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-Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Hetrick, who have been spending the past two weeks on a pleasure auto trip to Philadelphia, New York and other points, returned to Walhalla Monday evening. They had a most enjoyable trip, on which they were accompanied from Charlotte by H. W. Gasque, superintendent of the Walhalla schools.

—A large number of Walhalla peo-ple and visitors enjoyed a picnic at Oconee Station last Friday. The Misses Green, of the "Rock House" were especially hospitable on this occasion and threw their home open for the pleasure of the visitors. A splendid dinner was enjoyed by all. The following composed the party: A. C. Boett and son Fred, D. C. H. Witt, Ervin Suhrstedt, Miss Katle Boett, Miss Dora Rumpel, Charleston; Miss Lula Morgan, Alabama; Miss Mary Fitzgibbon, Columbia; C. W. Burn-side, Fred Theilkuhl, Lewis Riehle, Ed. Slater and two sisters, Henry Otherson, John Z. Brandt, Mrs. Mena Brandt, Misses Rosa Riehle, Olite and Katie Otherson, Minnie, Johanna and Lena Theilkuni, Uncy Brandt.

-Green Thompson, who escaped from the chain gang in Oconee on Tuesday of last week, returned to the gang on Wednesday night. He escaped from the guard while on an errand, going to carry out an order, but failed to return. Sheriff J. W. Davis promptly got in behind him with reward cards and personal efforts to locate him, and through an appeal to his father, Sam Thompson, who lives in the Hepsibah section of the county, his return was made practically on his own honor. Thompson is a negro and was convicted of killing another negro and sent up for a life term in the penitentiary or on the public works of the county. After the Sherin had talked for some little time with Thompson's father and mother they assured him that they would get word to Green and that he would return to the gang of his own accord. This he did Thursday night, after an absence of about 48 hours.

-Mrs. Nannie Williams, of Cross Hill, Laurens county, is spending this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Verner. She has numerous friends here who are always pleased to meet her. Her brother, Rev. Robt. Campbell, D. D., of Jacksonville, Fla., was also a guest at the Verner home for a few days the past week, but he unexpectedly shortened his stay here owing to the fact that on Thursday last the church of which he is rector was struck by lightning in his home city, doing considerable damage to the building, and he left in order to attend to matters pertaining to church work. Rev. Mr. Campbell visited here two years ago, since which time his estimable wife has died. This fact will be learned with deep regret by many, for on her visit here she endeared herself in a marked degree to those of our people whom she met. On his previous visit Dr. Campbell occupied the pulpits of the Episcopal and Presby-terian churches, and his discourses were greatly enjoyed.

-Mrs. Maggie M. Gray, of Statesville, N. C., died at her home in that city last Saturday, August 22d, at 2 o'clock a. m. A telegram announc-ing this sad fact was received in Walhalla early Saturday morning by N. W. Macaulay, brother of the deceased. Mr. Macaulay was unable to attend the funeral, however, owing to circumstances, and his daughter, Miss Eunice, left on the afternoon train for Statesville. Miss Macaulay will be absent for a week. Mrs. Gray was 75 years of age and is survived by four children. One daughter, Miss Mamie Gray, taught school in Oconee for several years, from 1900 to 1905, and was pleasantly known by many. Mrs. Gray was a splendid woman, a devout Christian and an earnest worker in the church. She was the eldest sister of N. W. Macaulay, of Walhaila. Some months ago Mrs. Gray suffered severe injuries from a fall, from which she never fully recovered. There are many friends in Oconee who will join with The Courier in extending to the bereaved ones sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

THE NEWS FROM RICHLAND.

