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OLD FOLKS DAY AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fine Sermon by Rev. S. P. Koon—Large Crowd Present—Good Dinner on the Grounds—Beautiful Day.

Sunday last was a beautiful day. It was not too hot and it was a fine day to drive to the country. We went, as we frequently do, to old St. Pauls. It is the church of our childhood days. It was there that we first went to a Sunday school. It was in the old school house that stood near by that we first went to a day school. The old school house has been torn away after it had stood for near a century. A modern one teacher house now occupies the site of the old house at which we first learned to read and to write. It was taught in those days by Rev. J. A. Sligh. We afterward went to school to Capt. J. F. Banks and to Capt. U. B. Whites and several lady teachers in the same old house, though in those days the man teacher was the rule even in the one teacher school, as most of the country schools were. We had no modern desks in those days and no black boards. We had "to do our sums" on the slate. And we took our first writing lesson on the slate. And school "took in" at 8 o'clock and "turned out" at five o'clock with an hour for dinner and one or two short recesses. It was an all day job to go to school then.

Several of the boys and the girls who were in school at St. Pauls in those days were out at Old Folks day on last Sunday. Many are living in distant lands and many have gone to the happy hunting grounds of the great beyond. And some of those who were then by us considered old folks were there too. They have been spared many years because that was a long time ago. The familiar faces of those days, those who were the leaders in the church and Sunday school, were not there. As we sat in the old church we could see them and could place them in their seats in the church, but they are gone.

It was a beautiful idea, this thing of observing old folks day. It helps to keep alive a beautiful and a helpful and a healthful sentiment of which there is great need in this age in which we live. We believe the idea had its origin with Grace church at Prosperity and that it was Mr. A. H. Kohn now of Columbia but then a member of Grace church and the superintendent of the Sunday school who suggested the idea. And they have observed the day regularly at Grace church and it has come to be a fixture. It was undertaken only a year or two ago at St. Pauls. It is a beautiful custom and the pity is that more of the old people do not go. St. Paul is noted for its large congregations on even ordinary occasions and there was more than a capacity congregation on Sunday for the church and many were forced to remain on the outside.

The older people are fast passing and as we sat in the church on last Sunday and thought of those whom we had known and who are now gone it occurred to us what an interesting story it would have been if we could have had the recollections of the church and its people and pastors from Maj. Jacob Epting, for instance, who had known the church and had been an officer for many years. Or of Mr. Levi Monts or Mr. Geo. A. Counts or Mr. Jacob ("X") Bowers or Mr. Jacob Kibler or any of those who are now gone had written out their personal recollections what an interesting addition it would make to the local history of the community as well as of the church. And we take the liberty to suggest here that the members of this congregation have some of its members to write or cause to be written their recollections of the members of the church and the pastors during their life time. There are several yet who remain that could go back a long way in giving history from their own recollection. Mr. John D. Shealy has been an officer for 46 years. Mr. Jacob Shealy now 97 years old was for a long time a member of this congregation and is still a member of Mt. Tabor which was formed out of the membership of St. Pauls largely. And there are others. Mr. David Wicker and

Mr. Press Kinard could go back a good many years. We just thought out this suggestion as a good way to preserve some local history of the community as well as of the church. The address by Rev. S. P. Koon was fitting and appropriate to the occasion. He stressed the value and responsibility of long life and the importance of the young to honor and respect the aged. He told how the great battles of the European war were being led by the old men and gave the young people some wholesome admonitions as to their duties and obligations to the old. It was our purpose to print a synopsis of this excellent sermon but we find it impossible to get it set up.

In the afternoon the address was made by Rev. E. F. K. Roof. He spoke well of the small things of life and how they affected our own lives. The day was a very pleasant one and enjoyed by the large congregation present. The dinner was bountiful and though the crowd was large the multitude was fed.

HURRICANE HITS

COAST OF TEXAS Corpus Christi in Path of Storm. Considerable Damage Between There and Brownsville.

