

## CHURCH DIRECTORY.

(Pastors of Churches in Williamsburg County are invited to Publish in this Column their Schedule of Appointments Free.)

**Rev. W. J. Wilder, Pastor.**  
Bloomingvale Baptist Church—1st Sunday, 11 a. m.; 3rd Sunday, 7:30 p. m.  
Cedar Grove—1st Sunday 3:30 p. m.; 3rd Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Black Mingo—2nd Sunday, 11 a. m.; 4th Sunday, 7:30 p. m.  
Bethany—2nd Sunday, 4 p. m.; 4th Sunday, 11 a. m.  
Turkey Creek—4th Sunday, 4 p. m.

### A MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

#### To Be Given for the Benefit of the Pee Dee Historical Society.

An entertainment will be given in the Graded School auditorium on Friday evening, the 28th inst., for the benefit of the Kingstree branch of the Pee Dee Historical Society. An interesting and elaborate programme has been arranged, consisting of vocal and instrumental music recitations, etc., to be rendered by the best talent that the town affords. This will be one of the very best affairs of the kind presented during the season and on behalf of the ladies and gentlemen who are getting up the entertainment and the cause for which it is to be given, we bespeak a liberal response on the part of the public.

### Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the jurors drawn for the second week will not be required to serve, as there will be no court next week.

B. O. WHITEHEAD,  
Clerk of Court.

### A Morning Blaze.

Yesterday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock fire broke out in the dwelling of W. W. Battiste, a colored carpenter living on Hampton street. As soon as possible the new fire engine and hose was hauled to the scene; but on account of the scarcity of water in that part of town, added to the confusion arising from the lack of training of the "fire company," the work done by our fire-fighting machine was not conspicuously effective. The "bucket brigade" was on hand, however, and albeit the fire had gained too much headway to be controlled, the adjoining building on either hand—the Episcopal chapel and a tenant dwelling—was saved by the well directed efforts of the latter branch of the fire department. The Episcopal chapel especially had a narrow escape, as it caught on fire in half a dozen places.

Battiste was out of town when the fire occurred and there is no saying positively how it was caused, though it is thought that the house caught from fire that had been left in the kitchen stove.

Besides the building, nearly all the contents were destroyed, amounting to about \$600 or \$700, with no insurance.

### An Approaching Wedding.

The editor of THE RECORD returns his most appreciative thanks for the following invitation:

Mr and Mrs W. A. J. Moore invite you to attend the marriage of their daughter, LaUna Bertha

and  
Mr William Colbert Kelly  
Sunday, April sixteenth nineteen hundred and five at four o'clock, at home, Moore's X Roads, Lake City, South Carolina.

You'll never appreciate the good old summer time until you get a pair of those low leather shoes for ladies and gentlemen to be had at  
W. T. WILKINS.

## THE SAGE OF POSSUM FORK.

BELIEVES WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF THE "WOMAN AGE."

Editor County Record:—How arre you, Mr Hanna? I'm glad you came along. I want to know if there is any truth in this old woman saying that to cut a slice from the sides of these little round potato slips will prevent their turning to 'maummas' when planted?"

"Well, I don't know as to that; but I would not plant those that are too little to cut. When you plant corn you select the biggest and best ears for seed; and we select the best for seed of everything else we plant. But poor little potatoes! We plant them and get a weazly little sprout that sometimes takes till almost July to come up and makes nothing but a weazly little potato."

"Well, Sammy, you're a philosopher! I have lost the art of making potatoes, and I just know that's what's the matter with Hanna."

Boys, Hanna is right! I see! It takes a good sized, well-matured potato slip to put out a vigorous sprout, and make a big potato. Throw away the last one of those little fellows, and plant nothing but good sized slips, and next fall, if I have gone across the River to see about the more important matters in the great Kingdom of God beyond, you must let the hogs have all the little potatoes and slips; only save the best."

But, Mr Editor, I must be careful for fear the women may take it as a slur about old women's proverbs. For it looks as though women are fast coming to the front.

