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WALHALLA, S. C.:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1913

ONE DAY EARLY NEXT WEEK.

Thursday of next week, January 1, 1914, will be a national holiday and the rural routes will not be operated from any of the post offices. For that reason, and in order that the Courier shall not lie in the post offices of the county a day before going to subscribers on rural routes, we will go to press next Tuesday instead of Wednesday, our regular day of publication.

We request that correspondents, advertisers and others having matters of business to transact for our next issue will bear this fact in mind and govern themselves accordingly. On December 30th we will issue the fifty-third paper during 1913.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

The management of the Courier wishes for each of its patrons, subscribers and friends, near and far, a joyous, happy Christmas. May the day be unmix'd with sorrow for each and every one, and may it be overflowing with joy for all.

Few of us there are into whose lives have not come some sorrow, some bereavement, some disappointment; yet at this glad Christmas time let us forget the bitterness of life as they have come to us in greater or less degree, and join in the glad celebration of the anniversary of the birth of the Christ, heralding the joyous tidings, "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Let us be wise all the bitternesses of life, and let us be kind to all men, and with ourselves. Let us find something to do for the pleasure of others. That is the surest, the quickest and the best way to bring perfect peace into our own lives.

To each and every one the Courier sends greetings of joy and good will. May this glad season bring blessings to each "so that there shall not be room to contain them." Send them out to others that their joy, too, may be full.

THE WORK IN SEVEN SCHOOLS.

As Indicated by Improvements Made and Funds Raised.

Richland, Dec. 20.—Editor Keowee Courier: The following is an extract from the report I submitted to the South Carolina School Improvement Association on December 15th:

Improvements made in seven rural schools since October 1, 1912:

District 71—Earle's: Additional tax, 4 mills; two class rooms on approved plans added; patent desks, black boards, two stoves; case of 8 maps, teacher's desk, new library, State flag; individual drinking cups. Raised by improvement association, \$36.50. Clean-up Day score "A." Teachers: John B. Compton, Miss Letitia T. Grant.

District 35—Keowee: Hyloplate boards, erasers, hygienic crayon; water coolers; three stoves; set of 8 maps. Raised by improvement association, \$36.85. Clean-up Day score "C." Demonstration plot. Teachers: P. E. Myers, Miss Pearl Turner, Miss Wannie Morgan.

District 22—Oak Grove: Hyloplate boards, set of 8 maps, globe, teacher's desk, primary chart, new library; roof of house painted, well-house built; individual drinking cups. Clean-up Day score "A." Demonstration plot; cooking class. Teachers: Mrs. Ella Cobb, Mrs. Florence Ballenger.

District 21—Blue Ridge: Subscribed for piano, \$154; new well; primary chart; Clean-up Day score "B"; trees and shrubs set out; demonstration plot; cooking class; school inspected by Dr. J. W. Wickliffe; lecture on care of teeth by Dr. E. R. Gilbert. Teachers: J. R. Plyler, Miss Fannie Broyles, Miss Rena Hunsinger.

District 19—Richland: Two additional acres purchased for playgrounds; auditorium ceiled; sanitary drinking fountain installed; 9 pictures passe-partouted; subscribed for addition to library, \$5. Clean-up Day score "C"; cooking class. Teachers: G. M. Barnett, Miss Carrie Smith.

District 10—Tabor: Additional tax; class room enlarged, partition and slide added; hyloplate boards, case of 8 maps, globe, State flag, U. S. flag; primary chart; water cooler, individual drinking cups; four framed pictures. Amount raised by improvement association, \$30.80. Clean-up Day score "A"; desks var-

NEWS FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Mrs. W. Thaddeus Holden Dead—Other Matters of Local News.

Little River, Dec. 22.—Special: The health of this section is, with few exceptions, good.

The Nimrods are having a good time hunting this fall. There are only a few birds, but plenty of rabbits, squirrels and opossums. When it comes to good shooting W. M. Perry generally comes in for his part. On December 19th he killed two squirrels at one shot, this being the third time this good fortune has come his way.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollins, of Walhalla cotton mill, were the guests of Alf Barton and family the past week.

James Hudgens, of the Old Pickens section, has been doing some painting in this section. His many friends were delighted to meet him again after an absence of ten years from this section. James has grown into a fine looking man and owns a nice farm in Pickens county, where he stands well with his neighbors.

Mrs. Mary E. Holden is spending a while with her daughter, Mrs. Lusk, in Pickens.

J. L. Talley and son Oliver made a business trip to Walhalla last week. They carried some fine country pork with them.

Christopher Talley has accepted employment with his brother, W. H. Talley, of Salem, for the coming year. The Messrs. Talley are both from Little River, and will be engaged in farming and merchandising.

