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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE COUNTY

News Letters From Many Sections.

CORRESPONDENTS GIVE LOCAL NEWS

Happenings of Interest to Many People All Over the County and to Those Who have left the Family Hearth-Stone and Gone to Other States.

* JONES NEWS.

Jones, Nov. 22.—There will be a box supper here on next Friday night, the 26th inst in the interest of the school. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Messrs. Walter M. Jones and J. A. Hill attended the Bryan meeting at Greenwood and were delighted with the masterful and charmingly fascinating address of the eminent statesman, able jurist and profound scholar. Every patriotic American should feel profoundly grateful to Bryan for exerting his powerful influence to avert the horrible calamities of war.

Mr. Kelly Daniel is operating a wood saw and will be pleased to serve his friends.

Mr. Mansel Owings of Laurens, will deliver a Sunday school address here next Sunday afternoon, 28th inst.

Mr. Jas. Risor is attending the fair in Jacksonville, Fla.

Our new hymn books have arrived and organist Thompson, is giving us some splendid music.

Mr. Ernest Higgins recently carried a lot of caws and hogs to Greenwood.

Congressman Aiken and Prof. Bradley of Abbeville, Dunk Graton of Anderson, Prof. J. C. Cork of Rock Hill and Supervisor McCombs of Greenwood were recently in our midst.

All of our people sympathize with Mr. Wm. Maddox in the recent loss by fire of his barn. The loss was \$400, with no insurance.

Mr. Jimmie Lee Hill is clerking for Mr. J. J. Dallas.

We are very grateful to friends for recent kind favors.

We are indebted to Mrs. Frank Hall for a mess of nice sausage.

Rev. J. B. Connelly and sons Curtis and Harman were the recent guests of Dr. W. T. Jones. We are very grateful to Mr. Connelly for kindness to us and hope he will be returned by conference.

Anyone in need of a good painter will find it to their interest to call upon Mr. J. W. Vannadore.

Mr. Willie Knight of Greenwood passed away on the 17th inst and was laid to rest at Poplar Springs cemetery. Mr. Knight was reared in the Brewerton section and his friends were sorry to hear of his death.

Hon. and Ms. J. P. Morrison visited their son Wesley in Anderson last week.

Born on 21st inst to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Martin twin sons.

Miss Nona Riley came home from her school at Spartanburg Friday to visit her father, Mr. G. B. Riley.

We are indebted to our colored friends for cutting and hauling us stove and fire wood.

* LANFORD NEWS.

Lanford, Nov. 22.—Cold weather has come at last. Hog killing is the order of the day. Several have already butchered.

Misses O. F. Fowler and Lena Moore were in Laurens Thursday shopping. Mr. Lee Langston and family spent Sunday here as the guests of Mrs. H. A. Mills.

Mrs. T. A. Drummond and Miss Carrie Lou Higgins were the delegates sent to the woman's missionary meeting in Spartanburg. Both attended and report a fine meeting.

Mrs. J. T. Little, John and Miss Hasie Quarles, stopped over in Lanford a few days on their return from Spartanburg as guests of Capt. J. W. Lanford.

Miss Nora Cannon has returned from a visit to Spartanburg.

Miss Robin Patterson has returned from a visit to Woodruff.

Mrs. J. W. Lanford spent last Thursday in Spartanburg.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson is visiting in Arcadia this week.

Mr. Vance Johnson spent Sunday here with his parents.

The many friends of Mr. Will Coob-

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BIG LOT OF MAXWELLS.

J. W. McKee Returns from Atlanta after Having Placed Big Order for Cars.

J. W. McKee, president of the Laurens Motor Car Company, returned Monday from Atlanta where he had been in attendance upon a meeting of Haynes dealers of this territory. The Haynes people acted as hosts to the dealers and gave them a royal time during their stay in the city. The Laurens Motor Car Company has the state agency for this car and expects to do a large business on it.

