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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1911.

Number among your worst enemies the hawkers of malicious rumors and unexplored anecdotes.—LAVATER.

The legislature will convene Tuesday next.

The latter half of 1910 having been exceedingly dry, it will be safe to plan for a wet spring in 1911.

The German government, with its threatened heavy increase of the export duty on potash, is now a great menace to the southern farmer as the boll weevil.

Instead of levying a tax on news bureaus, which have done much toward advertising the city to the outworld, Columbia might well afford to offer special inducements to others to come in.

The best display of marksmanship in wounding deadly weapons during the holidays, so far as we are informed, was that of a Beaufort negro who shot another negro through a keyhole with a 38-calibre pistol.

The public-spirited citizen will ask himself this question: "What can I do to promote the interests of the community at large, as well as to advance my private interests during the year 1911?"

We confidently believe that the people of Edgefield county are on the threshold of the most prosperous year they have ever experienced. But it will be so only to those who improve their opportunities and put forth the best efforts of which they are capable.

A Richland county farm of 1,538 acres sold several days ago for the enormous sum of \$75,000. People are accustomed now-a-days to large deals in city real estate, but the sale of the Singleton plantation sets a new pace for rural or agricultural property.

The post master general has issued orders to the effect that all rural delivery routes will be discontinued where the public roads are not kept in proper condition. The authorities should give special attention to the roads of this county so as to avoid trouble along that line.

The postal savings banks opened for business yesterday. Until the experimental stage is passed only one post office in each state will be designated as a savings institution. The post office at Newberry will conduct the experiment in this state. The result of the new system of banking will be watched with much interest.

Cotton has been selling around fifteen cents much of the fall, but who knows what a year will bring forth? The staple may be ten, or even eight, cents next fall. Therefore, let economy be uppermost in all of your plans for the new year. Let come what may—rain or drought, prosperity or adversity—the man who economizes throughout the year will be better off financially next fall than the one who does not.

Contrast in mind the quiet, orderly holiday season that has just passed in Edgefield with the demoralization and rowdiness that accompanied the Christmas of a decade or more ago. Why such a very marked difference? There seems to be but one answer. The curtailment of the sale and consumption of whiskey. We confidently believe that seventy-five per cent. of the people of the county will say: "As for our part, give us Christmas without the liquor."

The authorities in Washington who are in charge of the boll weevil investigation have issued a bulletin warning farmers of the cotton belt. It is believed that the time is not far distant before the pest will make its appearance practically over the entire cotton belt. The bulletin states that "The boll weevil last year infested nearly 30 per cent. of the cotton acreage of the United States. It was found in 100 per cent. in Louisiana, 80 in Texas, 30 in Arkansas, 30 in Mississippi and 35 in Oklahoma."

The progress of the insect to the east will be more rapid than to the north because of climatic conditions; but the experience thus far acquired seems to indicate, according to the agricultural department experts, that the boll weevil will eventually overcome any climatic barriers. The only exception to this is the high open plains of western Texas.

Steadily Increasing.

After a progressive, prosperous young farmer of this county told us on Monday that six years ago he used 12 tons of commercial fertilizers on his farm and that this year, without an increase in acreage, he has already contracted for 40 tons, we no longer wonder at the marked increase of fertilizer sales in this state from year to year, as shown by the figures published on the front page of this issue. While farmers have steadily increased their fertilizer purchases, they are using it more intelligently and are realizing

profitable returns. The young farmer above referred to made an average of a bale per acre the past year, and his ideal at present is a bale and a half per acre.

We have always been an advocate of intensive farming, consequently a liberal use of commercial fertilizers, but at the same time we urge the making of barnyard manure. The greatest need of the average southern soil is more humus—vegetable matter in some form—which can not be supplied by commercial fertilizers alone.

News Letter From The Progressive Town of Parksville.

The fact, that I had written The Advertiser relative to a new hotel for Parksville caused, I suppose Mr. Dave W. Shapton of Clark's Hill to tell me, that before the close of this good year 1911, a fifty room hotel would adorn this otherwise quiet little village. Mr. Shapton assures me, that this hotel will be modern in equipment with all the conveniences found in large cities. In the meantime, Mr. Shapton is prepared to take care of the traveling public in his new, palatial residence just finished at a cost of seven thousand dollars. This building does credit to Mr. Shapton's enterprise, and is possibly the nicest residence in western Edgefield.

This fruit growing section, often compared to Switzerland, with the picturesque hills, will blossom as never before when this new hotel shall have been completed with other contemplated improvements. But hold! Heyward county is trying to get all this fine scenery, and what say you. I'll tell you how I stand: I am opposed to Heyward county. We have always been told by the politicians about the old "Edgefield ring," but so far as I am concerned, give me the old "Edgefield ring" in preference to the new North Augusta ring, dominated by the city of Augusta. No; old Edgefield opposes giving this new territory to North Augusta with annex.

Well, Christmas has come and gone bringing home many young people to see the old folks, and view once more their old stamping grounds. The Tompkins boys, the Bells, the Dorns, the Garretts, the Parks, and many others came to see once more and break bread with the old folks.

