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A MAGNIFICENT GIFT.

MR. CLEMONSON'S BEQUEST TO THE FARMERS OF THE STATE.

A Visit to "Fort Hill" Amund and having heard, Conditions of the bequest. The Hopes and Claims of its Friends. An Old Dream Approaching Fulfillment.

(Greenville News.)

No event of recent years has aroused more interest among the farmers, and the people generally, than the death, last Saturday, of Thomas C. Clemons, one of the venerable sons-in-law and heir of John C. Calhoun and his homestead during the latter days of his life, to the State of South Carolina, for use as an agricultural college.

A reporter for the Greenville Daily News went to Fort Hill yesterday to obtain particulars in confirmation of and addition to the few facts heretofore given the public. He was fortunate enough to meet there the Hon. R. W. Simpson, Mr. Clemons's trusted friend and agent and executor, who had gone from Pendleton to Fort Hill with Mr. Lee of New York, who married Mr. Clemons's daughter, and Miss Lee, a very young lady, the dead man's only grand child and the great-granddaughter of Mr. Calhoun.

Miss Lee has not been to Fort Hill here since she was a small child and there was a very picturesque scene soon after her arrival when the old family servants, some of them with snow-white hair and beards, gathered in the old-fashioned, moss-covered porch of the homestead to see and pay their last respects to the youngest representative of the family with which they have been identified so long.

Mr. Simpson is the only living person who has seen and read Mr. Clemons's will, and as he has not yet probated it he was evidently reluctant to talk of its contents in detail. As so much has been published, however, most of it based on statements made by Mr. Clemons before his death and some of it incorrect, Mr. Simpson communicated the most important facts.

Mr. Clemons's will was drawn several years ago by the late Col. Jas. H. Rhea, but several amendments and additions more recently made were drawn by Mr. Simpson. He bequeaths to his grand-daughter, Miss Lee, \$150,000 in money and securities, and 200 acres of the Fort Hill place, with the provision that that tract may be bought in and added to the remainder of the estate at a fixed price.

Other legacies amount to \$100,000, of which \$75,000 was paid before his death. All the remainder of the Fort Hill estate, with the buildings and the magnificent collection of rare pictures, except the family pictures, which go to Miss Lee, Mr. Calhoun's furniture and books remaining in the house and the stocks, bonds, money and other securities of Mr. Clemons, go to the State for the establishment and maintenance of an agricultural college.

The Fort Hill place contains 1,150 acres. Of this 350 acres, as already stated, go to Miss Lee, but can be purchased to keep the estate intact at a fixed reasonable price. Those intimate with Mr. Clemons's affairs estimate that the securities and cash remaining after the payment of all encumbrances, and expenses will be between \$200,000 and \$300,000, available for developing and endowing the college.

The magnitude of the bequest can not well be appreciated without an understanding of what and where Fort Hill is.

It is in Oconee county just at the point where Oconee, Pickens and Anderson unite. It runs for some distance along the Seneca river and thence back into rolling uplands and heavily timbered woodland. The house stands on the crest of a gently rising hill in the midst of a wide park, an avenue of old and beautiful cedars leading to it. From the front there is a glorious view directly to the mountains until their purple lines mingle with the horizon; on an other side the view overlooks the Seneca, winding its way among the hills, and the old British fort, from which the place takes its name and which is on the Fort Hill plantation.

The residence is in sight of the Richmond & Danville railroad track, at a distance of half a mile, and is four miles from Pendleton, on the Blue Ridge railroad, four miles from Central, on the Richmond & Danville road, and seven miles from Seneca City, the meeting point of the two railroads mentioned.

It is hard to imagine a requisite for an agricultural college which Fort Hill does not possess. It has nearly 200 acres of the finest bottom land, creek and river bottom, cleared upland, pasture land in which stretches and a great belt of first growth timber, and its upland soil is partly gray and partly red land. It is abundantly watered with springs, wells and creeks and has all possible natural conveniences for dairy, bathing houses and laundry purposes. Where a creek or it empties into the Seneca river there is a good water power which has been used for a mill which did the neighborhood grinding.

A fair estimate of the value of the real and personal property included in the bequest makes it exceed \$1,000,000, without, of course, including the pictures and furniture, which are priceless. Contrary to general expectation, the library is a very ordinary one, most of the more valuable books having been borrowed, stolen or otherwise lost during Mr. Clemons's long period of retirement and partial blindness.

