

A DISSERTATION ON CLEMSON.

Life Trustees and Nepotism Menace the College's Best Interests.

Editor Keowee Courier: Capt. S. K. Dendy's entertaining and amusing reminiscences, published in a recent issue of your paper, would have been considered a gem by Dickens, and would no doubt have supplied him with the foundation for another great story rivaling in its rare characters and scenes "Bleak House" or "Pickwick." It is likely that the Captain's range of acquaintance, in those days of mirth and joy unrestrained, included Tenneydrops, Jeliabys, Jingles and Wardells, if not fat boys and old maids.

That "cyclone of music and dancing" is without a parallel, and the singleness of purpose and vim with which they devoted themselves to the mazes of the dance were amply proven by the number and character of the relics found on the floor of the old mill after the performance—shoe strings, shoe heels, grapevine hoop skirts and false teeth, and possibly others, which after this lapse of time, have escaped his memory.

But while amused at the Captain's quaint humor in his reminiscences, one cannot help dwelling seriously upon one of his passing remarks in enumerating the places and things that did not exist at the time of which he was writing. He says, among other things, "There was no John C. Calhoun College, then and there is none now." I suppose there is scarcely one thoughtful person who will not add in his own mind "as there ought to be, instead of a private institution ushered into existence and still controlled by the will of Thomas G. Clemson, and bearing the name of this exotic, who happened to be John C. Calhoun's son-in-law."

Being ambitious to perpetuate his name by having it conferred upon an agricultural college, Mr. Clemson, (being in possession of the old Calhoun home,) saw his opportunity when one of the ablest political adventurers of this or any other time came on the scene and secured, by various means, such control of the masses that he could dictate not only on lines of executive policy, but legislative and judicial also. He was able to say who should be sent to the Legislature, and then indicating his own preferences for the Bench, the election followed as a natural consequence for the creatures did not dare to do anything contrary to the master's wishes.

This state of affairs favored a proceeding that Mr. Clemson and his attorney must have known was contrary to the rights of the people, viz., the devise of the Calhoun estate for the establishment of an institution that should be governed by a board of trustees, of whom the majority should be appointed by the testator—this majority to be self-perpetuating—and the remainder by the State. The State was to support this school, but not to control it. As insulting and humiliating as was this proposition, it was accepted under the compulsion of the man whose will at that time was, with his followers, higher than law or any other consideration. Ever since its establishment the school has been lavishly supported by the State, but many thoughtful and liberal-minded men regard the results as inadequate.

During the last session of the Legislature there was a so-called legislative visit of inspection to Clemson, which all good citizens regarded with favor and hope until a candidly written account by the present Senator from this county disclosed that the visitors consisted in large part of young people out for a frolic, while a large proportion of the law-makers availed themselves of the legislative recess to visit their homes. The legislative inspection, therefore, seems to have resolved itself into a mere sight-seeing junket at the public expense. This was all that was done to clear up in the minds of the people's representatives the misty conditions in Clemson's affairs. The only official incident of any note was the address of the chairman of the board of trustees, in which he covertly resented the recent criticisms of a liberal and friendly press upon the trustees for their very obvious shortcomings. Among other things he said, "The man who seeks to tear down a school or tries to create discord in that school is an enemy to the true interests of youth and to progress." It is strange that a man of Mr. Johnstone's position, ability and associations should have made the mistake of assuming that the press and its contributors had been actuated by unfriendly motives in discussing the unfortunate conditions that have long prevailed at Clemson. I do not believe the college has any enemies among the papers composing the press of the State; and I am pretty well satisfied in my own mind that had it not been for the light turned on by the press from time to time, the institution would long ago have gone to the bad.

The office of president, from the beginning up to and through the last administration, has been filled by one unfortunate selection after another, though the last seems to have been the most glaringly unfortunate.

According to the disclosures of the late president, the late commandant, and the admissions of the board itself, a condition approaching chaos characterized this administration—a great part of the time, due to violation by the president and by the board of all rules of organization—the president meddling with the department of the commandant, and the board meddling with and invading the department of the president.

Mr. Johnstone, in the address already quoted from, pleads for leniency of judgment on the ground that the board had no "chart" to go by, thus throwing all of their work into the field of experimentation. They had the chart of common sense to guide them, and this would have shown them that a board of trustees is not to be governed by one member, and that competent men—not incompetents or unknown quantities—are to be chosen to fill responsible positions, and that when a head is once selected, all departments and persons made subordinate to him must be reached only through him. This chart would have shown them also that nepotism is not only condemned by the rules of propriety, but that it is a source of positive danger. See the working of it in the case of President Mell's private secretary, who, being a niece of one of the life trustees, and having been placed in her position regardless of the president's wishes, seems to have assumed a position of independence (Dr. Mell characterized it as unobedience), and to have attempted to manage the office to suit herself or her relative. This state of affairs becoming intolerable, Dr. Mell did the only thing he could do—called for her resignation. Instead of handing in her resignation, off she goes to the trustees, who grant her a leave of absence until another president can be found for her to preside over.