Corpus Christi, Texas, Aug. 18.—Blowing at a 70 mile an hour velocity the forerunner of the tropical storm in the Gulf of Mexico was felt tonight as it approached the Texas coast at this point and Brownsville and on the intermediate plains.

Tonight the weather bureau station estimated that the crest of the storm would reach here about midnight with the wind at a velocity of probably 120 miles an hour.

But few details of the storm's work south or north of here had been received early tonight. In Corpus Christi, however, the gale had carried almost every movable thing before it. In its wake it had left demolished cottages along the beach front here, thousands of dollars damage to buildings in the business section and a heavy sea, running in Corpus Christi bay. The waves hopped over the beach in the northern section of the city, beaching small craft and carrying up on the shore debris from a score of docks and several bathing pavilions.

Lloyd's pier, one of the largest pleasure resorts in this section of the coast, which juts out over the water 1,000 feet, had been almost completely demolished at 6 o'clock tonight. The only portion that remained was a two story structure adjoining the shore.

Fronting the business section, which is built on the beach proper, is a four foot breakwater. Incoming heavy seas were dashing over that and threatened to wash over it.

The small freight steamer Pilot Boy, owned by the Texas & Gulf Steamship company of Galveston, was sunk in the gulf today. One report received here stated that all the crew of 12 men were rescued and another reported that three of the crew had been washed ashore at Port Arkansas.

Thus far there has been no loss of life in or about Corpus Christi and, so far as known, none seriously injured. Ample warning of the storm, it was said, had given residents opportunity to prepare for the hurricane. The city of Corpus Christi is situated on a boot shaped peninsula, 18 miles from the open gulf but surrounded on three sides by Corpus Christi and Neucas bays. On the other side of the bay are Mustang and Padre islands, forming a breakwater to any tidal wave that might approach from the gulf. On each side of one channel are situated Port Aransas and Aransas Pass. What damage has been done there, however, is impossible to estimate, as telephonic communication was lost early in the afternoon. Railroad property in this section has not been seriously damaged.

Corpus Christi is connected with the mainland from the toe of the peninsula by a causeway a mile and a quarter long. On it are strung telephone and telegraph wires. The latter failed at about 6:30 o'clock, while telephonic communication continued 20 minutes longer. Up to that time no serious damage had been done to the causeway proper a concrete structure.

ANNUAL COMPANY REUNION AT YOUNG'S GROVE

The U. D. C. Will Serve Barbecue—A. H. Dagnall to Speak—Also J. Fuller Lyon—Other Prosperity News.

Prosperity, Aug. 21.—The annual reunion of Confederate veterans belonging to the company here will be held at Young's Grove Friday, August 25. The U. D. C. chapter has secured as speakers Mr. A. H. Dagnall of Anderson and Judge J. Fuller Lyon of Columbia. The exercises begin at 11 o'clock and at their conclusion a barbecue dinner will be served on the grounds.

Misses Ellen Werts, Ollie Counts and Jessie Lorick are house guests of Mrs. J. B. Bedenbaugh of Pomaria.

Mrs. F. E. Schumpert and son, Frank Earl, and Mower Singley spent several days last week in Saluda.

Miss Marie Schumpert has returned from an extended visit to Greenville.

Mrs. Franklin of Leesville has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Kinard.

Mr. J. H. Crosson spent the week-end in Columbia.

Messrs. D. M. Langford and J. B. Stockman spent Saturday in Saluda.

Miss Sallie White has returned to Hickory Grove after a visit to her brother, Rev. J. M. White.

Miss Essie Black spent Saturday in Leesville.

Mr. W. B. Wise of Little Mountain is spending a few days with his brother, Mr. A. G. Wise.

Mrs. Hendrix of Newberry has been visiting Mrs. M. B. Barnes.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Black have returned to Bowman after a visit to the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Black.

Miss Crouch, en route to her home in Saluda from Brevard conservatory of music, spent a few days with Miss Bessie Taylor.

