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UNION GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT.

A BELATED BUT VERY INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF A NOTABLE OCCASION.

ROME, June 10.—Union Graded school, of this place, closed its year's work May 30, the commencement exercises being held on Thursday evening, May 30. A feature of the occasion was an address by Dr Henry M Snyder, of Wofford college on Friday evening, June 1, which was listened to with the most earnest attention by the large audience that assembled at the commencement exercises of Union Graded school—the pride of our community. Dr Snyder's address was full of ennobling ideas, practical thought and lofty inspiration. As an orator of the highest order Wofford's president has but few equals and our school was indeed fortunate to secure him for this occasion.

On Sunday a. m. the commencement sermon was preached by Rev T G Herbert of Georgetown, and on Sunday evening also an excellent sermon for the benefit of the school was preached by Rev T J Clide.

At the commencement the pupils of the school acquitted themselves with much credit to themselves and the very efficient teachers who trained them. The writer thinks that, as a whole, the commencement of Union Graded school was second to none in the State.

The beautiful music rendered by the pupils of Miss Rivers' class was not only pleasing to the ear but fully demonstrated her efficiency as a music teacher.

On Sunday the church was filled to overflowing to hear Rev T G Herbert's sermon. His text was: John v: 8: "Take up thy bed and walk."

Mr Herbert's sermon was of an unusually high order, both interesting and edifying. The theme of his discourse was the importance of effort, or to be up and doing as God would have us do.

This writer thinks that he voices the sentiment of everybody in saying that we are pleased to learn that the next session of the school will be conducted by the same teachers, viz: Prof O M Mitchell, Miss Cora Huggins, Miss Marie Rivers and one other to be elected.

Prof Mitchell is a well equipped and enterprising instructor and with such efficient assistants as Misses Huggins and Rivers, the day is not far distant when Union Graded School will be the peer of any in the State.

Following is the programme of the exercises of commencement:
 Prayer.
 Instrumental Solo, Burning of Rome—Emmie Snow.
 Song, Primary Grades, Leap-Frog John.

Recitation, Aunt Elnora's Hero, Annie Eaddy.
 Instrumental Solo, Moonlight Serenade, Alice Chandler.
 Drill, The News Boys.
 Recitation, The Life Boat, Ruth Carraway.
 Instrumental Solo, Battle of Waterloo, Florence Hemingway.
 Drill, Japanese Fantasies.
 Recitation, A Second Trial, Iva Eaddy.
 Chorus Song, Reuben and Rachel.
 Instrumental Duet, Flower

Fairies' Waltz, Misses Brockinton.

Action Song, Swing Song.
 Song Dialogue, If I Should, Ethel Johnson and Peace Snow.
 Instrumental Solo, Charge of the Light Brigade, Laura Rhem.
 Pantomime, Almost Persuaded, Emmie Brockinton.

Instrumental Solo, Beautiful Evening Star, Pauline Munnerylyn.

Drill, The Revel of The Naiads.
 Song, Springtime Chorus.
 Announcements, Mr Chandler.
 ROMANUS POPULUS.

The foregoing, dated June 10, reached us on Wednesday, June 12, too late for last week's issue. To be published the week sent in, we must receive communications not later than Tuesday at noon.—Ed. THE RECORD.

COTTON THE KING OF EXPORTS.

All Other Articles Left in The Lurch Beyond Comparison.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Cotton exports from the United States will aggregate nearly 500 million dollars in the fiscal year which ends with the present month. The total for the 11 months ending with May, as shown by figures just announced by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, is 470 million dollars, and as the May exports aggregate about 20 million dollars in value, it seems to justify the statement that the total for the fiscal year 1907 will fall but slightly below the 500 million dollar line. This total of approximately 500 million dollars as the value of raw cotton exported from the country is far in excess of that of any preceding year in the history of the cotton export trade. The largest total value of cotton exported in any year prior to that now about to end was that of 1906, when the total was 401 million dollars, the next highest being that of 1905, 380 millions; in 1904, 371 millions; in 1903, 316 millions; in 1901, 314 millions, prior to which time the value of cotton exported had never touched the 300 million-dollar line. Prior to 1850 cotton exports never reached as much as 100 million dollars in value annually and prior to 1860 had never touched the 200 million-dollar mark, and it was not until 1901 that they crossed the 300 million dollar line. In 1906 their value for the first time crossed the 400 million-dollar line, and in 1907 will nearly reach the 500 million-dollar mark.

