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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Baptist Church Held Business Meeting. New Town Ordinance. Sunday School Has Large Orchestra.

The second annual business meeting of the Baptist church was held on Sunday morning, and was largely attended, and, as far as possible, all of the members were present to answer to the roll call.

The following is the order of service:

Organ prelude—"Schubert's Serenade."

"Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow."

Prayer—Rev. W. S. Brooke, pastor.

Hymn—"Hail to the Brightness of Zion's Glad Morning."

Scripture—Dr. Pendleton Jones.

Anthem—"Like as a Father, Pieth His Children."

Prayer—Rev. W. P. B. Kinard.

Offertory.

Sermon—Dr. Pendleton Jones.

Roll Call of Members—Church clerk, Mr. J. L. Walker.

Dr. Jones took as his text, St. Matthew, 16:3—"Ye Cannot Discern the Signs of the Times," and he delivered a most forceful and impressive sermon. He is a gifted and scholarly man, and it was a great pleasure to all to hear him.

Following the roll call, there was an intermission of an hour and a half, when dinner was enjoyed out under the shade trees.

The afternoon session was mainly of reports of church work, the first being by Mrs. L. C. Latimer of the work of the W. M. S. and the junior organizations.

She stated that this was the best year's work in the history of the missionary society, it having given \$400.

The Sunbeams, under Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, had also done wonderful work; also, the Y. W. A., G. A. and R. A.

In personal service work the W. M. S. had helped the colored women organize a society, and many of the members were giving the tenth, and having this sent on to Miss Jessie King, State treasurer.

The financial standing of the church was shown by the annual report by Mr. W. M. Sawyer. The church during the year has been trying the cash basis, and there are now no out-standing debts. The grand total of the sum given by the church amounted to \$20,160.26. The debt on the church being a large part of this.

The church letter to the association at Rocky Creek was read by Clerk J. L. Walker. A fitting memorial to the members who have passed over the River during the year, was read by Mrs. W. J. Hatcher, while soft music was played.

Mr. S. J. Watson made the report of the board of deacons, and in his recommendations was this: That the church contemplate supporting a missionary.

The meeting closed with the pastor's letter to the church.

He stated that the success of the year's work was due to the hearty support of each organization in the church.

The church was not to rest on past achievements, but to go forward, for there were still greater things to do. The only way to grow was to go forward.

He urged all to join heart and hand, as another year's work was begun.

It was a great pleasure to see several of the Edgefield friends at the all day service at the Baptist church. Among them were: Dr. and Mrs. Pendleton Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lott and Misses Elizabeth and Effie Allen Lott, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Norris, and with them Mr. and Mrs. King, Mrs. Joe Cantelton and Mrs. B. B. Jones.

The council has passed an ordinance, that of parking all cars on Main street, and signs have been placed about to this effect. With so many owning cars now this step was being needed.

Mrs. Lucinda Wright, who was taken suddenly ill last week, is still in a most critical state, and her children are all at her bedside.

Mrs. Pierce Kinard, Miss Cecile Kinard and Mr. Calvin Kinard have been spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T.

Tribute to Mr. E. W. Thurmond.

On the 27th of August, 1917, in his sixty-seventh year, Mr. E. W. Thurmond passed quietly away sitting on the piazza just after the noon hour. While his health for a number of years has been declining, nevertheless his going away was a great shock to his loved ones. Death came to him without a struggle, as the twinkling of an eye.

Though practically an invalid and a great sufferer much of the time, there were periods when he was permitted to engage in his farming interest, which he so much enjoyed, and having attained a mark degree of success.

Mr. Thurmond was quiet and unassuming in his manners, a liberal contributor to his church and to everything that was high and noble, weighing well the interest of his community, making his place hard to fill as a citizen of high integrity and principle.

In his home his worth cannot be estimated, for in that home he has counseled and given a home to minor orphans, and to those who would otherwise have never known the loving care and guidance of sweet home had it not been for his generosity and the unselfishness of his noble wife, who survives him with three daughters, twenty-two grandchildren and two great-grand children, one sister, Mrs. Sam Prince, to whom our heart goes out in deepest sympathy.

While we must miss him, he being a pioneer member, also a deacon, of our church, yet we have every assurance we shall meet again "Beyond the River."

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. P. H. Bussey. The interment was in Red Oak Grove cemetery, and was witnessed by a large concourse of friends and relatives.

M. Lamb.

Modoc, S. C.

Resolutions on the Death of Mrs. Charlie Strom.