The trustees undertake to justify their interference with the details of management by saying that the president was lacking in administrative ability. This was no justification, their proper course being to ask for his resignation at once, and a permanent head not being immediately available, to select a temporary head, as they at last did, instead of giving instructions directly to subordinates and assuming other duties that did not belong to them.

That President Mell was sadly lacking in the qualifications required by his position seems to have been pretty clearly established, but this furnished no justification for shearing him of all his prerogatives while he was retained in his position. If he had been ever so competent he could not, under such conditions, have done justice to himself or to the interests entrusted to him.

Why President Mell was retained so long after his usefulness became so well known to the trustees and to the public has called forth many inquiries. Was he retained as a scapegoat? There is no intention of casting reflections upon the board as a whole, for on it there are some men of sound discretion and disinterested motives.

The system of providing for relatives seems of to be practiced to a greater extent by the irresponsible life trustees than the others. I call them irresponsible because they are not accountable to the State, which provides the means for maintenance and operation, and, being in the majority, a private institution supported by public money is the result. The legislative committee appointed to investigate the affairs of the school called attention to this anomaly, but very properly recommended that there be no radical legislation at that session. The matter should be settled, however, later on in a business like way. The people should insist that the piece of folly, perpetuated by the men who accepted the terms of the Clemson will, should be undone as soon as possible after the college gets to work on some rational lines; but let there be no feeling in the matter. There is an adequate remedy somewhere in law and equity, and let the people require their representatives to seek till they find this remedy.

When the State severs all connection with the Clemson will, gets rid of the self-perpetuating life trustees and becomes the source of control as well as of support, confusion in administration, nepotism and other ills at Clemson can be ended, but not before.

The faculty of Clemson seems to be the best part of it, though, according to Dr. Mell, at least two positions have been filled within the past year or two by men whose determining qualifications were relationship to life trustees. Citizen.

Blessings brighten as they take their flight.

FROM A 12-YEAR-OLD TEXAN.

Cold Weather and Late Crops—Rains Frogs and Fishes.

Corsicana, Texas, April 25.—Special: Just a line or so to the dear old Courier to say that we are having the most extreme weather we have ever had in the ten winters we have lived in Texas. To-day at sunrise (6 o'clock) the temperature was 36 degrees in the sun. We have a "Norther," and have had all but one day for over a week—just pleasant weather, though, mostly—cool enough at night to sleep well and enjoy a quilt or two.

Crops are late. Usually we have corn about three or four feet high at this time of the year. Here corn is laid by in May, and in South Carolina it is laid by in June or July. We raise principally cotton in this country and some corn in our gardens.

Nearly ten years ago we came to Texas—my mother, father and my two sisters. My father works at the refinery. He watches the gates, attends to the horses and a few other things. When we came to Texas I was nearly three years old, and I am now twelve. I have been going to the public schools and I am in the high seventh grade. Our school will close the last Friday in May.

I have heard that it sometimes rains pitchforks, but if it ever has here I have never heard of it; but it does rain frogs and fishes. After a big rain here and when the water has dried nearly up, the boys go to a ditch and get some fish. You can catch a tank and in a few years it will be chug full of fishes. We have no creeks here for the boys to play in like you have in Oconee.

George Cowan.

John D. Rockefeller would go broke if he should spend his entire income trying to prepare a better medicine than Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is simply impossible, and so says every one that has used it. Sold by Seneca Pharmacy; L. C. Martin, Clemson College.

Veterans' Officers Elected.

Mobile, Ala., April 27.—All of the old officers for the United Confederate Veterans were re-elected. Commander-in-Chief, Clarence J. Owens, Abbeville, La., was re-elected by a unanimous vote. The other officers are: Adjutant General, Nathan Bedford Forrest, Memphis; Inspector General, Gordon S. Levy, New Orleans; Commissary General, Walter B. McAdams, Dallas, Texas; Judge Advocate, Jared Y. Sanders, Baton Rouge, La.; Surgeon General, Dr. Floyd Stewart, St. Louis; Chaplain General, Dr. Matthew Brewster, Mobile; Historian General, Dr. Thos. M. Owen, Montgomery.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Eucletic Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.

