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### LIGHTS AND SHADOWS ABOUT LAKE CITY.

#### FARMERS PREPARING FOR BIG CROPS—A CAMPBELL GETS A HUMP ON—THE REAPER, DEATH.

Lake City, March 14.—Messrs J. L. Stuckey and L. H. Howle attended the "flying exhibition" in Wilmington the latter part of last week. They went away Thursday and returned Saturday.

Mr J. M. Godwin spent a day or two in Laurinburg, N. C. last week. While his visit was on business primarily, he did not close his eyes when he met a pretty girl.

Saturday afternoon a crowd of boys were in the woods near the lake. A lot of pistol cartridges were poured into a tin can. The can was then filled with pine straw and set on fire. The boys stood behind trees while the can was being filled with holes. (Then, what?—Printer's devil.)

Messrs Mack Kouri and Joseph Khetter have purchased the bakery on Main street from Mr R. C. Weaver. Mr Kouri, who has been living in Kingstree, will move here, and he and Mr Khetter will continue the bread and cake and pie business.

Mr C. R. Weaver has purchased the "Isaac Timmons place," near Hebron Baptist church, and will move there.

The farmers of this section are certainly preparing for a big crop. Both the magnitude and the thoroughness of the preparations exceed anything seen in this part of the country. Advantage of the good weather has been thoroughly taken to prepare the lands and get the fertilizers hauled. This method of scratching over a township with one mule and putting out guano with a teaspoon, is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. Intensive farming is taking the place of extensive muddling.

Mrs Paul Askins of Timmonsville died Wednesday of last week. She was Miss Amanda Cook, a daughter of the late Mr M. A. J. Cook, and was brought up on her father's place, a few miles from this town.

Mr J. M. Sturgeon spent the early days of the week in Sumter county near South Lynchburg.

Mr J. S. Campbell, it seems, has gone elsewhere. He was last seen here about the 5th instant, and it is reported that he will not return. His family left for Branchville Saturday. Mr Campbell came here about a year ago and had been carrying on a small business in repairing clocks and watches, up to his leave taking.

Mr Joseph U. Godwin died on the 10th instant at his sister's home, which is just east of this town and less than a mile away. While his health had been declining about a year, his death was very sudden. He died sitting in a chair, and up to very few minutes of the end he held his newspaper.

Godwin was in his seventy-year, having passed the three-

quarter milestone last August. Only two children are left behind: Mr J. Ed Godwin, who lived with his father, and Mrs Janie Matthews of Cowards. Mr Henry E. Godwin is the only surviving brother, and Misses Sarah and Alice Godwin and Mrs Vernelle Gaskins are the only sisters.

The burial was at the Graham burying ground Sunday morning, and the funeral services were conducted by Rev W. T. Patrick of Scranton. The entire community turned out to pay the last tribute of respect.

Mr Godwin was an industrious, pains-taking and intelligent man, and one of the most successful farmers in this community. No ground was too low for him to drain, and no land was too rough for him to clear. He was a quiet, law-abiding citizen. He had his peculiarities, but it is not true that, as a rule, our best citizens have their idiosyncrasies. He was very firm in his convictions. His was anything but a milk-and-water nature, and deceit was unknown to him. Like all men of decision of character and frankness of speech, there were those who did not like him; yet these are the very qualities which characterize truest manhood: A useful life was spent, he now rests.

Mrs Louise Baker, wife of Rev W. B. Baker, died at her home at Fork, S. C., some days ago. All her children were with her at the end, except Mrs Pauline Hemingway, who was kept at home by illness. Dr H. L. Baker of Lambert, is her eldest son, and Mrs Itly Wilson of Rome and Mrs Walter Hemingway of Lambert are two of her daughters. Mrs Baker was well known here, where several years of her life were spent.

The "booster-meeting" of the Civic League, held last Friday night, was a success. Quite a large crowd was in attendance, and there were several features which kept alive the interest of all. The three articles winning the prizes offered some time ago, were read and the names of the winners announced. Mrs L. O. Holloway won first prize, Mr Jamie Williams second and Mr Hugh Stokes third. Interesting and enlivening impromptu addresses were made by Rev W. S. Stokes and Intendant J. H. Blackwell. Quite a run was made in the sale of "booster-buttons."

The rain last Monday night was accompanied by hail, which came down soon after the rain began.

Mr A. B. Cook went to Florence Monday on business. W. L. B.

#### Help Yourself by Helping Us.

We hope the friends of The Record, when they come to town to do their trading, will patronize the business houses that advertise in this paper. Remember that without these liberal merchants, bankers and other enterprising business men, the price of subscription would be at least \$3 a year for such a paper as The Record. You'll find, as a rule, that the men who advertise are wide-awake and on the alert and can give you better bargains than those who do not advertise. This applies not only to Kingstree, but many live and up-to-date business men of Lake City, Scranton and Greelyville recognize the pulling power of an ad in The Record.