Mr. McKee also looked after his Maxwell interests while in Atlanta. In order to be certain of securing cars in the spring he placed an order for 74 cars to be delivered during January, February and March. Mr. McKee says that he anticipates a big business in automobiles next spring and he expects to be prepared with a plenty of cars. He also placed an order for fifty Oaklands, both fours and sixes.

The Laurens Motor Car company will establish a branch agency in Columbia within the next few weeks and one each in Greenville and Anderson in the spring.

Christian Endeavor Union Formed.

Twelve members of the Laurens Christian Endeavor Union went to Cross Hill Sunday afternoon where they met with a body of young Cross Hill people from the various denominations interested in the formation of a union there. An enthusiastic meeting was held in which the Laurens Endeavors participated after which an organization of Cross Hill Endeavors was perfected. Judging from the interest displayed by the Cross Hill young people, this union will be a very efficient and enthusiastic union.

Extensive Advertising Campaign.

With present trade conditions and prospects for Christmas brighter than they have been in several years, S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Company, the progressive house furnishers, are laying out plans to reach and sell more customers than they have ever sold before. Last week and this week the whole force is putting in extra time preparing and sending out advertising matter all over the county. They have combined in one circular the full page advertisements in last week's Advertiser and the one appearing this week and have sent the circular to every rural route patron in Laurens county. In this way they have reached not only the newspaper reading public of the county, but those who do not take the newspapers as well.

Thanksgiving Services.

There will be special Thanksgiving services at the First Baptist church on Thursday night at seven o'clock, with preaching by the pastor, Rev. M. L. Lawson. On account of this service there will be no prayer meeting this week at the Baptist church.

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day there will be special services at the Episcopal Church beginning at eleven o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the rector, Rev. S. R. Guignard.

Another Grade Added.

Supt. B. L. Parkinson, of the Laurens city schools, writes that another year has been added to the high school in Laurens, making it a four-year high school. A commercial course has been added to the high school. Two courses are now offered, the classical and the commercial. An interesting addition, in view of the general discussion of the subject, is a military feature for boys from the seventh grade up. The military work is in charge of a Citadel graduate, who is the teacher of the seventh grade boys. The physicians and dentists of Laurens are inspecting the school children free of charge, and in case of inability of parents to have work done for their children, several of the inspecting doctors and dentists have offered to do it without charge. A literary society has been organized in the high school.—Southern School News.

Moves to Laurens Mill.

Mr. J. R. Darnell and family of Cold Point, have moved to the Laurens cotton mill to make their home for another year. This family will be missed very much by their friends in the community they have left.

SPECIAL PRIZE PERIOD CLOSSES SATURDAY

An Avalanche of Subscriptions is Expected by the Contest Manager Saturday Afternoon and it Behooves Every Contestant to Put in Hard Work the Rest of This Week.

The special voting period on the \$25 and \$15 prizes closes Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock. As in the previous special contest, all mail will be gotten from the post office and the doors of The Advertiser office closed at 5 o'clock. Contestants or solicitors who are within the building at that time will be counted as being within the time limit. This enables the contest manager to complete the clerical work and yet not exclude any of the contestants by reason of it.

Contestants are requested to have their small cash exchanged for bills of large denominations before coming to the contest office. Or better still, deposit the money on hand at the bank and hand the contest manager a check for the amount due him. In whatever way the money may be brought to the office, however, contestants are requested to compare their funds with the subscription blanks before submitting them to the contest manager in order to avoid delay.

Another thing of importance: Be very particular about marking carefully whether the subscriber is a new or old one. We find that many blanks coming to us are marked new when the subscriptions are really renewals and vice versa. Very often a person will call himself an old subscriber when, as a matter of fact, he has not taken the paper in some time but desires to take it again. Care should be taken to have these properly marked.

On account of the clerical work connected with ascertaining whether or not subscriptions are to be classed as old or new in this special contest, notice as to the successful contestants will necessarily have to be deferred for several days. Of course, the contest manager does not suspect that any of the contestants would intentionally try to put in a new subscription and mark it old, but as mistakes are so easily made each subscription blank will have to be compared with the subscription list in order that full justice might be done every contestant.