Mr. Rawl of Lycklesland is the guest of his sister, Mrs. M. C. Morris.

Mrs. B. E. Schumpert visited her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Hunt, of Saluda last week.

Mrs. G. Y. Hunter leaves today for the mountains of North Carolina.

Little Miss Hoefler has returned to Columbia, after a week's stay with Miss Pearl Wheeler.

Mr. G. D. Harmon is spending this week with his sister in Greenville.

Miss Lucile Lathan of Newberry spent the week-end with Miss Marguerite Wise.

Miss Marguerite Wise left today for a visit to Miss Louise Ridgell at Batesburg.

Mrs. Rose Lester and Miss Blanche Kibler are in Batesburg having been called there because of the illness of Mrs. Lester's sister.

HAVOC IN THE CAMPS

Soldier's Tents Levelled and Streets Flooded.

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 19.—Railroad and other public utilities corporations in the storm stricken district along the southern Texas coast suffered \$300,000, exclusive of losses in Corpus Christi, Brownsville and other points in the storm centre, according to reports received here.

The damage to the San Antonio & Arkansas Pass railroad may reach \$150,000. It lost a mile of the deck of the two mile trestle entering Corpus Christi and perhaps three miles of embankment near Portland.

A small portion of track of the St. Louis, Brownville & Mexico railway, near Brownville, was washed out.

The Western Union Telegraph company estimated its loss at \$50,000.

The wind played havoc among the army camps in the Brownville district, practically half the tents having been blown down by the storm and loss of considerable army equipment was reported. Fully 30,000 National Guardsmen and regular soldiers, it was said, slept in public buildings in Brownville last night. The guardmen principally affected were those from Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. Their camps were either destroyed by the wind or with water from the rain. Half each rain.

THE NEWS OF POMARIA.

Pomaria, Aug. 21.—There was a very large crowd at Old Folks day at St. Paul on Sunday. It was perhaps the largest of the kind. The program was well rendered. Dr. A. J. Bowers presided. Rev. S. P. Koon delivered the sermon to the old folks in the morning and in the afternoon the Rev. E. F. K. Roof made an excellent address to the young people.

Prof. W. J. Shealy of Columbia visited at Mr. J. W. Alewine's Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Epting of Columbia are visiting relatives in the community.

Misses Louise and Helen Swygert of Washington are visiting at Mr. W. W. Berley's.

Miss Edna Ruby Cannon is visiting at Mr. J. J. Hipp's.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Shealy of Saluda are visiting Mrs. Shealy's father, Capt. Glenn Metts.

Mr. Ed Roberts of Monticello is visiting Mr. W. D. Hatton.

Mr. Boyce Oxner of Union is visiting Mr. B. M. Suber.

Misses Mary and Ola Lomnick spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Nettie Murphy.

Miss Eula Swygert of Columbia is visiting at Mr. C. L. Graham's.

Miss Ethel Beryl of the Mount Pleasant section is visiting at Mr. W. H. Graham's.

Miss Frances Paysinger of Newberry is the guest of Miss Nellie Murphy.

Miss Bessie Long and sister have gone to Jalapa to visit relatives.

Prof. Ben. M. Setzler has gone to Iva on a business trip.

Mrs. Laura Koon after an extended visit to her son, Dr. Theo Koon at Cumberland, Md., has returned home.

Mr. Lee Lathrop spent the week-end with relatives near Newberry.

Mr. Miller Stuck has gone to Florida for a short stay.

Miss Annie Mae Bedenbaugh has gone on a pleasure trip to Washington.

Mr. Breaker Setzler and mother, Mrs. J. P. Setzler and Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Alewine spent Sunday at Little Mountain.

Mr. J. W. Stuck and sons returned to Union Saturday.

There will be a missionary meeting at St. John's church on the 23rd. Children's exercises in the morning and in the afternoon a missionary address by the Rev. S. C. Ballentine.