Protracted Meeting Begins--Richland Boys Lose at Tennis

Richland, Aug. 24 .- Special: Mrs. S. N. Hughs and Miss Pearle Ballenger returned home last week from a two week's stay at Montreat, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Furman Burns re turned to their home in Fountain Inn last Monday after a week's visit at the home of Hon. E. E. Verner. Mrs. Belle Carmichael, of Carnes

ville, Ga., spent the greater part of the week with her sister, Mrs. J. P.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, a young Bap tist minister from Atlanta, is visit-ing his cousin, Dean Davis. He preached a very interesting sermon at Richland church yesterday morning after Sunday scheel, which was greatly enjoyed. This was Mr. Thompson's first vis't to this community since boyhood and he is to

be congratulated on his success as a Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hodgson and two sons, Hugh and Clifford, of Athens, Ga., and Mrs. C. M. Walker and children spent Thursday at the home of J. P. Stribling. The Hodgsons are on their way for a two weeks' trip

through the mountains in their au Mrs. John Ramply, of Stephens-ville, Texas, is visiting her brother,

T. B. Wyly, and family. The Misses Berry returned home Wednesday after a several days' visit to relatives in Easley and Green-

Hayden Coe spent the latter part of the week in Richland.

The Richland boys went to Seneca off with the Seneca boys. The court were having a merry good time.

SWEARINGEN PRAISES OCONEE. Resume of School Work in County.

Still Need for Improvement. The annual report of Superintendent Thomas A. Smith for the public schools of Oconee county during the scholastic year 1913-14 has been filed with the State Superintendent of Education, who, in commenting upon the figures given, announces that the report shows a gratifying progress. He makes the following resume of the report:

"There were ten town and 65 country schools, enrolling 5,749 pupils, an increase of 457 over the preceding year.

"The enrollment in town was 887 boys and 970 girls, making a total of 1,857 of these. Five hundred and fifty-four boys and 651 girls, a total of 1,205, were in regular attendance.

"The enrollment in the country schools was 3,892-1,988 boys and 1,904 girls. In town schools 65 per cent of the enrollment attended regularly during the session of 171 days. In the country schools only 56 per cent of the enrollment attended regularly during the session of 106 days. The average for the county was 59 per cent, a gain of 1 per cent over last year. These figures indicate the seriousness of the problem of school attendance in the rural districts. With only 56 per cent of the boys and girls in the class-rooms regularly for an average session of but little more than five months, it is wrose than wasteful for the remaining 44 per cent to be allowed to remain without instruction.

"The average length of the session was increased almost two weeks. This feature of the report indicates that the county may reasonably hope to secure a six months' term in every school next year. Considerable work however, must be done to lengthen the session. Among the schools 3 ran less than 3 months, 7 less than 4 months, 17 less than 5 months, and less than 6 months.

"The report shows that only six chools enrolled as few as 20 pupils, while only 14 had an average attendance less than 20. The teaching corps was composed of 24 men and 104 women. The estimated value of school property amounted to \$92,-053.75, almost \$16 per child. In many communities this investment should be increased by the erection of larger and better buildings.

The first grade enrollment 1,480 snows that 25 per cent of the boys and girls of the county are just beginning to read. The total enrollment above the fifth grade was 1,026, while only 324 are reported in the high school. With the growth of rural schools employing two, three or four teachers, this situation is rap-

idly improving.
"The county is divided into 74 districts, 55 of which have voted a local school tax. During the last twelve months 22 special tax elections have placed 22 additional levies on the tax books. This active cooperation on the part of the tax-payers helps to raise the per capita expendtiure from \$8.05 to \$8.75. Since the average for the State last year was \$13.39 per child, the schools of Oconee still have need to increase their local taxation and to make use

of every form of State aid.
"The school fund for the year amounted to \$61,883.95. The constitutional three-mill tax raised \$14, 356.20. Local taxation yielded \$18, 670.31, or \$4,314.11 more than the three-mill tax. The trustees and the county superintendent could not have done better with the resources at their command."

WESTMINSTER NEWS NOTES.

Remains of Young Mr. Watson Arrive from California—Locals.

Westminster, Aug. 25 .- Special: M. C. Sanders, of Atlanta, visited his sister, Mrs. C. L. O'Kelley, last week. Mrs. Burt Mitchell entertained a few couples last Friday evening in honor of her guests, Misses Ella Mae Martin and Sara Beeks, of

Miss Mary Anderson, of Greenville, is visiting relatives here this week.
Miss Mason, of Lavonia, is visiting Mrs. T. C. Peden.

