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PARKSVILLE NEWS.

"Missionary Jewels" Organized, B. Y. P. U. Prospering, Rambler Likes the Ladies

Dear Advertiser:—I tell you most positively that I believe I am within the bounds of truth when I say that I would not live in a world two minutes, if I could help myself, if there were no women in it. The truth of the business is I have always loved the women and can give no better reason for it than to state that my mother was a woman, and a good one, and somehow I imbibed the idea, that all women are good; and I want simply to add that most women with whom I have come in contact are. We have a lot of them right in Parksville. Why just yesterday a beautiful blonde girl hardly in her teens, it seems to me, Miss Martha Dorn, called the little girls together, all under the age of 12 years, and organized the "Missionary Jewels" having as their motto "Saved to serve" with the following officers: Miss Marie Blackwell, president; Miss Martha Bell, vice-president; Miss Leona Johnson, secretary and treasurer. The society starts out with 10 sweet little girl members, and who would dare compute the good that will be accomplished by this sweet little girl organizer in teaching these little ones the beauty of service. God bless them all.

Our esteemed townsman, Mr. R. N. Edmunds, starts to-day as the representative of the W. O. W. camp here to the Head camp convention to convene in Spartanburg Tuesday. Mr. Jim Miller represents Plum Branch and Rev. J. T. Littlejohn, Cold Spring.

Capt. Townsend, the contractor of the brick store, has been quite sick this week, but is now convalescent.

Mrs. John Brunson has been quite sick but I am glad to say is now better.

Messrs. John Bussey, Henry Reese and Clifford Robertson were our representatives in court in your town last week. Mr. Robertson was taken quite sick in Edgefield Thursday and had to return home. I am glad, however, to state that he is much improved.

The people had started their plows until the rain Saturday stopped them. Gardens were being planted too. The best prepared garden we have noticed is Uncle Sump Riddlehoover's. Uncle Sump has recently married and moved in our community and is quite an acquisition, agriculturally, socially and religiously, to whom we make our bow.

The B. Y. P. U. last night was largely attended by both young and old people. The subject discussed was Africa. A good address was made on Africa, racially and religiously, by Mr. J. A. Miller. I think the B. Y. P. U. is doing a good work.

We all enjoyed the article by "Trolley Crank" on first page of The Advertiser. It is humorously written by one of our best story tellers in Edgefield county: "his speech betrayeth him." More anon, RAMBLER.

STATE CORN CONTEST.

Appropriation of \$500 Made for Prizes for Corn Contest.

The general assembly, just adjourned, made provision for the continuing of the annual corn growing contest among the farmers of the state. There will be given in prizes this year \$500 to those who are successful participants. The entries should be made at the office of the commissioner of agriculture in Columbia. Commissioner Watson is at present preparing the proper form of contestants' manual, which will be used by each contestant for the purpose of keeping his crop record, and hopes to have these manuals ready very shortly, making due announcement when they are ready for distribution.

So far there have been two state corn contests held under state appropriations, the one in 1906, with which the national prize was won by Mr. Tindall, of Clarendon county, and the other in 1907, in which Mr. B. E. Moore, of Marlboro, won the chief prize with 137 bushels to one acre.

These contests have had a wonderful stimulating effect in the matter of corn growing, and it is hoped that the entries this year will be far more numerous than they have ever been. Not alone does the yield per acre count in the state contest, but purity and selection of seed, methods of cultivation, etc., are of strong scoring value.

Commissioner Watson, is exceedingly anxious this year to see the entry lists full and complete, and every county in the state represented among the contestants. As soon as possible he will announce the arrangement of the prizes and other details to the contest in the public press.—Columbia Record.

(From the foregoing it will be seen that corn growing, is receiving statewide interest. Why can not some Edgefield farmer win the State prize as well as The Advertiser's prize? We have written Commissioner Watson to send the rules under which the State contest will be conducted, which we will publish on receipt.—Editor The Advertiser.

Penned by a Citizen of the Longmires Section.

Please allow me a short space for this letter. The grain around here looks flourishing. We are having a lot of rain and can't get to work any. We had a big hail sometime ago, that almost covered the ground but it did not do any damage.