The contest manager has very little further to say this week, particularly in view of the fact that the leading contestants seem to be busy as bees taking subscriptions. Yet, he will not close his weekly letter without again urging the ambitious contestant to or-

ganize his or her friends for the final test. The test is almost here. As the votes now stand, anyone of the real leaders in the race has a chance to win. And, on the other hand, anyone who becomes faint-hearted and lets up in her work, is sure to fail. To give up always means failure. Persistency wins.

Vote to 5 O'clock P. M. Tuesday, November 23.

Miss Louise Dean, Mountville . . . 1,000
Miss Ora Powers, Laurens . . . 1,000
Mr. Clyde Teague, Mountville . . . 1,000
Mr. Eston Medlock, Fountain Inn . . . 4,025
Mr. Jim Miller, Waterloo . . . 1,000
Mr. Fred Culbertson, Waterloo . . . 1,000
Miss Sarah Cooper, Waterloo . . . 4,025
Miss Mamie Miller, Waterloo . . . 4,025
Mrs. Victor Weathers, Laurens . . . 147,275
Miss Edna Smith, Laurens . . . 1,000
Mr. Wash Jones, Ware Shoals . . . 1,000
Mr. Geo. Anderson, Waterloo . . . 1,000
Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Laurens . . . 1,000
Leonard Owings, Owings . . . 4,050
Wadd Hill, Owings . . . 4,075
Miss Lilla Templeton, Owings . . . 1,000
Mrs. Ellen Stoddard, Owings . . . 7,925
Mrs. J. A. Wofford, "Aunt Kate"
Laurens . . . 103,750

Miss Etta Brownlee, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Miss Ruth Martin, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Miss Beulah Curry, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Miss Mae Roper, Gray Court . . . 4,025
Miss Eva Teague, Waits Mill . . . 1,000
Miss Sallie Brownlee, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Miss Emma Harris, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Mrs. F. W. Mahaffey, Gray Court . . . 4,000
Albert Dial, Cross Hill . . . 148,000
Miss Martha Wolff, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Miss Beth Mitchell, Mountville . . . 1,000
Miss Dot Fuller, Mountville . . . 1,000
Miss Marie Mahon, Gray Court . . . 1,000
Miss Sarah Dunlap, Laurens . . . 10,575
Harley Waddell, Ora . . . 11,000
Mrs. B. R. Todd, Laurens . . . 148,375
Miss May Belle Garrett, Laurens . . . 6,350
R. Mace Langston, Gray Court . . . 7,050
Miss Flora Bennett, Laurens . . . 10,000
William Hopkins Moorehead, Goldville . . . 149,050

Clarence Albright, Laurens . . . 12,025
Mr. Jim Lewis, Laurens Mill . . . 1,000
Mr. J. L. Dagnall, Laurens Mill . . . 4,000
Miss Martha Franks, Laurens . . . 148,475
Lawrence Pitts, Laurens . . . 4,025
Jas. F. Harney, Laurens . . . 7,000
Gary Culbertson, Waterloo . . . 1,000
Edd Elmore, Waterloo . . . 1,000
Gary Cunningham, Waterloo . . . 1,000

COUNTY MEDICAL MEETING.

Short Session Held Monday. Election of Officers Postponed.

The Laurens County Medical Society held its regular bi-monthly meeting in the offices of Dr. R. E. Hughes last Monday. The election of officers for the coming year was to be held at this session but it was decided to postpone this until the January meeting. The society voted to invite Dr. A. E. Hines of Anderson and Dr. Isadore Schayer of Columbia as special guests for the next meeting. These two well-known physicians will be invited to read addresses on selected subjects.

MISCELLANEOUS ENTERTAINMENT

School Improvement Association of Woodrow Wilson to Given Entertainment.

The Rural School Improvement Association of Woodrow Wilson, will give a miscellaneous entertainment at the school house on Friday evening, Nov. 26th at 8 o'clock.

