

FROM LOWER CHEROKEE CO.

THE SAGE OF ETTA JANE SENDS THE NEWS.

Of All the Ups and Downs Ever Heard of the New County Election

Takes the Lead--
Personals.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

ETTA JANE, Dec. 14.—Christmas is fast approaching and our people are getting ready for it. I hear of no weddings booked for the holidays, but we will have plenty of sociables, moonlight parties, etc.

The young people had a pleasant time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Wofford last Friday night.

I attended the Wilkesville debating society last Saturday night. Those boys are in earnest and made good speeches for their respective sides. The subject was "Resolved, That the white people were not justified in driving the Indians from this country and taking possession of it as they did."

Mr. C. W. Whisonant's little girl is recovering slowly from her burn.

Since the new county went into effect some few things have happened which makes things look as if some of our good people have been completely demoralized. One man went to Gaffney and paid \$5.00 more for goods than the merchant charged him. Another went these and lost his hat but a new county man found it for him. Of all the ups and downs we have heard of the new county election takes the lead.

Our school is progressing finely. Sam Foster has been teaching a good deal lately. If he could only trade himself off to some girl he would be all right.

The Presbyterians are speaking of building a parsonage at Lockhart mills for their pastor.

Mr. W. R. Whisonant, of Blacksburg, S. C., paid us a pleasant visit last week.

Since the rains set in we have had a great deal of mud.

Ed. Edwards, colored, has moved to himself and basified up the hermitage to get married.

Mr. L. L. Robbs, of Spartanburg, came down to his place last week.

Mr. Pack Mosely was in this section the day and night before the election talking new county.

Several of the Gaffney people were down on election day looking after the interest of the new county.

The Memorial Association of Richmond, Va., have issued a circular letter to the U. C. V. Camps asking one dollar from each to erect a suitable memorial in St. Paul's Church in that city in memory of President Jefferson Davis.

It was in that church he was confirmed and he was then attending morning service on April 3, 1865, when he received a telegram from Gen. R. E. Lee announcing the retreat of the army from Petersburg and virtually ending the war. In this church four patriotic Virginia ladies have erected a beautiful stained glass window to commemorate Gen. Robert E. Lee's connection with it. It is earnestly hoped that the survivors of the "last cause" will there erect some suitable testimonial of their devotion to their great chieftain of the Confederacy.

The rain set in this morning and sowing will be stopped as the ground is already too wet. Many farmers haven't finished sowing yet.

The little boat has no trouble to run now since the water in the river has become more plentiful.

Mr. Jas. Gower has repaired the Thomson's mill and it is now doing good work.

The C. E. Society met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Goforth yesterday evening.

Mrs. Dr. Durham is visiting her mother Mrs. C. W. Whisonant at Wilkesville.

Mr. S. F. Estes was on the sick list last week. He is up again.

I was at Gaffney last week and met quite a number of friends from different parts of the new county, all of whom were jubilant over the result of the election. We feel confident that the new county will not be a disappointment to its advocates and trust that all within its area will go to work and make it the banner county of the State. Stop hard feeling and all get friendly. Those who opposed it had a perfect right to do so, and one of the best signs of progress and independence is that our people are thinking and acting for themselves. We are a free people and can take care of our own affairs.

Sambo is suffering from neuralgia in his jaw and face.

THE LEDGER is to be congratulated

upon the victory it won for the new county. Let its motto still remain. "Good will to all—malice to none."

The following letter I reproduce, thinking that it will have something to do in getting into our schools and libraries a much better history than any of those partial histories gotten up by prejudicial authors to belittle the South. From the character and ability of the author I can heartily endorse it and I recommend it as a work worthy of adoption in our schools:

The author of this book is J. Wm. Jones, D. D., former Chaplain in Army of Northern Virginia, late Chaplain University of Virginia, Chaplain-General United Confederate Veterans also Author "Personal Reminiscences of R. E. Lee," "Christ in the Camp," "Davis Memorial Volume," former Secretary Southern Historical Society, and editor of 14 Volumes Southern Historical Society Papers, etc.

MILLER SCHOOL, VA., Sept. 15, 1896.

