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SAYINGS AND DOINGS OF PROSPERITY PEOPLE

APPROACH OF THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON.

Crops Looking Well—The Literary Sorosis—Selling Cotton—Personal and Otherwise.

Prosperity, April 6.—The gentle showers of April have fallen and crops and gardens are looking fine. Some of our early gardeners are eating radishes, etc., already.

Say, Mr. Editor, you came very near getting your humble scribe into great trouble, and with the ladies of the Sorosis. As you know, your correspondent has been particular to give all the news of our town and last week, when we had taken such pains to write up the banquet of the Literary Sorosis, that you should leave it out! I know that you explained to me that the paper was full and you could only put in two columns but that you should leave out such an important matter! Of course we had to do the best we could and promised amends for it in the future, and we want to give the office due notice that the next time it must go in if every thing else should be left out.

Constable Eison overhauled a barrel of "Fuss. Ex" containing ten gallons of booze. The "stuff" was shipped in and the negro went home a sadder, a wiser and a poorer man. It created quite a sensation for a while and a large crowd gathered at the Southern depot to learn results.

The Rev. C. M. Boyd has gone to Due West for a couple of days. He will go from there to the A. R. Presbytery at Doraville, Ga. Capt. J. B. Fellers is the delegate from the church here.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in Prosperity was here last Saturday. The trade was one of the largest for a spring day for many years, if not the largest. The merchants had more than they could do. The fertilizer men did an unusually large trade. While the credit trade was large, it was not so large as last year for the first of April.

The city election will come off on the second Tuesday in April, the 11th. Since the primary there has been little interest. A nomination is practically an election.

Mr. C. A. Stewart, agent of the Southern railway company at this point, will go to Blacksburg, S. C. Mr. Dinglehoe, relief agent, will be with us for a short while until the regular agent arrives.

Messrs. J. D. Quattlebaum and F. A. Dominick spent Wednesday in Columbia on business.

Mrs. Carrie Caldwell is visiting Mrs. J. H. Hunter this week.

Judge S. S. Cunningham is visiting Mr. J. H. Hunter.

We regret to announce to the many friends of Mr. Frank M. Gibson, of Nichols, Ga., that he is critically ill.

Mr. J. C. H. Fellers and niece, Miss Mattie Fellers, visited the family of Mr. S. L. Fellers the past week.

Quite a large delegation from Prosperity went up to see the ball game, Newberry vs. Erskine. They say it was a fine game.

The Jolly Dozen will hold a business meeting on the afternoon of April 6. There will be no fun aboard that day, I am assured (?)

The Sorosis will meet with Mrs. D. W. Boland on April 14.

We are told that our progressive city fathers will give us light on a dark subject—a 1,000 candle power gas light on the public square. They will not give us this light before it is needed. They are also making some new streets. We need some old ones worked—one running from Mr. A. P. Dominick's residence, on the north side of the Southern railway, to the

crossing beyond Mr. L. S. Bowers' residence. We hope to see this street continued all the way into town, if it is possible to do so.

Mr. C. R. Hrr, of Muncy, Pa., is installing Mr. Jno. Cook's new roller flour mill outfit. Mr. Cook will have one of the latest and most modern flouring outfits.

Mrs. H. E. Todd, of Anderson, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Fellers, of St. Lukes.

Mrs. A. W. Fogle, of Anderson, who has been down since the death of her father, Mr. J. B. Fellers, returned to Anderson on Tuesday.

List of dead letters in Prosperity, S. C., postoffice for month of March:

Mrs. Mariah Boozer, Mrs. Sallie Brown, Mr. Genfend Harmon, Mr. Malcolm Hawkins, Mr. Clarence Jackson, Miss Sarah Krepps, Mrs. M. C. Nelson, Mr. Mallie Shealy, Mr. Selters Williams, Mr. Thos. Wilson, Mrs. Mance Wilson.

Mr. P. D. Simpson has returned from Newberry where he visited relatives.

Miss Lucy Quattlebaum, of Columbia, who has been on a visit to the Misses Moseley for the past week, returned home on Wednesday.

Mr. P. L. Langford, of Reynolds, has been at home for a day or two.

Mr. Tom Johnson, of Newberry, has been on a visit to Mr. P. D. Simpson.

The Rev. D. P. Boyd was in town for a day this week. We learn Mr. Boyd was looking out for a location. If so, we would be delighted to have him come to Prosperity. We need and have a welcome for such men.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hartman, and little Miss Hartman, of Atlanta, Ga., are resting for a few days under the parental roof, near Mt. Pilgrim.

Mr. Jno. Hawkins' school at St. Lukes closed last Friday.

Miss Gertrude Bobb's school at Saluda Academy closed last week. Miss Bobb is now at home.

