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Becky Ann

Gets an Introduction to Politics.

Threw the kindness and courtesy of Mr. Aull I had the profound pleasure of attendin' a big perlickle speekin' at Mt. Bethel last Tuesday. But speekin' shore went awl of the program.

There wuz a zozyue dinner cooked by W. P. Harris, an' the way we people et wuz a site to be seen. But I'm a gettin' the kyart before the horse, in tellin' of the dinner first thing.

Well, I felt sorter like I'd be lost down there, an' had no idee I'd see a sole that I node; but it's better to be lucky then rich, an' I shore am one if I aint the other; an' when I got outten the buggy an' seen mi deer friend, Miss Lillie Cromer, I never wuz so releas. It's sorter hard for a "tar heel" to git ackwaintin' down here in this "sandlapper" State, but when wonce yew do git a friend, they're stick! Me and Lillie went an' tuck a good look at the meat Mr. Harris wuz a cookin', an' the smell of it got our appetites on edge. Now, one thing I've bin studyin' on ever since I went to that speekin' is the inconsistency of men in general.

Mitey ni ever one of them candy dates that spoke, raised eain about extravergence, an' preeched economy. I allers heard that charity—or good works, orter begin at home, but them candy dates air awl fur goin' down to Columby to begin the mitey reformation! Yes they preeched economy in jest a few steps of where the biggest kind of waste wuz gin. An' never did a word of protest! "Oh, man! thy name is inconsistency!" Jest think for a moment about bakin' three or fore hogs an' sheep, an' awl the grease a drappin' in the fire an' burnin' up! When I got home I told Jeems that I node well an' good that enuff nice lard wuz burnt up down there to a lasted me an' him a year, while candy dates on a raised platform wuz preechin' economy.

A mitey fine lookin' gent in a pink shirt sharpened my pencil fur me an' anuther tall handsum feller treated me an' Lillie to lemernade, which wuz hily appreciated.

I won't call their names fur they may be marrid fur awl I no, an' their wives mite start to lecturin', an' we mite miss a trete next time!

But I must hurry on.
Mr. E. H. Aull, the genial an' much admired editor of The Herald and News, made the first speech. He is a candy date fur senate, an' so is Mr. Allen Johnstone. Mr. Aull made a fine speech, after bein' interdoodeed by a tall athletic lookin' feller wearin' glasses, who was named Mr. Chairman. An' jest let me tell you somethin'—that man acted as if he wuz boss of the vote concern an' "monarch of awl he surveyed."

Now, I'm a tellin' yew the strate truth; when Mr. Aull had got to the interestinest part of his speech, that man actually walked up to him an' sed; "can't give yew but three more minites an' when the three minites run out, Mr. Chairman, was a regler "Johnny-on-the-spot," an' called him down! Yes, an' he jest a young feller, an' Mr. Aull a hole lot older! I tell yew it shore did git bi me. An' he dun 'em awl that way, even to Mr. Allen Johnstone, whose age orter a commandin' great respect.

I never seen a perlickle campaign before, where there wernt two parties—an' sumtimes three. But it shore is goin' to be a hot race an' a hard fite, twixt candy dates of the

same party, who have a mitey cravin' fur perlickle pie.

I got ackwaintin' with sum purty girls. Miss Marie Wendt an' Miss Eva Gene Price wuz two of 'em, that I remember.

Then there was a jolly old lady by name of Mrs. Suber, that wuz mitey friendly an' interestin' an' seemed to have more friends then any body, an' wuz the life of the hole place.

Mr. Chairman sed there wuz 57 candy dates, but I don't think they wuz awl there. I no they weren't for I never seen mi friend Mr. J. H. Chapell an' I wuz shore anxious to hear him make a speech. Sum of 'em can pas on their good looks. Sum of 'em that didn't speke at Mt. Bethel, don't have to speke, though; they wuz Sheriff Buford, Eugene Wertz, Cannon Blease, Jack Smith and others.

H. H. Evans, Godfrey Harmon, F. W. Higgins, Arthur Kibler, John Taylor, an' Dr. Wyeke, awl axed to be sent to the house of representatives.

If Hub Evans only gits one vote he may no it wuz east bi Jeems. I don't no as I ever seen that man before, an' he shore did captivate my fancy when he wuz a speekin' an' I writ down on mi tablet that he wuz mi choice. But after dinner I rubbed it out, cause he never offered to trete me an' Lillie to even a glass of ice warter, an' I seen him a chawin' terbaeker too! But law, sakes! Jeems sez Mr. Evans node we couldn't vote, an' he wuz too bizzzy to fool with us! An' I told Jeems, no, I couldn't vote myself, but I could lock him up in the closet the 25th of August, which wood do jest as well.