Among the most interesting features will be the play "Jumbo Jim" and the "Beauty Contest" in which the three schools, Trinity-Ridge, Barksdale and Woodrow Wilson, will participate. A small admission of ten and fifteen cents will be charged.

Home for Firemen Being Prepared.

The fire station at the city hall is being completely overhauled and is being gotten in good shape to make full use of the new fire machine. A room is being built next to the engine room for the home of the night firemen. Council has not yet elected anyone to take charge of handling the auto truck at night but they expect to appoint one or two at an early date. Mr. C. E. Thomas will be day fireman.

Laurens Tries Military Training.

In the light of present-day discussion of military training in public schools, it is interesting to note that the authorities of the Laurens graded school are giving it a try-out this year. All boys from the seventh grade through the high school are given military training in the form of daily drill under the direction of a commandant employed for the purpose. The commandant is a Citadel graduate, so it is safe to assume that the training the boys get will be of a high order. The commandant, in addition to his military duties, is teacher of the seventh grade boys. The work here is to be largely on the order of that done so successfully in the Sumter schools. Superintendent Parkinson, of the Laurens schools, is a forward-looking school man and tries to get the best of the new things in his schools.—Southern School News.

Visited in Georgia.

Mr. W. H. Hudgens has returned from a pleasant visit to Demorest, Ga. His son, John Moore is a student at Piedmont College. Mr. Hudgens expressed himself as being highly pleased with the location, people, and surroundings in general. He found 20 South Carolinians there, and many students from other states.

At Trinity-Ridge School.

Don't forget the hot supper and entertainment at Trinity-Ridge school Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, supper served from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Entertainment from 8 to 9. All are invited to come and enjoy the good things in store for you.

Miss Sadie Sullivan, who is teaching this year at Camden will spend Thanksgiving in the city with her parents.

GREECE DISPOSED TO ACCEPT CONDITIONS

Although no Definite News has been Received at London so Far. Rumania in the Same Position.

London, Nov. 22.—No definite news has been received here of Greece's reply to the demands for guarantees for the safety of the Angle-French forces landed at Saloniki, or for that of the Serbians who might be forced over the Greek frontier. One dispatch from Athens, however, says the Greek cabinet is disposed to accept the conditions laid down by the Entente Powers, except that condition requiring Greece to participate in the war and that a solution of the whole difficulty may be expected immediately.

Meanwhile the blockade of Greek commerce has commenced and Italy, it is reported, is participating in the measures of restraint decided upon. Those, with the news that the Serbians have won a victory over the Bulgarians northeast of Pristina, that the Bulgarians have delayed their march on Monastir and that the Austro-Germans are laboring under difficulties as a result of the wintry weather has created a more hopeful feeling in the capital of the Entente Allies. The British and French forces daily are being strengthened by men and guns landed at Saloniki, and part of the reinforcements is being sent to Monastir, where the Serbians also are reported to be concentrating and threatening the Bulgarians at Priep.

Rumania finds herself in much the same position as Greece, with both the Entente Allies and the Central Powers bringing pressure to bear upon her. The Germans, it is said, are asking Rumania to give assurances of her continued neutrality and also are offering her concessions if she intervenes in the war on the side of the Teutonic Allies. With a big Russian army in Bessarabia, however, it is believed in military circles here hardly likely that Rumania will accept the second alternative. On the whole, it is expected here that the firm attitude of the Entente Powers toward Greece will clear the Balkan situation before very long.

There is little news of importance from any of the other fronts. The Italians, by their continued offensive, are strengthening their positions around Gorizia, which it is believed cannot hold out much longer.

On the western front the British and French artillery has become more active in Flanders and Champagne which on previous occasions has been the signal for offensive movements. The Russians since they regained the ground they lost at the river Stry have been inactive except for minor attacks in the Dvinsk region. Petrograd despatches predict important events are impending.

CHRISTMAS SEALS ARRIVED.

Red Cross Agents are Planning to Make This a Banner Year in Sales.