Our little world has had its stone-age, iron-age and different other ages, but it looks as if we are on the verge of the "woman age."

Much of the finest literature is ascribed to the pen of the gentler sex, and, just the other day at the big Sunday-school convention in Florence, Mrs Bryner captured the crowd and was the "lion" of the occasion! Most of the schools are being taught by ladies, and the next generation will have instilled in its nature more and more of gentle refinement.

Women and girls seem to be better than boys. They can sit still and listen to the preaching of the gospel without running in and out of the church in time of service. They don't chew tobacco and spit on the floor, like boys; nor strike a match and light a cigarette the moment they get out of church. They seem to pay more attention to the Sunday-school, make the best recitations and get the best lessons; and some day I'm afraid the question will be asked, "are they more intelligent than boys?" They seem to have more will-power for taking in culture and training, and self-discipline.

The influence of women teachers in the schools and Sunday-schools, aiding the church in "training up a child in the way he should go," is our only hope for beating our swords into plow shares and disarming the nations.

I have often asked why most of the great inventions and discoveries and utilities are confined to the last few centuries of the 6000 years since Father Adam's time, and I get the same answer, "Sunday-schools and early religious training," making effective the gospel of Christ.

The world's past history is "wars and rumors of wars." Wars for conquest and spoils; robbery and ambition of kings; no time for the invention of utilities. War was in the uppermost seats until the church started the Sunday-school.

Let the Sunday-schools grow, and let us all pull our hats to

the army of Christian lady teachers throughout the land!

Another little army is on the way. Only yesterday, when our teacher was called suddenly away, she requested little sunshiny Ruth to go to the school-house and take charge and teach the lessons, which she did with a glee. She was about to keep some of them in at noon, but knowing she would have to stay in too, she just changed tactics and required them to stand awhile in the corner. She let them all out at noon, with permission to spread their dinner all together, and eat "picnic style," perhaps suggesting it herself, as she did not carry any that morning.

But I am glad to say that all the talent and ideology are not confined to the gentler sex. I will instance only the case of our little philosopher in spelling:

"Ruth—'Here, Wattie, spell lob'—'B-o-b, bob.'"

"Spell pig." "P-i-g, pig." "Spell cat." "C-a-t, cat." "Spell egg." "E-double-g, egg."

"Well, says I, 'what do they use two g's for, in egg? Why not just say e-g, egg?'"

Watty—after a moment's thought—"E is for the yellow, and one g is for the white and the other g is for the shell." "Ha! ha!" says Ruth, "How then would you spell one of those eggs with two yolks in it?"

After thinking a little, Watty said, "put another g."

"Pretty good," says I, "now tell me what school you go to."

"The one in

POSSUM FORK."

### ITEMS FROM MOORE'S X ROADS.

#### Pencilled Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People.

**MOORE'S X ROADS, April 10.**—Farmers of this section are about through planting corn and will begin planting cotton this week.

Miss Bertha Rouse of Georgetown is visiting the Misses Moore.

Misses Mabelle Williamson of Darlington and Mary Rushon of Fork are spending a few days with friends in this community.

Miss Leila McKnight has been quite ill with la grippe, but I am glad to learn that she is convalescing very nicely.

Mr B. W. Moore and daughter, Miss Ella, attended the commencement exercises of the S. C. Medical College, and report having an enjoyable time.

Quite a large congregation attended services at Pergamos Sunday afternoon and heard a very instructive and interesting discourse delivered by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Traywick. The Sunday-school is in a prosperous condition, and we hope that with the beautiful spring-time and summer season approaching, it will continue to grow, the weather being more favorable for a large attendance.

The school at Pergamos closed a few days ago. Under the efficient management of Miss LaUna Moore it was well attended throughout the session.

Miss Mattie Moore, who is teaching at Bloomingvale, is spending a few days at home.

I am sorry to learn that Mrs. E. F. Cook is ill with fever.

Mr. W. W. Rogerson came up for a short while from Harpers last week.

