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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT LEXINGTON.

THRIVING TOWN PRACTICALLY WIPED OUT BY FLAMES--LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$160,000.

A special dispatch to the News and Courier Tuesday morning from Lexington states:

Practically the whole town of Lexington was destroyed by a fire, which started at 10:40 o'clock last night, doing an estimated damage of \$160,000, wiping out every business house in town except the Caughman-Kaminer Company, the Harmon Drug Company and Meetze & Son. The Home National Bank, on the corner of Main and Depot streets; the court house and the county jail were also saved by heroic efforts.

The fire originated in the store of the Sawyer Drug Company and was quickly swept by a northwest wind to adjoining buildings on each side.

The following buildings were consumed: Scott Hendrix, two stores; the old W P Roof building, which was unoccupied, except by a barber shop; Mitchell's meat market, a small shoe repairing establishment, Barley Barre Hardware Company, E B Roof & Sons, Andrew J Mathias, Sawyer Drug Company, E G Dreher, Enterprise Hardware Company, Saratt's Bazaar and the Lexington Dispatch. The Bank for Western Carolina went up in the flames, as did the building of Alfred J Fox, in which was located a pool room and barber shop. Meetze Hotel and the Citizens' Telephone Company's building were consumed.

The Caughman-Kaminer Company was saved only by the most heroic efforts. In attempting to save this building Capt Chas H Kelso, of Cleveland, Ohio, who is spending the winter in Lexington, became overheated and had to be carried away in a fainting condition. He recovered, however, and resumed the fight. Others were more or less injured, but none seriously.

The Columbia fire department was called upon for aid and responded promptly, but on account of lack of water supply the firemen were powerless to lend assistance.

The town is practically wiped out and everybody is more or less excited.

Mr. Evans "Making Good."

Blenheim, March 29:--S E Evans, farm demonstrator of Marlboro county, is doing a good work in aiding the farmers in selecting seed, pruning and planting fruit trees and in the organization of corn and pig clubs. Very little attention has been paid to fruit growing in this county, though the soil is in many localities well adapted to the growth of pears and peaches. The once prevalent "piney woods rooster" is rapidly being supplanted by swine of better breed, among which the Duroc Jersey seems to be a popular specimen. Mr Evans seems to have his work well in hand, and his aid and advice are a valuable asset to the agricultural assets of the county.--News & Courier.

Mr Evans is a native of Workman and a graduate of Kingstree High school and Clemson college. We are gratified that he is meeting with such well deserved success in his chosen profession.

PROGRAMME FOR FIELD DAY EXERCISES

TO BE HELD IN KINGSTREE NEXT WEEK--HOPE TO BE THE BEST FIELD DAY EVER KNOWN.

County Superintendent J G McCullough, enthusiastically aided by his faithful corps of teachers and their ambitious scholars, is straining every effort to make the approaching Field Day the most successful in the annals of Williamsburg. In this laudable object they have the co-operation of all good citizens. The exercises will take place at Kingstree High and Graded school Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8. The programme will be as follows:

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

8 p. m., high school oratorical and expression contests. These exercises never fail to attract large crowds of friends of the pupils and are invaluable in teaching elocution.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

10 a. m., contests in reading, spelling and composition. The scholars will be divided into three classes, the high school grades, the 6th and 7th grades and below 6th grades. In reading, each pupil will be given the same selection, but only one will be admitted to the room at a time, thus giving no advantage to the pupil reading last. In the spelling contest (written) twenty-five words will be given out. In composition, the pupils will be given their choice of one of five subjects specified.

11:30 a. m., declamation and recitation contest. Each school may enter a boy and a girl from the elementary grades.

1:00 p. m., parade from school grounds to court house for lunch.

2:30 p. m., athletic events, as follows: Boys' contests, high school--100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, 220-yard low hurdle, half-mile relay, shot put, pole vault, broad jump, high jump, baseball throw. Elementary schools--50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, 440-yard run, 120-yard low hurdle, broad jump, half-mile relay, baseball throw, high jump. Girls--Apple race, 50-yard dash, baseball throw.

