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News Items of Interest Gathered by a Faithful Son of the Soil.

Rhems, February 21:—Mr and Mrs Isaac Johnson have returned to their home at Norristown, Pa., after spending several weeks here pleasuring about.

Miss Fannie Dusenbury of Conway is visiting Misses Laura and Mary Rhem.

Mr Wade H Baxley visited at Andrews Sunday. He passed through our midst late in the afternoon in his Ford, accompanied by Miss Lillian Bruorton of Strawberry, en route to Mr and Mrs H W Bruorton's, Miss Lillian's uncle and aunt, on route 1, where she spends some time pleasantly, of course.

Miss Annie Ervin, an accomplished young lady of the Indiantown vicinity, has returned to her home after spending several days pleasantly at the homes of Mr and Mrs J D and Mrs Fannie L Munnerlyn.

Mr D L Moyd, cashier of the Bank of Andrews, is a frequent and pleasant caller in Choppee section. We hope for this estimable young gentleman much success, and are glad to mention that he has "Leap Year" in his favor now.

Mrs Van D Harper has been seriously ill for several weeks, but we are glad to report she is recuperating nicely and hope for her a speedy recovery to perfect health.

Mr Geo E Grier went to the city of Conway Sunday.

A "colored minstrel" gotten up and presented by the boys of Union High school was very much enjoyed by a large audience last Friday evening at the school auditorium. The boys did exceptionally well and were continuously applauded. The door receipts, amounting to \$31.40 and votes for cake amounting to \$83.70, will go for organizing and maintaining the U H S baseball team, and the refreshment receipts of \$24.90 will be contributed to the incidental expense account and local school fund.

There will be an appropriate programme of "The Father of Our Country" at Union High school next Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited. These exercises are to be free.

Mr A B Edwards spent Sunday in Georgetown. B W M.

Blalock-Boyd.

A wedding of unusual beauty took place Thursday afternoon at the home of Rev and Mrs P P Blalock at Edgefield, when their second daughter, Miss Marion, late teacher of Boyd school, became the bride of Dr William Sims Boyd of Greelyville. The ceremony was performed by the bride's pastor and the invocation was offered by her pastor, Rev E C Bailey of the Presbyterian church.

The guests were received at the door by Misses Martha Gourdin, a niece of the groom, Royall Peak, Marie Anderson and Elizabeth Waring. The entire lower floor of the home was thrown en suite and fully decorated for the occasion. In the west parlor the color scheme was yellow and white, daffodils being used in great profusion. In the east parlor, where the ceremony was per-

formed, white and green were used and in the dining room yellow predominated. The bride's table was outlined with yellow daffodils, and a huge basket in the center was filled to overflowing with the same flowers, the choicest of the Edgefield gardens at this season. The shade over the electrolier was a yellow shower effect, shedding the soft light about the room. After the guests' arrival they were entertained with several musical numbers. Then, to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, the bridal party descended from the upper hall in the following order: First the flower girls, Katherine Stewart and Elizabeth Bailey, next the ministers, Revs P P Blalock and E C Bailey, then ring bearer, little Ned Nicholson, the matron of honor, Mrs P P Blalock, Jr, of Atlanta, Ga, and the groom, accompanied by his nephew, Mr P G Gourdin of Kingstree, who acted as best man. After the ceremony Dr and Mrs Boyd were showered with congratulations and best wishes of friends from various parts of the State. A buffet luncheon was served by old family servants, followed by ice cream and cake, the color scheme, yellow and white, being reflected in the cream.

Clad in a rich gown of white satin with train, the bride never appeared more beautiful than she did on this occasion. The grace of her slender form was heightened by the conventional veil. Later in the evening she donned a handsome traveling suit ready for the departure upon their wedding journey of several weeks in New York and other Northern cities.

Among the guests were: Mr P G Gourdin and Miss Martha Gourdin of Kingstree and Drs I N Boyd and R T Zeigler and Mr B G Land of Greelyville.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Prospect, Kingsburg-Poston and Johnsonville Schools Compete.

Johnsonville, February 22:—The annual oratorical contest arranged among the graded schools of Prospect, Kingsburg-Poston and Johnsonville was held Friday evening, in which two contestants appeared from each school. There was a large crowd present and great interest was shown in the event. A musical programme, which was arranged by Misses Rivers and Crouch, music teachers of this school and Kingsburg-Poston school, added materially to the pleasure of the evening. The manner in which each of the young men and young women acquitted himself or herself showed very careful preparation and reflected no small credit on the respective schools. The medal in oratory for young women was won by Miss Myrtis Woodberry of Poston, while Averett Rollins of Johnsonville was the successful young man.

Much credit for the marked success of the occasion is due B D Refo, of the Johnsonville school, as well as to the faculties of all the schools concerned.

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BENSON BREEZES.

Death of an Honored Citizen--Personal Mention.

