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**WALHALLA, S. C.:**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 1909.**

**JUDGE PRINCE'S CONDITION.**

The recent severe illness of Judge George E. Prince, of Anderson, is deeply regretted all over South Carolina, but especially so in the upper part of the State, where he is best known. It is gratifying to note, however, that reports from his physicians contain encouragement for his complete recovery and indications of hourly improvement.

Judge Prince is one of the ablest jurists in the State, and we have watched with interest and admiration his course in the trial of numerous criminal cases. There is nothing in his judicial bearing that could be counted prejudicial to criminal defendants, but we have noted that his charges to jurors are clear-cut and lucid expoundings of law, and not high-sounding and mystifying ramblings through entangling technicalities. He is strong and to the point, and seeks to punish crime regardless of the standing of the criminal. We need more such Judges as he is, and we could ill afford to lose him from the Circuit Bench.

**FARMERS' MEETING, APRIL 3.**

We are in receipt of information through President B. Harris, of the Farmers' Union, that it is desired to hold a big meeting of the farmers of Oconee at Walhalla on Saturday, April 3d.

It will be remembered that President Harris and Mr. Williams were here only a short while back, and that the bad weather prevented their meeting being held. We suggest to our farmers that they so arrange their affairs as to be at Walhalla Saturday morning, April 3d, and spend the day here, taking advantage of the opportunity to listen to President Harris and whoever he may have with him. These meetings have proven of untold benefit to our farmers and business men in the past, and there is still much to be gained by them.

Without wishing to appear at all as a busybody or a meddler in other people's affairs, we suggest to the farmers that the proper officers of the local unions over the county call special meetings of their organizations and take concerted action on the matter, and see that every local union is well represented at the proposed meeting on April 3d which will be Saturday of next week.

Our authority for thus suggesting is contained in the following brief request written to a citizen of Walhalla:

"Pendleton, March 17, 1909.—Dear Sir: We want to have a meeting of the farmers at Walhalla on April 3d. Please see that the meeting is well advertised, and get your farmers to come out.  
Yours truly, B. Harris."

Coming as it does at this early season of the year, we do not believe the work of the farm will be materially, if at all, interfered with. At any rate, there is much good to be derived from these gatherings, and the loss of time in attending will be more than compensated for by the benefits of the meeting, the rubbing together and exchange of ideas by the farmers of Oconee, who are fast coming to be recognized as real business men.

Get your plans made, gentlemen, beforehand, and be ready to be one of the number to make April 3d memorable as a day of pleasure and profit to business farmers. The town of Walhalla and her citizens will welcome you and your state officers most cordially.

**SENSATIONAL PARAGRAPHS.**

The Greenville News of March 18th contained two little paragraphs that succeeded in attracting no small amount of surprise and comment in and around Walhalla. We quote the paragraphs below:

"A citizen of Walhalla who was in the city yesterday said that excitement there over the killing of Deputy Marshal W. B. F. Corbin and his brother had by no means abated and that trouble was expected. It was said that a lynching party gathered Saturday night and that the men and women now in jail awaiting trial for the slaying of the men would have been taken from the custody of the officers and summarily dealt with, had it not been for the absence of a leader.

"It was said by two or three men yesterday that an attempt to lynch the men certainly would be made last night."

This item has somewhat of the "yellow" tint to it. The Greenville News should caution its reporters to verify statements picked up at random. No doubt the "Walhalla citizen" thought he was telling the truth, and he may have been greatly excited. He may even have been running from the great hullabaloo that was "raging" in Walhalla.

Have you ever seen a lot of small boys catch a big dog and tie to his tail a little bag blown full of wind? And did you note the result? If that dog could talk, when it got over its fright at nothing, it would doubtless swear that the little bag of air was a whole string of dynamite bombs; that great destruction and havoc had been wrought all along his path, and that nothing but his bravery and cunning had saved his life.

The Greenville News should learn to pay less attention (figuratively speaking, of course,) to the yelp of the dog, and to inquire what the boys are really up to.

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has many obstructions, but none so desperate as poor health. Success today demands health, but Electric Bitters is the greatest health builder the world has ever known. It compels perfect action of stomach, liver, kidneys, bowels, purifies and enriches the blood, and tones and invigorates the whole system. Vigorous body and keen brain follow their use. You can't afford to neglect Electric Bitters if weak, run-down or sickly. Only 50c. Guaranteed by all druggists.

