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JOHNSTON LETTER.

High School Commencement. Civic League Organized Johnston Without a Newspaper.

The commencement exercises of the High School will begin on Friday evening, the 21st, the musical recital taking place at this time. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. McLeod of Trinity Episcopal church, Charleston, and on Monday evening Dr. Cromer of Newberry will address the graduating class. The young women of the graduating class will this year, wear the robes and caps.

A Civic League was organized here and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. S. J. Watson; vice-president, Mrs. F. M. Boyd; recording secretary, Miss Eva Rushton; corresponding secretary, Mrs. M. T. Turner; treasurer, Mrs. Wilmot Ozts. A second meeting will be held at an early date and further plans made for the organization. With this movement on foot we hope to some day be known as the "City beautiful."

Miss Josephine Mobley has been the recipient of many pleasures arranged by thoughtful friends, and the affair of Friday afternoon planned by Mrs. J. L. Walker for her was one replete with happiness and good will. Invitations were extended to about 50 friends, and in spite of the inclement weather nearly all were present. But "April cold, and with dropping rain, brought apple blossoms and lilacs again," for the interior of the home presented a lovely spring time effect. Mrs. J. Neil Lott welcomed the guests and after pleasantries in the parlor all passed into an adjoining room, which was but a transport to Japan. The room was softly lighted with Japanese lanterns and everywhere were the apple blossoms and lilacs. Japanese maids, Misses Orlena Cartledge and Mand Sawyer, charming in costume served tea and sandwiches which were enjoyed seated on cushions. Miss Mobley occupied an honored seat and a miniature bride couple, little Helen Walker and Nelson Keese, came in as Mendelssohn's march was heard and they presented her with a gift box, doing this in rhyme, the box containing many pretty handkerchiefs from loving friends present. All seated in Japanese style, were served with a tempting sweet course, the cake being in pink and lilac, by Miss Luella Norris, Virgie Courtney and Miss Mary Walker stood nearby the bride-elect and kept the Josh sticks burning. This is said by the Japanese to keep off any evil from one going on a journey. The guests reluctantly bade their hostess goodbye for she had given them not only two hours of pleasure, but also a trip to Japan.

Easter Sunday was a bright and beautiful day, and the services at the Baptist church bore upon this glad day. Special music was arranged, with two anthems, "Risen, a glorious king," and "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

The monthly sacred concert will be held on Sunday evening at the Baptist church at 8 o'clock.

Master Burrell Boatwright entertained a number of his little friends with an Easter egg hunt on Saturday afternoon at his home "The cedars." The rain prevented the planned hunt in the grass for eggs but just as good a time was had in the house, and after each child had found as many as their hands could hold, games and other childish sports were indulged in. The jelly, whipped cream and cake which was served was very tempting to them.

The past week contained many social pleasures and one of the most beautiful in each detail was that of Tuesday, when Miss Alma Woodward entertained in compliment to her sister, Mrs. W. L. Whittaker whose marriage was a happy event. Miss Josephine Mobley was also an honoree. Violet was the predominant color in the decorations, the lights being of this shade also. The hostess was assisted in receiving by Miss Mand Sawyer, and after the arrivals progressive cards were enjoyed, the tables being designated by number in violets and on each table was a dainty violet basket filled with bonbons. Mrs. F. H. Wil-

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First Annual Training School for S. S. Workers.

The first annual training school for Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. workers of the western district will be held in the auditorium of the First Baptist church, Greenwood, April 11-16. The western district includes all the Baptist churches of the Abbeville, Ridge, Aiken, Laurens, Edgefield and Reedy river associations. The lecturers and teachers in the school will be as follows: Miss Margaret Frost, Elementary expert Baptist Sunday School board, Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. J. C. C. Dunford, associate Sunday school secretary, state mission board of Virginia; Judge J. J. Gentry, Ex-General secretary Baptist Sunday school work in Kentucky, now superintendent Baptist hospital, Columbia; Rev. B. H. DeMent, D. D., formerly professor Sunday school pedagogy, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, now pastor First Baptist church, Greenwood; Rev. Thos. J. Watts, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. secretary, South Carolina Baptist State convention.

