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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 1912

A life of pleasure makes even the strongest mind frivolous at last.—**BOLIVER.**

The Fight Is On.

The Advertiser has been reliably informed that petitions are being circulated for the purpose of having an election ordered on the question of the re-establishment of the dispensary in Edgefield county. Precipitating a fight at this time, when perfect peace and harmony prevail among our people, is unfortunate, but if the fight must come, we say let it come. Just as the Advertiser has all along opposed the sale of whiskey and had a part in the overthrow of the dispensary six years ago, we do not now hesitate to take a stand against its re-establishment.

The following are some reasons why we oppose the dispensary:

1. Because it will increase drunkenness.
 2. Because it will increase crime.
 3. Because it will place temptation in the way of our boys and young men.
 4. Because it will place whiskey in easy reach of those addicted to the habit, and who drink to excess.
 5. Because it will impoverish our people. That which decreases earning capacity, impoverishes.
 6. Because it will contribute to political corruption, leading in all probability to a dispensary "ring."
 7. Because it is unwise to give the sanction of law to a business that has always been a curse to humanity.
 8. Because the Christian women of the county who suffer most from the blight and curse of whiskey oppose it.
 9. Because the best interests of society are promoted through the curtailment, rather than the increase of the consumption of whiskey.
 10. Because it is inconsistent for a county to establish schools, and employ christian teachers, to develop the hearts, minds, and bodies of our children and then deliberately place in their reach that which destroys them.
 11. Because the first duty of the county and state is to protect those who are weak rather than make it easy for them to yield.
 12. Because many who can't afford it, will spend their earnings for whiskey instead of for the necessities of their family.
 13. Because an effort will be made, here as elsewhere, to increase the sales and consumption of whiskey in order that the so-called profit account may be enlarged.
 14. Because the profit feature is a delusion and a snare being paid into the treasury by our people, the consumers.
 15. Because it will send thousands of dollars beyond the borders of our county for that which demoralizes and degrades, instead of proving uplifting and helpful.
 16. Because it will increase disorder and rowdiness in the town of Edgefield and on the public roads leading from the county seat.
 17. Because it will afford a convenient base of supplies for blind tigers who will sell at night and on Sundays in the rural districts, as is now being done in Aiken county.
 18. Because it is inimical to the Christian religion and that for which the forty odd churches in Edgefield county stand.
 19. Because it will increase the number of inmates in our county home, and the number of orphan children that will be sent from this county to the various orphanages of the state.
 20. Because it will take shoes from the feet, clothes from the back, and food from the mouths of many poor children, both white and colored, to say nothing of the comforts and luxuries of which they will be deprived.
- Three leading arguments for a dispensary are: First, that it will suppress blind tigers. Second, that the profits therefrom will go into the public treasury. Third, that the people are given better whiskey.
- Let us consider each of these briefly.

While the writer was in Charleston Monday, he was informed by one who was in position to know that in spite of its twelve dispensaries, that city has nearly 200 blind tigers. Does that look like dispensaries suppress tigers? Notwithstanding the fact that Aiken county has six dispensaries and several mounted rural policemen, it is well known that blind tigers thrive in Aiken county, even more than in Edgefield.

Now as to the profits. In the first place there will be no profits unless the sales be increased far beyond the amount spent at present for whiskey in the county. Will it be wise, or will it be good business for our people to send \$30,000 or \$40,000 per annum to northern and western distillers in order that a few thousand dollars may accrue to the public treasury? Bear in mind, too, that this few thousand dollars, so-called profits, is paid from the earnings of our own people. Not one dollar of the large amount sent to these distillers and liquor dealers ever returns to our county to circulate.

Finally, as to the quality of liquor. Was it not conceded that at the time the dispensary was in operation that much of the whiskey sold was of the lowest grades, some of it being made of chemicals. Even the same low grade of whiskey was marked, X, XX, XXX, and the people charged enormous prices for these low grades. The writer was informed a few days ago by a citizen of one of the wet counties that dispensaries are selling as mean liquor as the blind tigers. Blind tigers are not alone in selling chemicals and low grade liquors.

The Advertiser opposes the sale of whiskey whether sold legally or illegally, whether by the individual, the county or the state.

Marriage of Miss Louise Lyon and Mr. Donald Smith.