Benson, February 22:—A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives attended the funeral of Mr Thomas A McCrea at Cedar Grove Baptist church Friday afternoon. Mr McCrea, who had reached the age of 52 years, by his perseverance, energy and strictly business principles and a predominantly honest character had accumulated enough earthly property to live at ease the remainder of an ordinary life when the grim reaper, death, summoned him to his future home. He leaves a widow, eight children, one brother, Mr W A McCrea, one sister, Mrs Sallie Brown, two half-brothers, Messrs S T and J V Brown, and two half-sisters, Mesdames Ben McClary and Sylvester Mitchum, to mourn his death.

Messrs Dunlop McCullough and Manson Brown were visitors here last week.

Miss Meta Boykin Dalzel is visiting relatives and friends in this community.

Prof W H Watson of Andrews spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs J Y McGill.

Mr Rob I Snowden of Delmar, Del, is spending a short while at his old home here.

Mr Thos Chandler, who is now employed at Cape Charles, Va, is pleased with the place and his position. His only grievance is the severity of the weather.

Mr H Edward Tisdale has moved into his elegant new home that has recently been completed. It is just a little too far from the public road for the traveling folk to see. However, it is there for the comfort of himself and family.

Mr and Mrs J A Hardy, with their little son, Robert, and Miss Essie Hanna, motored over from Wilson last Sunday, attended services at Cedar Swamp church and returned after visiting the home of Mr and Mrs G O Epps. W E S.

Rev Harold Thomas, who is recuperating at Edisto Island, returned to Florence Wednesday of last week to perform the marriage ceremony for one of his parishioners. He returned that evening to the island, where he will remain until Easter, April 23.

KILLED IN JACKSONVILLE.

J W Plowden Victim of Collision of Auto and Street Car.

J W Plowden, a native of South Carolina, who was traveling salesman out of Charleston, for the Carolina Portland Cement Company, of that city, died in Jacksonville, Fla, Sunday as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident in the Florida metropolis Saturday night.

According to an account of the accident in a Jacksonville newspaper of Sunday, Mr Plowden was riding in an automobile with Miss Bessie Bent, stenographer for a law firm in Jacksonville, when their machine crashed into a trolley car. George Frierson, a negro, who it is alleged was the chauffeur, but who denied that he was, was also injured.

Both Mr Plowden and Miss Bent were taken to a hospital, the former suffering from a fractured skull, and the young woman from injuries about the shoulders and jaw. The condition, of both, the Jacksonville paper said, was pronounced serious. Sunday a telegram was received by a Charleston friend, stating that Mr Plowden had died and that his remains had been shipped to his home in Atlanta for burial. He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Lila Mouzon of this county, and six children. He was about thirty-eight years old.

Mr Plowden was a nephew of Mr S A Nettles and had many warm friends in Kingstree, by whom his untimely death is deeply mourned.

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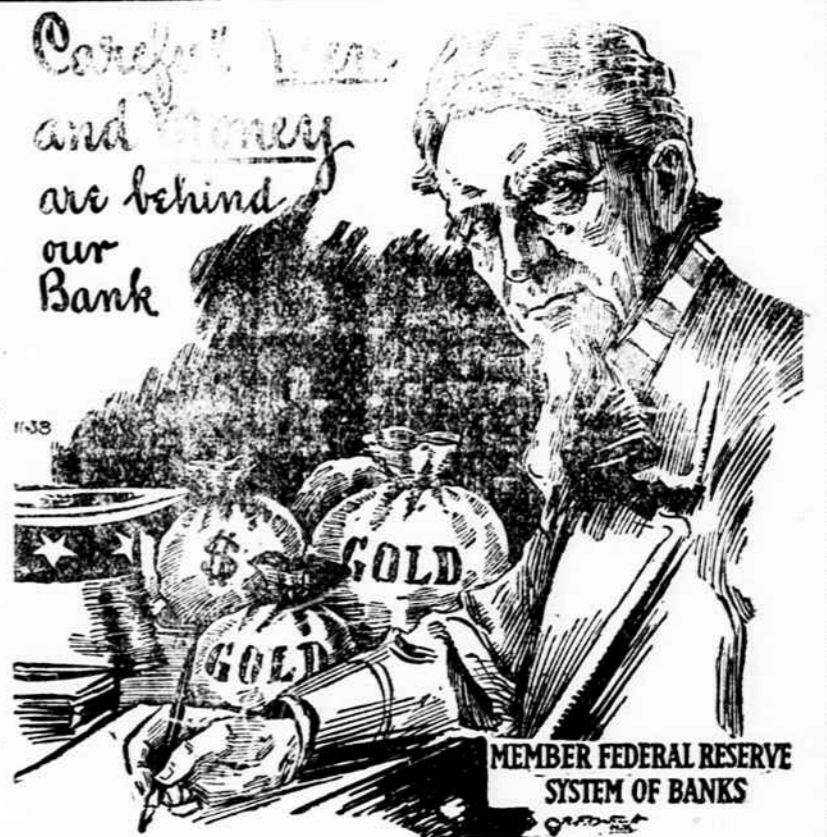
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