Mr. B. A. Cook is still in the sewing-machine business. He is handling some stock as a side line, and has a black horse that he is especially proud of. I don't think he need fear that it will be necessary to use any anti-fat treatment on the horse when the hot weather comes in, unless there is violent and sudden or a gradual and constant change.

PRIMROSE.

A fine assortment of Gloves for men and boys just in at WILKINS.

## Graded School Department.

(Conducted by the Pupils of the Tenth Grade)

Have our friends taken the hint, which was given by one of our number a few weeks ago concerning the seldom visits made to us? Evidently they have; for it has been only a few days in the past week that we have not had some visitors. As has been before said, we are always delighted to have them, and feel encouraged to see such great interest shown toward us.

It is natural as spring approaches for the teachers to notice a gradual falling off, both in the work and attendance of the pupils; but such is not the case with Kingstree Graded school; for every room is full, and our roll now numbers over two hundred.

We are glad to have with us again Beulah Marshall, who has been absent for quite awhile. There were also three new pupils enrolled "downstairs" Monday.

The tenth grade is very much excited on account of a debate among themselves, which will be on next Monday. There are several other reasons which produce unusual excitement to these five, foremost among which is the fact that May is growing near and with it come those final examinations! Every preparation has been made for commencement, and we are looking forward to it with unfeigned pleasure.

### Teachers' Examination.

Notice is hereby given that there will be an examination for teachers on Friday, May 19, 1905. Hughes' Mistakes in School Management will be one of the branches of Pedagogy applicants will be expected to be familiar with.

William Cooper  
Co Supt of Education.

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### LOST!

On March 10, 1905, one mouse-colored cow and calf; also one black heifer, between Lower Bridge and Shaw's settlement. Finder will receive reward by notifying Willis McCreia, Kingstree, S. C.

Stop! Look! Listen! Everybody needs a straw hat during the hot season. You can't get a better one for the money than can be bought at

W. T. WILKINS.

### Notice.

Until further notice my office days will be every Saturday, except the Saturday before the first Monday in each month, and also the first Monday in each month.

WILLIAM COOPER,  
4-6-tf. Co Supt of Education.

### Notice to Teachers

Unless I can get a pledged attendance from thirty bona fide teachers I am afraid that we cannot secure a Summer School for this county at Kingstree; therefore, I beg that teachers desiring the Summer School held in this county will write me without delay. None but teachers holding certificates can give pledge to attend.

WILLIAM COOPER,  
Co. Supt. Education.

### Final Discharge.

Notice is hereby given that R. P. Hinnant, administrator of the estate of Mary A. Hinnant, deceased, has this day made application unto me for a final discharge as such administrator, and that the 27th day of April A. D. 1905, at 10 o'clock a. m., at my office, has been appointed for the hearing of the said petition.

S. McB. Scott,  
Judge of Probate Williamsburg Co. S. C.  
April 10, 1905.

Our new line of neck wear has just come in. Up-to-date styles for young and old. Also the latest thing in Collars and Cuffs.  
W. T. WILKINS.

## COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS AND COMMON PLEAS

### MANY PRISONERS PLEAD GUILTY—CRIMINAL COURT CLOSED—NON-SUIT IN MATTHEWS-SCOTT CASE

The spring term of court of general sessions and common pleas convened Monday. Judge Klugh, Solicitor Wilson and Stenographer Lathan were all on hand and the court got down to business about twelve o'clock. Judge Klugh did not reach here until 11 o'clock, coming in on the train from Florence.

Some delay in forming the grand jury was caused by the absence of several of those who were drawn as members, and it was necessary to draw from the five-mile box to complete the panel. His Honor's charge to the grand jury was a very able one. He covered the entire ground and was clear in his presentation of the law covering the work of the grand jury. Mr. William Epps was made foreman.

The cases called and disposed of were as follows:

The State vs George Prince, kidnapping. Plead guilty and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.

The State vs John Parsons, larceny of live stock. Guilty and sentenced to one year on public works.

The State vs John Brown, house-breaking and larceny. Guilty and sentenced to nine months on chaingang.

