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The Farmers' Institutes.

More about the Series of Meetings held in Lancaster County this Week.

The five Farmers' Institutes held in Lancaster county this week—at Pleasant Valley Monday, Lancaster and Antioch Tuesday, Elgin Wednesday and Kershaw Thursday—are going to prove of incalculable benefit to our people. The farmers who attended imbibed new ideas and acquired improved methods of farming and stock raising which they will put to practical use hereafter. It will be gratifying to our people to know that Lancaster stands at the head of the list of counties in institute work. One of the Clemson College professors remarked while here Tuesday that this county is the best "worked up" in the matter of farmers' institutes of any county in the State.

Reports of the Pleasant Valley and Antioch meetings and a description of the contents of the exhibit cars appeared in the last issue of *The News*, and it was stated that when the paper went to press Tuesday afternoon

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was being held, conducted by Dr. L. A. Klein, Clemson's veterinary surgeon, and Prof. H. D. House, professor of botany. Col. A. R. Banks presided over the meeting, which was held in the courthouse, and introduced the speakers.

Dr. Kline gave an interesting lecture on the subject of tuberculosis in cattle. He said it was an old disease and affected man, in whom it is usually called consumption, and all animals, both domestic and wild. It is sometimes found in animals confined in zoological gardens. The cause of the disease was not known until 1882, when Dr. Koch, a German physician, discovered the tubercles. The disease is usually of slow development, coming on gradually. The usual symptoms in the case of a cow with tuberculosis are fever, cough, abnormal appetite and loss of flesh. The doctor explained how the test is made to determine whether a cow is affected with the disease, which is by injecting a certain fluid into the blood. If the cow is healthy, there will be no change in temperature, but if diseased, temperature will rise. He said that there is practically little or no danger of the disease in a country like this, where cows are not kept in large herds and where they get plenty of sunshine and outdoor exercise. It is in large and old dairies, as in New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, where large numbers of cows are found together and in close quarters, that the disease is to be found. He explained the relation of the disease to a cow's milk.—He said it is possible for a cow to have tuberculosis and her milk not be affected.

Prof. House discussed plant

diseases, which has its origin principally in impoverished condition of the soil. The fertility of the soil is not what it once was. The planting of land year after year in the same crop gradually makes unavailable the elements in the soil needed to nourish and develop that crop—hence the necessity for resorting to the use of fertilizers, which feed the plant, but afford not much benefit to the soil. He then described several plant diseases and told how to treat them. He also pointed out the value of forests to land and the water courses. He said a body of woods should be above every spring. The professor answered a number of questions asked by persons in the audience.

THE ELGIN MEETING.

The meeting at Elgin the next day was attended by from 1200 to 1500 persons—the largest gathering within the history of the community. The exhibit cars were crowded all day long.—Owing to the size of the crowd, speaking was carried on at two different points at the same time, one meeting in the church, presided over by Mr. W. G. A. Porter, and the other at a stand erected on the grounds, the latter being presided over by Magistrate W. P. Caskey. In the church, Prof. W. S. Morrison delivered a splendid address on industrial education, his remarks being substantially the same as those made by him at other institutes in the county, as noted in Wednesday's *News*. At the stand, Dr. Klein lectured on animal diseases, and Prof. House on plant diseases.

A big, bountiful dinner was served during the day. Another attraction, was a base ball game between Elgin and Rock Hill.—The score was 20 to 19 in favor of Elgin.

The occasion was a decided success in every particular, only one or two unfortunate incidents occurring to in any way mar the pleasure of the day. A man named T. G. Hedgepath was arrested by the Sheriff for discharging firecrackers on the grounds.—He was taken before Magistrate Caskey, who fined him \$25., which he paid. He is said to be a stranger in the community.—Two young men, Messrs. Henry Barr and Wm. Sowell, became engaged in an altercation and, it is said, drew weapons, but parties intervened and prevented what might have been a very serious affair.

Marriage in Kershaw.

Kershaw special in Wednesday's *Columbia State*: A quiet marriage was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Stover last evening when their oldest daughter, Miss Mamie, became the bride of Mr. G. P. Rice, the popular bookkeeper for J. M. Carson & Co. The bride has been for several years the efficient assistant to the postmaster at this place.

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A Pretty Home Wedding.

The Marriage Wednesday of Mr. W. M. Carothers, of Rock Hill, and Miss Minnie Taylor, of Craigs-ville.

Reported for *The News*.

The home of Mr. S. D. Taylor, of the Craigs-ville section of this county, was the scene of a pretty home wedding, Wednesday at high noon, when his eldest daughter, Miss Minnie Jeannette, was wedded to Mr. W. M. Carothers, of Rock Hill. The home was beautifully, yet simply, decorated with plants and ferns. The parlor color scheme was carried out in white and green.

Miss Hattie Taylor, of Lancaster, a cousin of the bride, was the chosen musician for the occasion; so promptly at 11:45 o'clock she beautifully sang the song, "Sing me to Sleep", after which to the strains of "Mendelssohn's Wedding March," Miss Louise Taylor, sister of the bride, entered the parlor, with Miss Agnes Taylor, of Waxhaw, N. C., cousin of the bride.

Then came the attractive bride on the arm of the groom. The bridal party stood beneath a white umbrella, filled with graceful ferns. White ribbon and ferns hung in festoons from the umbrella.

