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ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY.

Everybody who can should vote. Cast your ballot as a free American citizen, for whom you please. The day has come when men, with a few exceptions, cannot be persuaded to vote to please another, but on the contrary vote to suit themselves. We urge the voters to make a wise choice of candidates, not from personal popularity, friendship or obligations, but for fitness and ability to perform the duties of the office sought.

OUR CITY SCHOOLS CLOSE.

A school commencement is the end and the beginning. The graduates end their school career, and begin their life struggle, which to them is far more puzzling than the problems through which they plodded and solved during school days. They must now face the stern realities of life, encounter and solve the vastly more difficult problem of the battle for bread or fame. They will find the pathway leading to either full of difficulties, disappointments, failures reverses; but if they have had proper training, natural ability, individuality, personality, courage and energy, they will surmount all obstacles and reach the top, where there is always room for more. The educated and thoroughly trained are in demand in this, the day of scientific discoveries and development. Science in bread making, in farming, and in all of the inventions and improvements in machinery it requires a trained mind to manipulate. An illustration of this is contained in a story we recent-read of a young man, one of four brothers, being the eldest. They worked in a factory. The eldest studied and thoroughly informed himself upon every detail of the machinery with which he was engaged to work; bought and borrowed books of instructions regarding the business, and when he became thoroughly familiar and an expert in machinery and engineering he was promoted, while his second and third brothers would not study, but were content to plod. This older brother, after his promotion, educated his youngest brother who also obtained and filled a good paying position. The address of Mr. Boggs before the graduating class at the graded school was fraught with the best advice possible, and if followed will be crowned with success. Mr. Boggs might have gone a step farther in his advice to boys, about the use of cigarettes, whiskey and profane language; he should have added the reading of yellow-back literature of the Jesse James kind. In such books boys read of blood curdling murders, robberies, forgeries, housebreaking and burning, which inflames and poisons the young mind, destroying the taste for better reading, and sometimes so influences the young mind as to make the boy morbid in his desire to imitate these daring deeds, sometimes leading to the commission of crime and suicide. The reading of such books sometimes will undo the good work of the teacher, and lead astray the bright boy, of brighter prospects, and instead of filling a high position of trust and honor, he fills a drunkard's grave, a felon's cell, or a murderer's death upon the scaffold. There are two paths in life for the young graduate; these paths lead in opposite directions, one to a high, honorable position, fortune, fame and heaven; the other to degradation, disgrace, dishonor, and hell.

SPIRIT OF REFORM.

The spirit of reform seems to be moving in high places in these United States of America. Since the investigation of the case of Smoot, U. S. Senator, elect from Utah, the disclosures of which revealed the true creed and manner of living of the mormons. The information thus made public seems to have awakened the clergy and the churches generally upon the subject of divorce. Several of the church councils have passed resolutions instructing ministers who are called to perform the marriage ceremony to decline to do so, if they know either party ever to have been divorced. Thus the church would place the divorced man or woman upon the same footing as the Mormon with his plurality of wives. This is a step in the right direction, and doubtless is the only means whereby to put an end to the divorce evil. Another most wonderful and unprecedented reform is that of the Western Union Telegraph Company cutting loose from the pool rooms of the country. No news of any gambling character is allowed to be transmitted on its wires. The company has thus given up voluntarily an immense revenue from the sale of racing news, and it is safe to say that it has made the largest sacrifice of money for moral reasons that was ever recorded of a business concern. Some of the newspapers give Miss Helen Gould credit for this action on the part of the telegraph company. She is one of the largest stockholders in this company. This shows what a good woman with money can do.

GRADED SCHOOL CLOSED.

One of the Most Successful Years Of the Institution—A Fishing Party Has Stew-Fry—Other Notes Of Local Interest.

JONESVILLE, May 30.—The long dry spell was broken last night by a good gentle rain, which was not a first rate season, but it will do much good, and will perhaps be followed by more rain soon.

Messrs. Betenbaugh and Mobley were in our town last Wednesday. They went out to the Pacolet River, inspected and received the approaches, to the new steel bridge. The approaches were built by Messrs. Webber and Whitlock, and the work was very satisfactory to the commissioners. Messrs. Webber and Whitlock have done much of this kind of work and it has always given perfect satisfaction, which speaks well of these men as reliable and faithful contractors.

Mr. J. J. Littlejohn has gone to St. Louis and to other Northern cities on business for his mills.

Misses Grace Littlejohn and Maud Whitlock have gone to Atlanta to enter a school for trained nurses.

Misses Mildred Lindsey, Marie McWhirter and Mattie Littlejohn are at home from Chloera College.

Misses Carrie Southard, Bell Littlejohn and Bell Whitlock, who have been out of teaching school, are at home for the vacation.

Mr. Noah Buice has gone to Sheltonville, Ga., to visit his father.

Prudence Lodge No. 139 A. F. M. met in regular communication last night and raised three candidates to the sublime degree of Master Masons.

