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EVENTS AND TIMES AT SCRANTON.

Folks Preparing for the Holidays—Social and Personal Items.

SCRANTON, December 21:—Mr Eugene Whitlock is at home from the Charleston Medical college for the holidays.

Mr W L Marshall of Sumter county has rented a farm near town and will reside down here next year.

Dr C H Pate and family will spend Christmas with the Doctor's parents near Bishopville.

Miss Australia Hinson, teacher of the Union public school near town, gave an entertainment at the school house Friday night for the benefit of the school. A large crowd attended and all had a good time. A generous sum was realized.

The next regular convention of Scranton Lodge Knights of Pythias will not be held Friday night, that being Christmas night, but will be held on Wednesday night, December 30. A full attendance of the members is desired as the election of officers will be held.

Miss Bleecker Mills, teacher of the New Road public school, left Saturday morning for her home at Charlotte, where she will spend the holidays.

Scranton will be largely represented at the entertainment at Cowards tomorrow (Tuesday) night.

Prof W L Bennett of the graded school will spend Christmas with relatives at Hartsville, and Miss Hadden, his assistant, will go to her home at Greenwood.

Rev W H Murphy, the new pastor of the Methodist church here, preached his first sermon Sunday night. An unusually large congregation was present to hear him and all seemed favorably impressed with his discourse.

There was a "silver tea party" at the Baptist parsonage Friday night for the benefit of the church. The occasion was quite a success in every way.

Prof Bennett, Miss Helen Hadden and Miss Bleecker Mills will attend the Teachers' meeting in Columbia the last of this month.

The writer wishes you, Mr Editor, and all your readers a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

W. E. C.

THE WEE NEE MINSTRELS

Played to a Good House Friday Night—A Pleasing Performance.

The Wee Nee Minstrels entertained a large audience on last Friday night at the school auditorium. This troupe is composed entirely of home talent, the entire cast being High school boys trained and drilled by Prof Kibler.

The entertainment consisted of comic songs, dialogues and some really good jokes at the expense of various ones in the audience.

Without invidious comparison there all did so well, the parts of Mr Odus Kibler and Mr Bob Kirk were particularly well played and elicited enthusiastic commendation from the audience. Mr Theo Rogers also did well in his role.

Misses Roberta Coker and Ada Brockinton, who provided the music for the entertainment, played many difficult accompaniments with ease, grace and

skill, adding a great deal to the merit of the performance.

Every one of the audience seemed to greatly enjoy the evening and appeared well pleased with the entertainment.

The proceeds, amounting to over \$40, will be applied to the school library fund.

Notes From Moody.

Moody, December 19:—Our school district has been surveyed with satisfaction to all, so far as the writer knows. Mr G W Camlin, a public spirited business man of this community, has offered to pay for the building of the school house, amounting to \$75. If some of our citizens would contribute as much money towards the school house as they are sending to whisky houses we would have funds enough to erect a handsome building.

Mr E Cox went to Georgetown Wednesday on business.

Mr Charley Boyd is building himself a very nice dwelling in town.

Mr W D Crooks, now of Gourdin, is contemplating erecting a fine residence at his old home in this vicinity. He is now having timber cut for the building.

A very enjoyable fruit supper was given at the home of Mr M L Boyd one night recently.

Miss Alma Crooks spent the early part of the week with relatives at Benson.

A pleasant dance was given at the home of Mr R B Altman of this community recently.

While deer driving a few days ago Mr G W Camlin turned loose both barrels at one twenty-five steps away and did not cut a hair. Mr W T Evans shot at a four prong buck at fifteen steps with the same result.

RED COON.

The Smith's Greater Shows

Will arrive Sunday afternoon and open Monday night, December 28, in this town the coming week. Kingstree will for the first time in its history witness a carnival. People of Kingstree have attended attractions of this kind in neighboring towns and are familiar with the plans upon which the carnivals are conducted and the style and class of shows which usually make up the fair. On this score the manager of the Smith's Greater Shows, which are to furnish the entertainment, under the auspices of the City Fire Department, have guaranteed that every one of the attractions and all events in connection with the Carnival will be strictly moral. Mr W McGurk, agent for Smith's Greater Shows, arrived in the city last week and is busy in assisting in making final arrangements. Mr McGurk says every character of amusement which his company will present is second to none. Every attraction presented will be of the highest order in its way and nothing unclean or immoral will be found on the programme of entertainments that will be presented to the people. If you have not already invited your relatives and friends to do so, write them at once to come to Kingstree on the date named and enjoy this great Carnival of mirth and pleasure with us.