MY DEAR COMRADE:—For several years past our Confederate Veterans, through their general organizations and local camps, have been urging the displacement from our schools of the Northern Histories, which have been in such general use, and which have so falsified the history of this great country of ours, and the substitution of books by Southern authors which, while fair to all sections, would do full justice to the Colonial, Revolutionary, Civil and Confederate history of the Southern States.

In response to this demand I have prepared, and the R. H. Woodward Company have published my "School History of the United States," which endeavors to meet fully the wants of Southern schools.

It has received the highest commendation from competent judges, and is being adopted by many of our best schools. All I ask for my book is a full examination by competent Southern teachers, and that it stand or fall on its own merits. But as great publishing houses with their immense capital, and high-salaried agents, admit manipulation, and (sometimes) unscrupulous methods are pushing their books in every state, and seeking to put them in every school, I venture to appeal to my old Confederate comrades to see to it that my book has a fair show before the authorities of the public and private schools of their section.

I am sending this personal letter to a few old Confederate soldiers in each state, and I ask:

1. That you will examine the book for yourself.
2. That you will call the attention of teachers and school authorities to it.
3. That you will use your personal influence to promote its use in schools, and its wide circulation in the houses of the people.
4. That you will write to me, Miller School, Va., or to the publishers, R. H. Woodward Company, No. 308 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md., any suggestions which would improve the character of the book and promote its use in schools, or its circulation among the people.

Yours very truly,
J. Wm. Jones.

The price of the book is \$1.25.

The public roads are very muddy just now in places. The loose dirt thrown in last summer while working it is now being settled.

Mr. E. Kerr was kicked by a mule one morning week before last and is suffering from it yet.

All our schools are in operation now.

J. L. S.

Howell's Ferry Notes.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

HOWELL'S FERRY, Dec. 14.—The C. E. Society met at the house of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Goforth last Sunday evening with a good attendance as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Estes attended a reception given by Rev. Grier of Sharon last Friday night.

I heard two men of this section say that since the new county election they could see the smoke from the new factory at Gaffney rising every morning.

Miss Minnie King has opened school at the Sunnyside school house. She is a daughter of Capt. J. N. King of Ninety Six.

W. T. Osment and J. L. Strain attended the debate at Wilkesville last Saturday night.

On Saturday the 26th of December the presents will be awarded the scholars of the Salem Sunday school. The public is invited to attend.

Now we have the new county and we mean to move on forward. Let every man put his shoulder to the wheel and push on and upward.

I guess we will have some marrying in this country some time within the next twelve months. I heard one fellow say one night not long since he was going to give some girl "a ring." So look out girls! I think the fellow crosses the river right often.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Estes gave the young people a singing last Thursday night. I think every one had a nice time. Hope they will give us a pound party some time during Xmas.

SAMBO.

CHEROKEE COUNTY WINS.

THE NEW COUNTY ELECTION IS LEGAL.

Commissioner's Dismiss the Contest.

The Failure to Have the Registration Books at the Polls the Antis Strongest Card.

The new county election contest took place in the court house yesterday.

Messrs. Joe Johnson, O. L. Schumpert and Judge Townsend represented the defence, while G. W. Chalk in behalf of the citizens of White Plains maintained that the election was invalid. After several hours had been consumed in canvassing the returns, Mr. D. E. Hydrick read the following protest from the citizens of White Plains.

SOUTH CAROLINA,
SPARTANBURG COUNTY.
To the Commissioners of election of Spartanburg county.

You will please take notice the undersigned, residents of White Plains Township in the County and State aforesaid and citizens and voters of the State and County, respectfully submit to your honorable board, the following grounds on which they contest the election held on last Tuesday for the purpose of determining whether or not a new county should be created out of parts of the counties of Spartanburg, York and Union. The grounds of said contest being:

1st. That said election was illegally held in that the books of registration were not at the polls at the various precincts as is required by law, and as your petitioners respectfully submit no legal election could be held without them.

2nd. That as your petitioners are informed and believe the managers failed to require proof of a large number of voters of the payment of their taxes as required by law, and as your petitioners are informed and believe all votes cast without this proof are illegal.

