

GRADED AND HIGH SCHOOL ITEMS.

The regular meeting of the Weenee Literary society was held on last Friday afternoon and was unusually interesting. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That woman has had more influence in the shaping of civilization than man." The decision was rendered in favor of the negative. The officers for the first term of 1909-10 were elected at this meeting, as follows: President, Tommie Gilbreath; Vice President, Vivian Neeler; Critic, Minnie Bryan; Secretary, James Vause; Treasurer, Junius McIntosh; Censor, Sam Stackley; Literary Editor, Blooma Kennedy. We hope these officers will be as faithful to the society and perform their duties as ably and efficiently as the present incumbents have.

Rev W A Fairy was with us on last Friday afternoon. He made a most able and interesting address on "The Ant," drawing instructive lessons from that most industrious and busy little insect.

On April 9 the Lake City school boys came down again to try their luck with the Kingstree champions, and for the third time were defeated. Score, 12 to 6. Next Friday the Kingstree boys will go to Salters to try to retrieve the defeat they suffered here some weeks ago at the hands of the Salters veterans.

Mr O C Kibler returned Thursday night from his home in Newberry, whence he was called on account of the illness of his mother. We missed Mr Kibler very much and are delighted to have him back.

Honor roll for month ending April 9, 1909.

FIRST GRADE.
Ela Dubose, Ann Fulton, Herbert Funk, Serena Lee, Rosa Perkins, Hampden Montgomery, Es Sullivan, Leita Sedgwick, Ed Smith.

SECOND GRADE.
McCants, 95.71
McGill, 95.28
McConnell, 94.85
Kennedy, 92.99

THIRD GRADE.
Brockington, 95.00
Kellahan, 93.62

FOURTH GRADE.
Jarvis Dubose, 98.70
Rhett Driggers, 97.40
Zeno Montgomery, 96.50
Mauldin Lesesne, 94.80
Madge Cooper, 93.30

FIFTH GRADE.
Jennie Lee Epps, 94.87

SIXTH GRADE.
Louise Barr, 97.33
Winnie Scott, 96.68
Walter Sullivan, 96.55
Miriam Fluitt, 95.99
Marion Dukes, 95.00
Rubie Thorn, 94.11

SEVENTH GRADE.
Donald Montgomery, 98.00
Marie Nelson, 94.33
Jennie Lee Stackley, 94.75

EIGHTH GRADE.
James Vause, 96.50
Pessie Swann, 95.16
Annie Baker, 94.88
Robert Kirk, 92.83
Mary Vause, 92.00

NINTH GRADE.
Lillian Salters, 97.00
Minnie Bryan, 96.55
Maude Baker, 96.44
Frank Rodgers, 95.44
Stella Coward, 95.33
Blooma Kennedy, 95.00

TENTH GRADE.
Ada Brockington, 99.43
Clara Montgomery, 99.43
Roberta Coker, 93.86

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SCHOOL PRIZES ANNOUNCED.

Important Information Forwarded to County Superintendents of Education.

Columbia, April 6:—State Superintendent of Education Swearingen to-day sent out to county superintendents an announcement as to the prizes offered by the Rural School Improvement association of South Carolina. This work has been made known throughout this State for the past few years by the good work of Miss Mary T Nance. This year Miss Theodosia Dargan of Sumter county is president of the association.

Two changes are noted in the prizes' rules this year. It will be required of all schools that compete for the prizes to send answers to questions relating to the conditions under which the improvements have been made, and in the rules this year the change is also made that schools of towns of more than 400 may not be benefited by this fund. This 400 instead of 500 limit is made to conform to the high school act of the session of the Legislature just closed. In a statement issued to-day Mr Swearingen says of the association's work:

"The Rural School Improvement association has resumed its offer of thirty-five prizes to the schools of South Carolina. The contest is open to all country schools, as well as to schools in towns of less than four hundred population. Last year ninety-one entries were made, and the committee of award were so impressed with the exhibit made that they subscribed two hundred dollars for eight additional prizes.

"The smallest rural school is eligible for the contest, and if there is a log school house remaining in any locality in South Carolina, it should this year be replaced with a comfortable frame building. The more backward the community, the greater should be the teacher's incentive to improvement. All schools entering the contest should communicate with Miss Theodosia Dargan, Dalzell, S C. The prizes are to be awarded in December, and one hundred entries are earnestly desired."

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR 1909.

The South Carolina School Improvement association offers thirty-five prizes to the schools of the State for the most decided improvement made during a given length of time. Five of the prizes are to be \$100 each, and thirty are to be \$50 each. Regulations concerning the thirty-five prizes that are to be awarded by this association are as follows:

1. Improvement must be made between November 1, 1908, and December 10, 1909.

2. Prizes will be awarded to schools where the most decided material improvements have been made during the time mentioned.

3. 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.

4. No school can compete for any of these prizes unless it is a rural school. No town with more than 400 population shall be eligible to the contest.

5. All who wish to enter this contest must send their names and descriptions of schools before improvements are made to the president prior to October 1.

6. All descriptions, photographs and other evidences showing improvements must be sent to the president prior to December 15, 1909. The chairman of the board of trustees of any school that is competing for a prize must approve all descriptions before and after improvements are made.

7. Blanks will be sent to schools competing for the above prizes, with questions to be answered relating to the conditions under which the improvements have been made.

8. Prizes will be awarded in checks at the annual meeting of the South Carolina association, December 31, 1909. The prizes are to be used for further improvements in the schools receiving them.

