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Strong Endorsement of Prohibition.

Although actual facts as proven by reliable statisticians do not bear out such statements, yet one occasionally hears and sees in print statements to the effect that conditions in this country are no better under prohibition than they were before the 18th Amendment to the constitution was adopted.

Ex-Governor John Gary Evans, who recently returned from a six months' sojourn in Europe had the following to say in an interview in Columbia yesterday, which is a strong endorsement of prohibition in America:

"I come back to my country more of a prohibitionist than I ever was. I have seen so much of wine drinking and whiskey drinking and beer drinking; so few persons who were actually sober, so many evidences of degeneracy brought about by excessive use of alcohol, that I feel like commending our country because we took alcohol in hand before it had gotten a death grip on our people.

"Not that you see many people in Europe in the gutters dead drunk, yet there are few who are sober at any time. Day and night they are under the influence of alcohol."

Eighty-Seven Years.

With this issue, The Advertiser enters upon its 88th year. For eighty-seven years it has been making its weekly visits into the homes of Edgefield county. Very few persons live in the county who were born before The Advertiser was founded. Our subscription list contains the name of one person who has been taking the paper sixty-five years.

The unique record of The Advertiser entitles it to the distinction of being the oldest newspaper in the State. During all the years of its existence, The Advertiser has never discontinued publication, not even during the Civil War, it has never changed its name, nor has it ever consolidated with any other paper, maintaining its identity from the date of its founding in February, 1835. Had there been any banks in existence here at the time, a person could have walked into the office at Edgefield 87 years ago and made a check payable to the Edgefield Advertiser, just as can be done today. There is no other paper now published in South Carolina of which this can be said.

For twenty years the writer has been editor of The Advertiser and all the while we have endeavored to improve the paper, making it a steadily growing factor in the moral uplift and material development of the county. Although the cost of publishing a newspaper has more than doubled during the past few years, yet we have not permitted The Advertiser to suffer in quality. Although Edgefield county, having been cut to the bone in the formation of other counties, is a very limited field, from a newspaper standpoint, yet, without intending to be boastful, we point with pride to the fact that The Advertiser compares favorably with newspapers that are published in the larger and wealthier counties.

It is our one increasing purpose to make The Advertiser better and better as the years go by.

Mr. Eugene F. Bates.

Edgefield, S. C., points her finger of pride at her native son, Eugene F. Bates.

As a boy, Mr. Bates developed a passion for speed, which was doubtless inspired by watching the ox-teams of Edgefield dash impetuously through that wide awake village. He hailed with joyful chortlings the advent of the automobile as an outlet for the pent-up speed mania that surged within him.

Coming to Greenville in the late nineties, he was one of the first to purchase a stock of cars and ere long he was able to be seen whizzing madly up and down the streets and highways, slaughtering dogs, cats and chickens, and out running the frantically-pursuing speed-cops. It is said of him that once on the Spartanburg road he hit her up to fourteen knots

n hour before he could control himself.

Aside from this one weakness, Mr. Bates is a man of no faults and many friends. He is a pioneer in the automobile business here and has done much for its development. A convincing talker, and filled with enthusiasm for his subject it is almost impossible to escape, once 'Gene Bates makes a lead set at you. It has been said of him that he could sell a buggy to a man who didn't own a horse. If he should ever decide to open here an agency for the sale of flying machines, he would have all of Greenville "up in the air" within a few weeks.—Greenville Civic and Commercial Journal.

W. O. W. Oyster Supper.

Friday night the members of the Edgefield Camp, W. O. W., held their annual oyster supper in their hall over the store of W. W. Adams & Company. As each member was accorded the privilege of inviting a lady, there was a large number of ladies present. The social half hour just before the feast was served proved to be a very pleasant feature of the occasion. About eight o'clock great vessels of oysters, prepared under the direction of Mr. A. A. Edmunds, who knows how to serve the bivalves to the king's taste, were brought in and served on the long tables. The arrangement committee had provided seats for everybody which greatly added to the comfort of the more than 100 persons who partook of the feast. Just as many were taking their last sip of coffee and others were lighting cigars, Mr. W. A. Strom, as toastmaster, presented the speakers of the occasion. Rev. G. W. M. Taylor was called upon to welcome the ladies, which he did in a most gracious manner. Rev. A. T. Allen appropriately responding on behalf of the ladies. The others who spoke were Mr. J. Wm. Thurmond, Mr. W. W. Fuller, Mr. J. L. Mims, Mr. T. A. Hightower, Mr. M. H. Deal and Mr. W. S. G. Heath, who recited the subjoined original verses which were generously applauded.