The programme of entertainment is so full of good things with which to amuse and entertain the people that it is superfluous to enumerate them. Suffice it to say that there will be ten high class, wholesome and up-to-date attractions, and in so doing he merits their approval and endorsement.

GRAH FOR OLD WILLIAMSBURG!

OUR COUNTY WINS FOUR PRIZES FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT—SCRANTON HEADS THE LIST.

Columbia, December 19:—Under the terms of the contest conducted by the School Improvement association for 1908, the following schools have been awarded prizes of \$100 each:

Scranton, Williamsburg county.
Richburg, Chester county.
Proville, Saluda county.
Sardis, Sumter county.
Pinewood, Clarendon county.

SECOND PRIZES.

The following schools were awarded prizes of \$50 each:

Pergamos, Williamsburg county.
Prospect, Williamsburg county.
Sardina, Clarendon county.
Lees Aca, Bamberg.
Ridgeville, Dorchester.
Snyder, Colleton county.
Oakville, Lexington.
Roberts, Anderson.
Hercules, Barnwell.
Marlboro, Marlboro county.
Indian Field, Dorchester county.
Wedgfield, Sumter county.
Simpsonville, Greenville county.
Pauley, Horry.
Graves' Station, Georgetown county.

Edgemoor, Chester county.
Olar, Bamberg county.
Cope, Orangeburg county.
Mauldin, Greenville county.
Poplar Spring, Oconee county.
Garnett, Hampton county.
Fairview, Lexington county.
Bethel, Richland county.
St Charles, Sumter county.
Elm, Florence county.
Smith, Marlboro county.
Excelsior, Newberry county.
Wamee, Horry county.
Chandler, Greenville.
Sunny South, Lexington.

ADDITIONAL PRIZES.

The committee decided to give eight additional prizes of \$25 each to schools which received honorable mention for the \$50 prizes. The schools receiving these prizes are as follows:

Mill Creek, Richland county.
Brown, Williamsburg county.
Taylor, Greenville.
Yemassee, Hampton county.
Picket Post, Oconee.
Shiloh, Laurens county.
Julia Academy, Orangeburg.
Boiling Springs, Barnwell county.

The checks for these prizes will be sent out from the office of State Superintendent of Education at once. The prize money is to be used in making additional improvements. The schools will be requested to make reports showing how they have spent the money. The formal awards will be made by the Governor at the

meeting of the State School Improvement association on December 31.

A DIFFICULT TASK.

The executive committee of the South Carolina School Improvement association met on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the office of the State Superintendent of Education to award the prizes offered by that association to the rural school making the most material improvement in buildings and grounds. The following members were present: Miss Mary T. Nance, Columbia; Miss Lizzie Rogers, Eastover; Miss Theodosia Dargan, Stateburg; Miss Lou Poppenheim, Charleston; Mrs Lee Walker, Thomas; Miss L. O. Se. Bethea, Latta; Mrs Ollie Hydrick Schoenberg, North, and Mrs J D Coker, Hartsville.

Ninety-one schools entered the competition. The applications, description drawings and photographs covered three large tables, so the committee had quite an enormous task to give careful consideration to all of the schools. In addition to the ninety-one schools a great improvement in the

competition.

Under the State Statute appropriated \$2,000,000 to be used by the School Improvement association in offering prizes to the rural schools in this State which make the greatest improvement during the year. The improvements were to be made between November 1, 1907, and December 10, 1908. "Under material improvements are included local taxation, consolidation, new buildings repairing and painting old ones, libraries, reading rooms or tables, interior decorations, beautifying yards and better general equipment." Five prizes worth \$100 each and thirty prizes worth \$50 each were offered. After the committee had awarded the thirty-five prizes, according to the announcement, they were so impressed with the merits of some of the other schools that they appropriated \$200 from their own treasury to give some additional prizes. This money was contributed by members of the various State and county associations and the Federation of Women's Clubs for this purpose.

Detectives Needed.

The Harpers correspondent of the Kingstree RECORD calls attention to a serious situation in that county, on the border line of Georgetown, in the following communication (then follows the article published in last week's RECORD) which, when coupled with the complaints frequently heard of blind tigers in that neighborhood, looks as if detectives were needed down there.—*Florence Times.*

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A VARIETY OF NEWS FROM LAKE CITY.

THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION—A FATAL ACCIDENT—XMAS ENTERTAINMENTS—PERSONAL NOTES.

Lake City, December 23:—Mr Eugene Oliver, of Marion, was in town Thursday of last week.

G F Stalvey, Esq, of Messrs Bass & Stalvey, was in Cheraw Monday in behalf of those of our citizens who are interested in the affairs of the now notorious Seminole Security Co.