Some of our boys with Mr. Jack McKissick went over on the Fair Forest creek last week fishing. They had a fry and a stew and a jolly good time.

The new dwelling being built by Mr. J. F. Alman between his and Dr. Southard's dwelling is being put up rapidly. The outside walls will be plastered and of a gray or granite color, and the trimming will be of galvanized iron.

Miss Mary Murphy, of Mt. Tabor, is the guest of Miss Etha Hames.

The exercises of one of the most successful years of the graded school here closed last Friday night. The program covered two evenings, Thursday and Friday, and every detail of the program was well performed by the pupils, which evidenced the fact that great care and much pains had been taken by Prof. Ackerman, and his assistants, Misses Hames and Penney, in preparing and drilling the school for the occasion and much credit is due the pupils for the performance on their part. Jonesville has some boys and girls of fine talents and a bright future is in store for many of them. Dr. L. M. Roper, of Spartanburg, was to deliver the literary address on Friday evening, but he was not able to attend on account of some pressing business, and Rev. David Hucks was pressed in without previous notice to make an address and deliver certificates of graduation in the ninth grade to pupils. Rev. Mr. Hucks said Jonesville was to be congratulated on its forward movement for popular education and that great possibilities were even in sight for the town in this important subject. After his address he presented certificates to the following graduates: Inez Spears, Bernard McWhirter, Carrie Alman, Kittie Alman, May Free Littlejohn, Roy Whitlock, Jim Littlejohn and Russell Littlejohn. Mr. Carroll H. Foster, in a very graceful and eloquent manner presented books to Misses Inez Spears and Louis Alman for faithful attendance during the session. Prof. Ackerman then made a short address in which he was enthused with the bright prospect that Jonesville has for better facilities for education. Quite a number of people from the county and the city of Union were in attendance and Cupid might have been working his rabbit foot to good advantage during this happy occasion.

The Union light weight nine crossed bats with Jonesville's nine Friday evening; the result was in favor of Union by about two to one. TELEPHONE.

Too Late to Cry Reflection After Being Overtaken by the Truth.

Editor Union Times: To corroborate the letter of Mr. Edd Tamer, which you so kindly gave to the people in your last issue, I beg to reproduce same with the addition of two letters from the Hon. T. J. Betenbaugh, in which he makes a silly effort to clean the wrongs of I. M. Mobley.

Mr. T. J. Betenbaugh,
My dear friend: When I worked the road last I had failed to pay my road tax. But Mr. Mobley went to town and got the money and paid three of us for working the road when it was our duty to work. As we don't want any dirty dollars, and knowing the same to be illegal, we have concluded to return the money to its proper place, the county treasury. I write to ask you will you receipt us for same; please answer by return mail. Your good friend,
EDD TAMER.

Replies:
Union, Apr. 19, 1904.

Mr. Edd Tamer,
Delta, S. C.
Dear Sir: Yours of the 18th to hand, and will say in reply, that I know nothing of the matter to which you refer, so you will have to see Mr. Mobley. I will see him about it when he comes up.
Respectfully
T. J. BETENBAUGH,
Supr. U. C.

Second letter:
Union, Apr. 20, 1904.

Mr. Edd Tamer,
Delta, S. C.
Dear Sir: Mr. Mobley is up here this morning and has explained the matter to me, and I remember the circumstance now. It was this: the overseer had a right, as we understand the law, to work hands anywhere from 2 to 8 days. Mr. Mobley thinking 2 days enough, suggested to the board that you be paid for 1-2 days as you had already worked 2 days besides. The board agreed with him in the matter and paid you accordingly, you had cleared the law. If the overseer saw proper when you worked 2 days, I understand you had done that, now the 1-2 days for which you were paid for was no dirty dollar, as I see it, nor you need not refund, but if it was your intention to refund, why did you not do so two years ago as it was year before last.
Respectfully,
T. J. BETENBAUGH,
Supr. U. C.