Meantime, with all of this increase in exportation, the share of the cotton crop of the United States which is consumed at home is steadily increasing. The figures of the bureau of statistics show that in 1876 29 per cent of the cotton crop of the United States was taken by domestic mills; in 1886, 33 per cent; in 1896 30 per cent, and in 1906, 41 per cent.

In Memoriam.
 DIED, March 25, 1907, Little Vivvia, the eight-months-old daughter of Mr and Mrs G W Ferdou. She was a sweet little baby and her vacant place in the home can never be filled, but she is sleeping now where the bright angels stand. Farewell, Vivvia. We will meet some day to part no more.
 A sleep in Jesus; far from thee, Thy kindred and their graves may be; But thine is still a blessed sleep, From which none ever wakes to weep.
 ONE WHO LOVED HER.

ELECTION MUST WAIT.

Petitions in Williamsburg Didn't Have Names Enough.

KINGSTREE, June 17.—It appears now that there will be no election under the new dispensary law to determine whether or no the system shall remain in operation in Williamsburg county. The county supervisor, Mr S J Singletary, has as yet made no official announcement of the result of the petitions, but enough is known to state that they failed to secure the necessary one-fourth of the registered vote. The registration books show 5,107 names, which after weeding out the deaths, double entries and removals, leaves 3,683 actual votes in the county. The petitions contain 866 names, which is 54 less than one-fourth, necessary to order the election. It is practically certain therefore that the supervisor will not order the election.—News & Courier.

When asked about the foregoing Supervisor Singletary declined to make any statement officially, but added that he still had the matter under advisement and as soon as he could get at the actual number of qualified voters in the county he would decide whether or not to order the election.

Advance Slam!

A New "English" newspaper has just been started in Siam, and its advent was heralded by the distribution of some thousands of handbills announcing the fact. One of these fell into the hands of the editor of the Bangkok Times, who reproduces it as follows:

The news of English, oh, crumbs, we tell the latest!

Writ in perfect style and most earliest.
 Do a murder 'git commit, we hear of and tell it.

Do a mighty chief die, we publish it, and in borders of somber. Staff has each been colleged, and write, oh, crumbs! like the Kipling and the Dickens.

We circle every town and extortionate not for advertisement. Buy it, oh, crumbs; buy it! Tell each of you its greatness for good.

Ready on Eriday.
 Number first. Ex.

TO ESTABLISH COTTON BANKS.

Southern Cotton Association Plans Vigorous Campaign this Summer.

Mr E D Smith, the energetic president of the South Carolina Cotton association, has announced that an effort will be made this summer to organize cotton banks, the plan being to use the cotton stored in warehouses as capital stock.

In any community where the farmers and local business men can secure \$50,000 or \$100,000 as capital it is planned that they shall organize a company and erect a warehouse, which must be built according to regular plans. Then they will be ready for business and will propose that any farmer or any number of farmers deposit with them their cotton, just as they might deposit their money with a bank. Supposing that 400 bales of cotton are deposited in this way and placed in the warehouse, with insurance guaranteed by the company and no storage charged, the company would proceed to utilize this cotton just as the bank utilizes the money deposited by its customers. Taking the warehouse receipts for 400 bales of cotton, the company would go to a bank, or any other concern or person having money to lend, and borrow money upon these receipts at the current rate and current price of cotton. With this money so borrowed the company would go into the local market and purchase other cotton, say 300 bales, which would be placed in the warehouse. Then upon these 300 bales the company would again go to the bank and borrow money and with this money again go into the local market and purchase other cotton, say 200 bales. These 200 bales would then be placed in the warehouse and upon them the company would borrow money with which again to enter the market and purchase other cotton, say 100 bales. This operation could be kept up until the borrowing capacity of the cotton was exhausted, but this would hardly be necessary at any time, and it would be possible to return the original 400 bales whenever the owner made demand.