#### NEWS NOTES FROM ANDREWS.

##### Equalizing the Taxes—Centennial III—Ancient the Hayes Trial.

Andrews, March 13.—Mr J. W. Sykes was taken seriously ill last Saturday night at Lanes while waiting on the G & W train. He had eaten a small piece of cheese as a lunch and it was a little stale. He was very sick for several hours.

Your scribe spent last Saturday at the county seat as a member of the county board of equalization. This board is making every effort in its power to equalize and regulate the taxable property and see that all taxable property goes on the books. All township boards of assessors should see that every man in their respective townships pays his quota, and especially look after dogs and poll-tax, for this tax, goes to our schools. We respectfully invite the trustees in our townships to cooperate with our board to get all dogs and poll-tax payers on the books. This is to the advantage of all school patrons. Our sole aim is to put every poll-tax payer and every dog in Anderson township, No 5, on the tax books this year. Before we give up the task, if necessary, a house-to-house canvass will be made.

The old lady whom I reported some time ago as something over one hundred years old is still suffering and growing weaker from the infirmities of old age. The good people are ministering to her wants and comfort, so that she is well taken care of.

The writer had the pleasure, while in Kingstree, of visiting Mr Edwin Harper, who once was a near neighbor, and was greatly pleased to see him so much improved in health.

By the way, Mr Editor, I see that Rosa and Neil Hayes have both been set free by a North Carolina jury. If I ever take up the practice of treating moles, I am not practicing in or near Larry, N. C., for the ladies over there carry two pistols at a time and several boxes of steel-nosed bullets. The young men around Taber certainly have my sympathy.

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#### The Pumpkin.

Despite the fact that the pumpkin in all its forms has found its fullest meed of popular appreciation in the United States, it is by no means certain that the plant had its first home on this continent. Some authorities claim that it did and produce evidence to show that the aborigines of North America planted it among their maize. Others contend that it is of Asiatic origin, and still others point out that pumpkins have been cultivated either as a curiosity or as an article of food in England since the year 1570. Even today we have not a monopoly of pumpkin culture. The orange hued orbs of joy are grown in various European countries, notably in France, where the market gardeners in the vicinity of Paris go to the trouble of sowing their pumpkin seeds in April in a hotbed under glass and nurture them carefully until they are transplanted in May.—Christian Herald.

It is now against the law to send a weekly paper to a subscriber longer than one year on credit. We don't intend to violate the law to please anyone; so don't be surprised if your paper stops coming when you don't pay.

#### SOMEWHAT AT VARIANCE

##### Are the Statements Made by Governor Blease and Mr. Clayton.

Relative to the appointment of F. L. Willcox, Esq., special Judge to hold court at Florence, Governor Blease, in answer to a direct question whether or not he heeded the supreme court's recommendation in commissioning Attorney Willcox, replied: "No, I commissioned Mr Willcox upon the appeal of W. F. Clayton, the chairman of the Florence County Bar association."

Apropos the foregoing statement which appeared in the daily newspapers, Mr Clayton writes the Florence Times as follows:

Editor Times:—I hear on the street that Governor Blease wired me that he would appoint Mr Willcox special Judge as a compliment to me personally, and not to the bar of Florence. This is without the slightest foundation. I have received no telegram or other communication from the Governor in regard to the matter and knew nothing of the appointment until I came down town this morning. I have never asked Governor Blease, or any other official, and never expect to, for any official favor for personal reasons. I sent the despatch at the request of the Florence bar, which despatch was as follows and speaks for itself, and to that despatch I received no answer. W. F. CLAYTON.

Hon. Cole L. Blease, Governor of the State of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C.

Our court of general sessions for Florence county under the law should meet here on Monday next. Judge Klugh, who in rotation should preside, is sick, and the bar of Florence, of which I am chairman, and upon my motion, has recommended for special Judge to hold this court Mr F. L. Willcox, a man of the highest character; a man who takes no active part in politics and a lawyer of the highest ability. There are sixteen prisoners in jail and many out on bond. Jurors and witnesses have been summoned, and if this court is not held Florence county will not only be inconvenienced but put to great expense, as with the additional criminal cases that increase from court to court, the county will eventually have to have a special term before it will again get down to normal conditions. The public are the sufferers and I appeal to you as Governor to commission Mr Willcox and avoid the catastrophe that will inevitably befall our judicial proceedings. W. F. CLAYTON.

#### Two Great Soldiers.

Lack of petty jealousy is one of the distinguishing marks of the great. To be entirely frank in the appreciation of a rival is better than to win a battle. Lee and Jackson, the two great generals of the south during the civil war, were absolutely free from even a trace of rivalry. Theodore A. Dodge quotes a remark from each in his article on Chancellorsville.

"He is the only man I would follow blindfolded," said Jackson of Lee.

When General Lee heard of Jackson's wound he exclaimed: "He has lost his left arm, but I have lost my right!"

#### Injured Innocence.

The Sympathetic Pal—Wotcher, Bill! You looks bad. Been laid up? Bill—Yus, sort of. 'Aven't been outer doors for free muns.

The Sympathetic Pal—Wot was the matter wiv yer? Bill—Guffin; only the judge he wouldn't believe it.—London Sketch.

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