Speaking of Christmas reminds me, that only one fatality, so far as I know, has occurred within a radius of ten miles from Parksville, and that was the killing of Lum King by Charlie Tutt near Modoc. This killing was doubtless caused by blind tiger liquor, both parties being negroes. Tutt has surrendered and is now in the hands of the law.

At a regular communication of Parksville, 199, A. F. M. on December 23rd the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. A. J. Bell, worshipful master; R. N. Edmunds, senior warden; Dan A. Bell, junior warden; John R. Blackwell, secretary; W. P. Parks, treasurer; Wilmer Christian, senior deacon; W. M. Robertson, junior warden; H. J. Reese and J. C. Harveley, stewards; J. B. Dorn, tyler. At this meeting resolutions in memory of our deceased Bro. Dr. Jennings, were adopted and ordered published in The Advertiser.

The W. O. W. will hold a public meeting in our new hall over the bank on Tuesday night January 3rd, at which time there will be a public installation of officers, the public being invited. People who ought to be judges say, our new hall into which the two fraternities have recently moved is a beauty. Come and see.

The Christmas tree given by the young ladies and gentlemen of this town during the holidays for the pleasure of the little ones was a complete success and reflects credit upon the promoters.

We are sorry to report that Miss Ellie Rich, who has been teaching in Barwell county the last few months is quite sick at the home of Mrs. Martha Rich, at Clark's Hill of typhoid fever.

Though the weather was bad a good congregation went out yesterday to hear Mr. Garrett's new year's sermon from the subject "Move forward." A bran new organ has been installed by the devoted Baptist young people, the best we have ever had, which gave inspiration to both preacher and hearers by the melodious tones. It was intimated yesterday that the thing to do in this year of 1911 might be to tear down the old church building and erect a modern one in its stead.

Misses Josie Hickson and Belle Sanders, have been spending the Yuletide with relatives, but will resume their duties in the school room next Thursday. We hope they may return much invigorated, ready for their arduous duty.

More Anon.

Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A K Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great. Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at Penn & Holstein, W E Lynch & Co., B Timmons.

Farm For Rent.

83 1/2 acres about half open land. Will rent all open land reasonable to right party. Write F. L. Parker, Johnston, S. C.

Retires With Honorable Record.

On Monday Mr. A. R. Nicholson formally turned the office of county superintendent of education over to his successor, Mr. W. W. Fuller. During the past two years Mr. Nicholson has given close attention to the schools in all parts of the county, as well as giving



due attention to the clerical duties of the office. He has cooperated with the trustees of a number of schools in voting special levies and in securing state aid for a number of weak schools. Mr. Nicholson has encouraged every forward move that has been made by teachers and trustees. He leaves a record of which he is justly very proud.

Gilchrist-Lyon.

On Tuesday afternoon, December 27th, Miss Eliza Virginia Gilchrist and Mr. Abner Bushnell Lyon were happily married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Virginia Carolina Gilchrist, the Rev. H. E. Burton and Rev. J. T. Littlejohn officiating. The bride is widely-beloved young woman whose superior qualities of mind and heart have endeared her to a host of friends. The groom is an energetic and prosperous young farmer. They will make their home at the Yeldell place which was purchased some time ago by Mr. Lyon. The Advertiser extends cordial good wishes and congratulations.

Dorn-Jackson.

On Sunday afternoon, December 25th, Miss Milbria Dorn and Mr. William Jackson were happily married by Rev. L. D. Gillespie at the Methodist parsonage. Both of these popular young people are residents of our town. The bride, a young lady of many lovable qualities, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dorn and the groom, who is a sober, energetic young man of very high character, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jackson. The Advertiser joins their host of friends in extending congratulations and hearty good wishes.

Attention Mission Societies!

On Wednesday next, the eleventh, at Edgefield there will be a rally day for all the societies of the association, at the Baptist church. Rev. W. H. Canada, missionary to Brazil, will be present and address the meeting in the morning, and Mrs. W. J. Hatcher of Johnston in the afternoon. All societies in the association are cordially invited to send representatives and bring a short written report of their work since the annual meeting at Rehoboth. Lunch will be served at the church. All visitors are requested to reach the church not later than 11 o'clock and the meeting will adjourn early after dinner so that ladies desiring to return home may do so.

Odd Fellows Elect Officers.

At the regular meeting of the Odd Fellows Monday night the following officers were elected: Dr. A. R. Nicholson, N. G.; Ernest Roper, V. G.; R. L. Dunovant, secretary and treasurer; Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse, chaplain; L. T. May, R. S.; V. E. Mims, L. S.; W. C. McCreary, I. G.; W. H. Bee, O. G.; J. S. Byrd, conductor.

The officers will be installed at the next regular meeting, at which time an oyster supper will also be given.

Expresses Appreciation.

The year just closed has been a very satisfactory year for us in business and I desire to thank my friends and the public generally for their very generous patronage. I will appreciate a continuance of this liberal patronage and shall at all times endeavor to merit it. We will continue to carry a full line of reliable merchandise and will sell as reasonable as possible, always according our patrons courteous attention.—J. W. Peak.