The local agents of the Red Cross Christmas Seal Commission have received their quota of the seals for Laurens and will begin at once the selling campaign. The agents for this city are Miss Beta Meredith and Mr. Arthur Lee. They are anxious to have agents in the other towns of the county that have no Red Cross representatives and will be glad to hear from someone at Gray Court, Owings, Waterloo, Mountville, Lanford, Ora, Princeton or any of the other towns without agents.

The proceeds of the sale of the Christmas seals are used by the South Carolina Red Cross Commission in treating the tuberculosis patients of this state and in their general campaign of education against this dread disease. Five thousand stamps to be sold at one cent each have been received here and the agents hope to be able to sell all of them.

SHERIFF OWINGS BETTER.

Rumor That He Will Resign His Position is Untrue.

The hundreds of friends over the county of Sheriff John Owings will be pleased to learn that he is a little better this week, though he is still confined to his home on West Main street. The rumor that became circulated the past week that the sheriff had resigned is without foundation as is also the rumor that he had left for the west in search of better health.

GINNING REPORT SHOWS SHORTAGE

Fifth Cotton Ginning Report of the Season.

REPORT ISSUED LAST MONDAY

Total Ginned So Far Shows Shortage of Over Three Million Bales as Compared to Report for Same Time Last Year. Eight and Three-Quarter Million Ginned to Date of Report.

Washington, Nov. 22.—The fifth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of Census Bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m., today, announced that 8,777,794 bales of cotton counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915 has been ginned prior to November 14. That compares with 11,668,210 bales, or 73.1 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to November 14 last year, 10,144,529 bales, or 74.7 per cent in 1913 and 10,299,546 bales, or 76.4 per cent in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to November 14 in the last ten years was 9,257,847 or 73.0 per cent of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 82,582 round bales compared with 31,904 last year, 71,167 in 1913 and 62,768 in 1912.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 69,477 bales compared with 51,197 last year, 51,950 in 1913 and 49,389 in 1912.

Ginnings prior to November 14, of North and South Carolina, with comparisons for the past three years and the percentage of the entire crop ginned in those states prior to that date in the same years, follow:

North Carolina.	
1915	5,233,851
1914	5,556,475 57.3
1913	4,932,369 58.9
1912	6,272,251 59.2
South Carolina.	
1915	3,543,943
1914	4,691,320 69.9
1913	5,995,998 70.2
1912	5,883,535 72.2

Clinton W. O. W. Give Banquet.

One of the most enjoyable affairs the Clinton Choppers have had in some time was an oyster and turkey supper given by Clinton Camp No. 40, Tuesday evening Nov. 16th. The guests assembled in the hall at 7:30 and there was a constant interchanging of hand claps and that feeling of fellowship common to Woodcraft. At 8 o'clock the meeting was called to order by Mr. E. Shaw Cunningham, Consul Commander, who extended a cordial welcome in a few very appropriate words. Supper was then announced and the Choppers proceeded to the store room next door to the Casino picture show where they found turkey and oysters galore. The good ladies of the Methodist church prepared and served the supper and their presence made the scene beautiful.

By nine o'clock supper was over and all returned to the hall where they were entertained by an address on Woodcraft by Past Grand Consul, Sov. C. A. Power and an address on Fraternalism by the Hon. Sovereign E. A. Cooper. The addresses were inspiring and beneficial. The camp hopes to have these gentlemen with them again in the near future. Immediately after the speeches there were two candidates introduced into the mysteries of the grand and noble order of Woodcraft. There were about one hundred and fifty Choppers present and all enjoyed the evening to their fullest. Clinton camp is one of the most progressive camps in the state and its membership is an enthusiastic body of Choppers.

Preaching Services.

There will be preaching services at the Laurens A. R. P. church Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 28th at 3 o'clock. You are invited to worship with us. I. N. Kennedy, Pastor.

To Hold Window Sale.

The annual window sale of the Episcopal Guild will be held this year on December 15th. The Powe Drug Company has kindly tendered the use of its windows for the sale and it will be held there. The public is invited to inspect the articles and to make purchases.