These social occasions are not only very pleasant but afford an opportunity for neighbors and friends to come together for a social hour which brings their lives into closer and more sympathetic contact. Would that oyster feasts were quarterly, instead of annual occasions.

The following were the original verses by Mr. Heath:

Here's to the home town, Edgefield,
The spot I love best,
Where skies are blue and friends are true
And if you're sad they comfort you,
In Edgefield!

And when I finish my little stay,
When my life's work is through,
When God say come, I have a home
Prepared up her for you!

Then let me go from this little spot,
Straight through the azure dome.
It will not be much of a change you see,
To heaven from home and friends
In Edgefield!

WANTED: Salesman with car capable of earning \$150.00 per week and able to manage salesmen in this district. 10,000 mile cord tires at lowest price. This is a rare opportunity for a producer.

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S. B. MARSH,
2-1-3tpd Trenton, S. C.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

AH SHO TALKED UP
T' DE OLE 'OMAN LAS'
NIGHT--SHE POUKED HOT
AXLE-GREASE, ON MAH
CAWNS T' CYORE 'EM
EN NEAH BOUT SOT ME
A-FIAH!!



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BUSY REORGANIZING SAVINGS SOCIETIES IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Boys and Girls Who Did Such Fine Work Last Year Soon Will Be Active Again.

School boys and girls in all parts of this State are reorganizing the savings societies which did such excellent work last session, and it is believed that even better records will be made during this school year. In the nine months of the 1919-1920 session more than \$2,316,000 was invested in Savings Stamps, Thrift Stamps and other government securities in this district.

In order that thrift in its various phases might be taught to greater advantage this session, Miss Mary G. Shotwell, director of the educational division of the district War Loan Organization, last summer visited all of the summer schools in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and was instrumental in having regular courses in practical thrift incorporated in the curriculum not only in the State summer schools but in the county schools and teachers' institutes. In all, more than 660 lessons and demonstrations in thrift principles were given to upwards of 11,000 teachers. Many of these teachers—most of them, very likely—will correlate the thrift idea with their class work this session.

The savings movement is being conducted in the schools, and elsewhere, under the direction of the United States Treasury Department. "Work and Save" is one of the slogans. In other words, effort is being made to make everyone realize—particularly the boys and girls of today who will be the men and women of tomorrow—the importance of increasing production, of curtailing waste, of wise spending, of systematic saving, and of investing in such securities as government bonds, Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps.

Last session the hundreds of savings societies in this State gave ample evidence of the patriotism and intelligent endeavor of their members. This session, with the foundation already laid and with the pupils knowing how to conduct their savings societies and clubs, a record is anticipated of which the State will have good reason to be proud.

IS EASIER TO DODGE ELEPHANT THAN FLEA

Troublesome Insect-Like Extravagances Which Attack Pocket-Book When You Are Not Looking.

You can dodge an elephant but you can't dodge a flea. You have to swat the flea. The big financial dangers that threaten to overwhelm you can be avoided easily and safely. Unless you deliberately place yourself in the path of danger by attempting to get something for nothing, or by speculative and hazardous investment, or extravagance, you are not likely to have the financial life crushed out of you by one rush of disaster.

You can sidestep the charges of the elephants of dishonesty, bad judgment and mismanagement by buying Liberty Bonds but you can't sidestep the flea bites of waste which take a nickel here and a quarter there and a dollar somewhere else before you can put your finger on them. Most people can avoid spending \$3,000 for an automobile or \$5000 for a diamond ring but they cannot resist the 15 cents for an extra cigar or the \$2 for theater tickets or the nickel for a bag of peanuts. You cannot always dodge if you let them alone, they will make your bankroll look as sick as a kid with measles.

