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The Cotton Association.

Meeting Next Monday of the County Organization--Distinguished Speakers to be Present--New Clubs Organized by the County Organizer.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of last week's weather, County Organizer Geo. W. Jones, of the Cotton Association, carried on the work mapped out for him in the county. He succeeded in organizing the following sub associations:

Elgin, A. J. Bailey, president; George Ferguson, vice-president; J. S. Harper, secretary and treasurer.

Flat Creek, M. C. Gardner, president; George Cook, vice-president; A. M. Cook, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Jones requests us to remind the members of the association, and the public generally, of the fact that next Monday, Feb. 5th, is the day for the regular meeting of the county association. Every section of the county is expected to be fully represented. In fact, it is desired to make the assembly a regular mass meeting. Of course business of importance is to be transacted, but the leading attraction will be the presence of prominent officials of the state association, President Smith and secretary Weston, both of whom have promised to be on hand, and will make addresses. Let everybody turn out and give the distinguished speakers a rousing reception.

Eclipses of the Year.

Astronomers Have Five to Look Out for in 1906.

Washington--Five eclipses will be recorded during the present year, three of the sun and two of the moon, according to naval observatory astronomers. The first will be a total eclipse of the moon visible throughout North America.

The eclipse will begin at 10:54 o'clock on the evening of February 8, and be 4:40 o'clock the next morning it will have passed away. A partial eclipse of the sun, visible only near the south pole, will be the feature of February 22.

Another partial eclipse of the sun will take place July 21, which will not be seen in this country. On August 4 will occur the second total eclipse of the moon, which will be visible in the western portion of the United States just before sunrise. The moon will again be partly eclipsed on the 19th of the same month, but the phenomenon will be witnessed only by inhabitants of the northern regions.

Ministers Who Drink Whiskey Denounced in the Conference of the A. M. E. Church in Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Clarksdale, Miss., January 27--"Any minister who drinks whiskey will never receive an appointment from my hands," declared Bishop Moses B. Slater, of Charleston, S. C., addressing the North Mississippi Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal church, this morning, and he declared that several "venders of the Gospel" would be left out at the close of Conference on Monday. A number of committees reported, including that on temperance, which condemned whiskey drinking, Lynching and lawlessness of every kind were condemned by the Conference.

A Flourishing School.

The College Hill Academy, of Which a Well Known Lancaster County Educator is Principal.

Reported for The News.

The College Hill School, in Jackson Township, Union County, N. C., under the control of Prof. C. A. Plyler as principal and Miss Bright Richardson as assistant, is in a flourishing condition. We have a fine school building, completed and painted, and it will be seated with patent desks in a few days. 92 students enrolled out of 105 in the district, with a daily average of 75. We have a special tax, without which no school will run successfully. We have a good library and as good school as any in the county, everything considered. We have two debating societies--one for boys--one for girls. The patrons are in earnest about education. Good board, cheap, and tuition very reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. Churches near and daily mails. Send us your boys and girls.

A Teacher.

Jan. 26th 1906.

They All Drank.

A number of years ago a certain firm of four men in Boston were rated "A1." They were rich, prosperous, young and prompt.

One of them had curiosity to see how they were rated, and found these facts in Dan's and was satisfied; but at the end these words were added: "But they all drink."

He thought it a good joke at the time; but a few years later, two of them were dead, another was a drunkard and the fourth was poor and living partly on charity.

The one little note at the end of their rating was the most important and significant of all the facts collected and embodied in their description.--Exchange.

The Bamberg Mystery.

Dickinson's Innocence to be Established--Reid's Death Still a Mystery.

Special to The State:

Bamberg, Jan 28.--Interesting developments have taken place today in regard to the charge of murder against W. C. Dickinson, now confined in jail here charged with poisoning B. F. Reid with arsenic. These matters cannot be given at this time but it can safely be stated that facts will come out which will entirely prove Dickinson's innocence. This correspondent heard none of the testimony at the coroner's inquest, it being held behind closed doors, but could not believe that Clare Dickinson had committed the crime of murder.

The developments in the case which will be made public in a few days will show conclusively that if Ben Reid was poisoned, Clare Dickinson was not concerned in the crime. It will be remembered that the woman, Eliza Bunch, testified that Reid was poisoned by whiskey given him by Dickinson at her house. It now seems to be a fact that the only whiskey drunk while Reid was at the woman's house was his own whiskey brought by him from his home over in Orangeburg county. The Bunch woman's house is in the northern side of town and Reid stopped there on his way into town, bringing some whiskey with him. When he came down later in the day he was taken sick. He did not buy any whiskey from the dispensary here and was not down town until the time he claimed to be poisoned, so it now seems that if Reid's death was caused by poisoned whiskey, he brought it with him and it was his own.

Eatin' and Sellin' Eggs.

(Farm and Home Sentinel.)