All workers who attend the school will be entertained in the Baptist homes of Greenwood without cost to them. Those who will accept the hearty invitation of Greenwood Baptists to attend the training school will please to notify Mr. H. A. Graham, Greenwood, at once. The courses of instruction will cover all the departments of the Sunday school, as the beginners, primaries, juniors, intermediates, seniors and adults. The subject of Sunday school pedagogy will be taught by Dr. DeMent, while Miss Frost will deal with the work of the beginners, primaries and juniors, their physical, mental, social and religious characteristics and needs. Mr. Watts will discuss and teach all matters pertaining to the intermediate, senior and adult pupils. Rev. J. C. C. Dunford will teach the course in class organization, teaching and management of the senior and adult departments. Mr. Watts will also teach the B. Y. P. U. manual. This school is to be like the one just a few days closed in Columbia. The Columbia school attracted very wide attention and was declared to be the best course of instruction in the work of the Sunday school ever given in South Carolina. Hundreds attended the classes and lectures daily. It is expected that the workers of this section of the state will display the same sort of enthusiasm as was displayed at Columbia. Programs have been sent to the pastors and superintendents of all the churches of the several associations above named. Here is a great opportunity and it should not go unimproved. Those who decide to attend should be present on Monday by 4 p. m. and remain until after Friday evening. The opening service will be on Sunday afternoon April 11, at 3 o'clock. Those who cannot come for that service will lose no regular class work as the classes begin on Monday afternoon. Do not miss this treat.

B. H. DeMent, President, Greenwood, S. C.
Thos. J. Watts, corresponding secretary, Columbia, S. C.
Baptist teachers association of S. C.

Honor Roll of Mt. Zion School.

First Grade: Maggie Lee Reece, Mildred Pardue, Nona Franklin, J. C. Smith.

Second Grade: Brontee Padgett, Sallie Carpenter, Mattie Franklin, W. A. Pardue.

Third Grade: Retha Padgett, Corrie and Maggie Rath Smith.

Fourth Grade: Martha Lee Franklin, Addie Smith, Sallie Padgett.

Fifth Grade: Sammie Carpenter, Annie Mae Reece, Dewey Padgett.

Eighth Grade: Lillie Mae Padgett, Addie Belle Franklin.

Ninth Grade: Marie Padgett.

Let us supply you with seed Irish potatoes that bear the stamp of government inspection, which is a guarantee against diseases that attack many potatoes. We have the Early Rose, Bliss, Irish Cobblers and other popular varieties.

Penn & Holstein.

If it's a box of candy you want for your girl Easter we have it. Just received a fresh shipment of Norris candy by express.

Collett & Mitchell.

NEWS FROM TEXAS.

Season One Month Late. Corn Acreage Increased and Cotton Decreased. Cotton Graded Well.

To The Advertiser: I have been thinking for some time I would write a letter, but have kept putting it off, until I read Uncle Ives' letter in the last week's paper. I was getting very uneasy about him for I know he loves to talk and I thought that if he did not have some good listeners to talk to he would have to write. Well I was glad to hear from him and hope it will not be so long between times in the future. I see you are having winter back as well as we are. This is the last day of March, and we would have had frost this morning if it had been clear last night and the wind had not been blowing so hard. The season is about a month late. I have been living here forty-eight years and it is the latest spring I have ever seen. The buds on the trees are just beginning to show. The farmers here planted corn about two weeks ago, and I am afraid they will get poor stands, as the ground was too wet to plant good and we have had some high north winds. I am afraid it has dried the ground out so it will not come up until we have some rain.

There will not be as much cotton planted here as there was last year. Most of the farmers are increasing their feed crops, but some landlords want every thing in cotton and if the renters plant corn or oats they want six dollars an acre rent. Nine-tenths of the farmers have had to buy the most of their corn for the last four or five years, and that is the reason that six and a half cents cotton has hurt us so bad. Our corn crops have been failures for five years.

I have weighed over forty-one hundred bales of cotton here this season and it was the best lot of cotton I ever saw. There were about thirty-five hundred picked without any rain and out of a hundred bale shipment you would never find more than ten or fifteen that graded as low as middling. But Uncle Sam refused to help the farmers, and let the speculators have the money to buy the cotton at about six and a half cents and sell it at twelve to twenty cents. Well, I suppose it is good enough for them. Maybe they will learn not to believe everything the office hunters tell them. Hoke Smith promised the voters of Georgia if they would reelect him he would fix up things so they would get twelve and a half cents for their cotton. Well, he was elected, and what did he do? Voted against everything that would benefit the common people. We have got to learn to keep such men at home if we ever expect to have any laws passed for the benefit of the laboring class.

I expect I had better close as I occupy too much space. I will write again when spring opens up and tell your readers how we are getting along in Texas.

W. J. Rochelle.
Brandon, Texas.

A Treat in Store.