Times are getting a little better around here. I did not see but two drunken men during Christmas. It's a low down white man that makes a mean negro by slipping around getting them to sell liquor. Any white man who will do that is not as good as the darkey. I would not risk a white man who would do that in my chicken house. I hope times will change. They say they can't catch up with them, but the reason they can't is because they don't try. J.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.

The National Government Interested in Improving Agricultural Conditions.

For some years there has been a steady flow of population from the rural districts to the towns and cities; but with the efforts that are being put forth to make farm life more attractive, as well as more profitable, there will soon be a change in the tide. Agricultural lands will never be cheaper than they are to-day, and the demand for country property is likely to increase steadily.

The United States government has undertaken what is known as demonstration work throughout the south, which will contribute much toward the re-population of many almost deserted farmers. Mr. O. B. Martin, former State Superintendent of Education, has been engaged to carry forward this special work under the direction of the Agricultural Department. According to the Columbia Record the plan of work is somewhat as follows:

Boys between the ages of ten and twenty-one years will be invited and urged to join corn or cotton clubs in their localities. Every boy who joins will be expected to secure from his father one acre of land, for his own special attention and cultivation. The names of the members of these clubs will be sent by the teachers to the county superintendents of education, who will forward them to the United States Department of Agriculture. The department will furnish each boy with the best of seed for planting his acre, in addition he will receive a letter of instruction once a month, giving the suggestions and ideas of Dr. Knapp, as to the best methods of preparation, planting, fertilizing, cultivation, etc. The state and county agents of the farm demonstration work will also co-operate, by inspecting the boys' farms and making suggestions.

Public spirit is the greatest of all. It is the life of the community. It is the life of the nation. It is the life of the world. It is the life of the universe. It is the life of the Godhead. It is the life of the Holy Spirit. It is the life of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is the life of the Trinity. It is the life of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is the life of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Living. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Dead. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Future. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Present. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Past. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Future. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Present. It is the life of the Kingdom of the Past.

Prizes will be offered for the greatest yields of corn and cotton and also for the best stalks of cotton. These prizes will consist not only of cash, but of useful and desirable articles of merchandise, such as farm implements, watches, hats, etc.

It is planned to have all members of the local clubs come together occasionally in a county club. At these meetings the farm demonstration agents, members of faculties of agricultural colleges and experts from Washington will be invited to be present and aid in the instruction and work. This will be especially emphasized at a meeting in the fall, when the prizes will be awarded. These gentlemen will not only judge the exhibits which will be brought together at the court house, but they will instruct the boys in seed collection, corn-judging and other such important and interesting matters.

Mr. Martin said yesterday that he would hope to organize only a few counties in each state this year, but that he believed the work would be extended very rapidly next year.

THE TENANT SYSTEM.

Strong and Logical Paper Condemning The Ruinous Tenant System.

Editor Advertiser: The time was in this state when if a thief went into your corn field and plucked the ears you could not legally punish him. To convict him of larceny it was incumbent upon you to prove that he not only took the ears of corn, but that he also took and carried away the stalk and the ground that grew the stalk. Now as a country grows older and new conditions arise our democratic government, state and national, must enact such laws as will meet the requirements of such conditions. This seems to be an age of law-making, and the machines are being run by electricity and by people are shouting, with hats off, more speed and the ever smiling and generous politicians are starting for the honor and opportunity of giving their constituents what they demand.

We had the alliance, and now have the Cotton Growers Association, The Farmers Co-operative and Educational Association and perhaps others. They are all clamoring for some sort of legislation. They all know the remedy. It's as easy as turning your back mule with axle-grease. Some of the officers of these organizations are having a pretty good time. Their offices have managed to stem the difference between price and a competency. These organizations have made store-keepers, state and county officers, U. S. Senators and Congressmen say nothing of the scores of crooked politicians. He has certainly got up a pretty good supply of material and it remains to be seen what the finished product will be at what it will do through legislation to raise the price of our great Southern product—cotton. We will

gations we more sacred than our pastor, Rev. L. B. White. The good people of this community have just completed cutting out a road and building a bridge across Stevens' creek between here and the railroad, which will give us near cut to McCormick.