3rd. That a large number of persons were allowed to vote at the various precincts who had been allowed to register the day previous to the day said election was held and that the books of registration were open on the day previous to the election was held and a large number of persons allowed to register who intended to vote in this election and who did vote in it for the creation of the proposed new county, all of which we submit was illegal; that votes were cast and counted who were under age and who had not been at the various precincts long enough to give them a right to vote.

M. C. LISCOMB,
J. B. BROWN.

Then Mr. G. W. Chalk made an appeal to the election commissioners, that the election was irregular on the grounds that the registration books were not at the precincts and that it required two-thirds vote of every precinct and that it required two-thirds vote of every precinct to carry the election. Mr. Chalk, while his points were over-ruled, was clear, concise, and liberal in his remarks, and took the position of asking for information rather than assaying to make an argument.

After Mr. Chalk's speech, Mr. O. L. Schumpert, suggested as there was no legal contest, the defense would be glad to make an argument if the commissioners had doubts on any legal point.

The board after retiring and holding a consultation, over-ruled all objections set forth in the above protest, except the question of registration books being at the polls and of voters having registered immediately before the election.

Mr. Joe Johnson then made the opening speech for the new county, covering the ground in his usual able style. Judge Townsend followed with a short talk, setting forth clearly the law governing the establishment of new counties.

Next came Mr. Schumpert, who closed the argument for the defense. He dealt for the most part in technicalities, as that was the only point of contention before the election commissioners.

The gist of Mr. Schumpert's speech was that the legislature reserved the right to settle the question of new counties and that it was the final tribunal to which an appeal could be made. He also took the position that the stub of the registration books was the real record and that all other records were copies.

Mr. W. S. T. came up in a graceful and quiet way, and forestalling the action of the commissioners, bid an affectionate farewell to that part of Spartanburg county that had assumed the responsibility of setting up housekeeping for itself, after

having paid its pro rata share of the expenses of the old family. His talk was pathetic, and he bid adieu with tears in his eyes.

The commissioners after giving the question due deliberation, decided that the election was valid, and overruled all objections. —Spartanburg Herald.

When the commissioners announced their decision a wild war-cry went up from the throats of the twenty-five Cherokee braves present and it looked for a moment as if some one would get hurt in the mad scramble to shake the hands of the three commissioners and thank them for their impartial decision.

"Elbe" Talks.
(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

GAFFNEY, S. C., Dec. 14th, 1896.
EDITOR LEDGER: DEAR SIR:—Since the election is over and the excitement and worry attendant upon such occasions has abated let us not forget the noble work of some of our friends, who worked with us unceasingly and earnestly in this cause for the people.

So far as our old resident citizens are concerned, they only did their duty, this was expected of them and we have not been disappointed.

The people of York and Union joined us hand in hand and with a determination that is always bound to succeed. It will be to their interests as they fully understand, to create this new county, and we hope the day is not far distant when they begin to reap their reward.

The number of wideawake and thorough going progressive people within the boundaries of the new county who aided in this great movement are too numerous to speak of singly; an exception may not be objectionable. Notable: Dr. W. C. Hamrick, the "Mark Hanna" of the Executive committee, deserves the unbounded gratitude of the whole community for the clean and efficient manner in which our people were organized. And with his trusty lieutenants were able to gain a victory that is unprecedented in South Carolina; and, surrounded as we are by the wealth and power of the old counties we may say unlooked for, it has been a surprise to us, knowing a two-third majority is very hard to get on almost any question, much less the large excess we have over this as shown upon the poll books:

Our people are greatly rejoiced over the result, and some of our opponents are almost thunderstruck. We swept everything except in White Plains Township, in this county, where we had only a few votes in our favor. This township lies along the line South of us and near Trough Shoals. Some of the people in this section have opposed the measure from its inception, and have done what they could to defeat it, and we believe they fully expected to do so, however, when such a vast majority is recorded against them as shown on Dec. 8. They should bow to the inevitable, and join us in making this one of the best counties in the State.

We hold no animosity against them. They are free men, and have expressed their will. We believe they were mistaken, and now since the returns we are satisfied that our belief has been justified.

We have acted throughout this new county campaign upon the advice of the Attorney General and others of the State Administration.

