

STATE UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Side Lights on Student Life—Distinguished Visitors Expected.

Columbia, March 6:—We are glad that the trying month of February has passed and along with it those awful "exams," which all fear so much. We have now settled down to our second-term work with a vim and earnestness which cannot do otherwise than mark our efforts with success.

We are expecting on the 19th inst a visit from Dr Eliot, the venerable president of Harvard University. Dr Mitchell, our president, who is now delivering series of lectures at Brown University, will also be here at that time, along with many of our alumni from all parts of the State. The faculties of all of the higher institutions of learning of the State have been invited to be with us on that day and we hope to have a time worthy of the dignitaries who will be present.

The improvements of Carolina which have been planned by the board are rapidly becoming a reality. The administration building will soon be ready for occupation and the erection of a new science hall will be begun in the near future. Besides these two new and handsome buildings, there are plans for many more that cannot be definitely stated yet.

It is well known that Carolina is maintained solely by the appropriations of the Legislature and they have shown their approval of our work by making a generous appropriation this past session. We assure these liberal-hearted men that for every dollar which they give to Carolina, the State will be amply repaid, not in dollars, but with a citizenship which can not be excelled by any other State in the Union.

Dr D F Houston, president of Washington University at St Louis, will deliver the commencement address here next June. Dr Houston is a native of South Carolina and an alumnus of the old South Carolina College. He is a man of whom the whole State may be proud, and, like many other alumni of the University, has made a record which is hard to beat.

Mr Editor, judging the progress of Williamsburg county from the items which appear in your columns, it is indeed making rapid strides in all lines, especially educational and industrial, and this is what everyone wishes to see. We have the assurance that within a few years, ours will be no less than the best county in the State.

Since other men are expressing their opinion in regard to the prohibition question in your columns, I shall take the liberty, if it be allowed, to say, that I believe in State-wide prohibition; but since our wise and honorable Senate has failed to pass the bill, and since they have left it to the will of the people of each county, I think that the citizens of old Williamsburg should show at the ballot box this summer that they are not below the par of any county, in wisdom or in purity, and blot this blighting stain from our history forever. I could give a thousand arguments, but need not. The cause speaks eloquently for itself.

F R H.

The New Magistrates.

Lake City, March 11:—The following are the recommendations made to the Governor for appointment as magistrates for the next two years and until their successors are appointed and qualified, to wit:

Kingstree, R K Wallace; Lake City, Joseph M Eaddy; Greelyville, S M Bradshaw; Lanes, S G McDonald; Trio, J B Files; Morrisville, Geo B Nesmith; Johnsonville, Geo W Davis; Hebron, R C McElveen.

HARPERS NEWS BUDGET.

School Closing Exercises—Death of a Boy—Personal.

Harpers, March 8:—Harpers school closed last Friday, the 5th inst. Mrs L C Coker, the most efficient teacher, held the exercises at the Harpers Baptist church. There was a large attendance, it being an ideal night, the weather fair and pleasant. The exercises were certainly fine. Seven small girls in rotation on the stage sang the great and inspiring song, "Dixie." Those words, "In Dixie land I'll take my stand; I'll live and die in Dixie," were sung by the following named girls: Ada Blake, Alice Pipkin, Edna Feagin Gussie Camlin, Esther Albrooks, Thelma Marshall and Opal McKnight. After this the school children stood in a line with the letters on their breasts forming the word "WELCOME". The same girls appeared the second time on the stage with the following letters on their breasts spelling "WASHINGTON." The exercises were enjoyed by all and the children showed talent and good training, reflecting great credit on their popular teacher. All the patrons of our school will join me in saying that Mrs Coker is not exceeded in the county as an instructor in the school room. She has the love and respect of her pupils and the friendship and good will of all of the patrons of her school. We sincerely hope to be able to secure the services of this noble lady another school term, at least.

Since writing my few remarks in reference to the unfortunate accident which befell little Willie Evans, the brave lad has been called to his reward. The mother and the entire family of the unfortunate youth have the deepest sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

I note with pleasure the slings of your Moody correspondent. I am by his sayings like unto the old darkey preacher who in his discourse from the pulpit said: "I am thankful that God did not make everybody of one mind. If He had, every man would have wanted to marry my wife." The old deacon in the amen corner rose to order and said: "Yes, brother, I am glad He didn't make all men of one mind, because if everybody were of my mind no one would want the preacher's wife." So I am glad that my mind and your Moody correspondent's, or "Red Coon's", mind are not one; because if he had been of my mind no one would be living at Moody. People who move to Moody and live there a short while become a red coon or some other kind of animal.