L. W. R. (The foregoing letter was intended for earlier publication but was delayed in reaching the office.—Ed. The Advertiser.)

bought \$22,100,000 worth of stuff more than they have cotton to pay for. Where is this deficit? Why distributed among the landlords. Ninety per cent of the tenants are in arrears and will be there in the winding up. They may be transferred with their mortgages to several different farmers and over several years but in the winding up some white man will have lost unless the case is an exception.

Oh! if the politicians, the associations and all other organizations and the farmer himself who is clamoring for legislation would simultaneously turn their batteries upon this dreadful impediment in Southern agriculture what incalculable good would result. A generation of such hurrahs as we have been having will not accomplish anything. And we are doubtful of the efficacy of patent medicines, though many of them are highly recommended by some of our distinguished preachers and national representatives. The proverbial old woman sometimes does things that are enviable and we believe the situation is one that will yield readily to domestic medication.

O. D. W. Meeting Street, March 6th, 1909

Little Johnnie, who had been praying for some months for God to send him a baby brother, finally became discouraged. "I don't believe God has any more little boys to send," he told his mother, "and I'm going to quit it." Early one morning not long after this he was taken into his mother's room to see twin boys, who had arrived in the night. Johnnie regarded them thoughtfully for some minutes. "Gee," he remarked finally, "It's a good thing I stopped praying when I did."—Everybody's Magazine.

Let us supply you with garden seed. We sell both Buist's and Ferry's seed. Either will give perfect satisfaction. B. Timmons.

CONTEST COMMENDED.

The Farmers of White Town Heartily Approve of The Advertiser's Corn Contest.

Our local Farmer's Union met recently and ordered our guano for this year. We have reduced our fertilizer bill considerably, having ordered only 50 or 60 tons. We are buying the raw material and will mix our own guano, as we can save on the mixing and we will also save the freight on the filling.

We have also purchased 75 or 80 barrels of flour through the union. We have bought some corn and meat but we are ashamed to tell how much; but we will not have it to buy any more as we are going to make our living at home.

We do not mean to let our good editor get ahead of us on the corn prize proposition. The editor's plan was mentioned at the meeting and on motion of brother B. D. Kitchings the union offered a prize to the member of the local union who would raise the most corn on one acre of ground. Each member gave one dollar toward raising the prize money, and as we have 34 members with all dues paid for 1909, we have \$34 to be divided into three prizes: \$18 for the first prize, \$10 for the second prize and \$6 for third prize.

We think the proposition of the editor of The Advertiser is the best thing he could have done, and we hope every farmer, union or non union, will try one acre and see how much more he will make than he has been making by ordinary cultivation. I am sure it will add thousands of bushels to Edgefield's corn crop this year.

We certainly thank you, Mr. Editor, for leading off in this matter, and we hope each local union will take up our proposition in their meetings by offering prizes themselves.

Another contest was suggested at our meeting offering a prize to the

NEWS FROM MODOC.

Good Results From Miss Nance's Work. Twin City Power Company Soon to Break Ground.

The association for the improvement of Modoc public school entertained on Friday night with a short program, oysters, ice cream and cake. Everything went off beautifully, a perfect success. The sum of \$17.50 was realized which is to be added to the \$7.75 realized on St. Valentine's evening. All goes to the improvement fund.

Miss Nance left us enthused; put us to work, which speaks more for her progressive soul than fair words, though of these we have showers. She needs only to come again to hear them all.

Our charming sweet senior of the S. C. C. I., Miss Lily May Bussey, was with us. Her selection, "Mamma's Little Baby Boy", so splendidly rendered was enjoyed immensely. Cadets Landrum and McDaniel spent from Saturday until Monday in our town. Now boys this was one time you were too early. Why did you not wait for the oyster supper? However, any time is good. We are always glad to see you.

Dr. T. E. Jennings has just returned from a week's stay in Florida. In an evening with him one gleams much intelligent information on Florida as the land of the tourist the truck farm and the orange grove.