A woman would rather break a \$5 bill than a 10-cent dish.

AFFAIRS OF REGENT DATE NOTED IN LAKE CITY.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DROP DEAD A FEW DAYS APART—A MARRIAGE—PERSONAL NOTES.

LAKE CITY, June 18.—Rev Joseph Carraway was up from Salters last Wednesday and spent the day in town.

A C Hinds, Esq., of Kingstree was here a few hours Friday on professional business.

Rev A W Jackson went down to Georgetown one day last week. On his way he stopped over at Salters.

Mesdames M H Morgan and A O Newton of Florence are on a visit to friends in this town.

McSwain Woods, Esq., a young member of the Manning bar, was here last week on business for the real estate company with which he is connected.

Judge Gaskins was in his glory, etc., fishing in Black river Thursday.

Mr Lee Byrd, whose home is in Florida, is out spending several days with friends and kinfolks here and in the surrounding country.

Mr Fred Truluck, a brother of Mr J Moultrie Truluck, is enjoying a part of his summer vacation with relatives in this town and in the Bethel neighborhood. He is a member of the faculty of Dayton Musical college at Dayton, Va. This town is in the famous Shenandoah valley, which Mr Truluck

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characterizes as the most delightful region on earth.

Mr J B McCants was noted here from Rosemary the latter part of last week.

Mr Edward Cook and Miss Emily Cox were married at the Methodist parsonage here by Rev S J Bethea on last Wednesday afternoon. Mr Cook's home is near this town, while the bride is a daughter of Mr Walter Cox of Scranton.

Mrs Eva Carraway and children are visiting Mrs Carraway's parents, Rev and Mrs A W Jackson.

Mr H L Richey, who went from here to Kershaw about a month ago, was here Monday to see his sister and—well, as Rudyard Kipling would say, "that's another story."

Mrs W E Severance returned home last week from a stay of several days at Laurinburg, N C.

Mrs H Nachman and the smallest are spending some time in Charleston.

A protracted meeting at the Methodist church has been going on a week and will be continued another. Rev M L Carlisle assisted the pastor, Rev S J Bethea, to Sunday. Rev J W Speke of Latta came down Monday and is lending his assistance in the revival.

Just a year or two ago it was seldom that a full congregation could be secured even when there were religious services at only one church. Now with preaching at all three of the white churches at the same time full houses are at each and all.

Messrs E C and G J Motley came back last week from Durham, N. C., and are getting ready for the tobacco season at the Planters warehouse.

Mr William McClam is at home from Clemson College for the vacation.

Mr Samuel Langston who recently moved here from Florida, has purchased the "Richey place" on Main street.

Messrs James and Hubert Prosser of Jay were in town Monday. The latter named, who attended the Wofford Fitting school the last two years, is an applicant for a scholarship in Clemson college.

Last Thursday Mrs W L Matthews who lived a few miles from here, dropped dead. Monday her mother, Mrs Alex Cook, died in exactly the same manner. There was no evidence of anything suspicious, but it was a strange circumstance that both mother and daughter should die and within a week.

CAPTURED IN GEORGIA.

Lake City Murderer Will be Brought Back for Trial.

Deputy Sheriff W D Fitch, of Williamsburg county, was in the city last night going to Columbia to secure requisition papers from Governor Ansel upon the governor of Georgia for Edistow Rogers, alias James Rogers, a negro charged with murder.

Rogers killed Patrick Glasgow, colored, near Lake City in 1904. Sheriff Graham located Rogers some six months ago near Atlanta and he was arrested in Atlanta last Thursday.—Florence Times.

Surveying.

During the next few weeks I shall be glad to make appointments with persons needing a competent surveyor.
 LAURENCE H McTULLOUGH,
 Surveyor, Benson, S. C.