At the municipal election Monday the entire ticket mentioned last week was elected and by a very nearly unanimous vote. The vote was light, only about a hundred ballots being cast. The reelection of Intendant Blackwell year after year and by increasing majorities, too, clearly shows the confidence and esteem in which he is held.

Mrs H G Askins and children are here from Kingstree for the holidays.

The school has taken a vacation until January 4th. Three of the teachers, Misses Gressette, Graham and Blythe have gone to their respective homes for the yuletide.

Mrs Sarah Brooks of Charleston is visiting her daughter, Mrs M D Nesmith.

Mr O S Baldwin has gone on a two weeks' visit to Wilmington, Whiteville and other "tar heel" towns.

Last Thursday night when Rev Oglesby, one of the negro preachers of this town, and his wife were on their way home from the country, the horse became frightened and rearing up fell back on the woman, who had either jumped or been thrown from the buggy. It was quite a while before the horse could be removed from off the woman, it requiring the combined efforts of five men to do this. The woman was so badly injured that she died Saturday night.

Mr D E Motley spent Sunday and Monday in Charleston.

Mr Percy D Snowden of Indiantown who is always a welcome visitor, here, was noted on our streets Monday.

A band of the school children gave an entertainment Thursday night of last week for the benefit of the library. The entertainment was a play called "Rebecca's Triumph." To say that the performance was creditable is by no means saying enough—it was splendid. Every one in the cast did well, some of course better than others, but all well. The audience was a large one and the proceeds satisfactory.

W. L. B.

Not Our Fault.

Brother Wolfe, of the Kingstree COUNTY RECORD, in reprinting the article concerning the feature act of the Crescent Comedy Co, which closes a week's engagement in this city tonight, credited the wrong paper with same. The piece in question was clipped from The Daily Item and not the Georgetown Times.—*Georgetown Item, December 19.*

(The article referred to was handed us for publication by the manager of the opera house and in the copy credit was given the Georgetown Times. We of course had no right to change the copy.—Editor THE RECORD.)

Ceylon's "spicy mountains" are now entertaining Uncle Sam's warships.

HARPERS HAPPENINGS.

Mr Tompkins Improving—Liquor Flows Free—Wedding Bells—Farmers' Day.

Harpers, December 21:—I am glad to report that Mr T R Tompkins, who was shot and seriously wounded at Rosemary some days ago, is improving, being able to walk out on the streets. His friends and the community generally are much gratified that his life has been spared.

Now, Mr Editor, a few remarks with regard to the rum traffic. Your correspondent holds the agency of G & W railroad at Harpers and is present at the arrival of every train. We have four passenger trains daily and each of the east-bound trains delivers an average of 15 to 30 gallons of whiskey. The greater part of this is shipped to negroes. I am satisfied that a lot of whiskey is being sold and we will see or hear of the fruits of this rum before the end of the year, as it is going out in every direction. There will be not less than \$1,000 worth sold and drunk during the holidays, all going out from this town and no revenue derived therefrom for either town or county, besides there is no fund provided for by the Carey-Cothran law to employ detectives to watch out for violators of the law or blind tigers. Lawless people and blended whisky of the cheapest grade we fear will cause vice and crime to run riot at this season.

Wedding bells are ringing in our town. Mr J B Blake, one of our townsmen, and Miss Moore, of this place, were happily married on December 14. Mr. Blake is one of our most prosperous farmers, and his bride is one of the belles of the Earl's section.

Mr Editor, remember our Farmers' day. I hope your physical condition may improve so that you can be with us on January 5, 1909. Harpers is not sparing time or expense to make this a profitable day for the farmers and we shall prepare for and confidently expect a good crowd to attend.

We will have Hon LeGrande Walker of Georgetown and Hon Philip Stoll of Kingstree with us on that day, both these gentlemen having promised to be present and deliver an address to the farmers on the subject of the day. Hon Philip Stoll, solicitor elect, and Senator Walker are two of the best speakers in the State and we know it will be an intellectual treat to our people to hear their able and scholarly addresses on this auspicious occasion.

We are also expecting some gentlemen from Lake City to instruct us in organizing our truck association and we extend an invitation to the people of the county to come and help us out. Our greatest ambition is improvement in our condition and to this end we are working.

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A Christmas Dance.

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

You are cordially invited to attend a Dance to be given by the Kingstree Social Club at

The Kellahan Hotel Monday evening, December twenty-eighth nineteen hundred and eight Kingstree, South Carolina.

A Christmas Tree.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church Christmas night. The public is cordially invited to attend, and the tree is free to all wanting to put presents on it. You are asked to send the presents to the church Christmas morning between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock and 3 to 5 p m, and a committee will be there to receive them.

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