I think it would be good policy to send Mr. Higgins to the house of representatives jest to keep 'em awl in good umer down there. He says he is a Irishman, an' marryd a Dutchman, an' belevs in awl kind of good luck sines. In order that he may have good luck in this battle, an' win a slice of perlickle pie, he is wearin' his sox rong side out an' hine part foremost. An' then, Dr. Wyeke orter go whether any body else does or not, cause he wood soon larn every body how to prevent typhoid fever an' consumption. He made a good practice, common sense speech, an' I liked it. A person dealin' in pollyticks orter get down to bizness, an' no try to touch the emotions or tender sentiments of the voter; but I'm jest a woman yew so, an' may be wrong about that.

A Mr. Holloway, Barney Jones, and J. S. Wheeler, air runnin fur superintendent of education, an' awl made interestin' talks.

Mr. Goggins is fur clerk of court, an' happy in bein' so good as to have no opposition. He shore is a fine man, I do think.

I never got well enuff ackwaintin' with the pollyticks to tell much about it yet, but I noticed that the candy dates that had bin in offis before awl smoked eigers, an' the rest awl smoked cigarretts.

Will close bi sayin' I shore did enjoy myself permiscus at Mt. Bethel. It's allers a plezure to be among peepil that love each other like they do down there. I never seen so much hand shakin' in awl mi born daze, but I'm a wonderin' if it will be that way two months from now.

Yores trewly,
Becky Ann Jones.

NEWBERRY GRADED SCHOOL.

Annual Report Of The Trustees To The Citizens Meeting.

In response to a call-issued by the board of trustees of the Newberry graded schools, a meeting of the citizens was called to order at 10 a. m. Tuesday, in the old court house. Mr. John M. Kinard was elected chairman and Mr. I. H. Hunt was elected secretary.

Mr. F. N. Martin, chairman of the board, read the report of the trustees. It was moved and carried that the report be received as information.

Mr. George S. Mower moved that the senator and members of the legislature be requested to secure the passage of a bill in the legislature to conform to the bill introduced at the last session. That motion brought forth a general discussion as to an additional school building and its location. The question was discussed by W. K. Sligh, Z. F. Wright, George S. Mower, Dr. O. B. Mayer, John H. Wicker, George B. Cromer, F. N. Martin and John M. Kinard. Mr. Mower withdrew his former motion and moved that a committee of five be appointed by the chairman to confer with the trustees in reference to the whole matter and make a report and recommendations to an adjourned meeting and that the chairman of this meeting be a member of that committee. The motion was carried and the chairman appointed the following: George S. Mower, O. B. Mayer, George B. Cromer and W. K. Sligh.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman.

Report of Trustees.

To the Citizens of Newberry School District:
In compliance with the school law regulating our duties, we, the trustees of the city school, have the honor of submitting to you this, our report for the scholastic year, 1907-1908:

We are pleased to state that the school year just ended has been a successful and profitable one, the general tone and discipline of the school has gradually improved and the most flattering accounts received respecting our former students who are now pursuing courses in the various colleges show conclusively that the work in our school has been up to the mark in every respect. The teachers have been faithful and diligent in the discharge of their duties and are worthy of your confidence, esteem and support. The total enrollment has surpassed anything in the history of the school, and the increase in numbers in the higher department is worthy of special mention. The per cent of attendance has been the highest for years. Due consideration has been paid to punctuality, and as a result tardiness has decreased almost to the desired minimum. Fire drills have been practiced and as a result the building is cleared of all pupils in less than a minute.

While we recognize the value and beauty of a classical education, recognize that literature is the source of moral strength and an indispensable relaxation and that great scholars are themselves worthy of admiration, yet we are fully cognizant of the fact that the public school must keep in close touch with the people and it is their mission to furnish the country with intelligent and patriotic citizenship. Public education thus causes the thought of the country to become creative and productive and hence is at the very foundation of all our prosperity. Assuredly then there is nothing of more vital importance to the general welfare and progress of our city than the system of public schools, well organized, under the guidance of a corps of competent and faithful teachers, giving instruction in the course of study thoroughly adapted to the needs and requirements of our new educational era. Knowing the great importance of such a system we again earnestly ask for your active efforts and cooperation in protecting and promoting the highest interests and good of our school. We would again em-

phasize the fact that our school system cannot be allowed to stand still if we would keep pace not only with the growth of our city, but also with the general intellectual awakening in our country.