We, the members of Rehoboth Mission Society are deeply grieved because of the death of our beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. Mattie Belle Strom, who so faithfully and patiently served us in the capacity of Secretary for the past six years. This was a labor of love, and now she has gone to be with her Savior whom it was her delight to serve. While our hearts are shrouded in sorrow, hope—ever resourceful hope—reveals the star pointing the way to our Father's many mansioned house, and a voice seems to call a-far: "Not dead, but sleepeth," and at rest with Jesus, who is "The way, the truth and the life."

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father in His all-wise providence to remove from our midst our beloved sister.

Resolved, 1st, That in our sorrow over the departure of our dear sister, we recognize the hand of Him who makes no mistakes and submissively bow to His will, knowing that "He doeth all things well."

2nd, That in the death of our sister, Rehoboth Baptist church has lost a true and consistent member, and mission society a faithful and sacred worker. In all that concerned the church she was deeply interested, and was ready by word or act to further the cause of Christ. With a heart of love and a spirit of charity, her influence was refining and uplifting. Truly a good woman has left us, but the fragrance of her pure Christian life is a heritage that will live with us, an inspiration as we journey on towards the Celestial City.

3rd, That her presence, her gentle speech, her pleasant smile, and cordial greeting will ever be missed among our members.

4th, That we extend to the bereaved family and relatives our deepest sympathy.

5th, That a page in our minute book be inscribed to her memory, and a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, and also to The Edgefield Advertiser and the Baptist Courier for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

Miss Carrie Talbert,

Mrs. W. T. Strom,

Mrs. E. Reynolds.

For the Society.

Our milliner, Miss Pearl Eley has arrived again to take charge of our millinery department.

Rubenstein.

NEGROES HELD.

Call For Mobilization of Negroes Delayed in Order to Make New Arrangements at Camps.

Washington, Sept. 10.—Negro troops of the National Army will be organized in separate units as is done in the regular army, and as far as possible will be trained in the States where they are raised.

The call for negroes to mobilize at their camps will be postponed to allow the officers at their camp to arrange for the organization of these separate units. Both white men and negroes of the selective draft forces will be given an opportunity to volunteer for service in the battalions of troops for service on the lines of communication, their work being military, but not combatant. However, there will be negro fighting regiments for the National Army as there are of the regulars and the National Guard.

Secretary Baker outlined this policy of the war department today in a statement dealing with the method to be followed in the organization and training of negroes liable to draft under the National Army act. Presumably the negro regiments of the regular army and the National Guard will be retained as they are as fighting units. The statement follows:

"The rule of the regular army governing the training and organization of colored troops will be followed in the National Army and they will be assembled and trained as separate organizations.

"The call for colored men to mobilize will be postponed until one of the later calls, so that they will be called to camp at a separate time, giving an opportunity for the officers at the camp to assemble the organizations of which they are a part at one time. They will not be called last, although they will be included in one of the later calls.

"All colored troops called in a State which has a cantonment in it will be trained there. Provision will be made, but has not yet been made, for the assembling from those States which have not cantonments of their quotas of colored soldiers for training.

"Opportunity will be given to both the white and colored troops of the selective draft forces to volunteer in certain line of communication forces, which it will be necessary to organize and it is hoped that an adequate number will volunteer for this military, but non-combatant service. But there will be both combatant and non-combatant colored regiments."

Twenty-Five Cents is a Fair Price for Cotton.

The Government has fixed the price of this year's wheat crop at \$2.20 per bushel or, roughly, full two and one-half times the average for the past ten years. Corn and oat prices have not yet been fixed, but it is probable that they, too, will be put at figures not far from two and one-half times the ten-year average.

Now if these crops are to sell for these prices, we believe cotton is also worth around two and one-half times what it has averaged for ten years past. In other words, we believe that middling cotton should bring 25 cents, and that anything less is unfair to the Southern cotton grower. The only fair measure is found by ascertaining the exchange value of a commodity, and measured by this yard-stick cotton at 25 cents is not high. A bale of 25-cent cotton to-day will buy no more flour, meal, meat, lard, cloth or steel than would a bale of ten-cent cotton a few years ago.

The Southern farmer will be in good financial condition this fall, and he should resist declines in cotton by stubbornly holding off the market. Especially is this so during the next three months, when there is usually a tendency to try to sell too fast. We should have 25 cents for our cotton crop, and we will get it if we stick out for it.—Progressive Farmer.

Only One "BROMO QUININE"

To get the genuine, call for full name, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for signature of E. W. GROVE. Cures a Cold in One Day. Stops cough and headache, and works off cold. 25c.

