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THAT TRUNK.
That trunk of Beckroge, filled with wedding paraphernalia in the shape of cigars, peaches, shoes and champagne, is still the subject of controversy, comment and investigation. The fate of that trunk is a warning to young men of extravagant ideas about matrimonial affairs and wedding procedure. The owner little dreamed that it would be the cause of executive anxiety and conflict of State and Federal jurisdiction. It will probably never stop in its mischievous course until it involves all parties concerned in political turmoil and confusion. The newspapers are divided in opinion and the Attorney General is pushing the investigation to the neglect of all matters of less importance. Governor Ellerbe has ordered the investigation and wants the light to shine in dark places, even in the alleged "dark closet." Governor Ellerbe is right and if the affairs at the State dispensary are not conducted faithfully and honestly, the people should know it and the remedy applied without fear, favor or affection, and if there is nothing in this hue and cry, it should be made known.

It has been hinted that every thing will be silent in a few days. This may mean that the investigation will not be conducted with a view to an honest discovery of truth, or that enough has been found out to show that there is nothing in the matter, besides political claptrap.

Governor Ellerbe owes it to himself and the people who elected him to push the investigation and how to the line, let chips fall where they may. The dispensary business has ever divided the people and it should stand or fall on its merits, so if there is anything wrong at head quarters it should receive immediate and vigorous treatment, leaving no room for criticism from the opponents of the dispensary system.

From Liberty.
One and a half inches of rain fell here last week and made the farmers rejoice. Reports of a freshet with considerable hail three miles west of here washed the terraces, lands and crops badly.

Prof. Freddy Tray-zhin, of North Carolina, performed here two nights last week.

The picnic at the Liberty spring given by Prof. Mauldin was a grand success.

Yesterday was communion day at the Baptist church.

A town election today to decide a tie for intendant and one warden. There was two candidates for intendant and two for wardens tied two weeks ago, three wardens were elected the 3d Monday in April.

T. S. Glenn, of Shabtown, passed through here en route to the court house this morning and reports Mrs. J. M. Glenn is very low. She has a sick some time.

Mrs. D. A. Templeton, of Owings, Laurens county, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Sheldon, will return home today. Mrs. Sheldon and son will accompany her.

The contractors have the new school building well under way.

Mrs. M. H. Boggs has been sick for the past two weeks.

Messrs. Crane & Gant have built a large addition to their already large livery stables.

Some frost reported Sunday morning.

The old soldiers met the Township Pension Board here Saturday. Several applicants for pensions were heard from.

Cotton planting is pretty well all done, but few have a stand.

Prof. Mauldin closed his school here last Friday.

There was a meeting here Saturday to decide whether we would vote for a special tax levy for school purposes, the election was ordered in spite of several ineligible voters to the contrary. Some argue our taxes are high enough, this is admitted, but we need more schools and our patriotism demands a little more aid and it is much easier to keep up schools than have the country grown up in ignorance and vice and have some desperado ignoramus trying to cut your throat for \$5. We are aware there are some men who would prefer to have the country sown down in ignorance as it would enable them to extort more from labor, not looking on further and what good would all their accumulated ill gotten gains do with a band of cut-throats after it in

their old age, to get it and perhaps put an end to his miserable life spent after the manner of this world. No man should kick against the progress and welfare of his country, and drink liquor and smoke cigars, no country is progressive without good schools. May 3 1897. CITIZEN.

Liberty High School.
The closing exercises of the first term of Liberty High School, for the year 1897, took place on last Saturday, May 1st. For nearly four months past, Mr. Ivy M. Mauldin, a recent graduate of Clemson College has been looking after the educational interests of that section. By the united efforts of teachers and patrons with a special interest and zeal on the part of the children, the term just closed, though short, has been a most successful one. There seems to be more oneness of purpose among Liberty people today on the question of education than has been known since the time when old Liberty was the seat of learning for a large scope of country around.

But we are wandering from our original purpose. On Saturday, about 10 o'clock despite the threatening clouds, and the fact that owing to the recent showers the ground was thoroughly wet, the people from far and near began to come together at the old spring and school house where it was arranged to have a picnic to mark the closing of the school. The good matron ladies with well filled baskets and the younger ladies well filled with hope, and multitudes of children romping over the grounds while occasionally could be seen staid gentlemen who had allowed their desires for innocent pleasure to supersede business all presented a pleasing spectacle. A neat stand had been arranged near the spring in the grove and seats had been provided on the slope just in front. Near 11 o'clock the crowd being assembled, the exercises began. It was announced at the outset that two of the invited orators had failed to put in an appearance, and so Prof. Mauldin had to accept the situation with the best grace possible and on introducing Capt. T. J. Mauldin, of Pickens, took occasion to remark that, in response to an invitation from his school, he would make a closing address. The two speakers were well received and expressed themselves as being highly pleased and greatly assisted by the courteous attention given them.

Upon the completion of Prof. Mauldin's address, Mr. John Helms, in behalf of the school, presented him with a neat umbrella as a testimonial of the esteem in which he was held.