The State vs Ben Hanna, larceny of live-stock. Guilty—20 months on chaingang and \$5.00 fine. Ben Hanna is not an unfamiliar character in the sessions court. In fact, his many experiences before Williamsburg juries has somewhat familiarized him with the court proceedings and he undertook to conduct his own defence. He cross examined the State's witnesses and made a speech to the jury.

The State vs Robert Brown, house-breaking and larceny. Plead guilty and received sentence of one year on "the gang."

The State vs Jubal Scott, house-breaking and larceny. Plead guilty. Sentenced four months on the chaingang.

The State vs Clarence and Rena Scott, house-breaking and larceny. Guilty as to Clarence Scott. Sentence, one year on chaingang.

The State vs Ed Scott, assault and battery. Plead guilty, and fined \$25.

The State vs S. J. Tharpe—malicious mischief—Plead guilty and fined \$25.

The State vs J. E. Tharpe, malicious mischief. Plead guilty and fined \$25.

In the three last mentioned cases Messrs Lee and Askins represented the defendants and E. L. Hirsch, Esq., assisted the solicitor.

The State vs Shep Fulton, carrying on the business of an emigration agent. Found guilty, but new trial granted. Defendant represented by Messrs Lee and Askins.

Several other criminal cases on the calendar were continued.

The court of common pleas was opened on Wednesday morning and the case of J. M. Matthews et al vs D. C. Scott was called. This was a suit for the recovery of 425 acres of land and \$1500 damages. A motion for a non-suit was made by the defendants' attorney, which was granted by the court. In the above case the plaintiff was represented by Messrs Lee and Askins, of the local bar, S. G. W. Shipp and George Galletly of Florence, and the defendant by John A. Kelly, Esq.

Keep cool and look neat by wearing one of those handsome negligee shirts sold by  
W. T. WILKINS.

### A WEDDING IN LAKE CITY.

Miss Dorothy C. Rickenbaker and Mr S. L. Courtney the Bride and Groom.

LAKE CITY, April 11.—Mr Sigmund L. Courtney and Miss Dorothy C. Rickenbaker were married at the Baptist church on last Thursday afternoon, at 6.30 o'clock. The ceremony, which was short and simple but very impressive, was performed by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Rooke. The church decorations were lilacs and bridal wreaths. Messrs B. Wallace Jones, Jr., and J. D. Singletary were the ushers. The attendants were Dr. S. B. W. Courtney, of Lake City, and Miss Travis Stanley, of Marion, Mr. E. L. Hirsch, of Kingstree, and Miss Edith Philips, of Barnwell county; and Mr. B. L. Singletary, of Lake City, and Miss Roy Ham, of Sardis, Florence county.

After the ceremony a splendid supper was served to the party at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fuller Rickenbaker. The presents were numerous and handsome.

The young couple went down to Kingstree on the 9 o'clock train and will make their home in that town.

W. L. B.

### SCRANTON NEWS NOTES.

#### Doing of Home Folk and Visitors Who Are Passing Through.

SCRANTON, April 10.—Mrs. W. D. Moorer, accompanied by her two children, Miss Elizabeth and Master William, of Oklahoma Territory, who have been visiting relatives and friends in town, are now spending a few days at her old home at Kingstree.

At the residence of the bride Mrs. S. W. James and Mr. Hezekiah Turner were married a few days ago by Rev. W. P. Gause.

Dr. Joseph Durant of Lake City was noted on our streets on day this week on business.

Mr. Benjamin Cooke, a successful farmer and business man of this place, and Miss Carrie Lamb, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. Henry Lamb, were married on the 6th inst. by Notary Public W. R. Singletary, after which the happy couple left on the South-bound train for the Land of Flowers.

Mr. Henry Sauls of Cades was in town this week on business.

Mr. Aiken Wall of Marion, who has just completed his course in pharmacy at the Medical College of South Carolina, stopped over here with relatives and friends on his return home.

Mr. J. C. Moore, one of Williamsburg county's most progressive farmers, has the finest Irish potatoes your correspondent has seen. The tops measure two feet in height and are in full bloom.