**SOUTH UNION NEWS.**

**Death of a Good Citizen—A Novel Agricultural Contest.**

South Union, March 22.—Special: The South Union Graded School closed Friday, March 19, after a successful term taught by Miss Irene Foster, of Gaffney. The ability of the teacher was displayed in the closing exercises, when the pupils did credit to their efficient and thorough training by recitations, singing and a debate. The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That it is better to be poor than rich." The affirmative was represented by Misses Nellie Crawford and Stella Maret; the negative by Misses Daisy Baughman and Julia Willis. Excellent papers were read by both sides, but the judges rendered their decision in favor of the affirmative. The entire program was greatly enjoyed by the patrons of the school.

The W. M. S., Y. W. A. and R. A. of the South Union Baptist church together observed the week of prayer for home missions. The meetings, which began Sunday, March 14, were interesting and well attended throughout. At their close an offering was made to home missions.

On the afternoon of March 17th, 1909, the spirit of Col. J. T. Blakeley quietly winged its way to the God who gave it. Although he had been in ill health for some time, his death was a sudden shock to his relatives and friends. His was a long and useful life, covering a period of ninety-one years. He served his country well during the Civil War. He was a consistent member of the Presbyterian church, and was a good neighbor, a devoted husband and kind father. We extend our deepest sympathy to his bereaved ones.

The Farmers' Union met Saturday, March 20th, at the public hall, this session being well attended. One interesting feature was the announcement of a contest, the conditions being as follows: Each contestant must plant in corn two acres of land, one of which must be cultivated by the famous Williamson plan, the other by any method he may choose. The farmer making the greatest number of bushels at the least expense will receive the prize. The fortunate contestant must then give a turkey dinner to his competitors, at which all the different methods used will be discussed.

Miss Irene Foster returned Saturday to her home in Gaffney, S. C. Among the visitors at the South Union Baptist Sunday school on the second Sunday were O. S. and K. W. Maret, of Westminster. After a very interesting and instructive talk by K. W. Maret about organized classes in the Sunday school, a Baranca Class was organized with eight members.

All who are interested in the library association are urgently requested to be present at the school house on the afternoon of Saturday, March 27. A reorganization of the association is to be effected, and ways and means for enlarging the present library will be discussed. Those having books will please return them at that meeting. The committee look for a large and enthusiastic gathering. C. H.

**Capt. I. W. Pickens Dead.**

Easley, March 20.—Capt. I. Wesley Pickens died last Friday night of pneumonia. He had only been sick since Monday. He was 74 years old and leaves one son, W. C. Pickens. He was a staunch citizen and was a captain in the Confederate army, serving the 61st Rifles and Company D, Hampton Legion.

**To Organize U. D. C.**

Mrs. Thomas Keitt, of Clemson, vice president of the State Daughters of the Confederacy, is organizing U. D. C. and wishes to organize a chapter in Oconee. She has asked Miss Marye R. Shelor, of Westminster, to secure the names of women who will join. Please send Miss Shelor your name at once and a meeting will be called and Mrs. Keitt will organize the chapter, and if large enough will divide into chapters at Seneca, Walhalla and Westminster.

**ASSASSIN CONFESSES.**

**Johnson, Convicted of Murder, Says He was in Another Man's Pay.**

(News and Courier Special.)

Barnwell, March 21.—Following the conviction yesterday of Quitman Johnson and Ferdinand Grubbs for the murder of Perry Ussery, committed during a carnival last fall, Johnson to-day made a complete confession as to the killing, involving Chester Kennedy, who has been arrested and lodged in jail. He confessed to having committed the act himself, assisted by Grubbs, but alleges that they were to be paid \$200 by Kennedy to kill Marvin Holland. How he succeeded in killing Ussery and wounding Holland has been published in these columns.