It may not be generally known that child suicides, so numerous in Germany, are nearly as common in Russia. During 1907, some 400 children under 16 years of age, are said to have taken their lives in Russia.

DOCTOR ADVISED OPERATION

Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Galena, Kans.—"A year ago last March I fell, and a few days after there was soreness in my right side. In a short time a bunch came and it bothered me so much at night I could not sleep. It kept growing larger and by fall it was as large as a hen's egg. I could not go to bed without a hot water bottle applied to that side. I had one of the best doctors in Kansas and he told my husband that I would have to be operated on as it was something like a tumor caused by a rupture. I wrote to you for advice and you told me not to get discouraged but to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I did take it and soon the lump in my side broke and passed away."—Mrs. R. R. HUEY, 713 Mineral Ave., Galena, Kans.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, has proved to be the most successful remedy for curing the worst forms of female ills, including displacements, inflammation, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, and nervous prostration. It costs but a trifle to try it, and the result has been worth millions to many suffering women.

If you want special advice write for it to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. It is free and always helpful.



SURVEYING ON KEOWEE RIVER.

Difficult to Locate Lines Where Old Tracts Have Been Divided.

Salem, April 25.—Special: We have rain, sleet and snow here today, but they did not last long. James Whitmire has been on the sick list for some time.

Mrs. Joe Vickery was buried at Fall Creek church on the 21st instant. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. F. Murphree, of Pickens.

The farmers are planting in this section, but it seems like it is the wrong time of the year.

J. H. Wigington, surveyor; W. V. Holden, J. W. Barnes and Robert Holden are in this section surveying the lands bounding on Keowee river from Chapman's Ford to Holden post office. Mr. Holden says they are surveying to find out if the North Pole has changed since it was discovered by Dr. Cook, but the survey is really for the purpose of getting the fall of the river and the property lines from Chapman's Bridge to the proposed dam site near Holden.

E. B. Alexander has finished a plat that locates a line that had not been located in fifty years. It is said that many tracts along the river are described by saying, "commencing at the mouth of the branch, and up the branch to the fork, and up the hill to a marked line to the beginning." Mr. Wigington has had twenty or more years of experience in surveying and proposes to give all of the farmers who own land on the river between Chapman's Bridge and the proposed dam site a plat of their land, provided they assist in locating the true lines. He surveyed several years for the timber companies in Oconee and Pickens counties.

A party of surveyors, under the direction of Mr. Grandy, of Pickens, has surveyed a dam site near the Chapman Bridge and have taken options on some lands. It appears that the surveying being done by Mr. Wigington will be of great help to the owners of land on the river. Many of the original tracts of land have been divided by the owners in such a way that a surveyor could never locate them if the witnesses to the original plats were dead or gone away.

Foley's Kidney Pills contain in concentrated form ingredients of established therapeutic value for the relief and cure of all kidney and bladder ailments. J. W. Bell.

Locals from Oak Grove.

Oak Grove, April 25.—Special: The ice cream supper, given by the ladies of Oak Grove, proved very successful. The neat sum of \$12.70 was raised toward getting an organ for the Sunday school. It will prove to be a great help to the Sunday school.

Miss Barney Freeman, of Westminster, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnett recently.

Miss Carrie Lee, of Walhalla, visited homefolks Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Rose Parker, of Westminster, spent the past week-end at the home of R. F. Petty.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. K. B. Fretwell is on the sick list.

J. H. Barnett made a business trip to Anderson one day last week.

It seems that some of the correspondents have Oak Grove and Pleasant Hill mixed. Mrs. A. I. Beacham and Miss Minnie Butler visited at Oak Grove instead of Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Stevens spent several days at Oakway recently visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kindly.

Misses Flossie and Ruth Pike, of Westminster, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Miss Selma Bolt is at home after a month's treatment in the hospital at Atlanta.

Miss Geraldine Hughes was the guest of Miss Bennie Dilworth Saturday and attended the ice cream supper.

Mr. and Mrs. Henley Adams, of Toxaway, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Adams Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Freeman and little son, F. M., visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. White recently.

Miss Rozzie Cox was among friends in Westminster Friday.

William and Thomas Bibb, of Westminster, attended the Corn Growers' Association here Friday.

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Brussels Welcomes Ex-President.

Brussels, April 28.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived in Brussels at noon today. He was received with royal honors and a vast crowd from all over Europe, as well as America, attracted primarily because of the expedition now on, greeted the party.

