious lung trouble to say "I had a hard cold last winter." Why not take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and cure your cold while you can.

Where Does the Money Go?

Every day somebody tells us that there is plenty of money in the country, and in the next breath they ask us, "Where has it all gone." In our article a few days ago we gave a general statement of just how it had taken its departure, from "hereabout," as Justice Gage of the Supreme Court would put it. The truths we sought to elucidate are so clearly and succinctly and convincingly stated in an article in the Spartanburg Journal of Wednesday that we are reproducing it. The article says:

"According to statistics compiled by the State Highway Commission \$115,400,250 has been invested in automobiles and motor vehicles in South Carolina. By way of contrast, it is stated that 'the combined investments in all the banks of the State' aggregate \$42,000,000; that the capital invested in the textile mills of the State is about \$117,000,000, and that the total amount of capital invested in all industries in South Carolina last year was slightly more than \$201,000,000.

"This year, counting only nine months, there were 94,511 cars in South Carolina of the average value of \$1,275. This was an increase, compared with 1919, of 20,212 cars; compared with 1918, an increase of 35,708 cars; compared with 1917 an increase of 54,337 cars. Last year the consumption of gasoline in South Carolina was more than 32,000,000 gallons; the consumption in the first nine months of 1920 has reached 31,758,830 gallons, an average monthly consumption of 3,539,750 gallons. It was reckoned yesterday by the owner of a car that the average price of gasoline for easy figuring could be given at 30 cents the gallon, which would mean that the average monthly expenditure for gasoline in this State is \$1,061,925, or \$12,735,900 the year.

"The figures, which are taken from the Columbia State are staggering, they probably explain in some measure the distress among certain of the farmers, which has been emphasized recently, and possibly they may have had some bearing on the advice recently given to the banks on the subject of loans. It is hard to believe that the value of automobiles in South Carolina is within about \$2,000,000 of the capital stock of all the cotton mills in the state; that the investment in automobiles is greater by \$100,640,250 than the investment in horses, \$99,566,250 greater than the total investment in milch cows, and \$93,224,250 greater than the investment in hogs. It would be 'mighty interestin' readin'' if the Highway Association would go a step further and find out the aggregate amount of loans made by the banks of the State on automobiles, how many of the cars are used for pleasure and how many for business.

And yet we know a good many people who are planning now to get rid of the old car and get a new one next year. A car is bad enough in hard times, but one without new paint is a calamity. Why do people think that a car is worthless after the paint comes off anyway?

And then again may we not suggest that John D. must have a fine time these Sunday afternoons, in this Indian Summer weather, when all the old cars and flivvers are drinking in the "juice" causing John D.'s mill to grind out the shining shekels each happy hour. Somewhere we read a prayer by a drunkard, we think it was where he besought the Good Man to give him a barrel full, with a little leak in the bung, and that he might be allowed to lie on his back and let the liquors drop into his month. We have forgotten just how the matter ran, but we know now that John D. would have the drunkard "beaten a city block" in real enjoyment even if his prayer might be answered—yes, even in these dry times.

Even the old darkey who prays for fitters and "New Orleans lasses to sop my fitters een," as told by the story books of years ago, is a back number in the land of happiness.—The Press and Banner.

Learn to Prevent Fires.

Farm fires during 1918 and 1919, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters, amounted to 38,266 fires, causing a loss of \$18,166,701. The average claim paid was less than \$500, representing not more than 29 per cent of the fire losses. The largest number of fires was caused by lightning striking buildings. Second in order was defective chimneys and flues and sparks falling on roofs. Matches carelessly thrown around and smoking was next. Spontaneous combustion due to the heating of hay, etc., took a fairly heavy toll. Most of these fires could have been prevented. Farmers owe it to themselves to study the methods of lightning control by properly rodding buildings. These have been worked out by the United States Department of Agriculture. Belletins on the subject can be had free. Before the winter sets in remedy the defects in the chimneys and flues throughout the house. It will afford some protection and preserve the roof to fire-proof the roofs of the buildings with some of the fire-proof fluids or paints now on the market. There is no excuse for the fire starting from matches or cigarettes carelessly thrown down. Enforce caution on the farm, and let the first precautionary steps be the insuring of the building for a fair value.—The Progressive Farmer.

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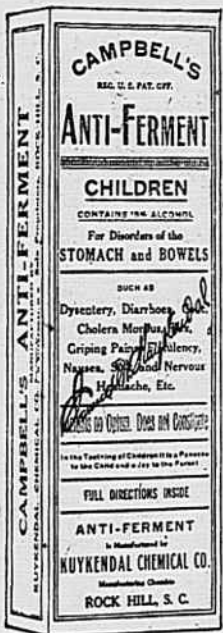
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Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 9th day of November, 1920 for the purpose of voting on whether or not a certain area shall be cut off of Edgefield county and added to McCormick county. The voting place will be at the residence of Daniel McKie. The following managers have been appointed for this election: Daniel McKie, J. G. McKie and J. W. Johnson.

C. A. GRIFFIN,
L. T. MAY,
S. B. NICHOLSON, Chrs.
Commissioners State and County Election for Edgefield County.



County Treasurer's Notice.

The County Treasurer's office will be open for the purpose of receiving taxes from the 15th day of October, 1920 to the 15th day of March, 1921.

All taxes shall be due and payable between the 15th day of October, 1920 and December 31st, 1920.

That when taxes charged shall not be paid by December 31st, 1920 the County Auditor shall proceed to add a penalty of one per cent. for January, and if taxes are not paid on or before February 1st 1921, the County Auditor will proceed to add two per cent, and five per cent additional, from the 1st of March to the 15th of March, after which time all unpaid taxes will be collected by the Sheriff.

The tax levies for the year 1920 are as follows:

	Mills
For State purposes	12
For Ordinary County	8
For Past Indebtedness	2 1/2
For Special, Good Roads	2
For Constitutional School Tax	3
For Antioch	8
For Bacon School District	14
For Blocker	8
For Blocker-Limestone	4
For Colliers	8
For Flat Rock	8
For Oak Grove	3
For Red Hill	8
For Edgefield	10
For Elmwood No. 8	8
For Elmwood No. 9	2
For Elmwood No. 30	2
For Elmwood L. C.	3
For Hibler	8
For Harmony	3
For Johnston	15
For Meriwether (Gregg)	2
For Moss	3
For Brunson School	4
For Ropers	2
For Shaw	4
For Sweetwater	4
For Talbert	8
For Trenton	11 1/2
For Wards	8
For Wards No. 33	4
For Blocker R. R. (portion	15
For Elmwood R. (portion	15
For Johnston R. R.	3
For Pickens R. R.	3
For Wise R. R.	3
For Corporation	30 1/2

All the male citizens between the ages of 21 years and 60 years, except those exempt by law, are liable to a poll tax of One Dollar each. A capital tax of 50 cents each is to be paid on all dogs.

The law prescribes that all male citizens between the ages of 18 and 55 years must pay \$4.00 commutation tax. No commutation is included in the property tax. So ask for road tax receipt when you desire to pay road tax. Time for paying road tax will expire March 15, 1921.

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