

The County Record

IV. KINGSTREE, SOUTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 13

MINOR LOCAL MATTERS.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

An Effort to Form a Convention in Williamsburg County.

Mr. Frank Whilden, of Charleston, the field secretary of the South Carolina State Sunday School Association, was in Kingstree last Sunday and Monday, for the purpose of organizing an interdenominational Sunday School convention in this county. Mr. Whilden visited the different schools of the town Sunday morning, and held a blackboard exercise in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. A mass meeting was held at the Methodist church Sunday night, and the scheme laid before the people.

On Monday afternoon a committee of local Sunday School workers met in the Baptist church and considered the matter of the county association. It was determined to revive the old organization, and to that end a committee was appointed to secure a place for holding a county interdenominational convention some time later in the year, probably about June, and to correspond with all the schools in the different townships, and ask their co-operation, and get them to appoint a representative from each school to attend.

It was also urged that this county be well represented at the State convention to be held at Georgetown on 11th May, at which time all accredited delegates will be entertained while there, and reduced railroad rates will be obtained. Some of the ablest Sunday School workers in the State and nation are expected to be present and take part in the programme.

It is urged that those interested be informed as to the exact work that is being aimed at, namely, to bring teachers in contact with the better methods of work that they may be fitted for more effectual work. As all these workers cannot come in contact with workers and methods outside, it is proposed that they shall be sent down to the townships, and in that way to the individual schools.

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MUNICIPAL MATTERS.

A COLUMN PERTAINING TO THE TOWN OF KINGSTREE.

Warden Jacobs Resigns Which Will Necessitate a Special Election - Loose Hogs Again

Mr. Louis Jacobs, who was elected a Warden of the town of Kingstree at the regular election last September, has resigned as a member of the town council, and a special election will have to be held to fill the vacancy thus created. The council will hold its next regular meeting on the last Wednesday in January, the 26th, and will no doubt order the election to be held at an early day thereafter, as it is made mandatory by section 4 of the revised charter of the town, which section reads as follows:

That in case a vacancy shall occur in the office of Intendant or any of the Wardens by death, resignation, or otherwise, an election to fill such vacancy shall be held by the appointment of the Intendant and Wardens, as the case may be, which election shall be held and conducted under the same forms and requirements as are herein prescribed for conducting the regular election. And in case of sickness or temporary absence of the Intendant, the Wardens forming a Council are empowered to elect one of their number to act as Intendant during the time.

All we have to say in regard to this election is, let the best man win. Elect a man who will look out for the best interests of the municipality. Mr. Jacobs was a good warden and we regret to see him leave the council. Aggressive and progressive, he always had the good of the citizens at heart and did his utmost to see that the town was properly governed. We can only hope to see as good a member as was Mr. Jacobs elected to fill his place.

In our last issue we mentioned the fact that hogs, cows, horses and other animals were permitted to roam at will through the streets, and protested against it. Before that issue of the Record was five hours old our worthy Intendant "jumped" us about the protest and said he was afraid the public would place the bulk of the blame upon the chief executive of the town, but that that officer was not to blame. Upon inquiry we found that at the last meeting of the council an ordinance was passed requiring the street committee to have the loose animals taken up and pounded, requiring the owners to pay 10 cents for each hog and 25 cents for each horse or cow, but so far not an animal has been pounded. Wardens Wallace and Mouzon constitute the street committee, and Dr. Wallace tells us that he cannot find anyone who will take up the animals at the prices named. This, then, is the reason they are permitted to run will through the streets. The

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NEW ENTERPRISES.

Indications of Kingstree's Steady March Forward.

That the business of Kingstree is always on a steady move to the front is clear to all. Almost every week some new enterprise is begun, and no failures ever occur. We have recently had occasion to mention several new business houses that have sprung up in Kingstree, among them being Barr's new hotel, Thomas & Bradham's new stables and Mr. Ed Smith's new store. This week we are able to announce to the public the opening of another stable.

Mr. O E Griffin, an expert liveryman and horse dealer, has opened business in the stables in the rear of the Coleman House. Mr. Griffin was raised in Sumter, but has been in business in Clinton for several years past. His stock is of the very best of horse-flesh, and he will furnish the very best of livery teams. With three first-class livery and sale stables in town our people will not suffer for the want of good teams and stock.

A FATAL ACCIDENT.

Young Leon Lynch Killed by Falling From a Train at Scranton.

On Dec. 24th a fatal accident occurred at Scranton depot. Master Leon Lynch, the bright, promising, 16-year-old son of Mr. J S Lynch, in a sportive, boyish way, stepped aboard the train to see whom he could recognize, and in attempting to get off while the cars were in motion, was somehow tripped, and losing his balance, fell upon the ties, receiving a fatal wound in his shoulder and breast. He lived four days and then, with an affectionate farewell to loved ones around him, went to join the angel choir, which envied him from us.

'Tis said that since our Savior's birth, The angels come and sing Just as that night they came to earth, Our Jesus, Lord, to bring And coming at this Christmas tide, They heard a happy voice; They knew that earth with heaven vie And called him as their choice. And he has gone and left us now, He's joined the heavenly band,— We miss his smiling lips and brow, We miss his loving, helping hand, And yet we hope to meet again. When these weary days have fled With him we'll sing and know no No more farewell tears we'll shed. A Fa

Tournament at Black River

At the tournament held at Mr. Ed. McCollough's, nineteen riders entered the contest, which was very spirited. Gordon McCollough, "the champion" came out ahead, and Miss Isla Bryant as second and crowned McCollough as first. Mr. S D Flemming was the contest and his was Miss Fulton. was the great champion and Mr. J B Salt was by prize. The also entered the W E Davis, Clary, S W Fildes, A C Boyd, Graham, S Cooper, H W L Fildes, Nelson, and W

WILLIAMSBURG'S SCHOOLS

STATISTICS SHOW A GREAT INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE.

The Negroes Have Over One Third and Majority in The Schools of the County.

The public schools of Williamsburg county are greatly on the increase. The total enrollment for the scholastic year 1895-96 was over a thousand less than that of the year 1894-95. The increased attendance in the colored schools is particularly noticeable, which goes to show that the negro is awakening to the fact that there is something in education. The total enrollment for the scholastic year 1896-97 was 1,749; females, 1,043 more pupils than the year 1895-96. The colored pupils numbered 1,749; females, 1,043 more pupils than the year 1895-96. The average attendance for the year was 4,629. The attendance for the year was 4,629. The attendance for the year was 4,629.