Rev. P. A. Pressly, pastor of the bride, in a simple, but beautiful and impressive ceremony pronounced the words that made them one.

The bride was attired in a gown of white chiffon—trimmed in lace and hand embroidered in blue for get-me-nots; her white veil was looped back with a wreath of blue forget me nots. She carried a bouquet of ferns and white Oleander blooms.

The bride's maids were attired in white chiffon and silk and wore large white picture hats and carried bouquets of pink bridesmaid roses and ferns. "Hearts and Flowers" was rendered throughout the ceremony.

A sumptuous dinner was served directly after the ceremony, in the dining room, which was decorated with ferns and roses. After dinner the guests were served with frappe. After the congratulations of those present Mr. and Mrs. Carothers boarded the 2 o'clock train for Rock Hill, where they will reside in the future.

Miss Taylor is a young woman of charming personality and pleasing manners and her many friends here wish her much happiness in her new relations. Mr. Carothers is a successful farmer of Rock Hill.

Among the visiting guests were Miss Agnes Taylor, of Waxhaw, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Barron and daughter, Miss Eloise, of Old Point; Messrs. Fred Harris, Waxhaw, N. C.; Sam Carothers of Tizab, Walter Taylor, of Heath Springs, B.—Ferrell, Rock Hill, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Mobley, Heath Springs.

Letter from Georgia.

"Former Lancastrian" on his Recent Pleasant Visit to his Old Home—The Many Improvements Noted—Tillman and his Speech at Lancaster.

Mr Editor: The writer and better half have just returned from a visit to old Lancaster county. What a fine time we did have, going around among the relatives and friends, again looking into so many familiar faces and shaking hands of old friends in good old Lancaster county. We saw many whom we failed to see last year, as our visit then was a very short one and this was a longer one by several days. And yet we wanted to stay longer, but couldn't on account of our time being limited.

Time has wrought many changes in the old county in the past few years. It seems to us that since we left there five years ago a very great many changes have taken place, many improvements have been made. If it seems so to us we dare say Uncle John Twitty of Valdosta, who has been away so much longer than we have, would scarcely recognize his native county now. Would he recognize the city of Lancaster, his old home, with her up-to-date national bank, million-dollar cotton mill, new school building, asphalt pavements on Main street, numbers of handsome new residences and business blocks and various other improvements too numerous to mention? Would he recognize the towns of Kershaw and Heath Springs, both of which have grown and had so many changes and improvements? Were it not for the fact that he has kept posted through the Lancaster papers and, no doubt, letters from friends in the county we scarcely believe so. Mr. Twitty, you had better go back on a visit to the old county some time soon, for she's still growing and you might not know her when you see her again, if you don't hurry.

On the last day of our visit we had the pleasure of listening to speeches by Senator Tillman and the congressional candidates, at Lancaster. Senator Tillman is a very smart man, as everybody knows, and a valuable member of the Senate, a man whom the state should feel proud of, for the above and other reasons, but it does look a little like he is "out in" on this dispensary business. However, as he says, he is a citizen and, of course, a citizen has a right to express his views on any subject. Of course, no one is compelled to take Mr. Tillman's advice if he doesn't want to, and we don't believe the voters of Lancaster will heed his advice on the dispensary question.

Former Lancastrian.
Macon, Ga.

Tillman in York County.

The Senator and Others Spoke at Woodmen Picnic at Filbert.

Yorkville special in Wednesday's *State*: The annual picnic of the Woodmen of the World at Filbert, five miles north of this place, was a most pleasant one. It is estimated that over 3,000 people were there and it was a most orderly crowd. Congressman Finley made an excellent presiding officer and introduced the speakers in a pleasing way. The Yorkville band, directed by Prof. Hernden, furnished the music, the dinner was a feature of the occasion and hospitality and good feeling was unbounded.

Senator Tillman spoke first, advocating the dispensary, opposing compulsory education and occasionally warming up when he would throw a few hot shots at *The State* and *The News* and *Courier*, Senator Brice, the recent county convention that refused to endorse him, and the Yorkville ring, as he calls it, who he said tries to control county politics. His speech was about as has previously reported from other places. He said compulsory education was a snake and would educate the negro and fit him for voting. Said the way to educate some editors was to stop taking their papers.

He was cheered, but it was not the whooping of former years. While he has many friends in York county, people are doing their own thinking and will do their own voting. Mr. F. H. Hyatt next made a talk on good roads, which was well received, and later he was called for and made an excellent speech in behalf of the cotton association, which took the crowd.

After dinner, furnished by the many ladies there, Dr. Strait, candidate for congress, made a speech, telling his former record in that body, condemning trusts, tariff, the war with Spain and the buying of the Philippine Islands. He was followed by Congressman Finley, who gave a good account of his stewardship, explaining the various ways of benefiting the people in congress and the good to be done by having a Democratic house.

Creek Postoffice to be Abolished.

Postmaster Hunter has been notified by the department in Washington that the Creek postoffice will be discontinued on the 15th of August, after which date the patrons of that office will be served by R. F. D. No. 5, provided they comply with the box requirement.

Mrs. W. H. Jenkins and three children, of Charlotte, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jenkins at Haile Gold Mine.—Kershaw Era.