A marriage of great interest to Edgefield was consummated at the home of Mr. M. D. Lyon in our western suburbs on Sunday afternoon, when Miss Louise Lyon, so well and affectionately known in our town, was married to Mr. Donald Smith of Red Hill, Rev. J. T. Littlejohn officiating. The marriage was a quiet one, only the members of the family being present. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Smith left for Red Hill, where they will remain until Mrs. Smith finishes the remaining ten weeks of her school term, where for two years past she has been teaching so successfully. When the school closes, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will go to their home near Prescott's, which Mr. Smith has recently purchased. Their new home known as the Munday place is one of the most desirable in that section, and is noticeable for its beautiful grove of water oak trees at the front, which makes it more desirable for residence. All who know Mr. and Mrs. Smith say that they are both to be congratulated, and Edgefield and Red Hill are vying with each other as to which is most fortunate. Mr. Smith is a young man of sterling business qualities and bids fair to make one of Edgefield county's best citizens, and what most commends him is that Miss Louise's friends were willing for the marriage. Miss Louise has lived in Edgefield since she was a little girl, and has always been beloved for her amiable, gentle disposition and her sweet womanly modesty. Since leaving school, she has taught for three years, and has been connected with religious work in her church. She is a true type of a useful, attractive and gracious young woman, and we congratulate not only Mr. Smith, but Prescott's and the Grove neighborhood and Red Hill church for having these young people become a part of their community life.

Mr. J. T. Reese Writes Interesting Proceedings of the Meriwether Agricultural Club.

The Meriwether Agricultural Club held a regular meeting on Saturday 16th. The minutes of each meeting were read, and confirmed. They contained a report from Executive Committeeman Bunch of a meeting of the executive committee of the Savannah Valley associated Farmers Clubs as follows:

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Bennetts Springs, the date to be set later by the club. The prize money from the corn festival was divided among the clubs and checks distributed. The judges of the corn show gave the first prize to Meriwether, the second prize to Schults Township and the third prize to Bennetts Springs. The prizes were divided as follows: First prize \$15.00, second \$10.00, third \$5.00. After the division had been made according to the awards of the judges, there was left \$120.00 of the prize money and this was divided equally among the six clubs entering exhibits in the corn show. This gave the three clubs that did not win a prize \$20.00 a piece and added \$30.00 to the three prize winning clubs.

By motion the discussion and

reading of essays were postponed until next meeting and roads were discussed, the Secretary being instructed to write to the County Supervisor begging that he work roads in our section wider on his next visit here and the Secretary was further instructed to communicate with the Senator and Representatives of Edgefield requesting them to use their influence to pass a law making all main thoroughfares 30 feet wide. By motion the chair was empowered to appoint 3 or 5 members as a committee to study the road question and try to plan a way to get better roads. Messrs. Nolan Bowden, J. T. Reese, L. A. Stephens, Walter Cheatham and P. M. Markert were appointed.

By motion the treasurer was authorized to have blinds, sashes and doors of the club house repaired and the house painted.

The business of the day was then disposed of and roads again discussed which resulted in a committee being appointed to draw up resolutions for the club's approval to be submitted to Edgefield's next delegation.

Mr. Garnett Asks an Important Question.

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir:—In regard to this tick or Texas fever, as most all call it, I wish to ask a question, and that is this: Why is it that in the last few years ticks have got to giving cows Texas fever, when 10 or 12 years ago there were plenty of ticks on most all the cows in the summer time, but since there have got to be but few cows and scarcely any ticks you can hear tick or Texas fever on all sides? Ten or twelve years ago I owned cows the back part of whose bag was nearly covered in summer with ticks and they didn't die or show any signs of ever being sick. People did not feed but very little cotton seed meal in those times and since we have got to feeding cotton seed meal, we hear a whole lot about tick or Texas fever. I firmly believe this disease comes from feeding damaged cotton seed meal.

One of my neighbors lost two milk cows, one Jersey stock cow, last year in about three weeks. He first thought they had Texas fever but did not lose any more, and by the way, these three he had been feeding cotton seed meal. He said the meal did not look like he thought it ought to look, but he fed these three cows on it just the same, and they all three died. I don't suppose they had a half-dozen ticks on them, but some people call it tick fever. I call it cotton seed meal fever. Some people think, and I suppose I am an awful block head, like they accused me of being last fall when I advised the farmers to hold their cotton through your paper for a better price. They said there was too much being made. They see now what it is worth. Some of the parties tell me now they wish they had taken my advice, so I believe when we quit or feed very little cotton seed meal and be sure it is sound, not made from rotten cotton seed like some I loaded for a man last fall, that had gone through a heat before he could get a car. Some of them did smell awful bad. This is where I think our cows get tick fever. I may be wrong, but I say look out stock men, how you feed cotton seed meal. Be sure it is sound or your cows may have tick fever whether they ever had a tick on them or not. If it will kill hogs, why not cows?