INTERESTING LETTER.

Mr. Pendleton Gaines Now in Aviation Corps Writes His Mother From Far Off Ohio.

The Advertiser's readers will be delighted by the following very interesting letter from Mr. Pendleton Gaines to his mother, Mrs. W. J. Gaines. Pendleton was universally popular in Edgefield when he attended school here:

Dear Mother:

We spent the night in Dayton last night, and got out here bright and early this morning. One of the student aviators was in town this morning and five of us got a ride out with him.

Long before we got here we happened to look up and saw several of the "great birds" flying around. They kept thickening up as we came closer till when we got here the air was full of them. Out on the big flat field they could be seen lighting and rising in quick succession, just like a flock of sure enough birds.

They sure have a wonderful field out here for the business. It contains twenty-five hundred acres, and is as level as a floor. It contains the field on which the Wright brothers made their first experiments. The hangar which they built years ago is still standing. The field is named after Wilbur Wright, the one who died of typhoid fever a few years ago.

On the way from Cincinnati yesterday I talked with an old gentleman who owned the field when the Wrights were first starting. He said that he asked Wilbur one day that if he did succeed what good would it do. He said that the answer was, "War purposes." This vision has surely come true.

I wish you could see this country. Dayton is a city of 148,000 inhabitants, and is a regular picture. It is as clean as it can be, and the sidewalks are as wide as ordinary streets.

Our barracks are snowy white inside and equipped with hot and cold water, steam heat, tile floored bath rooms, and I "dunno how much else." I haven't tackled the grub yet, but I hear that it's fine. It ought to be, for the government allows us \$1.00 per day per man.

I made inquiry as to the number of accidents they have here. I found that although they have been flying here for several months there has been no one hurt yet. From the looks of things it is about as safe as running any other kind of motor business.

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I went up for my joy ride, as the first one is called, Saturday. These aeroplanes sure ride steadily, and as they stay within gliding distance of the field, there is no danger.

Love to all from

Your loving son,

Pendleton.

Wilbur Wright Aviation Field,

Fairfield, Ohio,

Aug. 21, 1917.

Home Demonstration Club.

Wednesday afternoon at the High School a very interesting demonstration under the department of agriculture was held.

The occasion was very gratifying, quite an encouraging number of ladies attending.

Mrs. J. L. Mims introduced the speaker, Miss Smith, who spoke in a very commendatory manner of Miss Major, who has been in our town several weeks.

Two very dainty relishes were served and cooked before the audience, Dixie relish and mock mince pie.

The club was organized with Miss Helen Tillman president, Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, Jr., vice-president, Miss Ethel DeLoach secretary.

The meeting will be held once a month at the school building, each fourth Friday afternoon.

There are no dues attached, and every one is invited to come and get the benefit of the organization. Miss Tillman, who was elected president, has had the advantage of a year's training in domestic science at Hollins college.

Our store will be closed Monday and Tuesday, September 17 and 18, on account of holiday.

Rubenstein.

The Eight-Week Club Idea.

There are many clubs with varied purposes and designed for the fostering of different interests, but the eight-week club is unique, and is organized and lead only by the Y. W. C. A. girls of our college.

There are many girls who have the great privilege of attending college, and a great many who never enter a college hall, and it is for these latter ones that the eight-week club idea was put into practice. The real purpose of the club is to bring to the girls some of the inspiration and learning that they have missed.

These clubs are formed in towns, mill villages and rural districts. A very successful club of this type was held in the Edgefield mill village, when every Saturday for ten weeks the girls and children assembled to sing, play games, sew, hear stories told by experts, solos sung and inspiring talks made. All that was required of the girls was that they come. Souvenirs were given and light refreshments served at each meeting.

The programme by the club is three-fold, having a spiritual part, a certain part set aside for recreation, and another for learning something practical and something intellectual.

Different girls dressed in costumes sang and told stories, and one night every one in the mill village was invited, men, women and children, to attend a lecture and stereopticon views on Europe and the Holy Land.

Red Cross pillow cases were made from cloth given by the superintendent of the mill.

This club was a place where the girls might meet for a wholesome social time, for good recreation and for intellectual stimulus. The average attendance was about twenty-five, and the girls evidenced such a joy in attending that the club will be continued at Christmas and next summer.

Thus the college girls have a pleasant and profitable way of spending their leisure time, and in giving out of the blessings they have received they grow to be strong and noble women.

"Superior," True to Name.

