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SAMPLE CARD FOR THE ASKING

THE STONE HILLS OF TOWNSHIP NO. 9

THE EARLY DAYS OF THE DUTCH AND IRISH.

The Editor Attends a Pleasant School Exhibition at O'Neill Academy.

One of the best sections of South Carolina is the stone hills of No. 9 township, in Newberry county. In the early days of the county there was strong feeling between the Dutch and Irish. On one occasion the feeling was so bitter that when some of the Irish discovered that they had bought land across the road, which was known as the "dead line," on the Dutch side, they immediately sold out, and moved back on the Irish side of the road. It is recorded, however, that this "dead line" was obliterated when a gay young Irishman, Capt. Matthew Hall, as casting about for a life partner, and stole across the line and captured a noble daughter of a Dutch sire, Miss Polly Schumpert by name, and carried her back to live among the Irish. Then later one George Dominick took vengeance upon the Irish by crossing the line and capturing Miss Sallie Hunter, a charming Irish damsel, and making of her a good Dutch wife and helpmate. After this the excitement subsided and the force of the dead line was broken. They married and inter-married and we have now in this section the Dutch-Irish and the Irish-Dutch citizenship, which for honesty of purpose, thrift, and industry is not to be excelled anywhere.

It was the editor's pleasure and privilege to spend last Saturday with these good people and enjoy a good old Dutch-Irish picnic dinner and also one of the best school exhibitions he has attended in a long time.

This was at O'Neill academy, taught by Prof. T. M. Mills. The school has had a very successful session of eight months and the attendance has been between fifty and sixty pupils. The exercises, as will be seen from the program, included all the children. The children in performing their various parts demonstrated careful and thorough training on the part of the teacher. Every one performed his or her part without a hitch and the large audience was delighted and

everyone spoke in praise of teacher and pupils.

These exercises do good in the training which they furnish the children and also in the interest which they awaken in the school on the part of the patrons and parents.

The exercises of the school consisted of dialogues, recitations, and music. In the afternoon there was a contest by seven young ladies for a prize for the best declamation and then a contest by five young men for a similar prize. The prizes were beautiful gold pins given by the thoughtfulness of the teacher.

The committee to award the prizes was: Rev. W. A. Lutz, Dr. C. T. Wyche, Prof. J. S. Wheeler, Hon. Cole L. Blease and Col. E. H. Aull. The prize to the young lady was won by Miss Lou Harmon, with honorable mention of Miss Eunice Shealy, and was presented by Mr. Blease.

The prize to the young man was won by Mr. Jerome Morris, with honorable mention of Mr. Fred Koon. The presentation was made by Mr. Aull.

All of the boys and girls in both contests recited their pieces well.

The following is the program of the exercises:

- Prayer.
- Song, "Sweet By-and-By."—By the School.
- Speech, "A Good Little Boy."—Arthur Derrick.
- Concert, "What We Love."—9 Little Girls; 4 boys.
- Recitation—Corrie Martin.
- Dialogue, "Courting Under Difficulties."—2 Males; 1 Female.
- Music.
- Concert, "Young America."—12 Boys; 15 Girls.
- Dialogue, "The School master."—3 Males.
- Recitation, "An Incident of the War."—Ola Mills.
- Music.
- Tableau, "Woman's Rights."—2 Males; 2 Females.
- Dialogue, "The May Party."—Boys and Girls.
- Something, "Look at Us."—2 Males.
- Music.
- Song, "Red, White and Blue."—12 Girls.
- Dialogue, "Courting Mother Goose."—Various Characters.
- Declamation, "The Black Horse and His Rider."—Oscar Wessinger.
- Dialogue, "Dr. Cure-All."—3 Males; 10 Females.

Music.

Prize Contest by Girls: "Maiden's Psalm of Life," Lula Martin; "Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud," Maude Mills; "Somebody's Darling," Cora Wise; "You Put No Flowers on My Papa's Grave," Bertha Mills; "Nobody's Child," Eunice Shealy; "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight," Lou Harmon; "The Gambler's Wife," Mary Long.

Music.

Contest by Boys: "An Appeal for Temperance," Willie Mills; "The Deadbeat in Politics," Cole Wessinger; "The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold," Fred Koon; "Desire To Be Remembered," Olin Shealy; "The American Flag," Jerome Morris.

Music.

Decision of Judges and Delivering of Prizes.

Parting Song, "God be with You Till We meet Again."

Other Speeches.

After the program by the children Rev. W. A. Lutz was introduced and spoke to the people on the value of education.