This approaching Saturday, April 10, the Rev. C. T. Walker, pastor of the Institutional Baptist church of Augusta will deliver in our town an oration on the Emancipation. The speaker is a celebrated colored minister of Augusta. Quite a large number of the winter tourists among the whites attend upon his services each sabbath in that city. Having always had a desire to hear this silver tongued orator, and knowing something of him by reputation, I shall arrange my plans to be present. He enjoys the distinction of having a multitude of friends both among whites and blacks. This general popularity has enabled him to erect a new church the cost of which will reach the enormous sum of one hundred thousand dollars. With anticipated pleasure I am looking forward to the coming of Saturday. And I am sure that we will all be repaid for attending this occasion. B.

Try one of our ladies genuine Panama shapes at \$1.28, they are equal to any \$4.50 Panamas elsewhere.

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MODOC MISSIVE.

Farmers Discouraged. Master J. V. Boswell Entertained Friends. Seed House Burned.

The people around here are discouraged over the cold weather. Indeed it seems as if the farmers are catching it now-a-days. However, Mr. farmer if you do not succeed at first, try again.

The grain seems to be growing some despite the inclemency of the weather.

Messrs. C. R. Swearingen of Trenton, George Ward of Lincoln, Ga., J. V., and Roy Cooper of North Augusta made a flying trip to Modoc Friday being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roswell.

We are glad to know our little friend Fred Bussey is improving after a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Kim Holmes visited relatives in Parksville Sunday.

Our pastor Rev. Warren preached a beautiful sermon on last Sunday evening at this place. Modoc should be proud of her young and gifted minister and let each of us help him in his great work by attending services regularly.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren McDaniel and Mr. and Mrs. Grover McDaniel spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Boswell.

Mr. Ingraham Ward and father of Georgia spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. Winchester McDaniel.

The friends of Miss Lucile Weathersbee regretted very much to see her return to her home last Tuesday after teaching the school here. I guess some of the boys are sad.

Master J. V. Boswell entertained his little friends last Saturday afternoon very pleasantly with an egg hunt. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather they enjoyed it the fullest, playing games, eating cakes and candies and finding bunnies' nests. Oh, the merry fun of childhood. The joyous plans of boyhood and girlhood. How they fill the memory with pleasant pictures. What would each of us give to cast aside care and return for a while to our childhood days once more.

Mrs. A. V. Bussey and son are visiting relatives of Augusta.

Fire destroyed several seed houses here recently.

Three Splendid Opportunities.

There will be three rally meetings of the three divisions of Edgefield association beginning Sunday April 18 at Mt. Creek. At this meeting the programme is as follows, and needs no further comment to arouse enthusiasm and great interest.

The devotions will be conducted by Rev. J. R. McKittrick, pastor of the church, beginning at 10:30.

10:45, "A glimpse of the Holy Land," Mrs. Mamie Tillman.

11:15, Address, Rev. John Lake. Collection for Judson Centennial. recess.

1:30, Devotions, Rev. John Lake. 2 p. m., Talk to Young Women, Mrs. Geo. Davis, Supt. Y. W. A. for S. C.

3 p. m., "A message from China," Mrs. John Lake.

The same programme will be repeated at Republican church on Tuesday April 20, except the introductory exercises. This will include the missionary societies of the 2nd division.

On the 21st at Plum Branch the third division will hold their rally meeting, Mrs. G. M. Sexton division president in charge. The same speakers will attend each meeting.

To all of these occasions the public are cordially invited, men, women and children, and this will give all the people of Edgefield county an opportunity to say goodbye to our beloved missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. John Lake.

Landreth's Garden Seed.

When in need of garden seed, Irish Potatoes, Corn, Onion Sets, etc., let us supply your wants.

W. E. Lynch & Co.

Remarkable money-saving prices during this month: Fifteen pieces of Messaline silk, in all shades, \$1.00 values, at 75 cents. One lot of ladies' Silk hose at 39 cents.

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Mr. Thurmond Appointed District Attorney.

The announcement was made from Washington yesterday afternoon that President Wilson had appointed the Hon. J. William Thurmond district attorney for the newly formed Western District of South Carolina. Mr. Thurmond richly deserves the honor which has thus been conferred upon him. He is a lawyer of distinguished ability and will discharge the duties of district attorney in a manner that will reflect credit upon himself, upon his county and upon his state. The



people of Edgefield rejoice with Mr. Thurmond over the honor which has been conferred upon him, for Edgefield county is honored by having one her sons selected for this important position.

The following sketch of Mr. Thurmond was published in The State this morning:

J. William Thurmond of Edgefield, the newly appointee of President Wilson to the district attorneyship of the western district of South Carolina, was born May 1, 1862, in Meriwether township, Edgefield county, and is the son of George W. and Mary Felter Thurmond. He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools of his community and afterward the Curryton high school and the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Thurmond taught school and read law at home and entered the law office of Sheppard Bros. in October, 1887. He was admitted to the bar in January 1888, and located at Edgefield, where he has practiced continuously since.