Rev. C. R. Abercrombie filled the stand at Pleasant Ridge on the second Sunday evening. He preached his farewell sermon at Little River on the first Sunday at 11 a. m., this closing his year's work here. Rev. R. A. Hudson, of Cashier's, N. C., has been called to preach here this year and will move to this section in the near future. He will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Martin on E. A. Perry's place.

The sad news of the death of Mrs. W. Thaddeus Holden, of Fall Creek, was received in this section the past week.

Mrs. Holden's maiden name was Ida Fendley, she being a daughter of Wesley Fendley, of the same section. She leaves her husband and some four or five children, with a host of relatives and friends, to mourn her death. Mrs. Holden was well and favorably known in upper Oconee and was held in high esteem by her many friends. She was for many years a consistent member of Fall Creek Baptist church, where the remains were lowered to their last resting place by gentle hands, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. The bereaved family and relatives have the deepest sympathy of many friends in their time of sorrow.

Charley Perry and sister, Miss Myrtle, were among the shoppers in Walhalla on Saturday last.

United States Court for Alabama on the charge of robbing the post office at Marion, in that State. His bond was fixed at \$10,000, and he was remanded to jail and will be carried back to Montgomery for trial. He is closely guarded by post office inspectors.

Mr. Gregory appeared against him, as did Inspector Felts, of Alabama, and the assistant postmaster at Montgomery. The yegg was surly and pleaded against being sent up.

Killed in Motorcycle Collision.

Millen, Ga., Dec. 22.—A. C. Parker, aged 40, clerk of the Superior and City Courts, was instantly killed to-night in a motorcycle collision on the outskirts of the city when Mr. Parker, who was on his way home, collided with T. W. Aaron, who was riding into the city. Mr. Parker's neck was broken. He is survived by his wife and two children.

Mr. Aaron's leg was broken and he was otherwise seriously injured.

SUMMING UP THE EVIDENCE.

Many Walhalla People Have Been Called As Witnesses.

Week after week has been published the testimony of Walhalla people—kidney sufferers—backache victims—people who have endured many forms of kidney, bladder or urinary disorders. These witnesses have used Doan's Kidney Pills. All have given their enthusiastic approval. It's the same everywhere. Thirty thousand American men and women are publicly recommending Doan's—always in the home papers. Isn't it a wonderful, convincing mass of proof? If you are a sufferer your verdict must be "Try Doan's first."

Here's one more Walhalla case: Mrs. Ida Hellams, Factory Hill, Walhalla, S. C., says: "We have used Doan's Kidney Pills in our family with fine results. I know that they live up to the claims made for them. They were obtained from Dr. Bell's drug store and used for pains in the back and sides and trouble with the kidney secretions. Complete and lasting relief was had."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

nished; shrubs set out; demonstration plot; cooking class. Teachers: Miss Maude Simpson, Miss Ruth Cain.

District 6—Fair Play: additional tax, 4 mills; new building on approved plan; four class rooms, cloak rooms, auditorium, with two ante-rooms; stoves, desks, teacher's desks, hyloplate boards, case of 8 maps, globe, U. S. flag; \$15 for addition to library. Teachers: G. C. Ryder, Mrs. G. C. Ryder, Miss Ada Simpson.

(Miss) Annie McMahan, Supervisor of Rural Schools.

HE BUYS FOUR FURNACES.

Col. M. E. Thornton Now Preparing to Smelt.

(Special to Charlotte Observer.) Hickory, N. C., Dec. 20.—Col. M. E. Thornton returned from Charlotte, where he purchased for the smelting of all kinds of ore. One of these furnaces is now in operation in Charlotte and the other three are in the shops of Mecklenburg Iron Works and ready for erection. Three of the furnaces are of a 50-ton capacity and the other 15-ton daily.

Mr. Zimmerman was the bidder and the entire lot was sold to him. He transferred his bid to the Mecklenburg Iron Works and it in turn sold the four furnaces to Col. Thornton for \$17,000. The Colonel immediately sold one of the furnaces by telephone for \$17,000. The furnace that he sold in Charlotte alone is valued at \$5,000.

The other furnaces mentioned, will be shipped to Charlotte early in January.

MAKE YOUR TAX RETURNS.

Auditor's Office, Oconee County, S. C. December 17, 1913.

The Auditor's office will be open to receive returns for 1913 and personal property for 1914, from the 1st day of January, 1914, to the 20th day of February, 1914.

The Real Estate and Building Tax-payers will be required to list exactly the number of acres, number of lots and number of buildings on their returns, as the assessment is now made on the basis of these figures. The Township Assessors are required by law to make returns of those who fail to make their own returns within the time required by law. Hence the difficulty of escaping the 50 per cent penalty, as well as the frequent suits resulting from this penalty, means make your own returns and thereby save expense.

