

## LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

### AFFAIRS CAUGHT BY OUR LOCAL REPORTER AND NOTED.

Written in Condensed Form and Printed in Like Manner for the Sake of Our Busy Readers.

Last Friday was Jefferson Davis' birth-day.

Mr G G Gist was here Tuesday from Greelyville.

Mr John Shaw Tisdale of Cedar Swamp was on our streets yesterday.

Mr E H Rhame of Sumter was in town this week.

The date most in evidence just now is the candidate.

Mr P G Gourdin visited Gourdins several days this week.

Mr J D Wilson of Spring Bank was in Kingstree Saturday.

W L Bass, Esq., was in town Monday on professional business.

Kinder & Hirsch, clothiers, have new and attractive ad. Read it.

Mrs M G McMillon of Greelyville spent Monday in town with friends.

Mr James H Tisdale of Central was among the visitors in town Monday.

Mr M T Schultz has returned from an extended visit to relatives in Virginia.

Miss Ruth Bennett of Marlboro county is visiting the family of Mr J B Steele.

Messrs E H Sauls and H Foxworth were noted in town Monday from Cades.

Mr J P McElveen of Cades was in Kingstree Saturday and gave us a pleasant call.

Mr B H Guess, of the Salters section, was in town Monday and paid us his respects.

Mr H S Feagin of Harpers while in town yesterday added his name to our mailing list.

The Misses Kennedy entertained a party of friends with a "pit" party Monday evening.

Mr and Mrs J J Matthews of Lake City were among the visitors noted in town Monday.

Mr Vibert Graham, a popular young business man of Benson, visited town yesterday.

The books of subscription to the Bank of Greelyville will be opened on Saturday, June 11.

Mr Clifton B Guess returned last week from Bamberg Fitting school to his home near Salters Depot.

Mr C B Steele, who is in business at Ashpole, N. C., is visiting relatives in Kingstree and vicinity.

Mr S L Parsons of Suttons was in town one day last week and enrolled as a subscriber to THE RECORD.

Misses Maggie Ashby of Florence and Rosalie Simons of Washington, D. C., are here visiting the family of Mr M F Heller.

Messrs G W Johnson and J J Graham and possibly others from town are attending the big picnic at Smith's Mills today.

Misses Theo. Gregg of Sumter and Mildred McCabe of Georgetown are guests of Miss Louise Gilland, in North Academy street.

Mr and Mrs C E StAmand, recently of Washington, D. C., spent several days last week with Mr A W Flagler's family near town.

Chairman A H Williams has called a meeting of the county executive committee on Tuesday, June 14. See notice in another column.

Sheriff Graham came back from Tampa, Fla., Monday, bringing with him the negro, Henry Davis, who is wanted here on a charge of murder.

Mr L J Barr and Miss Louise and Master William Barr are spending some days with relatives in the vicinity of Benson and Indiantown.

Work has commenced in earnest on the Gourdin building and THE RECORD expects to occupy its new quarters on the second floor by October.

Postmaster Louis Jacobs is in Charleston this week attending the United States district court, as a witness in a case sent up from this county.

Mr L M Belk of Lake City was in town Wednesday and availed himself of THE RECORD's cheap clubbing offer with the semi-weekly News and Courier.

Mr W P Brown of Single called pleasantly to see us Monday and renewed his subscription to THE RECORD and the semi weekly News and Courier.

Mrs L Stackley, Mr and Mrs P S Courtney, Mr L J Stackley and Miss Annie Stackley attended the Pendergrass-Duncan wedding, which took place in Florence on Wednesday evening.

The State campaign opens at Sumter Tuesday, June 21. The fifth meeting will be held at Kingstree on Saturday, June 25. State candidates have until June 20 to file their pledges.

Mr Ernest Wiggins, we understand, has declined re-election as superintendent of the graded school on the terms offered. It is probable that the trustees will soon elect a superintendent and also a male assistant teacher.

Mr N C Stack resigned his position last week as station agent for the A C L railroad at this point and has returned to his home at Pine-wood, Clarendon county. Mr D J Brock of Effingham succeeds Mr Stack as agent.