Mr. Tony Bussey, of Tennessee, spent several days of last week in and around Modoc making pleasure out of business. The "Twin City Co." draws men to and fro. Some days Modoc is full. Conspicuous among them always is Mr. L. F. Dorn, of Parksville and Mr. John Bussey of Double Branches, Ga.

Mr. Wilson, of Swanee, Ga., stopped over on a visit to Mr. J. H. Marshall. Mrs. Mann Wash and niece who have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs.

Do You Want to Help Boom This Town?



If you do, you'll assist the editors in advertising the place.

If you do, you'll patronize home industries, including the printer.

If you do, you'll subscribe for this paper regularly and advertise in it.

But—

If you don't, you'll sneer at our efforts for town improvement.

If you don't, you'll order your job printing from some outsider.

If you don't, you'll borrow your neighbor's copy of the paper to read.

DO YOU OR DON'T YOU?

Large Number of Farmers Mixing Their Own Fertilizers.

The following from the Columbia State clearly indicates that a large number of farmers over the state are buying the ingredients a

ever, providing that the buyer is able to obtain the same goods at a lower price than he has agreed to pay, then the fertilizer company will cut their prices to a level with the prices offered the buyer, or cancels the contract.

Heretofore the cuts in this State and Georgia and North Carolina were generally only about \$1.00 to \$1.50 per ton, but this season finds fertilizer companies cutting their original prices quite freely, some of them giving rebates of from \$2 to \$3 per ton.

This is accounted for by the number of farmers who are buying the raw materials and mixing their own fertilizers. They find it cheaper to buy kainit, nitrate of soda, manure salts, sulphate of ammonia and cotton-seed meal and do the mixing at home than to buy the ready mixed goods from the dealers.

That the farmers are doing their own mixing is evident from the fact that cottonseed meal is particularly scarce now, which is very unusual at this season of the year.

This is the season to give your chickens a tonic. We can supply you with Pratt's Poultry Food and Stock Powders. Nothing better. B. Timmons.

Determined Effort for Big March Sales.

We are now to the front for a mighty stride for a big Spring business. The unusual large stock on hand forces us to quote prices lower than New York wholesale case lots of course these goods were bought ahead of time and are now rushing in upon us.

We MUST Be Relieved of Our Big Stock Cash Will Surely Tempt Us

The following is a few of our prices: 50 pcs calico—Best grades all colors side bands etc.—regular price 6 1-2c our price 4 3-4c. 25 pcs. all colored dress gingham neat patterns worth 12 1-2c per yard to go at 7 1-2c. 15 pcs 36 inch percale all late styles worth 12 1-2 and 15c per yd to go at 10c.

Fancy Waisting Fabric. 10 pcs white madras, dots, figures in many designs mercerized good width 10c. 10 pcs 40 inch wide, blk., blue & brown a beautiful quality Panama real value 75c our price 47 1-2c. 20 pcs 40 inch white lawn 12 1-2c value at 9c.

Remember that we also keep a full up to date line of Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, etc.

J. Rubenstein Department Store.

The Blind Tiger

We don't suppose it has ever happened that an innocent person has been brought up into the courts on a charge of selling liquor, although it is not possible to prove the offense.

Some citizens who are anxious enough to see all other laws enforced are indifferent about the enforcement of the law against selling liquor. We have heard people say that a man who will buy liquor from another and then tell him is unworthy of belief.

This is an altogether wrong and dangerous sentiment, and it is the duty of good citizens to stamp it out.

A blind tiger is not only of no benefit to the community but is a positive hindrance. The man who sells whiskey—and especially when it is against the law—is a parasite of the most vicious type. He is not only not useful himself but impairs the usefulness of others. He is entitled to no sympathy or protection from anybody under any circumstances and it is the duty of everybody, officers of the law and citizens alike, to see that he is hunted down and punished.

As a matter of fact there is less excuse for a man selling whiskey than for any crime known to the statute books; and the blind tigers cause more trouble than any other class of criminals.—Anderson Mail.

Cash Clothing Store.

Ready With a Large Spring Stock of Clothing Shoes & Hats

W. A. HART