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Judge G. W. Gage.

This is Judge Gage's first term in Kershaw, he having heretofore held only the Courts for the Spring term in the Fourth Circuit. He is the youngest of our Judges in service, as he is, perhaps, in years.

But he seems already a veteran. His deliveries from the Bench are prompt, full and clear, while his capacity for dispatching the business of the Court is remarkable.

In him the state has a most worthy successor of Judge Witherspoon, to whom the people were most devoted, and who, in his voluntary retirement from public life, retains their highest confidence and esteem.

Compulsory vaccination will be enforced in Camden after next Wednesday, the 15th. Those who have not been vaccinated should attend to it at once.

The work of laying the water pipes has been commenced. This work gives Camden quite a city-like appearance.

Closing Exercises of the Camden Graded School.

The closing exercises of the Camden Graded School took place at the opera house Friday. The pupils marched down from the school building to the opera house at 11 o'clock where the exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. J. Thos. Pace.

Mr. W. D. Trantham, chairman of the Board of Trustees, made a few introductory remarks commendatory of the excellent management of the school, and announcing that his board was so well satisfied that they had re-elected the entire corps of teachers. This announcement was received with applause.

Prof. R. M. Kennedy, superintendent of the school, read his report, as follows:

The total enrollment for the session just closed is the largest in the history of the school.

Girls, 165 Boys, 199 Total, 364. For the present session, the total enrollment has increased 100, or 36%.

For this session, Average amount of time in school, 17. Females, 15. Total, 14. Average daily attendance, Males, 12. Females, 12. Total, 23.

Honor Roll—Leadership Rights.

Prizes—\$100 and not less than \$50 in Deportment for year.

Grades I—IV, inductive, none.

Grade V, Walter Schrock.

Grades VI—X, inductive, none.

Distinguished, 90 and not less than 50 in Deportment for year.

Grade II, Robert McDowell, White McMechen, Joseph Nelson, John Witherspoon, John Johnson, Nellie Boykin, Alice Brown.

Grade III, Smyrl, Hilditch, Reaves, Long, Etta Dixon.

Grade IV, Elsie Bichmore, Matie True, de la Rosa.

Grade V, Lotte Bokka, Maryville, John Sheen, Mary Dilrose, Shamus Trantham.

Grade VI, Paul Baum, Duncan Lang.

Grade VII, Leslie Arthur, Anne Zemp.

Grade VIII, none.

Grade IX, Corrie Morris, Estelle Smith.

Grade X, Alice Bichmore, Little Dixie, del Lillian Trantham.

Grade V, Ada Phelps, Mary Dilrose.

Grade VI, Alice Bichmore, Leslie Arthur.

Bessie Clyburn, Mamie Steelman, Anna Zemp.

Grade VIII, Annie Lowry, Philip, Anna.

Grade IX, Ethel Kennedy, May McMechen.

Grade X, Bessie McMechen.

Attendance, (including tardy marks) missed during the present session.

Grade I, none.

Grade IV, Herbert Carter.

Grades VI, VII and VIII, none.

Grade IX, Anna Zemp.

Grade X, Walter Lowry.

Sixty-out-of-a-hundred in the present grading are not attending the school in Camden, then as continuously since under the efficient charge of Miss Lizzie Stoney, when she graduated here with A. C. Moore, her attendant, and Mrs. Shannon's first teacher in this class, therefore, a majority of whom have now graduated. It may be considered the first fruits of the system as conducted here in Camden. It shows a high percentage of male graduates, than any other system in the country, a very encouraging sign of the times.

The averages on graduation are made up by the number of grades A, B, C, D, E, F, and X, and dividing by 3.

The Roll of Honor on graduation embraces the names of students, all over age, who have provided their own support, for the same three years, deceased, fall below 90. The graduate standing highest in the class, is entitled to the "Second Honor" and the Trustee's seal for Scholarship.