Now Mr. Editor not wishing to take up too much space in the dear old Times who has always been found in the front rank battlin' for the good of her people, I will make this epistle as brief as possible. To speak mildly of the Hon. T. J. Betenbaugh's letter of April 20, presumed to be dictated by I. M. Mobley, which don't contain as much truth as can be found in a box of concentrated lye, only it admits to paying delinquent road hands the people's money. To convict a man on his own evidence is the pride of our courts, it removes all doubt as to his guilt, and destroys all opportunity for an appeal. I only ask the people of Union county to consult their memory as to how the roads were worked in 1902, year before last, as Mr. Betenbaugh so states. I refer the people of Union county to every road overseer, to every delinquent hand who worked on the public highway in 1892, that being the first year that precinct road law went into effect, which caused some confusion in the campaign of that year, and at some places the candidates had to explain the law from a political stand; there was no stipulation for the number of days that delinquent hands should work in 1892. The road to which Mr. Betenbaugh referred to, the delinquent hands worked 4 1-2 days. The overseer on this road told me about the paying of these delinquent men. Said he had voted for Mr. Betenbaugh in the first primary, but he would not vote for him in the second primary for Mr. Mobley could not get the money out of the treasury unless Mr. Betenbaugh had been willing. We have his word that he voted for Dr. Bates at the second primary. If the people of Union county find my statement to be true, Mr. Mobley stands convicted upon his own evidence for wrongly using the people's money. But what about Mr. Betenbaugh's deep memory, to remember circumstances as that never did exist; he surely can forecast the future. I have other complaints on my desk similar to the one hereby stated and do hope that Mr. Mobley can hatch up something better to meet them. As a people, we are not immune to political rot, for instance, take a man who is perfectly honest; would not handle a dirty dollar for the world, but let this man believe that the public funds are going to waste when he goes to make his tax return, ten to one that his assessment is made far below par, all of which for the want of confidence in the dear old county, and the honest few will have the burden of taxation to meet.
W. M. ENGLISH.

To Prevent Gambling in Cotton.

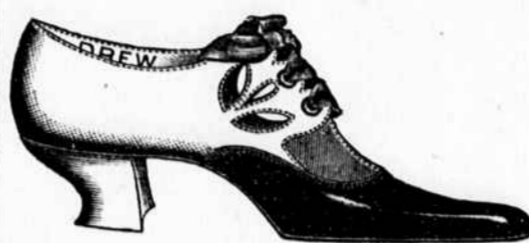
The United States Government has undertaken to prevent gambling in cotton futures. It proposes to make exact and exhaustive inquiry into crop conditions, publishing the result of its investigations. In other words, it undertakes to keep the public informed as to the prospects of future crops, eliminating by such publicity the opportunity for speculation by reducing the element of uncertainty. The undertaking is directly in line with the policy adopted by the Government regarding all products that are classified as necessities of life, and which may be made subjects for speculation.

But, it is a question whether or not the Government will succeed in this undertaking. Supply is only one basis for speculation. Should publicity regarding supply become so complete as to leave no opportunity for speculation on this score, there would remain the demand. Every one knows demand is sometimes a greater factor in determining price than is supply, and there seems

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to be no way by which the government can possibly gauge the demand, because of so many conditions and influences which create demand, beyond the ability of man to foresee.

If the Government succeeds, it can only succeed in a measure, for the very reason that it can deal with but one factor in the problem. Still it is possible that even a measure of success may tend to lessen speculation, and, if it should, it will be advantageous, because less speculation, less disturbances of industry. As is well known recent speculation in cotton futures seriously disturbed the cotton industry of the country.—EX.

Confederate Soldier Dead.

Greens, May 30—I see in last week's "Times" and have been informed by private letter that Mr. William Carter died at Lockhart on the 21st inst. He was 66 years and 5 months old and leaves a wife and eight children to mourn their loss, (three boys and five girls) two of whom are in Mississippi, one daughter, Mrs. W. A. Ross, in Gastonia, N. C. All the others are in South Carolina. His immediate family that formed his household were his wife and daughter, Miss Rhoda. Three sisters and one brother survive him.

He had been in delicate health for some time and was strictly confined to the house for five weeks and one day, but only to his bed one day.

Mr. Carter was an industrious and obliging man. I have personally known him for over twenty-five years and I do not suppose that he had any enemies. He served his country faithfully during the war, and on all occasions his country was welcome to whatever service he could render. Before he died he expressed his readiness to go. His remains were buried at Brushyfork Church, of which he was a member. Funeral services were conducted by his former pastor, Rev. W. E. G. Humphries, of Union. Another old soldier has crossed the river and has joined the big reunion beyond. Peace to his ashes.

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Social Entertainment.

Forest Camp No. 36, Woodmen of the World, will have a social entertainment in K. of P. Hall Thursday night, June 9th. All sovereigns in good standing are expected to be present and each sovereign is allowed to bring one man who is not a Woodman. Installation of officers, plenty refreshments, and a jolly good time is expected.

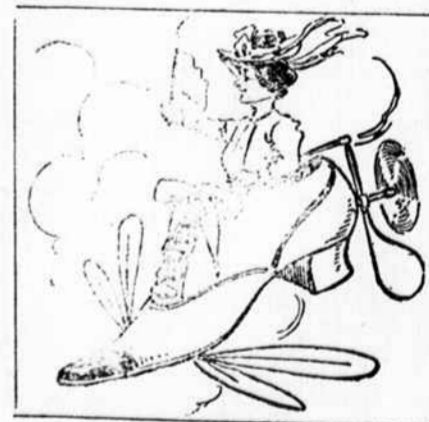
By order of the camp in session Monday, May 30, 1904.

R. M. ESTES,
Clerk.

All Candidates who need tickets can get them printed on short notice at THE TIMES office.

OUR CAR LOAD OF SHOES

Received last week surprised the natives.



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