The property is given to the State to be used as an institution for instruction in agriculture, but the will directs that the college shall not be exclusively agricultural and that proper attention be given to other studies and to a general collegiate course for students. If the State accepts the gift the college is to be under the management of seven trustees, named in the will: Messrs. R. W. Simpson, D. B. Norris, R. L. Williams, M. L. Donaldson, R. E. Boyer, J. E. Bradley and J. R. Wainwright. In case the State does not accept the gift these trustees are authorized and directed to proceed with the establishment of the college, using an amount specified in the will for buildings and making tuition as nearly free as they may and if possible or advisable.

It was no sudden freak that inspired Mr. Clemons's action. As long ago as 1850 he was interested in the establishment of such an institution as his will provides for, and he was then active in forwarding a scheme to procure private gifts and subscriptions for the purpose. After the tragic death of his only son, killed by a railroad accident in 1871, he became more than ever before interested and eyed and publicly announced his purpose of promoting practical agricultural education, since then he has thought and talked much of the subject and his will was accordingly drawn and probated. It is not to Mr. Lee, but to the State, who know long ago the destination intended for the property.

MOUNTVILLE.

Present With the French, The Battle of the Marston, Expanding French from Farmer's Claim, Some Progress, Live Farmers and other Matters.

The Presbyterian church at Cross Hill, is certainly fortunate in having secured the services of such a man and minister as the Rev. J. Russell.

Regarding lengthy dissertations on moral, speculative or scholastic theology and filled with that brotherly love, which is the identifying law of the Kingdom, he attacks the prevailing sin of the day, with a pen and erudition, that presage the moral and religious elevation of the community—both hand and foot—by doing his "war" the "war" of a faithful servant in the vineyard. May he be granted a long career of usefulness in the great cause.

King Cotton has issued his usual "Special Proclamation," and all over the land from every more till dowsy the merry whistle of the play-boy and the rattling of the cotton planter's hoard.

Our Farmers Club will do a great deal of good in our neighborhood I hope, both agriculturally and socially.

Come to our meeting and if we can interest you on farming topics we will get Benoit Fuller to explain the difference between town folks and country folks, as to manure, custom, etc., or to describe his last days' match home after the supper.

We have some good farmers in the club, viz., Fongus, Hannah and John, cotton, Larry Watts, corn. They say he can make more corn than either of them, and Col. Bryson can make the best water melon, potatoes and tobacco. Dr. Cain our "young man" prince" and farmers and many other.

Capt. Hill Williams and his most estimable lady, spent the day at Mr. Henry Thompson's. The Capt. though young, thin, spare and tall all things, a true and hearty and capable you more regard and his "brotherly" disposition in an hour than the average conventionalist would in half a day. It is a trait below him in his position as "young man."

Miss Eda Adams, of Cross Hill, is visiting Mrs. Cook. Whenever Miss Eda is with good humor are sure to be with it.

Neighborhood meetings, weather permitting, will be held from the first of May until the first of June, and other progress reports will be given. The progress reports will be given, and the committee were entirely successful in carrying out every detail in a most pleasant and satisfactory manner. The meeting was largely attended by both the clergy and laity, and the social dinner was served by the good ladies, and good cheer and good will was the order of the day, notwithstanding many sad memories were awakened in the breasts of those who had lost their loved ones in defence of the lost cause. Speech making was in order, and on those who listened, the impression was made in a most emphatic manner, that the patriotism of old Laurens is now just where it has always been, at the top round of the ladder.

The beautiful spring weather of the past few days has encouraged every eye to renewed energy in preparing for work. So that an able and well-qualified person, to meet with in any manner possible, the Clinton friends of Mr. S. J. Holmes, of all denominations, expressed their selves as much gratified at the course of action which he has taken recently in entering the gospel ministry.

Our railroad prospects are brightening every day, and the business outlook for Clinton is most cheering. In the matter of new business, J. H. Little has just opened out in Mr. Davidson's store, next to the Post Office, a first class line of Millinery and ladies goods. Mrs. Ellen Glenn is in charge and ready to serve all who call on her. Success to her.

A restaurant keeper in Rockland, Me., attempted to play a joke on two of his customers who were in a hurry to catch the Boston boat. Accordingly he went into his back yard and gave a perfect imitation of a steamboat whistle. The men heard it and grabbing their hats and coats ran off. The perpetrator of the joke could hardly stand for laughing until he happened to think that he had frightened the men away before they had paid for their suppers.