To-day, in conversation with Sheriff Creech, Johnson stated that as he had been convicted and had to die, he wanted to tell the truth in regard to Mr. Ussery's death. He admitted that both he and Grubbs had been hired to do the killing, that they were to receive \$200 for the job. Kennedy was to pay \$100 and "the lady in Augusta" was to pay \$100. He admitted having fired the fatal shot. He stated that Grubbs got the gun from under a water trough and concealed it in the place where the shooting was done, (behind a screen near a public lavatory,) and that Grubbs carried him to where the gun was after having pointed Holland out to him. He stated that twice before he fired he raised the gun to shoot, but that his courage failed him. On the third trial, however, he fired, and made his temporary escape, as shown by the State during the trial. He states that on Monday night after the killing he went with Grubbs to Chester Kennedy's, and he told them that they had gotten the wrong man, and asked them to go and put Holland out of the way, as he was sure to kill him now. He says that Kennedy gave him \$10 that night, and was to send him the balance by Grubbs as soon as things got a little more quiet. The confession and Kennedy's arrest has caused an even greater interest in the case and each development is being watched with much interest.

**An Ideal Cough Medicine.**

"As an ideal cough medicine I regard Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in a class by itself," says Dr. R. A. Wiltshire, of Gwynneville, Ind. "I take great pleasure in testifying to the results of Chamberlain's Cough Medicine. In fact, I know of no other preparation that meets so fully the expectations of the most exacting in cases of croup and coughs of children. As it contains no opium, chloroform or morphine it certainly makes a most safe, pleasant and efficacious remedy for the ill it is intended." For sale by Dr. J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

**Closing Exercises of Salem School.**

Doll drill—Flag drill.  
Pantomime—"Star-Spangled Banner."  
Recitation by boys in first and second grades.  
Dialogue—"The Art Critic."  
Song, "Under the Shade of the Trees."  
Dialogue—"Going Somewhere."  
Guitar Duet—Miss Robertson and Mrs. Meroney.  
Dialogue—"The Photograph Gallery."  
Valedictory—"Good-bye to the Old Academy Days."  
Song, "We'll Never Say Good-bye."  
The exercises will be held at the school house Friday, March 26th, at 3 o'clock p. m.  
All who come will be cordially welcomed. Greta Gaines, Teacher.

**Good Cough Medicine for Children.**

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is much more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has a cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less risk Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says: "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children, and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Dr. J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

**The Ginners' Report.**

Washington, March 20.—The census bureau bulletin on the cotton crop issued to-day shows the crop of 1908 to be 17,408,841 bales, including linters, compared with 11,325,882 for 1907, and 13,306,265 for 1906.

The quantity of the cotton estimated by ginners and delinters as remaining to be ginned is included in the report for 1908 at 93,085. The number of ginneries operated this season was 25,587.

**Stiff Neck.**

Stiff neck is caused by rheumatism of the muscles of the neck. It is usually confined to one side, or to the back of the neck and one side. While it is often quite painful, quick relief may be had by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Not one case of rheumatism in ten requires internal treatment. When there is no fever and no swelling as in muscular and chronic rheumatism, Chamberlain's Liniment will accomplish more than any internal treatment. For sale by Dr. J. W. Bell, Walhalla; W. J. Lunney, Seneca.

**Unclaimed Letters.**

Following is a list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Walhalla post office for the week ending March 22, 1909:

Hammond, Mrs. Amanda.  
Parker, Miss Lucia.  
Truson, Miss Linnie.  
Persons calling for the above will please say they were advertised.  
J. M. Merrick, P. M.

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NOAH'S LINIMENT, Richmond, Virginia.

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.**

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an order of the County Board of Education of Oconee county, South Carolina, an election will be held at the Oak Grove school house on FRIDAY, APRIL 9th, 1909 between the legal hours, on the question of levying an extra three mill tax for school purposes on the real and personal property within the said Oak Grove School District, the said tax to be in addition to the taxes now collected for school purposes as authorized by law; that said election shall be conducted as provided by law for the conduct of general elections; that at said election each elector favoring said proposed additional levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" printed or written thereon, and each elector opposing said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" printed or written thereon.  
J. H. BARNETT,  
WM. R. COBB,  
JOHN FENDLEY,  
Trustees of Oak Grove District, No. 22, of Oconee County.  
March 24, 1909. 12-14

**MILL STOCK LOST.**

Notice is hereby given that Five Shares of Walhalla Cotton Mill Stock, Certificate No. 10, issued to R. C. Strother, has been lost or misplaced. The public is hereby notified that same is worthless to anyone except the undersigned.  
R. C. STROTHER,  
West Union, S. C., March 19, 1909.

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