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A Big Jr. O. U. A. M. Rally at Dixie, Aug. 9th.

Mr. Editor: In view of the fact that the county reunion of the old Confederate soldiers is to be held at Dixie on the above date, and as the old Confederates have kindly consented to give the Junior Order one-half of the day, the Junior exercises will take place at noon. Bro. J. S. Wilson will be in command of the Juniors on this occasion. A suitable program has been arranged for the occasion. Distinguished speakers have been invited to make addresses. Among the speakers will be Mr. D. P. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C. W. G. A. Porter, a gallant old Confederate soldier, a member of the Junior Order, has been chosen to make the address of welcome in behalf of the Order. All the sister councils of the Order in the county are invited and urged to come and bring their regalia, and be on the grounds strictly at ten o'clock a. m. The United Daughters of the Confederacy are invited to attend on the occasion. The public—in fact, everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets. We also invite and extend a hearty welcome to all the candidates, provided all who are not Confederate soldiers will bring well-filled hamper baskets along with them. By the way, Mr. Editor, we extend unto you an invitation to come without your basket, provided you bring along your pencil and tablet.

The school reserves the right to sell refreshments on that day (watermelons excepted); proceeds to go to school. Come, everybody.

B. F. Adams,
Recording Secretary.
Dixie No. 43, Jr. O. U. A. M.

The Veterans' Reunion--To be Held at Dixie Aug. 9th.

Dixie Camp met at Lancaster July 28, 1906. Commander Porter called meeting to order, which was to perfect arrangements in regard to the reunion to be held at Hopewell church (Dixie) Thursday, Aug. 9th. The committee appointed at previous meeting on speakers reported that they had written to Col. Jas. Armstrong (Charleston, S. C.) and that he had promised to attend the meeting and deliver an address. The Lancaster Chapter Daughters of the Confederacy by resolution were invited to attend the reunion camp at that time.

Commander Porter will act as commander on that day and will deliver the address of welcome. The old veterans are to form in line in the grove in front of Mr. Williams's house and march to grove in front of school house, where the address will be carried out. A committee consisting of J. Q. McManus, W. T. Van Landingham, Geo. W. Jones,

with the commander, was appointed to have 125 badges printed for the use of the veterans on that occasion.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public generally to attend, everybody being requested to bring a well filled basket.

W. G. A. Porter,
Commander.
Geo. W. Jones, Adjutant.

What Machinery has Done for Us and What we are Doing with It.

Some very interesting facts were brought out at the last annual meeting of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Manufacturers. In 1830 it required three hours' labor to produce a bushel of wheat; in 1896 only ten minutes. In 1850 it required four and a half hours to make a bushel of corn, while in 1890 it had been reduced to forty minutes. While the figures are not given, the same relative reduction holds good in making hay. American machinery is assessed at \$761,261,000, and our farmers are buying it at the rate of \$100,000,000 annually. Much of this is a wise investment and much unwise, rendered so by a lack of skill in handling, especially by lack of care in housing and protecting from the weather. It is not putting it too strong to say that this machinery deteriorates at least 10 per cent annually from lack of proper housing, cleaning and greasing. In the South we think this evil is greatest, and will reach the high point of 15 per cent in many classes of machinery. We must build more shelter room, and get in the habit of putting the machinery away carefully. Cleaning, greasing it, and when necessary putting on a coat of paint. We see hundreds of disc plows, mowers, reapers and binders left out of doors the whole winter, or from one season to another. Such carelessness is inexcusable. It results more from lack of shelter. We must improve along this line. Farm machinery is one of the most potent factors in our business now, and we must learn to care for it as a matter of thrift and economy in preserving it, and to render it all the more effective when we go to operate it. Many good hours' work are lost by not having our machinery in first class condition when it is needed. We know this by experience as well as observation.—Southern Cultivator.

For The News. Colored Teachers.

At a meeting of the board of trustees today—July 26, the following named teachers were elected for the ensuing term.

M. D. Lee, Principal; E. H. McGill, Marie A. James, Hattie P. Neal, Nannie McIlwain, Assistants.

The trustees are well pleased with the efforts and results of the past term. There is perfect harmony in the board and every reason to hope for continued success.