Col. W. H. Hunt, who had been invited to deliver the address before the school, spoke in eloquent terms of the useful citizen.

After this short talks were made by Mr. Blease and Mr. Aull and then the parting song was rendered by the school.

Notes.

This O'Neill section is a prosperous portion of Newberry county. The people live at home and make some money every year. It is also a thickly settled section. From the time you leave Prosperity, you never get out of sight of a farm house. The houses are mostly of modern build and painted. The farms are well cultivated and land is high. In fact it is difficult to buy it at any price. The farms are, as a rule, small farms, owned and worked by the white people. Peace and plenty are evidenced on every hand.

The editor spent an hour in the afternoon with Capt. W. H. Long. It is pleasant to hear him talk of old times and especially of the war in which he was a brave soldier. He has a Mexican dollar which he prizes very highly and which he says was paid him by Jefferson Davis, at Greensboro, for his service during the war. He was one of a garrison of forty at this place during the latter part of the war, and received this silver dol-

lar, which he prizes very highly. He has many other relics of those trying days and is full of thrilling experiences. Capt. Long lives at Smokey Town and is thoroughly familiar with the history of that section.

The day was pleasantly spent. It is always pleasant to get away from the hum drum and out in the country, where people are happy and contented. This day and this visit shall long be remembered.

Reelected.

At a meeting of the trustees of the school held Saturday afternoon Prof. Thos. M. Mills was reelected teacher of the O'Neill school for the next session and at an increase in salary of five dollars per month.

Prof. Mills has taught in the public schools of the county for eleven years and is one of the successful teachers of the county.

JUDGE SIMONTON DEAD.

The End Came in an Infirmary in Philadelphia Yesterday Morning.

Special to Herald and News.

Charleston, April 25.—United States District Judge Charles H. Simonton died in Philadelphia this morning. Judge Simonton had been ill for several days and was carried to Philadelphia and placed in an infirmary, where he died.

THE SECOND DISTRICT.

Croft in the Lead With Mayfield Second—All the Returns Not In Yesterday.

The primary in the Second district, to nominate a successor to the late Congressman George W. Croft, was held on Saturday. Late yesterday afternoon Croft was in the lead with a slight majority, and Mayfield second. Williams was running third. The returns were not complete, however.

The latest report from Saluda yesterday afternoon was as follows:

Nineteen boxes out of twenty-seven give Croft 463, Williams 307, Mayfield 154, Patterson 15.

THE DEMOCRATIC CLUBS MEET AND REORGANIZE

**DELEGATES CHOSEN TO THE
COUNTY CONVENTION.**

**Officers of the Various Clubs, The
Delegates and Executive
Committeemen.**

In accordance with the call issued, the various democratic clubs throughout the county have met, reorganized, and chosen their delegates to the county convention to be held on next Monday, the 2nd of May.

**Township No. 1.
YOUNG MEN'S.**

The Young Men's club met on Friday night and elected the following officers and delegates:

President—E. C. Jones.
Vice-presidents—J. N. McCaughrin and Dr. Van Smith.
Secretary and treasurer—Thos. H. Pope.

County Executive Committeeman—M. L. Spearman.

Delegates to County Convention—Fred H. Dominick, O. L. Schumpert, Van Smith, H. H. Evans, E. Cabaniss, Z. F. Wright, M. L. Spearman, John C. Wilson, E. B. Setzler, J. Y. Culbreath, W. C. Tyree, T. L. B. Epps, L. G. Eskridge, T. C. Pool, E. C. Jones, C. W. Bishop, J. W. Henderson, J. W. Davis, John W. Earhardt, John C. Goggans, T. H. Pope, M. B. Chalmers, John P. Aldrich, P. E. Scott, W. H. Wallace.

CAROLINA.

The Carolina club held its meeting on last Thursday night, the following officers and delegates being chosen:

President—Alan Johnstone.
Vice-presidents—George S. Mower and Dr. W. E. Pelham.
Secretary—L. W. Jones.
County Executive Committeeman—George B. Cromer.

Delegates to County Convention—George Johnstone, Alan Johnstone, George S. Mower, L. W. Jones, John H. Wicker, E. H. Aull, W. H. Hunt, E. M. Evans, H. H. Rikard, John K. Aull, B. T. Paysinger, F. W. Higgins, B. O. Epting, W. W. Cromer, B. O. Epting, W. W. Cromer, W. E. Pelham, S. K. Bouknight, J. N. Bass, Pope Havird, Otto Klettner, O. B. Mayer, M. B. Caldwell, McK Hutchison, E. H. Kingsmore.

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