The next on the list is the "Second Honor" graduate, and the 86th hour, in order of merit, in the class, is entitled to the "Second Honor" seal for the present class as follows:

Walter Lowry, "First Honor."

Anna Zemp, "Second Honor."

Nellie Boykin, Alfred Kennedy, Edward DePass, Edward Davis.

No pupils can take "First" or "Second" Honor who has not attended the graded school continuously during grades V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, and X.

A new teacher has been added to the corps, and considerable improvement has been made in the school building during the past session, rendered necessary by the largely increased attendance.

In conclusion, we hope that the school which the last session has within the present session, has upon the credit of schools whose graduates are creditable to the State, and the nation, without further examination.

There were eleven in the graduating class—six young ladies and five young men—as follows: Misses Bessie Alexander, Matie True, Emma Hale,

Margaret Johnson, Bessie McMechen, Emma Shannon, and P. O. DePass, T. Hicks Fort, Alfred Kennedy, Walter Lowry and Pauline Miller.

Walter Lowry was the first honor graduate and Phumer McMechen.

The following essay was read:

"Primer Mills' second honor graduate, "The Influence of Government on National Character," Miss Nellie Boykin, "The Value of Ideas," Alfred Kennedy, "The Confederate Soldier," Miss Bessie McMechen, Walter Lowry, first honor graduate subject, "The Friend of Society," Walter Lowry, "Wanted, Men." Mr. W. W. Mills made the address to the graduating class. It was one of the most practical, sober and earnest addresses we ever listened to. Mr. Mills at the conclusion of his address, presented the scholarship medal to Walter Lowry in a few very appropriate words.

The composition medal was presented to Miss Cecilia Muths, she having written the best composition during the school term just closed. Capt. W. A. American, chairman of the committee appointed to decide the contest, made the announcement of their decision and requested Mr. L. T. Mills to read the composition upon which they decided, which he did.

The exercises were closed with benediction by Rev. A. T. Johnson.

The work of this session of the school was the best in its history. Six of the graduates were students of the school continuously for the past ten years, the term required to complete the entire course.

Graduates of this school are permitted to enter the South Carolina College without having to stand another examination.

## Educational Column.

The matter for this column is furnished by County Superintendent of Education, A. G. Copland, and all communications intended for this department should be addressed to him at Camden, S. C.

The election in District No. 2 to decide the question of levying 14 mills extra school tax will be held on Wednesday, June 15, in a building on Mr. J. F. West's place beside the Black River road. In order to be able to vote, one must be a legally qualified voter, and must return for taxation real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars. All school patrons in the district should show their interest in education by advocating the special levy.

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We are dry, oh! say,

We are dry, C. W. Mc Haskell out for Supervisor. We know Mr. Mc Haskell don't think Kershaw could do any better, he will do to depend on.

—Paw Paw

Revolutions by East Pond Democratic Club

By order of the President the Salt Pond Democratic club convened on the 4th of June and reorganized by electing the following officers: President, W. H. McMechen; Vice President, Allen Brasham; Secretary, H. E. Blyden; Executive Committee, W. B. Brown, Levi Monte, Dr. John A. Glenn.

The following resolutions were introduced by Dr. John A. Glenn:

Resolved, That we nominate W. H. McMechen for the office of Magistrate in Magistrate District No. 1, West winter, to be decided by the primary. Mr. McMechen is in every way competent both by literature and personal ability, equal to his fellow man and to the reform movement from the first.

Resolved, That in our opinion our county and State taxes are very burdensome and far too high and we recommend that our Representatives use every honorable means for a reduction at least of 20 per centum.

Resolved, That we will not support any candidate to represent us in the law making body unless he declares in public orally or in print his sentiments on the 2nd resolution.

Resolved, That we renew our allegiance to the Reform party of South Carolina and favor a perpetuation of the Dispensary law, on a higher plane if possible.

All unionists early carried.

It is the judgment of the club that our organ, The Chronicle of Camden, and also the Wallace Messenger will publish the above.

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