A famous Michigan egg raiser occasionally sells some of his product to his grocer and some smart town people who thought they could get his eggs for hatching cheaper by buying from the grocer, were disappointed when they found that none of the store eggs hatched out.

"Some one told the old man about the disappointment, and he expressed no surprise. He only said:

"They should come to me for their setting eggs. Whoever hear of buying setting eggs in a grocer's shop. When I sell eggs for eatin' I just dip the ends in boiling water--kill the germ. Them was eatin' eggs the grocer had. If these people want settin' eggs they should come to me honest like."

--Mr. Raymond Wright and Miss Key were married last Sunday by Col. Polk, notary public.

A Wild and Woolly Ex-Policeman--Holds up Chief and Seven Officers for Quarter of an Hour.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 28.--Charles Harwood, a former policeman, thought to be insane, entered police headquarters this afternoon and with a revolver held up Chief of Police Kennedy, and seven officers for 15 minutes while he cursed them and threatened to shoot the entire crowd. He snapped a cartridge, but it did not discharge. He then backed out of the station and escaped.

An hour later Harwood appeared near his home in Bigelow street, entered the home of Mrs. Montgomery, whom he knocked down with the butt of a revolver. He then entered his own house, taking a shotgun and a revolver, and barricaded himself. Up to a late hour tonight he had defied arrest by a squad of policemen who surrounded the house. Saturday night Harwood compelled his wife to disrobe, and then he drove her naked into the street. This morning he attempted to take the life of his children.

"Piney Woods" Items.

All are well in the "Piney woods." It is too wet for the farmers to do anything, however.

The Legislature is now the order of the day. Whether that body accomplishes anything remains to be seen. The members are so divided in opinion that we cannot expect much from them.

The liquor question is a farce any way you take it. The people as a rule do not want high license. If strong drink is a necessity, have it as cheap as possible.

As to the pistol toting habit, we need a license law to regulate it. If a man wants to toat a weapon, whether it be a flint rock up to a cannon, let him pay for the privilege of doing so.

The oat crop looks well, but not enough seed have been sown. Piney Woods.

--The next regular meeting of the Tabernacle Camp No. 205, W. O. W. will be held Tuesday night Feb. 6, 1906. Let every member be present. Business of vital importance. A. C. Rowell, Clerk; P. B. Ingraham, C. C.

--There will be a hot supper at Camp Creek next Friday night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Dr. Boldridge will preach at Camp Creek next Saturday morning, at 11 o'clock, and Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

--Mr. J. A. Knight and Miss Boston, both of Wills Point, Texas, were married on the 7th instant.

--Mr. John Funderburk and Miss Ola Miller, of Clinton, Texas, were married on the 14th instant.

Severely Afflicted

Mrs. Chalmers B. Horton Loses Her Only Child Soon After the Tragic Death of Her Husband.

The many friends in Kershaw and elsewhere of Mrs. Chalmers B. Horton deeply sympathize with her in the loss of her only child, its death following closely after that of the lamented father, as related as follows by the Chester Lantern of last Friday:

Little Chalmers B. Horton, the one year old child of Mrs. C. B. Horton, late of Kershaw, died at the home of his grandmother, Mr. M. E. Hamilton, late last night, after a short illness from gastritis. He was an unusually lovable child and was the light and life of the little home which has been so rudely broken up. The funeral services will be held at Mrs. Hamilton's residence at four o'clock this afternoon and the little body will be laid to rest in Evergreen cemetery by the side of the father.

Twice within a week the death angel visited this home, on the occasion of each visit bearing away a loved member of the little circle. The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community goes out to Mrs. Horton and the other relatives in their hour of darkness and bereavement.

In Loving Memory

Of little Curtis Stogner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Stogner, departed this life Dec. 22, 1905, aged 2 months and 13 days.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is still;
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled.

Dearest Curtis, thou hast left us,
And thy loss we deeply feel,
But 'tis God who hath bereft us--
He can all our sorrows heal.

Why do we grieve--it cannot be long,
Till we cross to the golden shore,
And sing the grand beautiful song,
With our loved ones gone before.

Farewell dear Curtis, farewell,
Peaceful be thy silent rest,
Slumber sweetly, God knows best,
When to call thee home to rest.

Aunt E. L. B.

Death of Mrs. John Plyler.

Mrs. Plyler, wife of Mr. J. C. Plyler, died last Friday night at their home just across the New Carolina line. She had been sick about two weeks. She was a daughter of the late John Plyler and was about 42 years of age. Her husband and several children survive her.

Mrs. Plyler was an estimable lady and leaves many friends to mourn her untimely death. Her remains were buried Saturday at Tizah.

The aged king of Denmark, who had more royal kin than Carter had oats, died suddenly Monday afternoon.

--Attention is called to new announcement in today's paper by the Heath-Elliott Mule Co. Mr. W. B. Knight, of Catawba Falls, was in town yesterday.