J. L. Black,
Secretary.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

D. Frank Butler, of Ed. field, has been appointed penitentiary surgeon. Gov. Heyward has commuted to life imprisonment the death sentence of Bob Small, the North Carolinian convicted at Darlington of the murder of a negro. Small was under sentence to hang next Friday. A colored woman in Tennessee gave birth to six children a day or two ago. President Jordan, of the Cotton Association, has appointed a committee to investigate the charge of a member of the Georgia Legislature that officers of the association are interested in a cotton brokerage concern. The State Farmers' Institute will be held at Clemson College Aug. 7th and 10th. The Supreme court of Georgia has refused to grant a new trial in the famous Rawlings case. The father, two sons and the negro, Alf Moore, are sentenced to be hanged next Friday. At Alberene, Albermarle county, Va., Friday evening, lightning struck the house of U. G. Gay, killing Mrs. Gay and her brother, Christus Gay, shocking severely Mr. Gay and two children and tearing the building to pieces. Young Willie Stewart, clerk in a hardware store in La Grange, Ga., while showing a customer a chisel, dropped it in a case of dynamite, which exploded, killing Stewart and injuring several other men. The state campaigners are resting this week. The next meeting will be at Winnsboro next Monday. The day following, Tuesday, the candidates will speak at Chester. The State Farmers' Alliance was formally disbanded at a meeting held in Columbia last Thursday. A handsome memorial window to Stonewell Jackson was unveiled Sunday in a colored Presbyterian church of Roanoke, Va. Returning home from a drive Sunday night, Samuel Pearce, of Washington Co. Pa., found his wife and two children dead and a third child dying of bullet wounds. It is not known who fired the shots. A wholesale hat house is to be established in Columbia. John and Howard Hodge, brothers, while getting a drink of water Sunday afternoon from an artesian well near Georgetown, were killed by the bursting of a mill "hog," the same piece of steel striking both of them. A horse was killed by lightning Saturday in Hartsville. Rev. John W. Humbert, an aged Methodist minister, died Saturday in Newberry. J. L. Phillips, of Fayetteville, Ala., was killed Saturday and his wife and the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hosey fatally injured by a stroke of lightning. Eight persons lost their lives Sunday by the capsizing of two yachts off the coast of New Jersey. The Cokesbury District Conference, which met last week, passed resolutions denouncing the dispensary. John Black and Will Hagin, negroes, were lynched Friday night in Polk Co. Fla., for killing Ed. Granger, a white turpentine hand. Rev. J. L. Vass, a prominent Baptist minister, died suddenly Sunday, in Greenville. The Georgia legislature has passed a child labor bill. It prohibits the employment in mills of children under 12 years. Some one has sent Senator Tillman a fan with pictures of himself and Chicco, the noted Charleston blind tiger, on it.

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Candidates and Watermelons

There will doubtless be joy among the candidates, for the attorney general's office has ruled that the state law prohibiting the use of money in political campaigns does not apply to watermelons.

The question was sprung in Spartanburg county. Some of the county candidates over there refused to follow the time-honored custom of buying watermelons for the crowd at the campaign meetings. This made County Treasurer Epps, who is a candidate for reelection, very indignant, and he wrote to the attorney general's office about it. He has received the following reply:

Attorney General's Office,
Columbia, S. C.
W. L. Epps, County Treasurer,
Spartanburg, S. C.

Dear Sir: Act No. 473, 24 statute, page 949, has no reference to the acts you mention. The words, "I shall not give or spend money, or use intoxicating liquors for the purpose of obtaining or influencing votes," means that the candidate pledges himself not to attempt to bribe voters, and the intent is the very essence of the offense. It was never intended to prevent a citizen, whether he is a candidate or not, from extending to his friends the ordinary courtesies of life, such as your mention.

Yours truly,
D. C. Ray.

Assistant Attorney General.

Of course. How could it be otherwise? The decision of the attorney general's office is doubtless a correct interpretation of the law, and it is most assuredly in accordance with common sense.

Candidates now, as heretofore, are to be allowed to buy all the watermelons that they feel able to pay for.—Anderson Mail.

Gov. Heyward has awarded to Mr. B. L. Robertson, son of Mr. Z. L. Robertson, of Odkhurst, the 5th congressional district's scholarship in Charleston Medical College.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Knight, of the Creek section, died June 20, 1906, aged 8 months and 10 days. The burial was at Shiloh.

Mr. Commodore Clanton went to Columbia Monday, on a visit.

Investigation of Charges Against Certain Officers of Cotton Association.

Atlanta Journal, July 31:—The investigation into the charges made against certain officers of the Southern Cotton association which was to have taken place at three o'clock Monday afternoon was again postponed until Wednesday morning at ten o'clock, on account of the fact that M. L. Johnson, one of the committee, missed his train and failed to arrive in time.

Although the Southern Cotton association investigation was postponed from Monday until Wednesday at 10 a. m. because of the absence from the city of President M. L. Johnson, of the Georgia division, who is one of the investigating committee, the identity of Mike O'Grady and his connection with the association was brought out.

Mr. O'Grady was at the investigation himself, and he admitted, and his admission was corroborated by Secretary Richard Cheatham, that the latter had traded in cotton for him. He declared that Cheatham had placed something like 3,000 with Gibert & Clay, local brokers, and gave the dates of the various contracts, and also furnished letters, which appear elsewhere, from himself to Secretary Cheatham, in which he asked the latter's advice about the market and outlined his plans.

Another Fatal Accident at the Falls.

Chester Reporter: John Brown, colored, was killed at the Falls Friday afternoon. He was on a box car, which broke loose from the engine and was running rapidly down a grade. Brown became alarmed and endeavored to jump. In his fright he jumped on the track immediately in front of the flying car, and his body was literally cut asunder. The mangled remains were brought here Saturday morning and taken to Gethesemane for interment.

The fire alarm sounded yesterday at midday and great crowds rushed out in the direction of West End, where it was said Mr. Garvin's dwelling was afire. The "fire," however, proved to be only a trash-pile burning.

Messrs L. H. Rowell, J. P. Carnes, A. Beaver and John A. Snipes, of the O. K. section, returned yesterday from a two weeks' visit to Bellville, Ga.

The indications are that Campbell leads in the race for governor in Texas. The primary was held last Saturday.

A Hard Lot

of troubles to contend with, spring from a torpid liver and blocked bowels, unless you awaken them to their proper action with Dr. King's New Life Pills, the pleasant and most effective cure for constipation. They prevent the accumulation of bile upon the system. 25¢ at Panderbark Pharmacy, Crawford Bros., J. E. Mackay Co., drug store.