

HERALD AND NEWS

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We hope it is true that Supervisor Feagle means to do some systematic work on the public roads. With scrapers and road drags and fine young mules and a large force on the chain gang there ought to be a lot of fine road work done during this year.

The time for hunting is out to-day. Game Warden James W. Henderson will enforce the law so far as he may be able and any violations coming to his notice will be prosecuted without regard to the person violating the law. That is right. It is better to enforce the law, whatever it is.

The review of the legislative session which we print was written by Mr. August Kohn of the News and Courier. It covers fairly and carefully all the important questions voted upon by the legislature and the results. When you have read it you will know what changes were made in our laws. There was not much done and therefore no harm was done. It is best not to change our laws too frequently.

The address of Mr. J. Marion Davis, on welfare work in the mills, which was made by him at the meeting held in Columbia on last Saturday is published in full in this issue of The Herald and News. It is a carefully and well prepared address and deserves and will repay a careful reading. A great many otherwise well informed people have a mistaken idea of the conditions in our mill villages and of the character of the people who reside there.

Mr. Davis gives a true picture of many of the mill towns in South Carolina. In this section conditions in the country are not as bad as he paints them but it is too true that many of the people who live in the country do not give that attention which they should and could to the comfort and convenience of their homes.

Altogether that was a splendid address and will repay your reading.

Mr. J. C. Lusk, who has been the Division Passenger Agent of the Southern railroad with headquarters at Charleston for several years, has resigned, and has gone into private business in Birmingham, Alabama.

Mr. Lusk was a very efficient and a very popular railroad official, and while we regret to have him leave South Carolina our best wishes attend him in his new field of labor.

He is succeeded by Mr. W. E. McGee, who has been Traveling Passenger Agent with his headquarters in Augusta. Mr. McGee has been in the service of the Southern railroad for a number of years and has many friends in Newberry who congratulate him upon his promotion.

He is succeeded in Augusta as Traveling Passenger Agent by Mr. Alex. H. Acker.

STUDENTS' DAY OF PRAYER.

Next Sunday is the day set apart in all the colleges and universities of the world as the students' day of prayer. In this day of ultra-commercial activity, when it is too often the case that even in our schools and colleges the dollar is put above the man, the setting apart of such a day is a most encouraging sign of the times.

This "call to prayer" was issued by the Student Volunteer Movement, and it is published in part in another column of The Herald and News to-day. The call has been headed by the progressive Young Men's Christian association of Newberry college, and the service of Sunday afternoon will be of special

interest and arranged with a view of cooperation in the world-programme. In addition, the pastors of the city churches have been asked to make appropriate intercession for the students in their prayers in the churches on Sunday, in line with the general idea.

The day of prayer for students is to be strongly commended and the results of the efficacy of prayer will be largely felt.

A card by one of the ladies of Edgefield to the editor of the Edgefield Chronicle, published in the daily papers and reprinted in this issue of The Herald and News, is to the effect that the story of the sending of a bunch of white hyacinths, tied with crepe, to Senator Tillman, "is positively untrue, so far as the mothers of Edgefield are concerned." "If such a thing has been done," continues the card, "it came from some irresponsible source; the unwarranted use of the names of Edgefield's mothers is serious indeed. I hope the whole thing is a mistake."

The card of Mr. L. Wigfall Cheatham, editor of the Edgefield Chronicle, and the correspondent who sent the story to the daily papers, follows the card of Mrs. Dumovant. Mr. Cheatham saying that his authority for using the news item was supposed to be good and reliable, and for this reason he did not verify it. Mr. Cheatham expresses himself as greatly gratified that the item was not true.

In view of the editorial in the last issue of The Herald and News in disapproval of the sending of the flowers and the crepe, we desire to express our gratification that there was no foundation for the story, so far as the "mothers of Edgefield" are concerned, and to call especial attention to the cards of Mrs. Dumovant and Mr. Cheatham.

THE IDLER.