The Kingstree telephone system, which has been for some time in a state of innocuous desuetude, is being overhauled and repaired by Messrs Wallace and Lowery. It is to be hoped that the exchange will soon be in working order again.

The following from town attended the festival Friday evening at Mr G W Burgess', near Spring Bank, given for the benefit of Bethel church: Messrs W T Wilkins, J F Scott, L P Kinder, Burry Epps, Carol Burgess, Muldrow Burgess and N C Stack.

Mr J J Eddy, a member of the board of supervisors of registration, paid us a brief but pleasant visit Monday. Mr Eddy says that he will not offer for re-election this year as he has held the office several terms and wants to give some of the rest of the boys a show.

Mr S G Bryan, a member of the class of '04 at Clemson college, has our thanks for an invitation to the commencement exercises, which took place June 5-7. Mr Bryan is one of Williamsburg's bright young men who has made an enviable record during his college course.

We received yesterday (Wednesday) two communications for publication, whose combined length would have taken up at least three columns of space. Again we must remind correspondents that their articles (especially when they are so long) must reach us not later than Monday of the current week.

Work on the new jail was commenced on Tuesday. Sheriff Graham has removed the prisoners to the Florence jail for safe-keeping until the building here is completed. Mr V A Sedgewick of Mayfield, Ky., has charge of the construction for the Pauly Jail Co. of St Louis.

The following college students have come home for the summer vacation from the several institutions they are attending: Winthrop, Misses Pearl Koger, Bessie Harper, Lorena Rose; Columbia College for Women, Miss Helen Scott; Clemson, Mr Paul Harper; Leesville, Miss Leila Epps.

Mr C R Sprott, the resident manager of the Williamsburg oil mill, returned yesterday from Darlington, whither he went to attend the annual stock-holders' meeting of the Independent Oil Co. Tuesday night, after the meeting, a grand banquet was given the oil magnates at the Darlington Hotel.

Mr Henry Monzou, after three years' absence spent principally in the "wild and woolly Occident", came in this week from Bisbee, Arizona, where he now holds a position as telegraph operator. While "out West" Henry tells us that he saw several sides of life and rubbed up against a few of the corners, yet he is delighted with the strenuous life of the breezy plains and expects to sojourn there some time longer. On the way here he stopped over in St. Louis and took in the big show.

We call our readers' attention to the announcements of two new candidates this week, viz., Mr T Olin Epps for superintendent of education, and Mr H E Scott for county treasurer. On their behalf we ask that their claims be considered in the approaching primary election.

Last week in enumerating the new candidates whose cards had appeared we inadvertently omitted the name of Mr J J B Montgomery. We take pleasure in reminding THE RECORD's readers that Mr Montgomery is a candidate for auditor—the office he now holds—and from present appearances we should not be surprised if he is elected in the first primary.

A Quiet Home Wedding. Miss Mattie Pendergrass, one of the most charming of the daughters of Florence is to be married Wednesday evening to W A Duncan of Columbia. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family of the groom, the marriage will be a very quiet one. Among the guests who are here for the wedding are Mr and Mrs Louis Stackley and Miss Annie Stackley of Kingstree, Mrs P S Courtney, also of Kingstree and Misses Edith and Mamie Duncan of Columbia. The best wishes of a host of warm friends and admirers will be with the couple.—Florence Times, June 7.

## A NOTABLE OCCASION.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF UNION GRADED SCHOOL.

Hon. Walter Hazard Delivers the Literary Address and Captivates His Audience—The Programme.

The first commencement of Union Graded school was held near Rome on Friday, June 3. The occasion was one of great enjoyment and the auditorium, which has recently been furnished with comfortable seats, was filled to overflowing. After prayer by Rev J F Way, pastor of the Methodist church, the principal addressed the audience in a speech of welcome, following which was rendered the following programme:

- America the School
- The Orphan Boy - James Owens
- A Little Word
- Pauline Munnerlyn
- Break! Break! Break!
- Tom Chandler
- Those Evening Bells
- Willie Snow
- A Common Thought
- Alice Chandler
- Each Has His Place to Fill
- Marion Eaddy
- Motion Song—Daisy Munnerlyn, Louise Wilson, Emma Snow, Pauline Munnerlyn.
- Charge of the Light Brigade
- Allard Hemingway
- Go for Yourself
- Joe Eaddy
- What a Boy Can Do
- Stephen Way
- Trials of a School Mistress—Daisy Brockinton and Henry Chandler.
- Little Bessie
- Louise Wilson
- A Bachelor's Growls
- Florence Hemingway
- Water-Melon Pickle—Daisy Munnerlyn and Fernie Hemingway.