The registration and election laws are somewhat complicated, and if we have erred in any particular, it should be of minor importance as the voice of the people expressed, so overwhelmingly in our favor, should overbalance any technicalities that may be produced by any disappointed or disgruntled individual.

So let us all as, one family, join in a friendly effort to stifle individual disappointments; and bury in oblivion, past differences and recriminations, and put our heads, hearts and hands to work to obtain the fruits of our labors. "As ye sow so shall ye also reap."

On behalf of the people of this town and the community generally, we tender our sincere thanks to the earnest workers one and all, and hope that the choicest blessings deserved by such a people may fall upon them in countless numbers.

"ELBE"

Died.

Mrs. Elmore Holcom died at her home in this city Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock of heart dropsy. Mrs. Holcom was about thirty years of age. She leaves a sorrowing husband and four little children to mourn her departure. The remains were entered at Pacolet Monday.

Singers, public speakers, actors, auctioneers, teachers, preachers, and all who are liable to over-tax and irritate the vocal organs, find in Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, a safe, certain, and speedy relief. A timely dose of this preparation has prevented many a throat trouble.

FLAW PICKER HAS MOVED.

HE TELLS SOME OF HIS CAMPAIGN ROUNDS.

Mrs. Picker's Troubles With a Little Flaw, Withal She Wears a Broad Smile Owing to Election Results.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

The birds sing sweeter, the rooster rars further back and crows louder, the cow's milk tastes better, the little Pickers are full of mirth and merriment and Mrs. Picker wears a broader smile since the election. God bless Cherokee, the "shoestring county."

I'm bothered and puzzled over one of the most complicated cases of bothernents I ever was in and any kind of reliable information will give relief and prevent me from going stone crazy. You see, this year, up to Dec. 5th, 1896, I was living inside the corporation of Gaffney, over close to the Indian Grove hill, now I have moved one-half mile closer to town and behold they tell me that I am outside of the incorporation. If they didn't incorporate the country and leave Gaffney out I can't see into it. It bothers me and I must have some information or I will soon be numbered with the crazy folks. Your suggestions will be printed if no objections on your part.

On the night before the election I stayed all night with a man in about 3 miles of White Plains precinct. At the supper table the good lady of the house inquired if I was a new county man or not. I told her that I was a new county man indeed and in truth. She said, "Well, if I had known it I would not have cooked you a bite to eat," to which I told her that it was too late to kick, that I was most done eating then. After supper we put in to talking new county, and about 1 o'clock that night we all decided that the new county was the thing, at least she said that "Jimmy could vote as he pleased," and he sure enough, stuck a ticket in the slot for creation of new county, yes.

It is right amusing sometimes when I am around home to see Mrs. Picker worrying with the little Pickers. Actually I wouldn't be worried with 'em a whole day like she is for a whole plumb of mannafocker. The little three months old one won't let her set down when it ain't asleep—its rotten spout. If I was a rich man I would hire a nurse and bribe her to take it out of hearing of Mrs. Picker and let it cry till it whipped its own self and went to sleep two or three times. I imagine you could tell a marked difference the first dose. Instead of this Mrs. Picker would rather give it five or six drops of laudanum, ten or twelve drops of paregoric on a half teaspoonful of Godfrey's Cordial to get a little rest. I laugh and tell her if she and the little ones can stand it I can, since a mother's love is greater for the child than the father's, but that it pains me awful bad to see the little one's system killed out with strong medicines.

I heard a feller say up in Gaffney on the street t'other day that some people were lower down than a suck-egg dog and the only reason it had never been proven was that they was too doggone lazy to hunt for a hen's nest. I give him a handshake on that myself.

Ole Flaw, at times, has got such a long head till he has to stove it up in mud or in the ground or brick wall in order to keep it in proper shape. You good people whom I have been telling that the new county will be a good thing for you, mark my words for two years, or even ten, and see if I wasn't talking to you for your interest, and ye knew it not. I hope you will be man enough to acknowledge it to me if it is as I said—lower taxes and more convenience. But don't be like Mr. Turculis Bryant. I was telling him that this railroad enterprise had been a great blessing to this country, and how narrowly it had come being voted out by the taxpayers of Spartanburg, to which he said, "We didn't want it. It has been the ruination of this country." I then told him that there would have been no Gaffney, no Thicketty, no Cowpens, no Clifton and no Pacolet M'g. Co., if the railroad had been killed. And as I said, "you know what a main stake the Pacolet M'g. Co. has been to you in regards to wood hauling."

