

CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

BETHEL CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL HELD COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES TUESDAY NIGHT.

Large Audience Saw Programme Splendidly Executed by Pupils—More than One Hundred Pupils; Average Attendance Over Seventy-Five—State Aid May be Secured—Teachers.

The school auditorium and hall was filled to overflowing Tuesday night by the many friends and patrons of the school who had gathered to witness the closing exercises of a very prosperous year. The exercises were conducted by Mr. H. H. Brunson, principal of the school and were well executed, the program being an interesting one all the way through.

Bethel school is one of the few consolidated schools in the county and perhaps the most largely attended rural school in the county. The enrollment during the past year has been more than one hundred pupils and the average attendance over seventy-five for the entire year even up to the end of the term and during the busy season last fall. This is the only school in the county which used wagons to haul the pupils to school daily, the wagons being sent out of a radius of several miles so as to take up the children who formerly attended other schools which were suspended in order to get the consolidated school with its advantages to the pupils.

The splendid enrollment and average attendance of the school put it on the list of those schools which are eligible for State aid and the school can secure its share of this fund, \$300, if it will pass a levy for two more mills for school purposes. The school district now has a levy of two mills for extra school purposes, but the act recently passed by the legislature to encourage increased levies and better average attendance in the rural schools and known as the Consolidated Grade School Act, requires an extra levy of four mills, which if the district passes it, as no doubt it will, will make it possible to obtain the money from the State fund.

The school during the past year has been under the guidance of able and energetic teachers as is shown by what has been done during the year. The principal is Mr. H. H. Brunson of Orangeburg, a graduate of Clemson College, who is assisted in the teaching of the school by Miss Lucy Pugh and Miss Marie Garner. The fact that the pupils are doing good work and taking interest in their school is shown by the record recently made by them at the County School Day, when their school carried off the majority of the prizes offered.

The exercises were commenced with a prayer by the Rev. William Haynsworth, Dr. J. H. Haynsworth, county superintendent of education, who was present, made a few remarks complimenting the school in its record for the year and encouraging it to greater efforts during the coming year.

The Harvin prize for the highest scholarship in the high school department, the 7th, 8th and 9th grades, was won and delivered to Miss Gladys Jackson of the 9th grade.

The program which was extremely well executed and caused many favorable comments from those witnessing the exercises was as follows:

Welcoming Song—Entire School.
Comedy Sketch—A Slight Misunderstanding—A Dear Old Lady, Bertha Pritchard; Tramp, Soule Mellett.
Duet—Scuse me Today, May Haynsworth, Lucy Kolb.

Marching Song—Wave Old Glory, Primary and Intermediate Departments.

Comedy Spetch—The Train to Mauldin—Mrs. Buttermilk, Amberlee Kolb; Mr. Knight, Railroad Clerk, Robert Ingram; Jonnie Buttermilk, Alva Ingram.

Duet—The Quarrel—Pauline Jackson, Clarence Geddings.

One Act Comedy—The Spellin Skewl—Mary Jane Plunkett, Teacher, Ora Pritchard; Sis Jones, Alice Weeks; Sallie Waters, Lucy Kolb; S'manth Brown, May Haynsworth; Mary Malony, Ellie Kolb; Lucy Augusta Jane Smith, Pearl Pritchard; Kittle Clover, Cassie Nicholes; Groony Muggins, Frank Kolb; Pasty Boliver, Soule Mellett; Bub Jones, Charles Kolb; Pinky Smith, Hazel Kolb; Barney Ducey, Odie Cain; Sleepy Jim, Fallow Jackson.

Hammer Song—Intermediate and High School Departments.

Goodnight Song and Drill—Mary White Nettles, Jessie Puck, Erline Allsbrooks, Annie Kolb, Mella Kolb, Katie Allsbrooks, Ruth Kolb, Pauline Jackson.

Our Home—Court Folke—Josiah Dean, an old farmer, Richard Jackson; Martha Dean, his wife, Lorie Jackson; Nat Dean, Polly Dean, their children, H. H. Brunson and Grace Wells, Lona Lane, a steamstress, Gladys Jackson; Ozias Schuyler, postmaster, Russell Mellett; Peter Patch, the choro boy, Beecher Jackson; Horatio Ferich, a country lawyer, Archie Wells; Alvina Berry, a neighbor, Olive Jackson; Jake Delmer, the village barber, Ernest Kolb. Act 1—Home of Josias Dean, (Summer). Act 2—The Same, One Year Later. Act 3—The Same, a month Later.

Special Musical Numbers between acts by Bethel High School Glee Club.)

Farewell Song—Entire School.

MAULDIN GETS WHISKEY.

GREENVILLE MAGISTRATE UP-HOLDS RIGHT TO BUY IT.

With Claim and Delivery Proceedings Decided in Purchaser's Favor, Another Test is Docketed.

Greenville, May 20.—Magistrate Inman today decided in favor of O. K. Mauldin the claim and delivery suit brought by him against Sheriff J. Perry Poole for the recovery of two barrels of liquor which he purchased here two weeks ago at a public auction ordered by Federal Judge Henry A. M. Smith. The decision settles, so far as the magisterial court extends, the first clash between State and federal authorities over the recent ruling of Judge Smith that the government has a right to sell intoxicating liquors condemned by the United States court in any locality, irrespective of the State's "wet" or "dry" territories.