The government officials have decided that a hen is a bird. The tariff law levies a duty of five cents a dozen on hen eggs while bird eggs are permitted free. Then I suppose under this interpretation there is no such thing as a hen that produces eggs. So far as my use goes they could have left a hen a hen because I don't intend to eat any of those imported eggs whether they are hen eggs or bird eggs.

There have been a great many deaths in Newberry recently. To those who have been bereft of loved ones whether in the prime and vigor of young life or in the serene and yellow leaf I extend deep and heartfelt sympathy. I have been under the rod and know what it all means. We must remember that we can not sojourn here always and whenever death comes it is sad. We should so live that we are ready at any moment to pass under, but that does not mean that we shall go around with sad and long countenances, but at the same time so act to others as if we expected to live always. Do your duty faithfully and cheerfully at all times. What's the use of quarreling and saying unkind things. What's the use worrying about things you can't help. If you believe the Bible and in an all-wise God as taught in the Bible you must know that all things are for the best and while we may not understand now we shall know hereafter. I often wonder why people get out of humor with one another and say unkind things and put so much stress on money. The rich and the poor all meet on a common plane when they depart and all the millions of earth can't buy one moment of time nor purchase an atom of happiness on the other shore. That life is the most useful and has the biggest credit to its account on the book of records that has been of the greatest service and has done the most good, been the most cheerful and has shed the most sunshine upon the lives of others. Don't be fooled. Long prayers in public and loud professions unless backed by a heart of love and service will avail but little. The hypocrite will stand mighty little show when the search light is turned on.

"It is the love of power that makes war, and that, in man, is in-

herent and ineradicable. A nation is only the individual in the aggregate and selfishness is the guiding gospel of both." Wonder if that is really true. Is selfishness the "guiding gospel" of every individual? Well, sometimes I almost believe it is. It is all right to be selfish but that narrow, spiteful, mean kind of selfishness which can't see to the end of a flat, stubby nose, which to injure a supposed enemy one goes out of his way and in the end hurts himself—well, that is contemptible and despicable and hurts a community if very much of it is permitted to take root in the community. Of course there is none of this kind in Newberry. We are too big and broad and liberal and cultured to permit it to take root in our community. Everybody in Newberry is working for the advancement of the town and there is no display of little methods. Certainly not, except now and then there is the mushroom growth of a little shrivelled soul trying to spring up, but it doesn't last.

Joseph W. Folk says, "There are only two great contending forces in this country to-day. On one side are the advocates and the beneficiaries of special privilege; on the other are those who stand for equality of opportunity to all." Which side are you on? It may depend how far you have gotten on the special privilege class and how strong your rod of power and oppression is. "It is an issue between money and morals; between dollars and men." Which side are you going to stand on in the battle for reform.

That was fine in the city council to put that street light in Friend street at the union depot. This is a city council that does things and I have wondered why the civic association has not been more active in pushing some of those things for which the association has been contending. Now is the time while you have a mayor and a council who are willing to cooperate and who have the courage and the backbone to do things that are needed even if they do meet opposition from some strong financial quarters. That opposition will soon fade away but it takes a degree of courage to brook it and do things.

Speaking of the civic association The Idler has been the friend and advocate of this association and with its feeble efforts has done what it could to help the work of civic improvement, but when people tell me what is being done in other communities and I walk out and look around at the lack of civic pride in this old town—and I judge of the appearance of streets and flower gardens, or the lack of them—I am almost discouraged beyond the ability to write another word. But I wanted to suggest to the civic association the advisability of having a social meeting with a few refreshments and inviting the men—the business men, the bankers, the lawyers and doctors, the newspapers and the candlestick makers, in fact get 'em all out and have some light refreshments and some speeches and toasts, in fact have a real good time and get up some enthusiasm and get 'em talking. What do you say? Maybe we could wake up John Kinard. Give him something to eat and I believe he would stir. Let's try it.

Somebody has called my attention to an article in the News and Courier from Bennettsville where the civic league is endeavoring to have the wagon yard and hitching posts moved from the public square. They will win as they ought to.