The only way to prevent these small expenditures from making an angry rush on a \$10 bill every week is to swat them by putting the bill out of reach before they light. The safest place to put it is in government savings securities. Thrift Stamps and Savings Stamps are safe and profitable and the greatest protection in the world against waste money.

THEY WILL AGAIN HELP SAVINGS STAMP SALES.

Postmasters of the United States have pledged themselves to continue unremittingly to give their fullest cooperation to the success of the savings movement instituted by the Treasury Department, according to news received by the Savings Division of the Treasury.

At the Minneapolis convention the National League of Postmasters announced that they would continue to act as the principal agents for the sale of Savings Stamps and Thrift Stamps as they have done for the last three years.

The postmasters took this step, they announced, because they were convinced that the economic situation which faced every citizen demanded saving, wise buying, wise spending and safe investment in government securities, and they voted to encourage the Savings Division movement to the fullest extent by urging investment in government securities by individuals, corporations and associations.

MILADY'S ATTENTION

is called to the fact that we have just received a shipment of—

Stamped Goods and Threads

and that now is the time to complete those articles of fancy work that she has had in mind: We believe that we have what you want in stock; if not we will order it for you in record time.

VALENTINES! VALENTINES! VALENTINES!

GET THESE AT

THE CORNER STORE

Lott School News.

(Written for last week.)

The Emenean Literary Society held its regular meeting January 20, and rendered the following program:

- Scripture reading—Chaplain.
- Prayer—Lucile Franklin.
- Trio—Azilee Salter, Olivia Pardue and Martha Derrick.
- Story—Gladys Jenkins.
- Song by school.
- Jokes—Quinton Ouzts.
- Story—Lucy Holmes.
- Story, Hunter New.
- Current Events, Ruth Coursey.
- Story—Alison Carpenter.
- Spice—Gertrude Pardue.
- School News—Marie Bryant.
- Trio—Josephine Carpenter, Lucy Holmes and Martha Derrick.

Lucile Franklin read the following paper on "Good Manners."

Good manners are to a person what perfume is to a flower; something which is necessary to make even beauty lovely. Their very essence is sympathy. No one who has taken the gospel of Christ into his heart, who loves his neighbor as himself and blesses even his enemy, can be anything but polite. To go into society with the object of making other people happy is to insure that you will be not only at ease but well bred.

Good manners will carry you through life as a band of music goes down the street, flinging out pleasure on every side, to every one far and near. Good manners fill the air with sweetness, as orchards in October days fill the air with the perfume of ripe fruit.

"True politeness is to do and say, the kindest things in the kindest way." It is simply treating others as you would like to be treated.

Always use kind and gentle words for a word once uttered cannot be recalled. Gentle words cost very little and yet they accomplish great results. Many a friendship has been broken and hope blasted by a thoughtless word. Do not carry on a conversation with another in company about matters which the general company knows nothing of. It is almost as impolite as to whisper.

Don't forget to say "Good Morning." Say it to your parents, your brothers and sisters, your schoolmates, your teachers; say it cheerfully and with a smile. Smiles often scatter sunshine where only clouds and shadows reign.

Nobody should sit down to a meal without making a proper toilet before hand. Boys ought to be careful that their hair is brushed, their hands and faces clean, their nails free from stain, their collars and ties in order before they approach the table. Fold your napkin carefully and set your chair back quietly. Girls do not need to be cautioned thus.

Wherever else you fail to behave well, don't let it be at the church. When you enter the church let your thoughts be God-ward. Most people will pause at the door during prayer, which is man talking to God, but will enter while the scripture is being read, which is God talking to man. Shouldn't we respect God as much as man? Then we should stand quietly and with reverence while God's word is being read.

Good manners are not learned from books so much as acquired from habit. They grow upon us by use. We must be courteous, agreeable, civil, kind, gentlemanly and womanly at home and then it will become a kind of second nature to be so everywhere. Home is the place for all the best things, especially good manners.