8:00 p. m., announcement of honors and awarding of prizes at auditorium.

ALONG THE MAIL ROUTE.

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

Rhems, March 28:--Weather conditions having moderated somewhat and renewed life and energy in this locality are generally perceptible, the planters are quite busy preparing their soil for planting another crop. Some corn, beans and potatoes have been planted so far. The tobacco beds that were sown early have suffered greatly from the excessive cold, and the ones that were sown later are very small. The outlook for this crop is very embarrassing just now.

A dog affected with hydrophobia ran amuck in our midst last Saturday, biting several of Mr D B Baxley's geese, his dog, gnawed up a calf belonging to a colored man and then made his way to the home of Mr D Rhem, where the brute attacked the hounds, which he keeps in an enclosure. The continual howling of these hounds aroused Mr Rhem, who,

after investigating the trouble, decided to kill the unwelcome visitor, which he did with his shotgun.

Miss Lillian Cribb, of this place, and Mr D O Lewis of Gordon were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony at 6 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Seals Cribb. The ceremony was performed by Rev Mr Carter of Pleasant Hill. Friends of the young couple wish them a long life of wedded bliss.

Mr F H Fenters, a prominent farmer residing in the Rose Hill section, is dangerously ill at this writing. His daughters, Mesdames F B Swope and R R Gibson, and son-in-law, Mr R R Gibson, of Charleston are at his bedside. Willing and tender hands are doing all in their power to relieve his sufferings, but the physician attending him says the malady with which he is afflicted is incurable.

Dr and Mrs W H Burgess of Sumter spent several days last week at the home of Mrs Burgess' mother, Mrs F L Munnerlyn.

Mr and Mrs D D Rhem motored to the "city on Winyah bay" Monday.

A sovereign camp of Woodmen of the World, Holy, No 845, was recently organized at Rome with 20 members. There are a few more applicants and several old choppers of other camps to join. We hope to have a wide-awake camp, and all members of the order in good standing who wish to visit this camp are cordially invited to come and sit on a stump or hang about on a limb. The meeting nights are the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

Mr G G Broadway visited at Nesmith Sunday afternoon.

Messrs H, Willie and Johnnie Foxworth of Cades were noticed on the "route" Sunday afternoon on their way to Dunbar in search of shade.

Mr J L Stuckey of Lake City passed through here Monday on his way home from Georgetown, where he had spent several days.

Mr F Rhem is spending some time in Charleston this week. B W M.

There are two classes of people in every town. The first never lose an opportunity to better their own condition in all legitimate ways and at the same time advance the interests of the community as a whole. The other class--well, they are just the other class, and that's all.

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Candidate For Sheriff,
States His Position
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To my friends and the voters of Williamsburg county:

This letter is to call your attention to my candidacy for the office of Sheriff of this county and to especially stress the fact that I want and earnestly solicit your support in the Democratic primary in August. In return for your support, I promise, if elected, to perform the duties of this responsible office to the best of my ability and without fear or favor, recognizing at all times the fact that the laws of the great State of South Carolina are made by the people and apply to no special race, class or creed, but to all alike.

For the past four years I have held the office of Coroner of the county and I feel no hesitancy in saying that I have performed the duties of that office faithfully and conscientiously to the best interest of the people.

If I should be elected to the office to which I now aspire, it is my intention to secure and maintain at my own expense, a pack of well trained bloodhounds for use in connection with the office and for the citizens of Williamsburg county as a means of assistance in bringing to justice such culprits as might otherwise escape the law.

Again requesting your vote and your support in my behalf for this office and assuring you in advance of my sincere appreciation, I am,

Very truly yours,
H U KINDER.

The Lever bill authorizing the census director to collect and publish monthly statistics of cotton seed and cotton seed products was passed by the House yesterday after an all day debate.

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