Mrs. C. T. Wyche is again with Moseley Bros., where she will be glad to see her friends.

The Woodmen will initiate a new member in the mysteries of Woodcraft tonight.

The plans for the next commencement are being laid and assignments made. It will not be long until the bells and hollows will be made to reverberate with the commencement speeches of the young Demosthenes of the schools. The glad days of childhood! How many of us but would live over again their school days when we were carefree and our hearts knew no pain!

"Backward, turn backward, oh; Time, in thy flight
Make me a child again just for tonight."

But it is past. These jolly days will never return to us. It will only be a short time until the places that know us now will know us no more and other faces will be seen and other hands will do the work we are doing. Let us scatter sunshine as we go.

We learn that Rev. Mr. Webster, of the Advent church, will erect a tent here and hold a revival service in the near future.

Miss Essie Moore, of St. Lukes, is improving, though not yet out of danger.

Miss Elvira McCullough, of Silver Street, is visiting her sister, Miss Bettie, at Mr. S. D. Duncan's.

There has been a fall look on our streets for the past week, from the amount of cotton selling. There were 112 bales sold on last Saturday and 169 for the week. There were 190 bales sold here for the 3 days ending with Wednesday—the price ranging from 7 1-2 to 7 3-4. It looks as though the planters were afraid the

NEWS FROM EXCELSIOR.

Farmers Reducing Cotton Acreage And Using Less Fertilizer—Other Matters.

Excelsior, April 6.—The school here will close Friday.

This section has had nice rains, after some dry weather. The farmers are moving on nicely with work and some corn has been planted.

The warm weather has been very favorable for garden vegetation, and the early gardeners have planted beans and put out cabbage plants.

Miss Janie Kinard spent last week with her sister in Saluda county.

Miss Mary Peterson, of Newberry, has been on a visit to Mrs. J. C. Singley.

The Rev. W. W. McMorries spent Sunday night with Mr. D. B. Cook's family.

Mr. Crumpton and wife, of Newberry, spent Saturday night with Mr. G. W. Kinard's family.

Prof. J. S. Wheeler returned Monday from a business trip to Columbia.

Mrs. J. D. Stone and children spent last week with relatives at Newberry.

The farmers of this section are using less guano and will plant less cotton this year than they did last year. It is gratifying to see this, and if they will just stick together the movement will result in much good. The present price of cotton is too low for the cost of making it.

Through the kindness of Mr. Luther Cook in offering us a seat in his buggy, this correspondent spent last Sunday in Saluda county, going over to attend the burial of my sister's daughter, Miss Essie Werts, who died on Saturday of typhoid fever. Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at St. Mark's church, the burial service being conducted by her pastor, the Rev. J. L. Buck. It is gratifying to state that Mr. Werts' two sons, who have been very sick with the same disease, are improving a little. It is desired to correct the statement of your correspondent at Prosperity in Friday's issue that Mr. Werts has buried two children since the holidays. He has buried only one and it is hoped the other sick ones will soon be well. Mr. Werts' other son died last June.

The Rev. W. A. Lutz, of Prosperity, will preach in Excelsior school house next Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock. It is with great pleasure also that it is stated that the Rev. J. A. Sligh will preach for us here on the fifth Sabbath afternoon in this month, at 4 o'clock. It is hoped there will be a good attendance at both of these services, as both speakers are able men, and they will give those who hear them something good to think about.

It is gratifying to state that Mr. Sease, who has been confined to his room sick, is able to get out again.

Sigma.

A Year in College.

\$200 cash or a year in College can be quickly earned by one young man or lady in each county during the summer. Plan does not interfere with other employment, and student can select the school.

State name of institution you wish to attend. No money required.

For particulars address,
Morton H. Pemberton,
Centralia, Mo.

price was going to tumble. We hope not.

We were glad to see ye editor on our streets last Friday.

Mr. S. S. Birge is now camping it out, or roughing it, in the pine forest near Chapin. Mr. Birge is a large handler of lumber of all kinds, handling not only the output of his own mill, but a large part of three or four others.

A GREAT REDUCTION.

Views of Commissioners of Agriculture of the Various Cotton States.

Atlanta, April 6.—The commissioners of agriculture of the southern states are firm in their belief that the Southern Cotton association and its work is a success. At the request of the press bureau of the Southern Cotton association they have made a special investigation regarding the reduction of the cotton acreage throughout the south, and in their opinion there will be a great reduction of acreage this year.

The commissioners also state that there will be a greater diversification of crops this year than ever before in the history of the south, and they are looking forward to a very prosperous country next fall.

The following are some expressions from the different commissioners:

C. J. Barrow, acting commissioner of agriculture of Louisiana:

"Organizations have been perfected in nearly all the parishes of this state for the purpose of reducing the acreage 25 per cent. and this action on the part of the farmers has been supplemented by proclamations from our governor urging the importance of this reduction and we believe it will have its effect."