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Auction Sale of Lots.

The American Realty and Auction Co of Greensboro, N C, sold at auction here last Friday 63 lots at an average price of about \$60 each. The lots were 53x150 feet and the purchaser had the privilege of buying the adjoining lot at the same price. The property belonged to Mr P B Thorn and is situated in the northern part of town across the railroad. There was not a large crowd present but a brass band enlivened the occasion and the bidding was spirited. Nearly all the property was bought by town people.

One lot was given away, Mr John Ross being the lucky winner. The \$5 gold prize was won by Mr Harry More, of the Democrat Comedy Co, which played here last week. A handful of coins was thrown among the crowd and Mr D M Ervin picked up a \$5 gold piece.

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DISPENSARY BOARD INVESTIGATED.

Auditor West Dismissed Charges as Frivolous and Unwarranted.

The following news article appeared in The Florence Daily Times, on Thursday, March 4, from a Kingstree correspondent: State Dispensary Auditor W B West was here today investigating the affairs of the county board as a result of a report that there were some irregularities in the transactions of the Williamsburg county dispensary board. The report charged one of the members of the board with irregularity in taking samples for personal use. It also charged the local dispenser with irregularity in selling certain brands of whisky at a price in excess of that established by the board. After a thorough investigation and consultation with Messrs Gilland & Gilland, counsel for the board, Mr West decided to dismiss the charges, though he has referred the same to the Governor for further action should he deem it necessary. It appears that the charge was brought by some parties who are not in favor with the dispensary and was, in the opinion of the Auditor, frivolous and unwarranted.

Mr West departed for Georgetown this afternoon to continue his regular duties and to check the accounts of that county by his regular schedule.

Lake City Laconics.

Lake City, March 9:—Not since Christmas have our streets been so thronged as they were Saturday, and booze flowed as freely as during the festive days near the close of the old year. The warm March days are causing the sap to rise; and whenever the sap rises it causes the "young man's fancy to turn lightly to things of love," but others' attention is directed to the "power house" and afterward to the "refrigerator" and "ten dollars or thirty days."

Mr G L Sauls, who attended the

inauguration, says that the weather encountered was miserable—the worst he ever saw in Baltimore and Washington. What a terrible mistake our forefathers made when they failed to locate the national capital in Williamsburg county, South Carolina!

We are certainly having an early spring and Maj S M Askins and Dr A H Williams went fishing last Monday.

Dr W H Woods and Mr T P Cottingham have each an automobile and are making things hum.

E L Hirsch, Esq, was here Monday afternoon on business.

Mr George C Motley of Danville, Va, was here several days last week.

People are so busy now that the community is very dull so far as news is concerned. This explains the barrenness of this column.

James W Johnson, Esq, one of the leading attorneys of Marion, spent a day here quite recently.

W L B.

Teachers' Association Meets.

The Williamsburg County Teachers' association met in the auditorium of the graded school at Kingstree Saturday, March 6. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev W A Fairy, after which Miss Ada Brockington played a piano solo.

The first subject, "How to Make Grammar Interesting," was discussed in an instructive paper by Miss Mary Huggins. Messrs Bennett and Mitchell made impromptu talks.

"Fractions" were discussed at length by Prof Sheridan of Lake City.

Prof O M Mitchell of Rome gave a short but able talk on "The Literary Society in the Public School."

The visiting teachers were entertained at dinner by the ladies of Kingstree in their hospitable homes.

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Monthly Statement of the Dispensaries in Williamsburg County FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1909.

All Stock Is Given at Consumers' Prices.

Dispensary	No.	Location	Total Invoice Including Stock on Hand First of Month	Total Sales	Operating Expenses of Each Dispensary	Breakage	Stock on Hand Last Day of Month
Kingstree	1	Academy St.	8,816.03	4,040.65	329.02	8.50	4,677.55
Lake City	2	Acline St.	3,896.15	2,002.44	232.80	7.25	1,736.40
Scranton	3	E. R. R. St.	3,876.46	907.52	105.40	5.60	2,844.75
Total,			\$16,588.64	\$6,950.61	667.22	21.35	\$9,258.70

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Williamsburg.

PERSONALLY APPEARED D. J. Epps and J. E. Brunson, members of the Williamsburg County Dispensary Board who being each duly and severally sworn, deposes and says that the foregoing statement is true and correct. Sworn to and subscribed before me this eighth day of March, 1909.

J. B. STEELE, Notary Public.