Mr. Gaston Littlejohn wants to call back his boyhood days and do his trading at Columbia, or at least that is the impression he left on ole Flaw at the polls at White Plains election day. Gentlemen, you couldn't and shouldn't have expected a man of no more enterprise than this to have voted for a new county.

FLAW PICKER.

FROM OVER THE BROAD.

A Very Newsy Letter from Our Sister City.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

BLACKSBURG, S. C., Dec. 15th.—The people of this section regret very much to learn that the opponents of the new county at White Plains have determined to contest the recent election. The vote in favor of the new county in this section, was so overwhelming that the minority have gracefully submitted to the result and will discountenance any effort to disturb the verdict of the majority.

What can be gained by such a contest? Should the contestants succeed, another election will be held, and the majority in favor of the new county will be larger. If nothing is done in the way of contesting the election, the old and new county advocates will come together and what ill feeling was engendered will entirely disappear, while, if a successful contest is made, we will never-the-less get a new county, and that ill feeling will be greatly strengthened.

The fact that it will be some time before the new county officers, and especially the members of the House and Senate, can be elected, does not seem to deter those of political aspirations. The day after the election, some men who believe that "public office is a private snap," but were politically dead in the old county, wore smiles on their faces for the first time in many years and were "Howdy-doing" everywhere—evidently believing that a new political era had begun for them.

The effect of the new county has already begun to show itself.

The Ganson Dry Goods House, of Yorkville, has opened a branch store at this place under the management of Messrs. Allison and Youngblood.

J. B. Alexander, of Charlotte, N. C., and R. S. Withers, of this place, have purchased the drug store of Dr. J. T. Darwin and will occupy quarters under the Iron City Hotel.

The Blacksburg Steam Laundry, which has been closed for about six months, has opened again under the management of Walter Leonard, an experienced laundryman from Salisbury, N. C.

Monday, Joe Shufford and Will Sadler, both negroes, got into a dispute near Grover which resulted in the killing of Shufford by Sadler. An inquest was held Tuesday and from the evidence it appears that Sadler acted in self-defence.

Sunday afternoon Robert Allison, white, visited the house of Robert Moore, also white, in the "Coaling Ground" section, according to Allison's story. A little after dark he started home, and just as he stepped out of the door was struck in the forehead. He remained unconscious until about 12 o'clock. The bone just over the eyes is badly fractured and, while it is a serious wound, Dr. D. S. Ramsauer says it is not necessarily a fatal one. There was considerable mystery as to who had struck the blow. Monday it was reported that Robert Moore's son, John Henry, had told some one that he was the man and then skipped to King's Mountain. During the day he was arrested at that place and brought here for a preliminary hearing. He admits having struck the blow with a rock, but claims that he acted in self-defence—Allison having attempted to kill him with a knife.

E. A. T.

Program N. P. I. S. S. Convention.

(Correspondence of The Ledger.)

The North Pacolet Interdenominational S. S. Convention will hold its 29th quarterly meeting with Gethsemane on the 27th.

The following is the programme: 11 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Simpson Blanton, Chaplain.

11:15. An enrollment of schools and delegates and election of officers for next year.

11:45. 1st. Query. What are some of the advantages to be derived from the Home Class department of the S. S.? Opened by T. M. Littlejohn.

12:30. On Report of Township Superintendents, J. M. Thomson, J. E. Jefferies.

1:30 p. m. To what extent we are responsible for the spiritual condition of the colored people? Opened by C. W. Whisonant.

2:30 p. m. Question box, miscellaneous.

3 p. m. Adjournment.

All friends of the S. S. work are invited to attend and take part in the exercises.

J. L. STRAIN,
For Ex. Com.
Dec. 14, 1886.

A genuine ghost story has yet to be attested; but not so a genuine blood purifier. Over and over again it has been proved that Ayer's Sarsaparilla stands alone among medicines as the most reliable tonic alterative in pharmacy. It stood alone at the World's Fair.