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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, CHATTANOOGA, TENN., MAY 12th-18th, 1921.

To the Baptist of South Carolina: For the purpose of furnishing ample accommodations and a comfortable journey for the delegates and others of South Carolina, who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention, Chattanooga, Tenn., May 12-18, 1921, the Southern Railway will provide through day coaches and pullman sleeping cars from Charleston, Columbia, Spartanburg and other points as may be required. The cars will be attached to Carolina Special and handled through to Knoxville, and from there by special train, on the following convenient schedule:

Wednesday, May 11th.	Lv. Charleston	7:30 a. m.	"Carolina Special"
	Lv. Summerville	8:20 a. m.	
	Lv. Pregnalls	9:15 a. m.	
	Lv. St. George	9:31 a. m.	
	Lv. Branchville	10:17 a. m.	
	Lv. Orangeburg	10:55 a. m.	
	Lv. St. Matthews	11:24 a. m.	
	Ar. Columbia	1:00 p. m.	
	Lv. Columbia	1:15 p. m.	
	Lv. Alston	2:01 p. m.	
	Lv. Carlisle	2:52 p. m.	
	Lv. Union	3:20 p. m.	
	Lv. Spartanburg	4:50 p. m.	
	Lv. Asheville	8:00 p. m.	Central Time.
Thursday, May 12th.	Ar. Knoxville	12:25 a. m.	
	Lv. Knoxville	1:00 a. m.	"Special Train"
	Ar. Chattanooga	6:00 a. m.	

Occupy sleeping cars until 7:00 a. m. Dining car service for dinner and supper. Breakfast at Chattanooga.

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The Southern Railway also affords very convenient schedules to and from Chattanooga via Atlanta and will be glad to furnish full information to those who prefer this route.

Special attention will be given to the return movement and through cars will be operated to points in South Carolina as may be needed.

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want to give some people a little advice who are standing around talking hard times. We have heard much speculation and talk on hard times; the low price of cotton, the high cost of living and what the farmer should do and what he should not do. And we get some wonderful advice from one and the other who never practice what they preach. It seems to me that this is the time for everybody to go ahead and do things according to their convictions and prove their theory to get out of a hard situation is right. I read a lot in the papers about reducing the acreage of cotton and what it means; we don't reduce. And some people have heard so much about reducing that they have let themselves be talked into the belief that cotton is the cause of our living. That is, they are afraid if we don't reduce a big crop of cotton and sell it at a low price we will starve to death and the whole country will be in a heap. Today we are living in the most progressive country in the world. If I didn't think so, I wouldn't be here. I thought was. Other countries are calling on America for help. The cry of starving Europe is for American food. You can't get it any other way. Now the danger for us to do is to stop making hard times and

to do something. If the people would spend one-half of the time working trying to do something for our country that they spend standing on the corner talking hard times, we would see a great change in this part of ours before cold weather comes again. Why should we stand a pig doomed to death when we can take this little setback in our mind for fast living? I think it was the best thing ever happened to us when we were checked in our scramble to make millions and spend it all. We had most forgotten our duty to other people, and something has happened to bring it back to our minds. We have learned that life is not all sunshine. A rainy day will come now and again and we should not get so far that day. Why should we give up all hopes and quit like a cornered sheep when we are in the midst of the most progressive time in our career. I think it would help things considerably if the farmer should not let the cotton acreage and price go down to where a certain God would help the farmer. He should not let down his cotton crop and let it go to other countries for nothing and food stuff. If you will not let down your most profitable farm, don't depend on cotton alone. Give some of the farmers' will to do these things to get his cotton crop in half so he can double his price. There is no reason why the farmers of Pickens county should depend on cotton. The one great trouble with cotton growers is they depend solely on their cotton for support and neglect to produce the many necessary things for food. The farmer that's going to make a success and live at home is the fellow who lets his cotton crop be his surplus profit. A farmer in Pickens county (the best county in the State) can live and not spend a penny of his cotton money for foodstuff. But if the farmers plant everything in cotton they are sure to go hungry in the fall, because ten or twelve cent cotton won't pay the debts they make while they are raising the cotton.