Our course of study must be broadened since it is our mission not only to prepare for college the few who are fortunate enough to receive a classical education but also to prepare for life that vast number who only receive that education given by our public schools and whose energies and abilities are devoted to the general upbuilding of our country. Our school at present is divided into three departments; primary, intermediate and high school. The course of study for the primary and intermediate departments embrace a period of six years.

The Boundary street school building which for several years was adequate in all respects for all our school purposes is now being thoroughly renovated—the walls are being recast, wood work and desks revarnished, new hyloplate being substituted for the old system of wall blackboards. Due regard for the safety and health of the children entrusted to our care is of great concern to this board. The doors have been hung to open outward and facilities for fire escape will be provided. The sanitary condition of the building is receiving attention and will be made to if it does not already come up to the highest standards. Running water will be provided for the use of the children. New concrete walks have been laid in front of the buildings. The ground will be regraded and cleaned. We confidently believe that the aesthetic condition, so long neglected for want of means, are now conducive to intellectual and moral development. This building containing nine class rooms is adequate only for our primary and intermediate departments. In these two departments there are about four hundred pupils and this alone is convincing argument in support of this statement. The building near the Boundary street school was never designed for school purposes—is thoroughly out of keeping with the dignity and importance of our work and necessity was the only excuse for its ever being so used. It is our purpose to remove it as soon as possible.

Since our building can now accommodate, consistent with the laws of hygiene and health, only two of the three departments of our school the imperative necessity of enlarging our facilities becomes at once apparent.

Public education in South Carolina may be divided into three well defined stages; first, the era of the common school; second, the era of the graded school; third, the era of the high school. To this last we again desire to call your especial attention as a real need in the educational system of our city. It is our aim and purpose to establish a high school that shall reflect credit upon our city be a peer to any in the State, to establish a school that will be a propelling rather than a static force in the moral, intellectual and material development of our city—that it may become a nursery for vigorous minds and high characters. Knowing that opportunity rather than ability or industry is wanting to the youth of our country we have concluded to have the high school course fully equal to any of the most approved which shall comprise eight courses of instruction—English, German, Latin, History, Geography, Mathematics, Science and Business. The departmental method of instruction will be adopted and that we might familiarize ourselves with this system have concluded to use this coming school year the second floor of the Boundary street school for the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth grades, and thus inaugurate the above mentioned plan.

Pursuant to instructions of a called meeting of the citizens held on September 19, 1907, a special committee drafted a bill, which had it been enacted, would have enabled the board of trustees to inaugurate the plan presented for the enlargement of our school system. Since the bill failed to become a law we must again

present the subject for your consideration and further instruction. We think the plan devised by the board the most feasible one, and judging from replies received in response to our recent communication, meets with the approval of a large majority of our citizens.

We think that the plan herein outlined would give Newberry an ideal school system, give a system that would be a source of conscious pride to our people. Deeply do we appreciate your approval of our plans as indicated by replies to our recent communication. We earnestly ask for your continued cooperation and pledge you our best efforts.

For your more definite information respecting the general status of our school two statistical reports are annexed.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Trustees,
(Signed) F. N. Martin,
Chairman.
J. M. Davis,
Secretary.

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Enrollment in school	684	528 1212
Average attendance	602	450 1052
Number of teachers	15	5 20
Number of pupils to each teacher	43	73
Jno. L. Epps, county treasurer in a/c with Newberry graded school.		
To amt from 3 mill tax		\$3104.12
To amt. from polls		651.00
To amt. from dogs		51.00
To amt. from special levy two mills		4201.34
Bal. cash		716.13
By warrants paid		\$7381.33
Bal. cash		7-6.13
		\$8097.46

I certify that the above statement is correct.

Jno. L. Epps,
County Treasurer.

John L. Epps, county treasurer, in a/c with Newberry graded school sinking fund.

To balance cash \$8450.32.
Jno. L. Epps,
Co. Treasurer.

Report of treasurer of Newberry graded school, for 1907 and 1908.
Received by L. M. Spears, \$362.02

Received by J. H. Wicker 360.00

Received for school year 722.02
To Balance 6.70

\$728.72
\$364.58

Paid out 364.14
Paid out 728.72

\$728.72
I certify that the above statement is correct.

J. H. Wicker,
Treasurer of Board of Trustees.

BISHOP POTTER DEAD.