Mr. Frank West has purchased a big "Superior" motor truck from Mr. Ernest Quarles and is making the investment pay him by hauling three and four heavy loads each way a day. He comes to Edgefield loaded with cotton and cotton seed and returns with heavy loads of merchandise. The Advertiser hopes other farmers and country merchants will contract the motor truck fever.

Garrett & Calhoun, Augusta, Ga.

Weekly Cotton Review.

The very rapid and extreme decline that we have had in the cotton market in the past few weeks represents the reaction due to the congestion in the contract situation that prevailed in New York during the past spring and summer.

The uncertainty attending crop conditions in its early progress, as well as the abnormal state of affairs due to War, gave no one a well defined opinion as to just what was the value of cotton.

The result was that when contracts were scarce in the New York market, the short interest remained almost nil at the time. The speculators, although enjoying an unusual season of prosperity and selling their manufactured product at extreme prices, covered themselves both with spot contracts and with future contracts to meet most of their forward commitments regardless of prices; thus to-day, with the market deprived of trade buying power, deprived of that support which usually comes from short covering, we find the volume of cotton offering too large to be absorbed by any new buying that may come into the market.

speculation is at a low ebb; in fact this feature has been thoroughly discouraged on the part of members of all Cotton Exchanges.

The cotton market, at the moment, finds itself in a helpless position and values must reach some point at which the investor will take hold or speculation is revived.

We expect lower prices on the weight of spot offerings.

Very truly,

GARRETT & CALHOUN.

HARDY'S HAPPENINGS.

Gins Running. Many Workmen Go to Camp Hancock. Marriage in Community This Week.

There has been very little transpiring in the Hardy's section since the association. We were so much in hopes of getting to the convention at Rehoboth, but owing to the "concatination of circumstances," our hopes were blasted. The truth of the business is my "chaffau" had to "chaffau" his gin business and could not leave to take himself or me. The gin has been humming pretty steadily this past week, and while 'tis coming is the time to stick to business, for the crop being so short it will soon be all out, and I fear sold while 'tis down in price. For I heard a short while back, that a man made a remark in Augusta that Wall Street would push it down to 18 cents or lower, until they got it all out of the farmers hands for they would be obliged to sell to meet their obligations first of November, and after they have sold all, then it would advance to 30 cents, and he had asked a millionaire to put up for him and they would divide profits. What a pity the farmers will not combine and say, we will not take less than 25 or 30 cents, and hold out for that price. The merchants combine, grocers, and butchers and set their prices and hold to them, and if you go to buy from one, and his price don't suit you, you need not expect to get it at another store for less, for they stick to their combination and we farmers have to pay their prices.

'Tis a shame for the farmers to make the cotton and other farm products, and at so much cost, work and worry with the inferior labor, then be beaten by these Wall Street sharpers, and sharpers every where else as well. The farmers ought to be sharp enough by now to form a combination among themselves and hold together. But that is the great trouble, they are so much afraid of some one besides themselves being benefitted, that first one, then another, will slip out under-handedly, until the compact is broken, and all faith thrown to the winds. I have seen this done right in my neighborhood. That is why the farmers do not succeed any better, they will not be their "Brother's Keeper," and help him to succeed. So afraid he might make one penny more than he has himself.

We still see the workmen pass to and from the camp work. Poor fellows we know how tired they are going from the Collier section each morning and home at night. We saw seven teams pass down Sunday afternoon from Clark's Hill, going over to do hauling at Camp Hancock, or be hauled off the grounds, for they were so poor they were staggering, and did not look able to get all the way over there, much less work Monday as they will be expected to do, and keep on doing. For 7 teams there were 3 or 4 sacks of oats and no forage at all, and we did not wonder the mules were poor. Poor dumb animals they cannot talk to ask for more food or tell how weak and unable to work they are, but just get hard licks and rough usage. My sympathy goes out for them, and I often ask the driver to use his sympathy for them, and give them more to eat and less lashes. They would be better able to work.

We knew of one marriage to take place in our neighborhood, or rather one of our boys to marry this past week, but not the "Deacon." But sure enough he did, so we are told, stole a girl, and the way he ran.

Mr. and Mrs. James McClain, Mrs. Julia Townes and Walter Stevens, we hear, motored to Greenwood for the week-end with Mrs. George Anderson.

Mrs. Julia Townes and Mr. Frank Townes, gave a barbecue Friday, for a few, one special young lady of North Augusta, so keep your ears open. He blushes greatly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison started to Trenton on last Sunday, but the "Dodge" balked, and they gave up the trip. They then started to Sweetwater to service, driving a horse, and pretty soon came back in the rain. Disappointed again.