I have traveled through every state from Florida to Maine, and Pickens county has more advantages for the farmer than any other section I have ever seen. But he has to use some system to succeed. There is no reason why we should not raise enough meat and lard to do us through the year. It only takes a little corn to make a four hundred pound hog, and a few counties can raise better corn than Pickens county and it would help to have a little patch of clover to turn the pigs on in the spring. Why can't we raise our own pigs instead of sending to Tennessee for those long nose swine? We have men in Pickens county that haven't bought a sack of flour in years, and they are men of families. They say we can't raise wheat in this county. These men do. Of course this is not a good wheat country like the western states, but we can raise wheat and oats both by giving them some attention and what we lose on a short crop. We gain it all back by enriching our soil. When the small grain comes off, sow the ground in peas for hay, and plant a few rows for next year's seed and some for cooking purposes, and bear in mind that crushed peas will make fat hogs. We can raise good cows, and we should consider a cow a big help toward our living. Give her the attention she deserves and she will bring you value return in good milk and butter. And then don't sell the young calves just because you don't like to hold them while the wife milks or because you don't like to put out a little extra care to keep them. The calf will make a cow some day and bring you more money. The thing we should put the most care to is our garden. It should be a source of supply for foodstuff through the summer season. Stake off a corner in your cotton patch and have a good garden. Drop a few beans in your new ground corn, and through the winter sell some milk and butter you get from your well cared for cow.

Get some sugar to preserve the fruit that falls and goes to waste. Every land owner should have a good orchard. It doesn't require a great deal of work and it is worth an effort when you can have a dish of Elberta peaches on your table. If we will take some of the time we spend talking hard times we can have a yard full of nice Rhode Island reds, white Wyandotts or Plymouth Rocks. We all have chickens but we turn them loose to shift for themselves and pay them so little attention that they are not much profit. Give the chicken lot a little of your time and care and you will have chickens for sale and some to eat when the preacher comes, and eggs that will buy your coffee, soda and lots of other little things you need from the store.

Now is the time to raise corn, oats, wheat, potatoes and meat and other things we need at home, and let our cotton crop be our surplus profit. Then if cotton is twenty cents or fifteen cents we should worry, if we raise plenty of foodstuff. Everybody knows this is the best country in the whole world. The thing we want to talk about is, what a good country we live in, and not talk hard times so much, and times will be better.

I thank you.
J. J. Pearson.
PETERS CREEK ITEMS.

We have been having lovely weather and the farmers all seem to be taking advantage of it as most all have their soil ready for planting and some have already planted.

There will be an entertainment given at Peters Creek Friday night, April 23rd, beginning at 8:00 o'clock. An interesting program has been arranged with a number of songs, pantomimes and a play, "The Old Maid's Conversion". The public is most cordially invited to attend.

Rev. A. E. Fisher was in Greenville one day recently on business. Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Winters of Greenville spent the weekend with the farmer's mother, Mrs. V. C. White.

Several from the place attended the commencement at Greenville on last Wednesday night.

Messrs. Robinson and Co. of Pickens spent a very delightful day in our section recently fishing.

Miss Kathie Tompkins was in Greenville shopping one day recently.

Miss Verner Foster is visiting relatives in Pickens and while there she will visit in Anderson.

GLENWOOD DEFEATS LIBERTY.

"Smiling Charley" Alexander let Liberty down with a lone bingle Saturday afternoon, Glenwood defeating the visitors by the score of 2 to 0.

Aside from the pitching of Alexander the feature of the game was the hitting of Smith and Tatum, of Glenwood. Alexander had the visiting batters almost helpless, striking out 3 men in one inning and retiring a large number of men on the third strike.

The score:
Glenwood.....2 10 1
Liberty.....0 2 0
Alexander and Spearman; Smith and Alexander.

BRANDON WINS FROM EASLEY.

In a see-saw contest at Brandon Saturday afternoon, Brandon defeated Easley Mills team by the score of 7 to 5. Young Jackson, kid brother of the "Shoeless Joe," was on the mound for Brandon and had the Easley batters guessing throughout the contest. Cashion did the receiving for Bradon. Dunn and McCoy did the battery work for the Easley club.

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All persons holding claims against the estate of the late Miss Mattie Lesley must present the same, duly proven, on or before the 15th day of May 1921, or be debarred payment; and all persons indebted to said estate must make payment on or before the above date to
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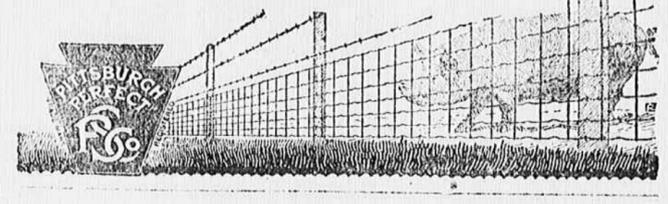
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