HEADS OF RAILROADS

WISH TO COMPROMISE

Washington, Aug. 20.—The ranking railroad executives of the nation, who have been conferring with the president for a week in efforts to avert a nationwide strike of their employes, tonight were understood to be working on a proposal granting some of the men's demands and offering to arbitrate others.

The only outward development in the situation today was the declaration by President Wilson that, instead of endangering the plan of arbitration, his plan would strengthen it.

Thanks for Efforts.

"On behalf of the 37,000 manufacturing organizations employing 3,000,000 persons and, utterly dependent upon interrupted railroad service for their continued operation, I beg at once to express our deep appreciation of your efforts to prevent appreciation of your efforts to prevent the threatened stoppage of national railroad service, and respectfully urge that you will, with all the power of your great office and personality, assert and maintain the principle of arbitration for industrial disputes affecting national intercourse.

The president replied:

Only One Point.

"What I am proposing does not weaken or discredit the principle of arbitration, it strengthens it, rather. It proposes that nothing be conceded except the eight hour day, to which the whole economic movement of the time seems to point, and the immediate creation of an agency for determining all the arbitration elements of this case in the light—not of precedents or forecasts—but of established and ascertained facts. This is the basis of the direct road to the discovery of the most permanent basis for arbitration when other means that have now available are supplied."

CORPUS CHRISTI SUFFERS LITTLE

Laredo and Tent City Surrounding it Swept by Aftermath of Disturbance.

First communication with Corpus Christi, Texas, where Friday's tropical storm was believed to have been felt hardest, showed on Saturday afternoon that no great damage had been done to the city and that there were no fatalities there. Portions of that city, notably the section populated by summer visitors, were under three feet of water yesterday.

Greatest property damage was in that quarter where Corpus Christi Beach hotel, a large summer hotel, was considerably shaken.

Some cottages and a pleasure pier were demolished.

The business section of Corpus Christi was not damaged beyond the breaking of plate glass windows.

Interest has centered on the effect of the storm at Port Aransas and Aransas Pass, in the absence of definite word from those there. It was pointed out as probable that these points might have felt the storm more severely than Corpus Christi.

It developed Saturday night when further information was obtained that the fatalities reported during the day at Rockport had been confused with the drowning of ten men of the crew of the steamer Pilot Boy, which sank off Aransas Pass Friday afternoon. These were the only deaths from the storm.

Restored communication with Laredo, Texas, showed that place and the military camps surrounding it to have felt a heavy aftermath of the storm which hit the coast. The gale raged there for several hours Friday night and early Saturday morning but its most serious result was flooding portions of the city to a depth of two feet and wrecking hundreds of soldiers' tents.

Messengers who arrived at Sinton, Texas, last night from Kingville, reported the San Ricardo hotel at Kingville badly damaged. A number of small buildings were blown down, it was stated.

Reports to the weather bureau station here indicated that the storm followed the Rio Grande valley to about Del Rio, Texas, and then spent its force on the plains of northern Mexico.

Mrs. Laura Nichols Has Family Reunion.

On last Friday, at the home of E. O. Lake was held the annual family reunion of Mrs. Laura Nichols who makes her home there with her youngest daughter, Mrs. E. O. Lake. This is the old home place of Dr. W. E. Lake. Each year this occasion brings together the children, grandchildren and a number of friends of Mrs. Nichols to enjoy the fine barbecue which is prepared for this occasion. The chief cook on these occasions is Mr. W. H. Nichols, who learned under that past master Mr. Pat Blair, and who has clearly shown that he was an apt pupil.

These are great barbecues, and yet they are more than barbecues. Here one finds the best picnic with barbecue meats substituted for the picnic meats. After the dinner is served, throughout the afternoon, copious supplies of lemonade and ice cream are served, till finally in the late afternoon children, grandchildren, and friends gradually retire to their homes and darkness finds the once festive scene quiet and still once more. These are occasions when good old country hospitality is shown at its best, and to one who has lived elsewhere than the country they are appreciated all the more.