Public Sales.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather a goodly number were in town Monday the first Monday of the new year. Only two tracts of land were sold at public outcry. The Harling land, 240 acres, was purchased by Mr. W. E. Harling for \$1,400. The Hays tract of 150 acres was bought by Hon. W. R. Parks for \$1,000.

SHOWERS OF LETTERS.

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While we give Him the love and adoration due Him as the "Prince of Peace," and our hearts filled with loving thoughts and good will towards men, it is but human that we turn to our own kinsmen, for an outlet to these emotions.

And so at this Christmas time while we are "loving and giving" which "makes life worth living." I want to tell you how glad I am that God has spared you to us, your family and your friends, for these three score years and more than ten years. You will never know to what extent your life has been a blessing, until that time when, "we shall know as we are known." There are those of us, to whom your patient, quiet endurance of life's hardships and the cheerful submission, and brave, beautiful life you have lived, has been and will be an inspiration, and I doubt not to many another pilgrim on life's journey.

I am wishing for you and dear Aunt Belle, that to-morrow may be the happiest day of your lives, and as the days of the new year come and go, you may sing with the poet:

"Even down to old age all my people shall prove my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love."

With warmest love for you all, I am, affectionately,
Johnston, S. C.

My dear Uncle Robert:—

It affords me a great deal of genuine pleasure, frequent as it occurs, to think of you and your life, and it is a greater joy and happiness that you are with us all another Christmas. And I feel from my own experience that it is indeed a token of God's love and mercy to us, the younger generations, that you and our lovely aunt Belle are yet with us.

With best wishes for you both a merry Christmas and happy new year and that the returns shall be many. Your devoted nephew,
Edgefield, S. C.

My dear Uncle Robert:—

Notwithstanding the great press of matters incident to the season, it affords me infinite pleasure to lay aside everything in order to write you a few words of felicitation at this joyous Christmas-tide. Fortune has never decreed that any Mims should be overburdened with material wealth, but in the rich heritage that has come to us, the younger generation, through your life, which has been singularly void of offense toward God and man, together with the influence of the lives of kindred saints who have gone before, we have unbonded wealth that is more enduring than houses and lands or silver and gold. God has not only manifested his loving kindness to you by prolonging your sojourn beyond the allotted span, but has thereby unspeakably blessed this community and your kindred to the third generation.

Owing to your exalted character, unswerving reputation, unselfish life, unquestioned piety and unflinching loyalty to Him, you are enjoying, as Wordsworth has said,

"An old age serene and bright
And lovely as a Lapland night."

The salutary influence of your example, as you have quietly gone in and out among the people of this community all these years, is immeasurable. I can personally bear this testimony to its wholesome and helpful effect. Through your Godly walk and conversation, we of the younger generation are stimulated and encouraged to strive the harder "to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God."

I feel that as a further reward for your faithfulness, God will yet spare you to your loved ones and to this community many more years. May it be so! And not only you, but I trust that Aunt Belle, the devoted companion of your bosom, may also be spared to you and to us many more years.

With sincerest wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy new year, I am with deep and abiding affection,
Your nephew,
Edgefield, S. C.

Mr. Mims will celebrate his 78th birthday this month, having passed his entire life in the house in which he was born. For thirty years of his life he has been clerk of the Edgefield Baptist church.

Christmas Dance.

On Tuesday evening of last week the young men of the town gave their annual Christmas dance in the opera house in honor of the holiday visitors. About 25 couples engaged in the dance. The music was furnished by Bearden's band from Augusta. Before the last dance of the "wee, small hours" refreshments were served. The chaperones of the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. W. Luther Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. S. McG. Simkins, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Tompkins, Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sheppard, Mrs. Susan B. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart and Mrs. Kate Kernaghan.

Bobby's Mother.—You know, dear, your uncle Edwin is coming to visit us next week with his bride. You know what a bride is, don't you?
Bobby (aged 5)—Yey. It's a thing you marry.—Chicago Tribune

The Corner Store.

OUR DEEDS FOLLOW US AND WHAT WE HAVE BEEN MAKES US WHAT

WE ARE

With the above lines impressed in our mind we face the future determined for all time to merit the confidence and to retain the co-operation of all our patrons.

In this spirit we extend to you our thanks for the past, our sincere appreciation for the present and our best wishes and efforts for

NINETEEN ELEVEN

May it bring to each and all of us Good Cheer, Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity. Respectfully,

The Corner Store

New Year Greetings

We have reached the end of another year which has proven very satisfactory in a business way. I desire to thank my friends and the public for their very generous patronage in the past and solicit a continuance for the future.

I shall do my utmost to make it to your interest to spend your money with us as heretofore. We expect to continue to carry a large stock of dependable goods, selling them as low as it is possible to sell high class goods. With many wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all of our friends.

J. RUBENSTEIN



The Origin of Royster Fertilizers.

Mr. Royster believed that success awaited the Manufacturer of Fertilizers who would place quality above other considerations. This was Mr. Royster's idea Twenty-seven years ago and this is his idea to-day; the result has been that it requires Eight Factories to supply the demand for Royster Fertilizers.

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