Then came a debate, the query being: "Resolved, That the country affords better advantages for the development of youth than the city". Affirmative, Willie Hemingway and Elise Rollins. Negative, Joseph Munnerlyn and Bessie Snow.

"God be with you till we meet again". It was the general opinion that each pupil who took part in the exercises did very well indeed. In fact, so excellent was every number on the programme rendered that it would be invidious to discriminate. The debate, too, was very interesting, each speaker making a strong argument for his side of the question. The contestants seemed evenly matched, and their forensic eloquence would have done honor to students of more advanced years and wider experience. After careful consideration the committee decided in favor of the affirmative. The members of the committee were, Hon Walter Hazard, Rev J F Way and Rev H G White.

After the debate came an intermission and the audience repaired to the shady grove in front of the building where a sumptuous and elegant dinner was served, showing to the highest degree the culinary skill of the ladies of the community. Dinner over, the crowd re-assembled and Mr H D Munnerlyn in appropriate language introduced the orator of the day, Hon Walter Hazard of Georgetown.

Mr Hazard chose as his theme, "The Power of an Ideal" and his effort was a master piece of oratory. It was replete with helpful suggestions, sound doctrine and irresistible logic couched in the chaste and beautiful diction for which Mr Hazard is noted. It must have been heard to be appreciated and no synopsis can convey an adequate idea of the fine thought and deep learning of the speaker.

At the conclusion of this truly magnificent address Mr B B Chandler on behalf of the trustees congratulated the school on its development and announced the re-election and acceptance of both the teachers, Prof B D Kennedy and Miss Florence Aimar, for the next session. Thanks are due to the marshals for their attention to visitors and also to Miss Nita Munnerlyn for the beautiful music she rendered. Trustees, patrons and pupils all appreciate beyond measure the efficient and faithful work of the teachers and their re-election is the source of much gratification to all concerned. We shall all look forward with pleasure to their return when school re-opens the 1st of October. A PUPIL.

## Lake City Locals.

LAKE CITY, June 7:—The excursion last week was a decided success in numbers, enjoyment and returns. There was realized more than \$150.00 clear profit for the Lake City and Scranton lodges.

EL Hirsch, Esq., came up from Kingstree Wednesday morning and was in town a few hours.

Mesdames D M and H V Epps are spending the month of June at Friendfield, Florence county.

LeRoy Lee, Esq., was here Thursday on professional business in Judge Baldwin's court.

Mr H P Baldwin has sold the old McAlister mill to Mr J D McClam. This mill was built at least seventy five years ago and was operated up to three or four years ago when a portion of the dam was washed away. Mr McClam will repair and put the mill to humming again.

Mr Arthur L Jones attended commencement of the Columbia Female College last week. Of course nothing but a general interest in education constrained him to make the visit.

Mr J B Massie went to Florence Monday night.

About thirty five of the excursionists last Tuesday got left and did not return until Wednesday. Two did not get back until Friday. The excuses offered bore a striking family resemblance to Joseph's coat as to the matter of the colors.

Miss Maria Croft is at home from the Columbia Female College, at which institution she was graduated on the 31st ult.

Mr J M Sturgeon and Metler have returned from the St Louis exposition, where they had a splendid time.

If this thing keeps up three months longer we will not have many girls of marriageable age left. Notwithstanding quite a number have taken "wobser halves" since January 1, at least three or four more are expected—and confidently expected, too, within the next thirty days to do likewise. Where will this thing stop? The demand for Lake City strawberries is equaled only by the demand for Lake City girls. W. L. B.

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