The remains of William Watson, who died as the result of an auto mobile accident in California, arrived here to-day. Funeral arrange-

ments have not been made yet. Ralph Carter is visiting in Rome, Ga., as a guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Gaines.

Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Fallaw entertained the Baracca and Philathea classes Monday evening in honor of their guests, Misses Edith Mae and Ruth McCarrell, of Greenville.

was almost too wet and the balls in bad condition, so the games were neither very fast nor good. Seneca boys won two straight sets in both the doubles and singles. Richland boys were not exactly satisfied with things, but played on and have challenged the Seneca boys for another match at Rehland, where new balls will be furnished and a referee who will abide by the rules. In addition to the sorry playing the Richland boys ruined two new rackets playing with heavy, wet balls in Seneca. If the Seneca boys come to Richland again they will not have

any lawful thing to kick against. The protracted meeting is to be gin at Rock Springs church this evening at 8 o'clock and will continue until Friday night, with services at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and at 8 in the evening. There will be no preaching Tuesday morning, as that will be election day. Rev. M. M. Brooks, of Westminster, will open the meeting, and Rev. J. M. Steadman, of Clemson College, will assist him after to-

Edward Verner, Jr., entertained his boy friends Friday night at stag party. There were three tables of cards and rook. During the evening a salad course and ice tea were served, followed by nabiscoes and ice cream. The hasty approach of morn-Friday afternoon to play the match ling made the guests depart, for they

BEGINNING FIERCE WARFARE. English People Now Realizing What the Awful Conflict Means.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The French war office issued the following announcement to-night:

The French and English (the plan of attack having failed, owing to unforeseen difficulties) have re-tired on the covering positions."

Reports were in circulation in Paris to-day that the Germans have occupied the unfortified town Nancy, France.

Official announcement is made in the German capital that a German preceded the war with Russia. army has defeated a French army at German Envoy Given Passp Neufchateau, capturing guns and prisoners, including several generals. The Germans are pursuing the French vigorously, in one case beyond Longwy. Another German army captured 150 French guns in the French department of Neurthe and Moselle

The Germans are reported west of the river Meuse, advancing against Maubeuge. They have defeated an

English brigade of cavalry.

The bombardment of Tsing-Tau, China, by the Japanese fleet has begun, according to the Yomato, in Tokio.

The German troops, according to reports from Upper Alsace, are making another offensive movement against the French army occupying Muelhausen

The Russians, according to Paris reports, now occupy territory 50 miles wide on the German frontier.

A Vienna report says the Austrians are about to abandon their operations against the Servians on the Driana river to concentrate their forces against the Russian advance. The agreement of Austria to dis-

mantle her cruiser, the Kaiserin Elizabeth, at Tsing-Tau, has removed the danger of war between Japan and Austria, according to diplomatic information in Washington.

British Deeply Moyed.

London, Aug. 24.-This day of raiting has brought home the realities of war to the British people. Not before has the whole nation been so deeply moved. Englishmen know that most of the best regiments of their army are fighting a battle on which the future of the Empire may depend. Many thousands have relatives and friends in the army; they know the death roll probably will be longer than in the case of any British force since the Crimean war.

The only information the country has had regarding the battle is contained in brief official bulletins, of a vague character, and these have not been cheering. Throughout London the people to-night are in a much more serious mood than at any time since they faced the war. There are no scenes of gaiety in the theatres and restaurants and the crowded streets are quiet.

any less determination upon the part of Britons-only that the people are beginning to realize what this war may cost. On every side are beard declarations that the country must be prepared for a long and exhausting struggle.

Thus far, England has felt the war far less than any European nation engaged—probably less than Holland English people understand all that it Box 597, Muskogee, Okla.

Every boat from Belgium comes for sufferers who have taken refuge Thousands of Belgians have crowded the French border for asylum, and a committee will arrange for their relief.

England and France apparently propose to care for their smaller ally, who thus far has borne the brunt of the hardships which the war entails.

Desperate Conflict Continues. Paris, Aug. 24 .- "The general engagement continues to-day with desperation," is the wording of an official communication given out this afternoon. "Already both sides have suffered serious losses.