By the way I have been expecting that the civic association would have ordered printed those resolutions adopted at a recent meeting thanking the mayor and council for the ordinance removing wagons from the square in front of the old court house, and pledging their support in all efforts to make a city beautiful. I am sure it is an oversight. The public ought to know that the civic association appreciates the fact that city council has done what it has been working for since its organization and that council has the support of the association.

Oyster Supper.

The committee on charity and help for O'Neal Street church will serve an oyster supper Saturday night, February 26, at 7 o'clock to raise funds to help the poor. The Newberry Concert band will give a free entertainment. The public is invited.

THE NEWS OF PROSPERITY.

Lyceum Attraction Good.— School Entertainment Tuesday Night.—Literary Sorosis.

Prosperity, February 24.—Dr. T. F. Littlejohn, of Pacolet, was in the city over Sunday.

The banks and the rural carriers are about the only ones of our people who enjoyed a cessation from labors Tuesday.

Mrs. Jeff Beacham, of Spartanburg, was the guest of Mrs. S. L. Fellers for several days of this week.

Mr. Ernest Luther, of Columbia, visited his parents a few days ago.

The Lyceum attraction Thursday evening was rightly termed an attraction. The persevering few who braved the weather which was not as bad as it really seemed, were more than repaid in full for their effort.

Mrs. Allie Charles, of Saluda, visited Mrs. Clarissa Bridges last week.

Mrs. Eliza Nunnemaker has gone to Columbia on a visit.

Mr. Fred Harmon, of Richland, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. R. E. Shealy and infant son have gone to visit her mother, Mrs. Hatton at Pomaria.

Supt. Wheeler has gone to the Smyrna section to teach for a few days.

Our representatives are home from their arduous duties at the legislature. We feel sure they are glad to get back where conditions are normal and people are not heard so much for their much speaking.

Remember that the school lads and lasses are preparing to greet you Tuesday evening. We think we can safely say that you will hear something different under the sun. All the songs are tuneful and new. The readings are all choice and the drills will be very pleasing to the eye. Nothing will be spared to give you a pleasant hour and value received for the mere pittance (15c. and 10c.) which will be the admission fee. The exercises will begin at 8 promptly.

The many friends of Rev. W. P. Blanton, who served the Baptist congregation here so long and faithfully, will be interested to know he has gone to Orangeburg. Since leaving here about ten years ago Mr. Blanton has been serving the church at Graniteville very acceptably.

Miss Willie May Wise is home from Wintthrop on account of a very severe attack of grippe. She will return as soon as she recuperates.

Miss Annie May Benenbargh was the guest of Mrs. Eff Ridgell last week.

Mr. Boatwright, of Ridge Spring, visited Mr. W. A. Moseley's family this week.

Mrs. Ridgell and Mrs. Boatwright visited at Kibler's Bridge Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. M. O. J. Kreps has been very indisposed for the last week. We hope he will soon be entirely well.

The Literary Sorosis enjoyed a most delightful reception at Mrs. Wyche's on Tuesday afternoon. The parlor was festive with flags. Around the walls were the pictures of all the presidents arranged in order with appropriate quotations. More brain teasing than merriment ensued until the acquaintances of other days were properly renewed. After long enough time the results were handed to the hostess. Mrs. Morris and Miss Kohn were the two successful contestants. Mrs. Morris drew the lucky number, and received a handsome corsage bouquet of violets.

Little Misses Wyche, Fellers and Quattlebaum who were gay with red, white and blue sashes presented the guests with appropriate favors in the shape of bunches of cherries, hatchets and the national colors. An inviting three course luncheon was served to the following guests: Mesdames Moseley, Hunter, Morris, Wyche and Misses Kibler, Kohn, Russell and Lester.

Farmers Mutual Fire Association.

All policy holders in the Farmers Mutual Fire Association are notified that Wednesday, March 2, is the last day for paying sinking fund assessment.

L. I. Epting, Secretary.

NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

The Annual meeting of the Stockholders of Security Loan and Investment Company will be held in the office of the company at Newberry, S. C., on Thursday, March 10, 1910, at 5 o'clock p. m.

W. A. McSwain, Secretary. 2-25-10awtd.

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