E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina:

"That there will be a great reduction of acreage in this state I am fully convinced, but just at this time I could not undertake to give the exact figures."

S. L. Patterson, commissioner of agriculture, North Carolina:

"It is impossible just now to predict the exact amount of the reduction of the cotton acreage but it is going to be reduced. And you may depend upon it our farmers are holding cotton as they never have done before. Very little is finding its way to the markets and the farmers are determined to carry out the spirit of the New Orleans convention notwithstanding the reported heavy receipts in some sections."

W. G. Ogilvie, commissioner of agriculture, Tennessee:

"From the best information I have been able to obtain the cotton acreage will be reduced at least 25 per cent. I have reports from nearly every cotton growing country in the state."

H. T. Bradford, commissioner of agriculture, Arkansas:

"My opinion is, and I have given the matter close attention, that the cotton acreage will be reduced at least 25 per cent. in our state. There is a general determination among the farmers to reduce their acreage and better conditions generally."

O. B. Stevens, commissioners of agriculture of Georgia, says:

"There is no doubt but that the people of Georgia are going to reduce their cotton acreage and better themselves generally. And besides there will never again be such a year as last was for cotton or any other sort of crop."

Commissioner R. R. Poole, in an interview several days ago, announced that the state of Alabama was going to reduce its acreage 33 1-2 per cent.

Governor J. K. Vardaman, of Mississippi, writes:

"Mississippi is sure to reduce her acreage this year. I have examined things carefully and I find that the actual reduction will be between 20 per cent. and 25 per cent."

W. J. Clay, commissioner of the state of Texas, says:

"From information I have been able to gather from correspondence and conversation with prominent planters, I am of the opinion that the acreage of this state will be reduced about 25 per cent."

PROGRESSIVE FARMERS.

Doings of People Who Live Across the Rippling Waters of the Saluda.

Ruffs, Saluda County, April 6.—As spring, with her emerald robes, beautiful flowers and sweet songsters, advances the health of this neighborhood improves. It may be the fine weather or the skill of the physicians or perhaps a little of both. Farmers are progressing finely with their farm work. They take time to go to the farmers' meetings at the different precincts, and every one seems interested and trying to encourage others to join the movement. There are several up to date farmers in this section, who use all the modern implements for farming. The Ruff brothers are agents for mowers, harrows, rakes, etc., and also have well machinery. They seem to be doing a good business. The fine plantation known as the old Livingston place (the birthplace of your townsman, Mr. Smith Livingston), has been greatly improved since it was purchased by its present owner, Mr. George Lever. He has repaired the house and built a ginny, stables and tenant houses—now he is making arrangements to buy a saw-mill. Mr. Jacob Ruff, postmaster at Ruff, is a progressive farmer. He has a fine place, which is kept well improved, with comfortable tenant houses. Mr. Ruff is a hustler, and has for a motto "keep moving."

The school at Bethany Academy, taught by Prof. Rauch, assisted by Mr. Ben Nichols, closed last Friday. Prof. Rauch is a graduate of Newberry college. This is the third year he has been principal of Bethany. Miss Leula Sandel, of Orangeburg, is teaching at Cornith and will continue about a month longer.

Miss Myrtle Werts, who has been teaching in Lexington, has closed her school and returned to her home at Cornith.

Court was in session at Saluda this week and nearly all the male population had, or thought they had, business there. Saluda has some very fine home talent at the bar, among them Hon. E. S. Blease, who was a Newberry boy; but when he stumps the county, you would think him a native Saludian. No matter where he first saw the light, Saluda is very proud of her young senator.

We have several lines of R. F. D. and others projected.

The ladies of the new Lutheran church are having entertainments in the way of hot suppers, etc., for the benefit of the church which is being built at Saluda.

His Great Luck.

Insurance Commissioner R. E. Folk of Tennessee was talking the other day about the humor of the insurance business.

"It is a ghastly humor," he said, "because it hinges on death. Nevertheless, there is a great deal of it. Every insurance agent has some odd and new story to relate."

"One agent told me yesterday how he had met that morning a friend in a feeble condition, his face pallid, his eyes dull and his figure shrunken."

"What is the matter with you, Herbert?" the agent said.

"I am in luck," Herbert answered. "My boy, I am in great luck."

"How so?" asked the agent.

"Why," said the other, "your company's medical examiner passed me only two months ago, and now my doctor tells me I have an incurable disease. How is that for luck?"

Three men were instantly killed in Bridgeport, Conn., on Tuesday, in a terrible explosion that blew to pieces one of the brick buildings of the Union Metallic Cartridge company.