A Clemson man told me last year not to feed it to hogs if I did not want them to die. I will be glad if you publish this, as I want some one to tell me why cows did not formerly have tick fever.

Truly,
J. M. Garnett.

EYE TALK NO. 4 READING GLASSES

Why does a man of forty-five or fifty need reading glasses? Because his eyes, which for distant vision may be as good as ever, can no longer focus objects close by.

How do the glasses help him? They shorten the "focus" to a comfortable reading distance. Can not almost anybody fit glasses? No person without proper equipment in the way of necessary instruments, and the knowledge of their use should be employed to fit glasses, as the eye must first be measured and the glasses made up to suit each particular case.

GEO. F. MIMS, Optician, Edgefield, S. C.

We are holding a mark down sale, to clean up everything in the store. Suits and Overcoats from 1-4 to 1-2 off, write F. G. MERTINS, Augusta, Ga.

Rives Bros.

Better Equipped Than Ever

We are now ready in all departments for Spring business and better equipped than ever before. We will not name prices but call attention to quality and standard manufacturers line we handle.

Ferguson-McKinney shirts for men and boys We guarantee our 50c shirts to be cut as full to the size as the \$1 grade or can return after wearing. Ferguson-McKinney underwear for men and boys. Boys knickerbocker pants

Full line Tray Collar Co.'s line for spring just in. Men's and boys' straw hats in nice variety. The Crawford oxfords for boys and men in the new spring shapes. Oxfords, slippers and pumps in all the shapes and styles, now ready for the men and ladies in size and price to suit all. Wash silks in nice assortments at 25c. Wash goods in endless variety. Laces, embroidery bandings, and flouncings. The best variety to select from in the county.

Our millinery department in charge of Mrs. L. C. Bailey, of Baltimore, has all the latest things in her line that is out this season.

Make our store your headquarters
RIVES BROS.

Easter Will Soon Be Here.

ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

THE wonderful complete stock of this store is ready to supply your every need, and the special prices now holding will prove of interest to those who are making preparations for their new season outfits. In every department the stock is in excellent shape and values are without a precedent for the high class materials being shown. Below are mentioned a few of the items now on sale from now until Easter.

One case of the best bleaching at 7½c.

50 pieces of 10c dress gingham all new patterns at 8½c.

1 lot of new voils, splendid looking goods, the kind that catches the eye at once, real value 29c, our price 20c.

36-inch Percales

We offer 25 pieces of the best 12½c percales at 8½c.

White Goods Sale

500 yards in corded effect and neat checks 12½c values only 7½c

Silks

25 pieces of 32-inch silk in all shades, real value 65c at 42½c.

5 dozen of ladies fine gowns real value \$1.25 at 79c.

10 pieces of flouncing 47 inches wide, the kind you are paying \$1 per yard, only 59c.

Special

We offer you your choice of 50 suits, hand tailored, extra fine quality, only one or two of a size, regular price \$25 our price 12.50

Boys Easter Suits

Dandy values and good goods the kind that will cost you between \$1.50 or \$2 more elsewhere.

50 dozen men's dress and soft collar shirts, 75c quality at

48c

25 dozen of \$1.25 shirts with or without collars.

89c

This is not just idle talk. Come and see them

REMEMBER

RUBENSTEIN

SELLS IT FOR LESS

SPECIAL
A handsome line of ladies veil skirts in black only the kind you pay \$10 for elsewhere our price \$6.49.

50 pieces of new calicoes, your choice at 4 1-4c.

Easter Hosiery

15 dozen of black silk hose lisle thread, retails everywhere at 50c only 35c.

Shoes! Shoes!

We can show you an elegant line of men's, ladies and children's in high cuts and oxfords in any style you are looking for.

Easter Sale of Clothing.

Strike the bargains where you can get them and it is at this store. Here you are: 50 men's blue serge suits at \$8.50. Equal to any \$15 suits elsewhere.

75 men's suits in stripes, blue browns, also in solid blue serges, the kind you are paying elsewhere \$20, our price \$12.50.