Program for February 3rd:
Scripture—Chaplain.
Prayer—Lucile Franklin.

Duet—Kathlene Jackson and Lucile Franklin.

Debate—Resolved that fire is more destructive than water, by eighth and ninth grades. After a heated discussion the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

Jokes—Jim Pardue.
Solo—Homer Randall.

The following officers were elected: President, Martha Derrick; vice-president, Kathlene Jackson; secretary, Clyd Jackson; treasurer, Inez Rankins; critic, Homer Randall; chaplin, Olivia Pardue; corresponding secretary, Lucy Holmes.

SCHOOL GIRL.

Will Push Centenary Missions Campaign.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 6.—That there shall be no let up in pushing the Centenary of Missions campaign, which for more than two years has claimed the attention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was the determination expressed at the closing of a church-wide conference on world program and missionary advance held in Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

This assemblage, said to be the most notable in the history of the church, brought together more than 400 Methodist leaders, including the members of the college of bishops, 300 presiding elders, twenty editors of church publications, missionaries from home and foreign fields, prominent laymen and church officials, for the purpose of reviewing the achievements of the Centenary movement and perfecting plans for its final and complete success.

The presiding elders were charged with the task of interpreting the message of the conference to the local church, and they enthusiastically pledged themselves to keep alive the great principles of the Centenary and stir the enthusiasm of the 7,000 pastors to canvass the membership of the 18,000 congregations of Southern Methodism for the collection of unpaid Centenary pledges now due.

It was shown that sixty per cent of the entire amount subscribed is now due and that the work of collection must proceed with renewed vigor if the enlarged missionary program, made possible by the subscription of more than \$35,000,000, is to attain completion.

March 26, was designated as "World Sunday," when throughout Southern Methodist territory the mind of the church will be refreshed and instructed concerning the Missionary Centenary, and prompt payment of pledges will be urged.

March 26-April 2 was named as a time for an intensive campaign in the interest of Centenary collections when every member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in arrears to this cause shall be solicited by local committees for some payment on this pledge. This period of special endeavor, it is said, will be conducted along the lines of the original Centenary campaign, utilizing the four-minute speakers and other agencies which contributed to the success of that movement.

Eyes scientifically examined and glasses properly fitted.

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

WILL SURELY STOP THAT COUGH!

Builders, Attention!

We are in position to offer for immediate shipment from our Augusta stock very low prices on the following building materials:

- Galvanized Corrugated Iron Roofing in all lengths.
- Tin and Galvanized Shingles.
- Composition Roofing.
- Asphalt Shingles.
- Builders' Hardware, Mantels, Tiles and Grates.

We have complete stocks and can save you money on anything you may require in our line. Write us to-day for catalogue and prices.

David Slusky & Son
Augusta, Ga.

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FIRE, WINDSTORM, or LIGHTNING

and do so cheaper than any Company in existence.

Remember, we are prepared to prove to you that ours is the safest and cheapest plan of insurance known.

Our Association is now licensed to write Insurance in the counties of Abbeville, Greenwood, McCormick, Edgefield, Laurens, Saluda, Richland, Lexington, Calhoun and Spartanburg, Aiken, Greenville, Pickens, Barnwell, Bamberg, Sumter, Lee, Clarendon, Kershaw, Chesterfield.

The officers are: Gen. J. Fraser Lyon, President, Columbia, S. C., J. R. Blake, Gen. Agent, Secretary and Treasurer, Greenwood, S. C.

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NOTICE!

All persons holding claims against the estate of Mrs. Belle Jones Gallo-way, deceased, should present them properly attested to the undersigned for payment, and all persons indebted to the said estate should make payment to the undersigned at once.

J. W. PITTS,
Administrator.

NOTICE

I take this means of notifying the public that I have reopened my blacksmith and repair shop at my old stand to the rear of The Advertiser building, facing the street leading east from the residence of Mr. W. A. Strom. I respectfully solicit the patronage of the people and will do my utmost to give entire satisfaction, always guaranteeing my work. I make a specialty of horse shoeing. Call to see me.

GILES BUTLER.