In rendering his decision Magistrate Inman said: "Before alcoholic liquor can be confiscated by the State it must be shown that the same is contraband and that it was obtained in an unlawful manner or obtained in a lawful manner but for an unlawful purpose. It having been shown by the testimony that the sale was a lawful one and that the liquor was not purchased for an unlawful purpose, I decide for the plaintiff."

The main issue at stake was whether or not the federal government had a right to sell intoxicating liquor in a locality where a State law prohibited liquor selling. The plaintiff having cited section 240 of the United States criminal code of 1910, and sections 923 and 939 of the United States revised statutes of 1878 as authority for the government's right to condemn whiskey shipped in violation of the interstate commerce laws, as was the case with the liquor in question, and ordered it sold at any point the court designated, this point was passed by.

The second issue at stake was whether or not the whiskey was contraband. The testimony showed conclusively that the liquor was purchased lawfully (for the government had a right to sell it) and that it was not intended to be used for an unlawful purpose by the purchaser. This is the substance of the plaintiff's argument. Counsel for Sheriff Poole contended that when the Union was formed by the several sovereign States each State surrendered a certain amount of its sovereignty. In doing this, however, the States retained their police power. The Union, having no police power, can not step into a State where the sale of whiskey is prohibited by that State's police power and conduct a whiskey sale.

In Magistrate Stradley's court Tuesday the criminal case growing out of the whiskey sale will be heard. Mr. Mauldin is charged in this instance with having in his possession contraband whiskey.

C. C. AND O. LETS CONTRACT.

Extends Line from Dante to Elkhorn City, Making Trunk Line to Middle West.

Bristol, Va., May 21.—The Carolina Clinchfield and Ohio railroad has awarded a contract for the construction of a forty-mile extension from its present terminus at Dante, Va., to Elkhorn City, Ky., connecting with the Chesapeake and Ohio. This extension will cost \$5,000,000 and will give a trunk line from the Middle West to the South Atlantic seaboard. The extension will require nineteen tunnels, the longest being 8,000 feet, through Big Sandy Ridge.

It would surprise you to know the great good that is being done by Chamberlain's Tablets. Darius Downey, of Newberg Junction, N. E., writes: "My wife has been using Chamberlain's Tablets and finds them very effectual and doing her lots of good." If you have any trouble with your stomach or bowels give them a trial. For sale by all dealers.

A large delegation of girls from the Coker College for Women passed through the city Wednesday morning on their way home after the close of their school.

There never was a time when people appreciated the real merits of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy more than now. This is shown by the increase in sales and voluntary testimonials from persons who have been cured by it. If you or your children are troubled with a cough or cold give it a trial and become acquainted with its good qualities. For sale by all dealers.

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MAULDIN CASE DISMISSED.

MAGISTRATE THROWS OUT THE CHARGE IN WHISKEY CASE.

Stradley, Basing Decision on Finding of Inman, Holds Possession of Liquor Legal.

Greenville, May 21.—Magistrate Samuel Stradley today dismissed the charges of "having in possession and transporting spirituous liquors for illegal purposes" brought against O. K. Mauldin as a result of his purchasing two barrels of liquor sold at public auction here May 11, by order of Federal Judge Smith. Coming upon the heels of Magistrate Inman's decision yesterday, that the government had a right to sell the liquor, the verdict signifies that Gov. Blease has lost, so far as the magisterial courts extend, in his clash with the United States court. In view of Magistrate Inman's ruling that the whiskey purchased by Mr. Mauldin was not contraband, the hearing before Magistrate Stradley was largely perfunctory. In rendering his decision, the magistrate said: "By agreement, the testimony taken by Magistrate Inman yesterday in the claim and delivery suit of O. K. Mauldin vs. J. Perry Poole, sheriff, should be used today."

"The the testimony and the interpretation given by the Supreme Court in the cases of the State vs. Bwokand, reported in volume 87, South Carolina reports, page 442, and the State vs. Green, reported in advance sheets of August, 1911, page 113, my mind is clearly satisfied that the defendant, O. K. Mauldin, has not been guilty of violating the laws of the State, by either having in possession or transporting spirituous liquors for illegal purposes and the case is therefore dismissed and the defendant honorably discharged."

TIMMERMAN UNDER \$200 BOND.

Solicitor Charged with Assault and Battery with Intent to Kill Columbia Policeman.

Columbia, May 21.—Charged in the warrant with assault and battery with intent to kill, Solicitor George Bell Timmerman, of Lexington, will probably have to answer to the charge against him in the Richland County Court of General Sessions. The warrant was sworn out before Magistrate Fowles by P. A. Murphy, and Solicitor Timmerman has given bond in the sum of \$200. Mr. John Earle having signed the bond. The papers were turned over to Solicitor W. H. Cobb this afternoon by Magistrate Fowles. The warrant alleges that Solicitor Timmerman assaulted P. A. Murphy, a Columbia policeman with a knife, cutting his coat. Witnesses named in the warrant are J. G. Taylor, F. L. Fleming, F. L. Etheridge and two others.