For several years Mr. Thurmond was attorney for Edgefield county and was elected to the house of representatives in 1894, and while a member nominated Senator Tillman for the United States senate. Mr. Thurmond made a minority report which was adopted after a hard fight, relieving the state of a considerable bonded indebtedness which he did not think was just.

Mr. Thurmond was elected solicitor of the fifth judicial circuit in 1896 and was re-elected in 1900 and voluntarily retired from this office at the expiration of the second term. Mr. Thurmond served as special judge under an appointment of Gov. Ansel. He is a member of the Baptist church, a trustee of the Edgefield high school and a director of the Farmers' Bank. He owns large farming interests in his county and has a lucrative law practice.

Mr. Thurmond has participated in a number of important cases. He was an ardent supporter of Woodrow Wilson for the Democratic nomination.

Mr. Thurmond was married in December, 1898, to Miss Eleanor Gertrude Strom. They have six children.

Marriage at Red Hill.

Mr. J. H. Parkman and Miss Fannie Holmes were married yesterday at Red Hill church by pastor Rev. J. T. Littlejohn. These young people are very popular among their large circle of friends who wish for them a long and useful life.

There has been quite a good deal of corn planted in this community. The oats are not looking well but with the warm April sun there will be a change for the better.

Rose Cottage.

We have an all-wool boys' blue serge pants, sizes 6-15, the kind you pay \$2.00 and \$2.25, at \$1.00.

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PARKSVILLE NEWS.

Picnic at Park's Mill. Miss Parks in Augusta Chronicle Contest. Repairing Baptist Church.

Rain! Rain! Rain! It looks like it will never stop raining, so that the farmers can go to work.

Miss Rosada Talbert delightfully entertained several of her friends last Monday evening.

Mr. Ernest Moore of Mt. Craghan, S. C., has arrived to spend the week-end with friends.

A crowd of young people went picnicking last Thursday, April 1, at Park's mill pond.

Misses Rosada Talbert, Kathleen Parks and Marie Blackwell made a tour of the Red Hill and Rehoboth section last Thursday. Miss Parks being a contestant in the Augusta Chronicle contest.

We are very proud of the fact that we are repairing our Baptist church now. Also that we have preaching services every Sunday morning and evening by our beloved pastor, Rev. John Warren.

The many friends of Mrs. W. G. Blackwell will regret to hear that she will leave Monday morning for the Margaret Wright sanitarium, Augusta, Ga., where she will receive special treatment.

Mr. Harry Faulkner of Augusta, has returned home after a short visit to Mr. O. M. Redd.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parks returned home Sunday after a very pleasant visit to their daughter, Mrs. H. Drennan of Troy, S. C. They report little Miss Drennan doing nicely.

Mrs. J. M. Bussey was suddenly called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Connor of Orangeburg last week who was very ill with pneumonia, dying before her daughter arrived. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved.

Mrs. T. P. Robertson and Mrs. W. J. Talbert, two dearly beloved ladies in our town had the misfortune of breaking their arms. We are glad to report them convalescing.

Cadets Mitch Edens and S. W. Talbert of the B. M. I. spent a few days last week at the home of the latter's parents.

Dr. Joe Osborne of Lawndale, N. C., is here for awhile doing dental work. We hope to have him with us permanently.

Miss Agnes Dell Harvelly has returned home after a delightful visit to relatives in McCormick.

Miss Mae Stone has returned to her home in Red Hill after a visit to her sister, Mrs. W. Brown.

Mr. R. E. Logan returned home Saturday.

Our school is doing nicely under the supervision of three excellent teachers, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Shealy, and Miss Sue Satham.

All Noises Eliminated.

Atlanta, Ga., April 3.—Unnecessary noises which are likely to disturb passengers in sleeping cars, placed in stations for occupancy during the early hours of the night, have been put under the ban by the Southern Railway.

Rigid orders have been issued in regard to the ringing of bells by switch engines and loud talking by porters and other employees, for the suppression of unnecessary noises has been inaugurated by Vice President and General Manager Cozeman. At stations where sleeping cars are placed notices were posted as follows:

"Sleeping car berths on this train are prepared for occupancy at (time) Kindly avoid all loud conversations or other noise in or around sleeping cars after that hour."

The results have been so satisfactory as to eliminate almost entirely complaints from passengers arising from annoyances of this character.

Try one of our men's \$10.00 suits, and you will find its just as good as the one you pay \$18.00 for elsewhere.

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Our millinery department is filled up with the cream of the season. We are receiving new goods two and three times a week. Don't buy your hat until you see our line.

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