Distinguished Ecclesiastic Passes Away Without Pain—End Foreseen for Some Days.

Cooperstown, N. Y., July 21.—Henry Colman Potter, seventh Protestant Episcopal bishop of the diocese of New York, died tonight at "Ferdleigh," his summer home near here, after an illness of several weeks. The bishop was unconscious all day, and the end, which came at 8:35 o'clock tonight, was peaceful and quiet. The prelate was 74 years old.

Gathered at the bedside of the distinguished churchman were Mrs. Potter, wife of the prelate; Mrs. Mason C. Davidge, who came from California, and Miss Sarah Potter, his two daughters; Alonzo Potter, his son; Mr. Edward S. Clark, Stephen C. Clark and Mrs. F. A. Clark.

Mrs. Charles Russel and Mrs. William Hyde, his two other daughters, who are abroad, have been notified.

oxygen was given his decline was gradual and he sank into unconsciousness early today, which lasted until the end.

The bishop's physicians issued the following announcement of death tonight:

"Bishop Potter passed peacefully away at 8:35 tonight. His strength gradually failed during the past 24 hours and there was no physical suffering or pain.

(Signed) "J. E. Janvrin, M. D."
"M. I. Basset, M. D."

No arrangements for the funeral have as yet been made, but it is probable that services will be held here and that the body will be removed to New York, where a public funeral will be held at Grace church.

THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Death of Mr. Miles Hawkins—Parties Given in Honor of Visitors—Personal Mention.

Prosperity, July 23.—Marie and Davis Kohn are visiting in Little Mountain.

Misses Clara and Sue Blake and Josie Carroll are visiting Misses Lizzie Hawkins and Kate Thompson.

George Harmon, Walter Wise and little Rebecca Harmon spent a few days at Ninety Six.

Mrs. Addie Hodges, of Clinton, is visiting Mrs. A. H. Hawkins.

Miss Julia Matthews is visiting relatives in Mountville.

Parties were given in honor of visitors last week by Miss Jessie Moseley on Thursday night, Miss Lizzie Hawkins on Friday night, and Miss Kate Thompson on Tuesday night.

Mrs. Hannah Lester is visiting her niece Mrs. J. P. Weeler.

Mrs. C. T. Barrier gave her Sunday school class a enjoyable picnic at Brown's grove Friday.

James Calmes left for Columbia Wednesday where he will take a course in McFeats Business college.

Mr. Geo. Steele went to Abbeville last week and brought his new auto back with him. Prosperity now has three autos.

Mrs. Herman Werts is visiting her father, Rev. Z. W. Bedenbaugh.

Misses Burpee, of Neman, Ga., and Jamieson, of Saluda, N. C., have returned to their respective homes.

Miss Lucy Fellers has returned from Greenville, where she has been attending a wedding.

Miss Annie Moseley is attending a house party in Abbeville.

Mr. Sumpter Schumpert is spending his vacation with relatives in town.

Mr. W. E. Moseley will leave for Newman, Ga., next week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Crosson are visiting relatives in Zeesville.

Mr. Miles Hawkins passed quietly away at his home Tuesday night from heart failure. He had suffered with it for the last four years. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his departure. He had a pleasant word for every one therefore having a host of friends.

Mrs. W. A. Jamieson, of Saluda, N. C., has returned home after a very pleasant stay with Mrs. W. A. Moseley.

Mrs. A. Z. Counts is visiting in Newberry.

Misses Myrtle Suber, Maude Abrams and Bertha McCarlay, of Whitmire, are visiting Mrs. E. B. Kibler.

Mrs. Lizzie Yount, Mary Lizzie and George Wise left for Williamston Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Schumpert, of Savannah, Ga., are visiting Mr. B. B. Schumpert.

There will be communion service at Grace church Sunday at 11 a. m.

Cracking Good Speech.

Barnwell Sentinel.
Blease, Ansel's opponent, made a cracking good speech and had a large part of the crowd with him all the time. He has a number of strong followers and will get many votes when it comes to a show down.

To Keep Flies Outside.

For those who object to wire netting in the windows, a new idea has been found to prevent flies and such annoying pests from entering the house. This new preventative is a window box of mignonette. It seems that the insects do not care to face

the odor of this charming flower, so that it is an effectual barrier against their invasion. It sounds like a pretty idea, and we may expect to see wire screens entirely discarded and the windows decorated with dainty boxes filled with the sweet blossoms.—Washington Star.