The charge grows out of a case in the Police Court here some days ago, in which Solicitor Timmerman figured as one of the principals and was fined \$55. The police say that Mr. Timmerman was riding about town in an automobile without lights; they allege that one of their number saw the automobile running without lights, which is against a city ordinance, and the police followed Mr. Timmerman and attempted to arrest him and that he assaulted Policeman Murphy with a knife, cutting his coat in two places, but fortunately not reaching the skin; that others coming to the assistance of Officer Murphy wrenched the knife from Mr. Timmerman's hand and placed him under arrest. Subsequently in the Police Court he received a fine of \$55 for violation of the city ordinances. The warrant in the Magistrate's Court was sworn out by Officer Murphy, and on it Solicitor Timmerman was bound over to the higher court under a \$200 bond.

Mr. George Bell Timmerman is a resident of Lexington, and solicitor of the circuit of which that county is a part.

Sumter Boys Win Prizes.

The delegation from Sumter county to the South Carolina Co-Educational Institute at Edgefield arrived at home Tuesday night, their school having closed Tuesday. The Sumter county boys at this school are: Cadets—Burriss, Wedgefield; Dunbar, Dalzell, and Curtis and Henry Edens of Sumter. The Sumter boys won four of six prizes offered—Curtis Edens winning the Bailey medal as the best drilled man in the manual of arms in the recruit class. The Bailey declaimers' medal going to Cadet Dunbar; the Evans Oratorical medal was won by Cadet Burriss; of Wedgefield and the medal for Improvement in the Pierlan Society was also won by Cadet Burriss.

Marriage License Record.

A marriage license was issued Tuesday to Mr. Joseph Edward Andrews and Miss Sudea Barkley of Sumter.

FIRE LADDIES ORGANIZE.

R. E. WILDER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SUMTER VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Organization Formed Monday Night. The Two Squads Headed by J. Fred Wise and T. Mack Owens—Officers Elected—Will Have Twenty Men on Force, Fourteen Already Chosen—Plans for Tournament.

At a called meeting of the members of the Sumter Volunteer Fire Department held in the department headquarters Monday night an organization was formed by the election of officers and the formulation of plans which will tend to give Sumter better fire protection in the future.

Mr. R. E. Wilder, the chief of the fire department, was elected president and other officers were elected as follows: Vice-president, J. Fred Wise; secretary and treasurer, Capt. P. P. Finn.

Squad Number 1, combination hose wagon and chemical engine, foreman, J. Fred Wise; assistant foreman, Herman Phelps; members, Ryan White, Cecil Schwerin and Julian Wilder.

Squad Number 2, hose wagon, foreman, T. M. Owens; assistant foreman, Pat Gallagher; members, Jack Forbes, Cliff Brown, Ormsby Blanding and Alva Keels.

Steamer, engineer, Capt. P. P. Finn; assistant engineer, Harry Weeks.

Those present at the meeting were: Messrs. P. P. Finn, R. E. Wilder, Fred Wise, Pat Gallagher, Herman Phelps, Harry Weeks, Ormsby Blanding, Mack Owens.

It was decided to have twenty men in the fire department, the eight men who have been selected by the fire committee to sleep in the fire house and twelve call men. Of the ten to be chosen, Capt. Finn and Chief Wilder being already members, four were selected Monday night, Messrs. Cecil Schwerin, Cliff Brown, Alva Keels and Julian Wilder and the other six will be chosen at some early date.

Plans were laid for the approaching tournament at Rock Hill. The racing wagon is expected in a few days, not later than this week, and as soon as it comes the members of the department, who expect to go to Rock Hill, will begin practicing at once. The practice will be early in the morning when the streets are free from traffic and there is little danger of anyone being injured or of anyone being troubled by the dust, several having complained of this during the practice on Washington street. The members of the racing squad have not yet been positively chosen, but they will probably be assigned to their places as soon as the men settle down to hard practice.

The department has several unusually fast horses and they hope to win at Rock Hill. It was only a few days ago that a visitor from Asheville stopped in at the fire department house and told about the gray from that place having won a number of prizes. He also stated that he wished that they could get the pair of horses back to Asheville.

MR. FRYE IS BETTER.

How the Accident Happened to Young Trainman.

Florence Times.

Mr. J. G. Frye, who was so badly injured by having his old wound torn open by a fall from a trestle on the Coast Line recently, is said to be doing very well today. He is the son of Engineer Frye on the Sumter and Fayetteville branch of the A. C. L., and he had not been in Florence very long. He was flagging on an extra train from here to Wilmington and stepped out of the cab to do some duty, and did not notice that the train was over a small trestle and he received the jar that tore the wounds of his operation open again. He is doing well at the infirmary now, however.

The case of Joe Murray, colored against the Southern Express Company was tried before Magistrate Wells Wednesday and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$1.50, the value of a shipment of liquor which was lost by the defendant, and a penalty of \$50.

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