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SOME RACY READING.

A GLANCE OVER THE PAPERS OF WOULD BE PEDAGOGUES.

How some of the Question of the Recent Examination of Colored Teachers Were Answered. The Imagination of the Theorist grows Dim at the Sight.

We publish a few of the most notable mistakes taken from the examination papers of the applicants for positions as teachers of the colored public schools for Laurens county which has just been completed. These answers are correctly reported and published just as they were handed in to the committee.

1. Washington fought in the French and Indian war, was once a humble farmer and led his Brother through the Struggle in the cause of Liberty and then Rose to the highest seat in the government and then turn Back to his Little farm.

2. The Real cause of the Revolution was the attachment of the American Colonies to the Mother Country.

3. George Washington was born of humble life in Virginia in 1732 and was as noble man as ever lived the Father of his country. A man who was first in war first in peace and first in the hearts of his countrymen, died in 1799.

As an answer to his question, "Give a short biography of Washington," we have the following:

1. Once a farmer he rose to the commander in chief general of the U. S. President 8 years.

Another biography of Washington:

2. Washington was regarded as a man who never told a lie.

3. Washington was of high robust and of sallow complexion, his education was directed by his mother, he loved to linger at the table cracking nuts, etc. In his journey he was often attacked by Indians, he was one time nearly drowned by crossing the river on a raft, but would all of these difficulties he was equal to. In war he was always victorious and always courageous man. He died at his Mt. Vernon home. It was mournfully said of him that Providence kept him children that his country might call him Father.

4. Washington was a younger of unassuming proverbs.

Question.—"What important battles were fought in South Carolina?"

Answer.—"The important battles were fought in South Carolina was battle of Long Island, battle of Bunker Hill, Battle of Lexington and battle of Ball Run."

Q.—"Mention in order the important events before the Declaration of Independence."

A.—"Battle of Bunker Hill, French and Indian War King George was and the treason of Arnold."

Q.—"Mention principal events since the Revolution."

A.—"An important event was consideration of the War of 1861-65."

Q.—"Mention important event since the War of 1861-65?"

A.—"Since the war Death Gen. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, A plenty."

GRAMMAR.

Q.—"Define Adjective."—Adjective qualify verbs, adjectives and other adverbs.

Q.—"Correct this sentence, John is the oldest of the two."—John is the oldest of the two.

Q.—"Correct this sentence, I have not, nor do I expect to see the city Rome."—I have never seen the city Rome and never will."

Q.—"Write all the forms of old and farmer."—Present, old, past perfect, older, present participle, oldest, Present, farmer, past perfect, farmer, past participle, farmer's."

Another answer to the above is: "The old farmer is reading, the old farmer was talking."

Q.—"Write a complex sentence containing all the parts of speech?"

O vain man you whom said the grass grow very fast in the field when Spring come."

"Family is an adverb because it ends in ly."

GEOGRAPHY.

Q.—"Into how many parts is Geography divided? Define each part?"

Geography is divided in 4 parts, Political, Mathematical and Physical. Political treats of things done by man. Physical treats of the Arts and of the prevailing character & Arts of Nature. Mathematical treats of the Arts and Science of competition and practical purposes.

"Define Isthmus."—Isthmus is that part of the earth having Equal Temperature and reason why it varies from the Parallel consists and equal distance from all parts or points."

Q.—"Why are the equatorial regions the hottest?"—Because they are nearest the equator, the place where the equator passes consists of the most heat."

Q.—"How many degrees from the Equator are the Tropics and Polar Circles?"—It is about 23 and it is impossible for it to be any more Tropics."

Q.—"Describe the Mackenzie River?"—The Mackenzie rises in Arlie Ocean and flows to the Southernly course and empties into the Great Slave Lake."

PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE.

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PELAGOGUE.

"What books on school management have you read and what educational papers are you taking?"

"I read history and other books and am taking the LAURENS ADVERTISER."

"Give your ideas suggested by the following topics: Punishment, Corporal, Keeping in."

"We must punish sometime. We must keep in sometime. We must corporal sometime."

"What is your programme?"

"I have a program red in school every Friday afternoon by the advanced scholars on different subjects. Some take up flowers others playing ball some jumping the rope and many other things."

"Reading is a great thing it is a thing that we should do more of and we would get along better."

"Manners is a great thing too if we would success in life have manners ourselves and then teach it to our pupils."

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