Mr. J. M. Parker and Dr. C. H. Pate spent Sunday in Florence.

Mr. L. L. Hinson, formerly of this place, now in business at Whiteville, N. C., spent a few days this week at his old home.

Mrs. G. H. Barnwell and son, Frank, of Colleton county, are visiting the former's daughter, Mrs. D. Lamar Lee.

Mr. Robt. Graham of Cowards was in town Saturday.

Miss Allie McCullough visited her aunt, Mrs. Willie Carter, this week at Lake City.

Rev. J. W. Truluck filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at the Baptist church and preached a very interesting sermon.

Messrs. Hugh and Myers Graham, two of our Scranton boys, spent a few days this week visiting at the home of Sheriff Geo. Graham at Indiantown.

Miss Palmira Lee is spending some time in Darlington.

Mr. W. S. Kennedy and family have recently returned to town and are now occupying the Cannon cottage on pine avenue.

Mrs. Sarah Godwin, who has been sick with la grippe, is now convalescent.

Fish stews and fries "are all the go" on the banks of Lynch's river these lovely spring days, and many a one is held weekly. Lynch's river fish are hard to beat, especially at the "little fishery," but Lynch's river stews, a la Williamsburg, cannot be excelled anywhere, so says our fellow-townsmen, Major John B. Lee, and he is authority on "fishology."  
M. R. M.

## THE WEEK IN LAKE CITY.

### JOTTINGS OF INTEREST MAINLY ABOUT PEOPLE.

LAKE CITY, April 11.—Mr. Chas. A. Smith came down from Timmonsville Thursday and spent the day in town, looking after the affairs of the Smith-Williams Co., of which he is the president.

Dr. T. B. Hinnant gathered three quarts of strawberries from his field Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Holloway returned from Durham, N. C., Wednesday night. Durham is Mr. Holloway's old home and he and the "madam" and "Jack" spent the winter there.

Now it is "Doctor" Judson C. Moore. The commencement of the S. C. Medical College, Charleston, came off last week and Dr. Moore received his diploma and the full degree. Judson is one of the writer's "boys" and he always rejoices at the success of his "boys" or "girls." That Dr. Moore will meet with success and as much pleasure as falls to the lot of any, is heartily wished.

Mrs. Katherine Atkinson has gone to Waynesboro, N. C., her old home.

Messrs. Stuckey & Flowers have let to Mr. G. A. Brown the contract for their new stables on Dancing street. The building will be fifty by one hundred feet and three stories high, the work to be completed by June 15.

Mrs. J. M. Sturgeon went Saturday night to see her daughter, Miss Maria Croft, who is ill at Alcot, S. C., where she is teaching.

Mrs. C. D. Gandy is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blackwell.

Mrs. J. H. G. Askins of Kingstree came up to town Thursday.

Mr. D. H. Oliver went to Marion Thursday night and returned Monday.

We had heavy rains Sunday afternoon and night.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. DuBant spent Sunday at Johnsonville.

The early part of last week Mr. J. D. Daniel delighted the writer with some nice, large smooth and delicious Irish potatoes, which were dug only the day before. Really the possibilities of our soil and climate can not be surpassed on this, or any other planet, for that matter.

That genuine Georgia ribbon cane syrup that Mr. A. B. Johnson left at our house last week was good—clear as the waters that flow from a cleft in the granite hills, and as sweet as the nectar distilled by the gods on Mount Olympus.

Miss Marion Thomas has been elected an assistant in our school and entered upon her work Monday.

Mr. E. R. Rodgers has purchased the acre lot in front of the Shell house. He will erect thereon a plant for manufacturing mouldings, turnings, cornices, brackets, etc.

W. L. B.

### FRIGHTFUL SUFFERING RELIEVED.

Suffering frightfully from the virulent poisons of indigestible food, C. G. Grayson, of Lula, Miss., took Dr. King's New Life Pills, "with the result," he writes, "that I was cured." All stomach and bowel disorders give way to their tonic, laxative properties. 25c at Dr. W. V. Brockington's drug store, guaranteed.