King Albert, of Belgium, unexpectedly greeted Col. Roosevelt here this afternoon and paid him extraordinary honor by making him a guest at the royal palace.

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THEY will not burn. Will not split or curl like wood shingles. Will not crack and roll off like slate. Will not rip at the seams like plain tin. Neither will they rattle during high wind storms. They never need repairs and last as long as the building. And last of all, they make the handsomest roof and are not expensive.

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GEN. E. P. ALEXANDER DEAD.

Longstreet's Artillery Chief Passed Away Thursday Last in Savannah.

Savannah, Ga., April 28.—Gen. E. P. Alexander died this morning at 9.30 o'clock at his home in this city, after an illness extending over a period of a year or more.

About a year ago he was stricken with paralysis at his home at Georgetown, S. C., and while he recovered partially, his health never entirely returned. A week ago his condition became serious and he continued to sink until the end.

Gen. Alexander was a brother-in-law of the late Alexander Cheves Haskell, the second Mrs. Haskell, who died in 1902, having been Gen. Alexander's sister.

Edward Porter Alexander ranked during his career as engineer, brigadier general of artillery, chief of artillery for Longstreet's Corps, professor in the University of South Carolina, railroad manager and president, and engineer arbitrator of boundary survey between Costa Rica and Nicaragua. He was born at Washington, Ga., May 26, 1835.

Foley's Kidney Pills

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They will cure your backache, strengthen your kidneys, correct urinary irregularities, build up the worn out tissues, and eliminate the excess uric acid that causes rheumatism. Prevent Bright's Disease and Diabetes, and restore health and strength. Refuse substitutes.

DR. J. W. BELL, Walhalla.

In Memory of Mrs. Nancy Madden, who departed this life October 9th, 1909. Dearest mother, she has left us, Left us forevermore, But we hope to meet our mother On that bright and happy shore. Lonely the home and sad the hours Since our dear mother has gone, But oh a brighter life than ours In heaven is now her own. She is sleeping, sweetly sleeping, In a new made grave to-day; We are weeping for our mother, Now in a brighter place on high. Farewell, dear mother, but not forever; There will be a glorious dawn, When we shall meet to part, no never, On the resurrection morn. —Children.

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GREENVILLE, S. C., Office of Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, April 16, 1910.—Notice is hereby given that the following described property having been seized on April 15, 1910, near Battle Creek, Oconee County, S. C., from Nathan Watkins, for violation of Secs. 3279-3281, R. S. U. S.: One black horse mule named Coley, one black horse mule named Prince, one Hickory wagon, one set gears; on April 15, 1910, seized from John Williams, for violation of Sec. 3296, R. S. U. S., near Mountain Rest, Oconee County, S. C., 10 gallons corn whiskey. Parties claiming the same must file bond in the Collector's office within thirty days of this date, or the same will be forfeited to the United States. J. N. P. SCOTT, GRS., 16-18 Dep. Collector, 3d Div., Dist. S. C.

SPANISH JACK.

I am offering the services of my Spanish Jack the present season at my stable one mile south of Walhalla, on the Westminster road, near Fiat Rock colored church. He is six years old, in fine condition and well developed. Fee \$7.50. This Jack is one of the best to be had, and stock raisers should see him.

CHAS. W. BURNSIDE.

FOR SALE.

One 4-horse Eclipse Engine, one Cardwell Threshing Machine, Belts complete, one Cutaway Harrow, one McCormick Mowing Machine, one Drag Harrow, one pair Good Mules, one 2-horse Wagon, one Horizontal Cane Mill, one 2-horse Cane Mill, two Evaporators, one thirteen 2-horse Oliver Chilled Plow.

J. W. OLIVER, Walhalla, S. C. March 16, 1910. 11-21

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 Neville school house on Saturday, the 7th day of MAY, 1910, upon the question of levying an extra TWO MILL TAX for school purposes, on all the real and personal property within Neville school district, No. 25; that said election shall be conducted as provided for the conduct of general election; that at said election each elector favoring said proposed additional levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and each elector opposing said levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

J. W. ABBOTT, B. F. DOUGHTY, F. W. HARBORT, Trustees of District No. 25, April 27, 1910. 17-18

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina, County of Oconee.—(In Court of Probate.)—By D. A. Smith, Judge of Probate.—Whereas, E. P. Marett, has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and Effects of S. M. Crawford, deceased—

These are, therefore, to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said S. M. CRAWFORD, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Walhalla Court House, South Carolina, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 1910, after publication hereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 22d day of April, A. D. 1910. (Seal.) D. A. SMITH, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, South Carolina.

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