Eighty-one were present to enjoy this occasion. Mrs. Nichols' children, all of whom were present, are: Messrs L. M. Nichols, W. H. Nichols, W. E. Nichols, Mrs. M. S. Hawkins, and Mrs. O. E. Lake. The following friends were present: Dr. W. E. Lake and family, J. S. Nichols and family, C. E. Hawkins and family, C. E. Hawkins and family, J. M. Pomeroy and family, J. B. Perkins and family, C. D. Turner and family, H. A. Horn and family, H. O. Long's two sons, Rev. S. P. Koon and family, and Prof. W. E. Lake, Jr.

SUMMER BROTHERS COMPANY, SERVE DELIGHTFUL BARBECUE

There was a big event in the village life of Jalapa last Friday. Autos and buggies made this charming little village the mecca of keen and coming appetites.

Jalapa is exactly 7 miles north west of Newberry and is situated on the Piedmont highway. For more than half a century it was a postoffice and was discontinued only a few years ago, the late S. B. Aull being its last postmaster.

The postoffice at Gary of which Mr. I. H. Compton was postmaster, was discontinued at the same time. Postal service is now rendered by R. F. D., No. 3 out of Newberry. It is thought that Jalapa got its name from a town of the same name in Mexico.

But we have digressed. We started out to tell of the free barbecue furnished by the Summer Bros. Co., at Jalapa. The cue was given by this enterprising firm of farmer-merchants as a token of appreciation of the faithful work done by their tenants and overseers on the Jalapa and Gary plantations and for the pleasure of a large number of invited guests from the neighborhood and from the city. This firm is conducting a large store at Jalapa under the management of Mr. W. Clarence Wallace who is one of the most promising and obliging young business men in this section. Besides the store at Jalapa the Jalapa plantation is under the management of one of the best and most progressive young farmers in the county, Mr. E. B. Feagle. Mr. Feagle has under cultivation about 350 acres of cotton besides a large acreage of corn and other crops.

At Gary Mr. R. M. Werts is monarch of all he surveys. He has under cultivation some 400 acres in cotton besides a large acreage in other crops including corn. Mr. C. E. Summer stated that the two plantations had produced enough corn in this year's crop to run until next year's crop. Mr. Werts is well known as a big farmer in every sense and the transformation at Gary the past two years is sufficient evidence of his success as a farmer.

But we have jumped the track again. The barbecue at Jalapa was spread under thick and beautiful shade trees and over 300 people white and colored were served. The colored tenants brought their families and enjoyed the hospitality of their employers. Parson George Montgomery who drives one of the Summer drays pulled one over on the whites. When he rose in his dignity and asked the blessing—something the white folks had forgotten. Parson Montgomery also made a speech of appreciation on behalf of his fellow-laborers.

The dinner was highly complimented by all as being the best prepared and most efficiently served of the season. The dinner was cooked by two experts, each a specialist in his line. Mike Counts cooked the meats and W. C. Sligh cooked the hash. The service was superb and each guest could not have received more attention if he had been seated at the home table among the home circle of any one of the hosts. Plenty of good things to eat, sparkling cold ice water, attentive service and an air of welcome sums up the occasion. After dinner Dr. George B. Cromer made one of his characteristic speeches which was very appropriate and well fitted for the occasion.

THIRTEEN KILLED HURRICANE TOLL

Corpus Christi, Texas, Aug. 20.—Thirteen persons were killed and property valued at approximately \$2,000,000 was destroyed in the storm which struck Corpus Christi Friday night and swept through ten adjacent counties in south Texas, according to reports received here tonight. Of the dead nine were members of the crew of the small freight steamer Pilot Boy, which foundered off the Aransas Pass jetties. Three Mexicans were killed at Katherine, a little settlement on the King ranch near Alice, and one Mexican was reported killed at San Diego.