"A general battle is now being fought in Upper Alsace upon Vosges mountains and along the river Mourthe. The main body of ral other farms for sale or rent. troops is under command of Gen. N. CARTER, Westminster, S. C. These forces hold the front heretofore indicated, roughly speak ing, between Badnoviller and Lune-

"An army from the North Wavre is approaching Nuefchateau and is attacking the German forces which have defiled through Luxemburg and are now upon the right bank of the

"Another army from the direction of Sedan has crossed the department of Ardennes and is engaging the German army corps which has been proceeding between the river Lessee and the river Meuse.

"A third army corps from the neighborhood of Chimay is advancing to attack the German right between the river Sambre and river Meuse. This third army is supported by an English army, which has come from the vicinity of Mons.

"The movements of the Germans, who sought to pass our left wing, were followed step by step, and their right now finds itself attacked by the left wing of our army, which is working in conjunction with the English. From this side the battle continued vigorously for more than 24 hours, the field extending over the remainder of the front,'

JAPAN NOW AGAINST GERMANY

Declaration of War Followed by Pass Japan's ultimatum to Germany de-

manding the surrener of Kioa-Chow The Japanese government has or-dered the beginning of operations on

land and sea. The proclamation of the Emperor sent a thrill through the country. Japan's entrance upon the fulfillment of her obligations to her ally, Great Britain, responds to the popular will from one end of the land to the other. Cheering crowds assembled to-day before the buildings occupied by the department of foreign affairs and the administration of the navy. This evening there were lantern processions through the streets. popular manifestations, however, do not approach the enthusiasm which

German Envoy Given Passports. Count Von Rex, the German am bassador in Tokio, has been handed his passports. He probably will leave here for America, either on the Minnesota, sailing August 27, or the Manchuria, which departs on the 29th. Geo. W. Guthrie, the American ambassador, will represent Ger-many. The Diet has been convoked in special session for September 3.

The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elizabeth, which recently was at Tsing-Tau, the seaport of Kiao-Chow, is reported to have sailed. She perhaps will go to a neutral port and disarm. It is believed this action will keep Austria out of the war in the Orient; although unforeseen circumstances may force Japan to change her policy in this regard. No action yet has been taken relative to Austria, and the foreign office has explained that Japan will remain friendly to Austria unless Austria adopts an attitude which it regards as offensive.

Jap Envoy Handed Passports.

Rotterdam, Aug. 23.—(Via London.)—According to authoritative advices received here from Berlin the German government at noon to-day handed his passports to the Japanese ambassador.

Wounds Are Painless.

Paris, Aug. 22.—French wounded being cared for in Paris hospitals frequently remark that their bullet wounds are not painful. In a large number of cases men who had been shot were not aware of the fact until after the engagement was over. One man declares he did not know he had been hurt until t 3 next morning. He then discovered a ball had gone through his arm. The only outward indications were two dark spots on the skin, such as might be made by a lead pencil, one on each side of the arm.

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This does not mean that there is est prices paid. R. D. OELKERS,

FUR SALE-Fine black mare e, seven years old; partially old fumily horse, \$50. HATON, Seacca, S. C. W. O. HAM-

YOUNG MAN, WOULD YOU MAR-RY IF SUITED? . Many beautiful Indian girls in Oklahoma, who own and Switzerland—but now waiting for the issue of the battle and for the lists of killed and wounded the

FOR SALE-Nice small farm of crowded with impoverished refugees, 95 acres, mile and half from Westwho have fled before the German in- minster depot; about 60 acres in vasion. An organization is being high state of cultivation; fine paspart of the Prince of Wales' relief fund, which amounts to more than \$7,500,000, will be sent to Antwerp write W. C. PIKE, Westminster, S. C., Route

FOR SALE, Only 133 acres left of 283. This lies on both sides of Tamassee road; beautiful location to build on either side; one 3-room ten ant house off the road; 18 acres in cultivation; 6 of this is good bottom land; bale-to-the-acre red land to clear. See JOHN LAY, Route No. 2, Walhalla, S. C.