Dinner was next in order, after which, part of the crowd repaired to the school house to void the approaching rain while some betook themselves homeward. By way of entertainment as the rain came down, Miss Ione McCord, a lovely young lady from Atlanta, recited several selections which were appreciated in full measure. Others came to the rescue, once the step had been taken, and drove off the gloom the rain had caused. Notwithstanding the rain, the picnic was a success and all Liberty with all the country is better and happier that the school has been and that it closed with such evenness and good feeling.

A VISITOR.

Commissioners Meeting.
At the called meeting all were present. The report of J. A. Robinson who was appointed to resurvey the Air Line railroad was read.

The matter of Stephenson, at the poor farm, was taken up, and it was ordered that he be sent back to Union.

The dispute in regard to the Johnson bridge at the railroad crossing has been settled. On motion it was agreed to rescind former action heretofore taken respecting the Johnston bridge, and start at White's crossing and adopt the survey made by Mr. Ballentine. Also to run from present crossing known as Norris crossing and intersect the Central road near the old Madden house, as surveyed by J. F. Hendricks. Ordered that the new road be opened as soon as practicable.

On motion, J. T. Gassaway was appointed special commissioner to assess damages to B. J. Johnston's land.

Certain old witness tickets were taken up and ordered paid.

The report of special commissioners as to the Kelly and Pool bridge road was read, and road was ordered opened.

New commissioners were appointed to locate the new road from Eliza Smith's to Zion church.

H. L. Clayton was granted authority to work with road hands to change road through his lands so as to avoid hill.

Commissioners instructed to open road from Pleasant Grove church to G. T. Hendricks' house.

In the matter of road near Gideon Ellis' from near the Allgood bridge to J. E. Borroughs' mill; it was decided that the matter will be heard at next meeting.

Action on road by Hunter's mill was postponed indefinitely.

H. L. Clayton was appointed to make necessary change so as to make grades meet properly, on road by the old Madden house, and surveyed so as to do away with the railroad bridge.

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A Tribute of Respect.
At the regular quarterly conference of the Pickens Circuit S. C. conference held at Dacusville April 29th 1897, the following tribute of respect was read by the pastor, Bro. Haddon.

Whereas in the providence of our Heavenly Father, the Rev. Thos. M. Johnson has been removed from our midst, therefore be it Resolved. 1st. That in the death of Bro. Johnson his church has lost a good and useful man and in the work a faithful and acceptable local preacher.

2d. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the county papers and the Southern Christian Advocate for publication, and also that a copy be sent to the family of the deceased, and also that a page be left to his memory on our quarterly conference record.

J. M. GILLESPIE,
J. R. MORGAN,
G. A. ELLIS,
Committee.

Union Meeting.
The Union meeting of the first district Twelve Mile River Baptist Association will meet with the Holly Springs church on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May 1897, at 10 a. m.

Introductory sermon by J. T. Lewis, alternate, M. L. Jones. Missionary sermon on Sunday at 11 a. m., by Rev. J. E. Foster, alternate, J. M. Stewart.

QUERIES.

1st. Will the heathens be saved without the gospel? Opened by J. T. Burdine and M. Hendricks. 2d. Is baptism essential to salvation? Opened by Maj. G. M. Lynch and J. E. Foster.

3d. What can be done to create deeper and abiding interest in all the enterprises of our denomination? Opened by B. Holder and W. T. Bowen.

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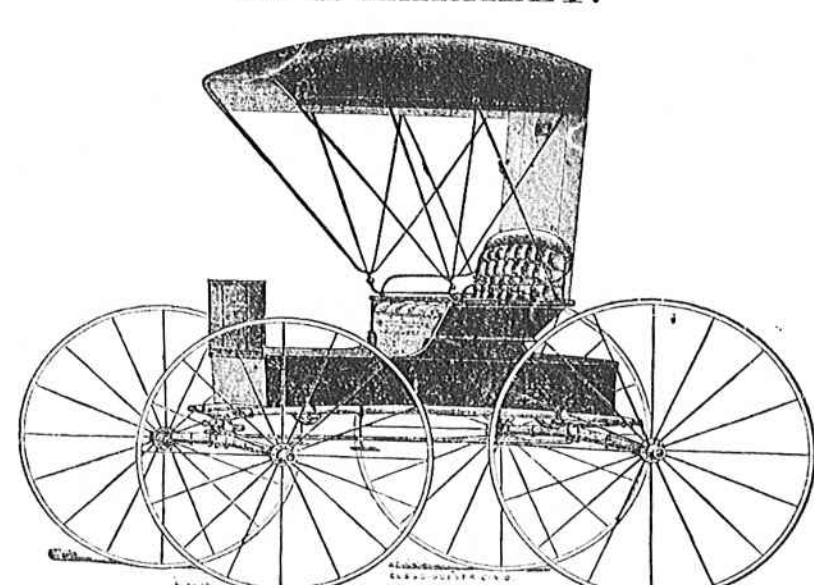
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