All able-bodied persons of 18 years of age, are required to file their returns on or before the 1st day of January, 1914, and receive returns at the following places:

- Mount Tabor—S. C. 3.
- Oakway—Monday 6.
- South Union—Tuesday 7.
- Fair Play—Wednesday 7.
- W. N. Woolbrin—Thursday 7.
- Jan. 8.
- Friendship—Friday 8.
- Tokena (Cross)—Saturday 10.
- Westminster—Monday 12.
- Jan. 12 and 13.

Newry, Saturday 12.
- Richland—Monday 13.
- Clark's Store—Tuesday 14.
- Salem—Wednesday 15.
- Little River—Thursday 16.
- Tamassee—Friday 17.
- Mt. Rest—Monday 20.
- Henry's Store—Tuesday 21.
- Cannon's Store—Wednesday 22.
- Jan. 23.
- Tugaloo Academy—Thursday 24.
- Jan. 25.

Madison—Friday 24.

Returns will be received from 10 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the places mentioned on the 1st day of January, 1914.

Auditor Oconee County, S. C. Dec. 17, 1913.

Madison Electrocutted.

Columbia, Dec. 22.—Nineteen days after the killing of E. P. Best, at Barnwell, Scott Madison, the negro who was convicted of the killing, was electrocuted at the State penitentiary this morning.

TO OCONEE STOCK RAISERS

I have at my farm near Westminster a Registered Jersey Bull, Princess' Butter Boy, No. 106078. This animal is of perfect markings, and was bred by Samuel G. Engle, Marietta, Pa.

Princess' Butter Boy is a son of Princess of Donegal 138005, who has a record of second best cow in Pennsylvania. She has a continuous milking record of eight years without standing dry a day. She has a milk and butter record of 8,700 pounds of milk and 611 pounds of butter in one year.

Princess' Butter Boy was sired by Letty Rieter's Son 2d (78822), American Jersey Cattle Club record. Letty Rieter has a butter record of 21 pounds and 2 ounces in seven days, and her dam, Letty Coles 2d (48128), has a butter record of 21 pounds and 8 ounces in seven days. Fee for service, \$3.00.

J. H. BARNETT, Westminster, Route No. 4. (Will pay extra price for heifer calves sired by Princess' Butter Boy.) Dec. 17, 1913.

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that on TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1914, an election will be held in Walhalla, South Carolina, for the election of Municipal Officers for the said town for a term of two years. The officers to be elected are: Mayor, six Aldermen and four members of the Board of Health.

Polls will be open at the usual voting place at Walhalla Court House continuously from 8 o'clock a. m. until 10 o'clock p. m.

The following have been appointed Managers to conduct said election: H. C. Busch, C. L. Reid, Thomas A. Grant.

W. M. BROWN, Mayor. Jas. M. Moss, Clerk Council. Dec. 10, 1913. 50-1

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House on Friday, the 23d day of January, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the estate of John Joost, deceased.

W. H. TALLEY, Administrator of the Estate of John Joost, deceased. Dec. 24, 1913.

PUBLIC SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

I will offer for sale, in front of Walhalla Court House, on MONDAY, the 5th day of JANUARY, 1914, at legal hours of sale, all that piece, parcel or tract of land, known as the Home Place of Rev. J. B. Colley, deceased, containing 218 acres, adjoining land of E. A. Perry, M. A. Duncan and others. About 30 acres in cultivation, 7 acres of bottom land; two good houses; 2 1/2 miles from Salem. Convenient to schools and churches.

Terms of Sale—CASH. W. H. TALLEY, Salem, S. C. Dec. 24, 1913. 52-53



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Something extremely pretty and reasonably priced.

We have also the cheapest grades Porcelain Ware.

Table Cutlery -- Carving Sets, Etc.
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Seneca, South Carolina.

P. S.—We have just added a small shipment of well selected Cut Glass and Hand Painted China.

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WHAT WOULD CHRISTMAS BE WITHOUT GOOD BREAD?

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we guarantee—the Flour that is known far and wide.
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The Store of Square Deals,
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FINAL DISCHARGE.

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RUTH A. B. ROCHESTER, (Now Mrs. Ruth Rochester Sheely,) Guardian.
Nov. 19, 1913. 47-50

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. MARTIN, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Saturday, January 3, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the Estate of J. J. Haley, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Administratrix of said estate.

MRS. R. L. HALEY, Administratrix.
Dec. 3, 1913. 49-52

CHRISTMAS AT HAND

As the Christmas Season draws near we desire to inform the public that we have replenished our already large stock and are better prepared than ever to fill all needs in
Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Notions.

You should make your selections at this store, where quality reigns supreme, and by buying here you will obtain the best to be had.

Call and let us help you make selection.

Merry Christmas to all!

Moss & Ansel,
Cement Front,
Walhalla, S. C.