FOR SALE OR RENT .-- 115 acres -15 acres woodland, 100 acres cleared; bermuda pasture; good or-chard; 8-room house and 4-room house; two miles from Westminster, on auto road to Walhalla. Five years' time to acceptable buyer for all or part of above land. Also seve-

MASTER'S SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

STAE OF SOUTH CAROLINA,

County of Oconee.

(In Court of Common Pleas.) Pursuant to decree of the aforesaid Court, in the case named beow, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the late residence of Samuel T. Dickson, on TUESDAY, the first day of SEP-TEMBER, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for CASH, the personal property, goods and chattels below described:

Mrs. Effle J. Dickson, in Her Own Right, and as Administratrix of the Personal Estate of Samuel T. Dickson, deceased, Plaintiff,

against Mrs. Eddie W. Burns et al., Defend-The following is a description of

he Personal Property, Goods and Chattels ordered to be sold, to wit: Two Cows, named Red and Nell.

One Yearling, One Mule, One Horse,

One Hog, One Two-Horse Wagon and Body One Buggy, One Disc Plow,

One Disc Harrow, One Cotton Planter, And some other Implements mall value. W. O. WHITE, Master for Oconee County, S. C. mall value.

Aug. 12, 1914.

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246 Acres of Valuable Farm Land, near South Union church, and about five miles south of Oakway, Oconee county. Two dwellings; 100 acres in cultivation; he remainder well watered and timbered; known as the Mary Malone place. Price \$35 per acre if sold in bulk. Will divide per acre if sold in businessif desired. Terms easy. Address-T. M. ELROD, SENECA, S. C. 26-40

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the Estate of Miss Louisa Prater, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment to the undersigned, and all persons having claims against said estate will present the same, duly attested, within the time prescribed by law or barred. JOHN C. BOGGS, Administrator of the Estate of Miss Louisa Prater, Deceased.

Aug. 19, 1914. DISTRICT COURT NOTICE.

The United States of America.

Western District of South Carolina

Whereas, on the 19th day of August, 1914, The United States filed its Information, Attachment and Monition, in the District Court of United States for the Western Dis-trict of South Carolina, against the following described property owned by James Patton: One and nineteen one-hundredths of an acre, more or less, bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at a stake in Spring Branch, thence southeast sixty yards

to stake near pear tree; southeast ninety yards to stake near road side; thence north eighty-nine yards and six inches to stake under wire fence; thence to branch, and up same to beginning point, and bound-ed by lands of James Patton and Brasstown Creek, at foot of Boatwright Mountain, in a cause of for-

And, whereas, by virtue of process, in due form of law, to me directed, returnable on the 20th day of October, 1914, I have seized and taken the said land and buildings, and have

same in my custody—
Notice is Hereby Given, that a District Court will be held in the United States Court Room, in the City of Greenville, on the 20th day of October, 1914, for the trial of said premises, and the owner or owners, and all persons who may have or claim any interest, are hereby cited to be and appear at the time and place aforesaid, to show cause, if any they have, why a final decree should not pass as prayed.

JAS. L. SIMS, United States Marshal August 26, 1914. 34-36

ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE OF PERSONALTY.

Pursuant to order of the Court of Probate in and for Oconee County, South Carolina, I will sell, to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the residence of Samuel T. Dickson, deceased, near Wetsminster, S. C., on Tuesday, the first day of September, 1914, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, certain Goods and Chattels belonging to the Estate as follows, to

One One-horse Wagon, One Corn Sheller, Shovel, rake and Blade, One Saddle and old Harness, Two Pigs, One Trunk, One Refrigerator, One Dining Table, One Trunk. Three Center Tables. One Sewing Machine, One Suit Case,

One Cradle and Table, Six Chairs, One lot Kitchen Utensils, One Safe,

One Stove. Terms: CASH. EFFIE J. DICKSON,

Administratrix of the Personal Estate of Samuel T. Dickson, Deceased.
Aug. 10, 1914. 32-34

ports of Two Countries' Envoys. Tokio, Japan, Aug. 23.—The Emperor of Japan to-day declared war on Germany. This action was taken at the expiration of the time limit of