[In 1907 Williamsburg county captured two of the fifteen prizes and last year four of the thirty-five

prizes offered by the School Improvement association. I sincerely hope there will be a number of applicants and successful schools in the contest from this county the present year. J G McCULLOUGH, County Supt of Education. Kingstree, S C, April 8, 1909.]

"I'd Rather Die, Doctor."
than have my feet cut off," said M L Bingham of Princeville, Ill. "But you'll die from gangrene (which had eaten away eight toes) if you don't," said a doctor. Instead, he used Buck's Kidney and Bladder Pills and the doctor's feet are sound.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER COMMENCING JANU 7, 1909.

Greenwood Hdf Co, ch g	\$ 231 25
Winslow Wright, paupers	138 00
C W Wolfe, bd of education	21 00
J C Young, road plow	50 00
Gamble & Jacobs, pauper	1 00
" " chain gang	1 00
Smith-Williams Co, road plow and chain gang	22 15
R H Jennings-Sinking Fund Co, ins on court house and jail	93 33
Thos M Gilland, bd of ed	21 00
Farmers Supply Co, paupers	48 00
Walker Evans & Cogswell Co, supplies Clerk of Court	125 40
I P Mouzon, paupers	4 00
Nesmith Brothers, paupers	48 00
W C Hemingway & Co, paupers	36 00
Dr W C Hemingway, paupers	5 00
Wallace & Kelley, jail practice	8 75
H D Reddick, kerosene oil	3 30
Dr W S Lynch, paupers	12 00
Kennedy-Montgomery Co, rd p	17 52
" " paupers	8 00
Miss Lillie J Cunningham, reindexing	40 00
J J B Montgomery, auditor	33 34
W M Vause & Son, ch g	2 90
Wilkins W Grocery Co, chain gang supplies	32 21
J Wesley Cook, contingent	13 88
J Wesley Cook, treasurer	33 34
J C Young, road plow	70 00
Blizzard Hd Co, chain gang	12 03
J N Hammet, contingent	6 00
J N Hammet, county com	25 00
People's Mercantile Co, ch g	13 65
Geo J Graham, jail report	94 50
R S Strong, guarding c house	52 50
H O Britton, contingent	4 00
J J B Montgomery, contingent	2 60
J J B Montgomery, auditor	33 34
Walker Evans & Cogswell Co, clerk of court office	96 77
J J Graham, road engineer	100 00
J J Graham, contingent	6 95
D W Floyd, paupers	18 00
A Cottingham, road plow	27 47
S M Askins, chain gang	20 25
Allen Brothers, road plow	6 50
Lake City Hardware Co, ch g	6 75
Epps & Epps, chain gang	38 77
H D Reddick, chain gang	23 63
J F McClary, chain gang	7 00
Town of Lake City, terra cotta pipe for roads	43 00
J P Frierson & guard, ch g	51 60
J M Sturgeon, chain gang	1 90
T A Cox, chain gang	4 50
Flowers & Oliver, road plow	32 18
Smith Williams Co, chain gang	14 85
Dr J F Haselden, paupers	15 00
Blakely & McCullough Co, paupers	18 00
Blakely & McCullough Co, paupers	12 50
R S Strong, guarding c house	21 50
Geo J Graham, coffin for Mrs W Matthews	10 00
R E Brown, chain gang	5 00
Brown Brothers, roads (1909)	17 95
W J Godwin, chain gang	12 00
J M Matthews, roads	6 00
P M Brockinton, lunatic	3 50
W D Fitch, jail	2 85
Brown & Brown, chain gang	6 00
Jacob & Scott, paupers	7 00
J J Graham, chain gang	3 60
J J Graham, road engineer	100 00
W C Hemingway & Co, rd plow	49 95
C Cottingham, road plow	60 00
J P Frierson and guard, ch g	58 75
Kingstree Hardware Co, c house and jail	43 65
Rutledge Co News, auditor's ad	25 00
W W Barr, lumber	2 82
Geo J Graham, lunatic	21 00
Geo J Graham, contingent	2 30
Geo J Graham, jail report	90 00
J G McCullough, contingent	6 45
H O Britton, contingent	5 80
W M Vause & Son, road plow	6 75
J C Young, chain gang	70 18
Dr W J Haselden, lunatic	5 00
W M Vause & Son, jail water-works	5 00
John Reed, coffin for Wash Cooper, Pauper	5 00
P M Brockinton, lunatic	3 50
J G McCullough, salary supt of education	100 00
Kennedy-Montgomery Co, chain gang	9 60
H D Reddick, chain gang	6 86
H D Reddick, c house and jail	11 44
J J Steele, Jr, reindexing	26 66
J J Steele, Jr, casing judgment rolls	25 00
Miss L J Cunningham, reindexing	38 65
Williamsburg Live Stock, rent of horse on c house grounds	1 85
Farmers Supply Co, c house and jail	14 10
Farmers Supply Co, ch g	25 44
J J B Montgomery, contingent	3 50
J J B Montgomery, auditors sal	33 34
J N Hammet, county com	75 00
J N Hammet, contingent	5 25

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Departure of Passenger Trains at Kingstree.

The Atlantic Coast Line railroad has promulgated the following schedule, which became effective Monday, September 7, 1908.

—NORTH BOUND—

No 80	7:26 a. m.
*No 46	11:42 a. m.
No 78	5:53 p. m.

—SOUTH BOUND—

No 79	10:52 a. m.
*No 47	5:53 p. m.
No 89	9:06 p. m.

*DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.