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OLD SOLDIERS ENJOYED THE DAY

REUNION AT BLACKBOK MEMORABLE OCCASION

The Michael Brice Chapter U. D. C. Gave the Veterans a Grand Time.

White Oak, Jan. 2.—Wednesday, the 30th of December, is a day long to be remembered by the old veterans of Chester and Fairfield counties assembled at Blackstock.

As previously mentioned in your columns that was the day appointed by the Michael Brice Chapter U. D. C. and the veterans of the Civil War to meet at Blackstock.

By 11 o'clock, notwithstanding the inclement weather, there was assembled a large and goodly number of their wives had arrived and for two hours there was a warm hand-shaking by the men and their wives.

At 12 o'clock the line of veterans were formed by Lieutenant E. M. Shannon in front of the bank of Blackstock for the order of the day.

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At 7 o'clock the line of veterans were formed by Lieutenant E. M. Shannon in front of the bank of Blackstock for the order of the day.

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DEATH OF MRS. CRAWFORD.

A Good Christian Has Gone to Her Rest.

Mrs. W. J. Crawford died at her home on Lucy street on Saturday, at her 64th year.

Mrs. Crawford was a consistent and devoted member of the Presbyterian church and her death is a great loss to the community.

LETTERS FROM FRIENDS.

On Occasion of Silver Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brice.

The following were two letters from among the many received by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Brice on the date of their silver wedding:

Dear Friends—We highly appreciate your invitation to be present at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of your marriage.

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VISIT HOME CUT SHORT BY DEATH

CALVIN HALSELL, A NEGRO, FOUND DEAD AT LEEDS.

Was a Resident of Arkansas and Was Coming to His Former Home for a Visit.

With a pocket book containing \$41.60 and in his pocket a return ticket to Pine Bluff, Ark., the dead body of a negro named Calvin Hassell was found by the Leeds and Carlisle in plain view of the Seaboard railroad track by a railroad hand last Thursday.

As stated in The Lantern on Friday morning, Jan. 2, Hassell was called to Leeds and it was for this purpose that he went. A jury was empaneled with Judge H. H. Simpson foreman, and after hearing the testimony a verdict was returned that he died from a heart attack.

The negro Hassell in company with about fifteen more went from the neighborhood of Leeds some years ago to settle in Arkansas.

Personal accounts of survivors first reported the great disaster at Leeds, but they added to the gruesome recital of suffering and pathetic inability to help the injured.

One feature of the disaster, at Leeds, is the large number of homeless children. In some cases little babies were found creeping about in the ruins.

Large numbers of survivors have become insane. They try to throw themselves overboard if they are to hurt themselves out of car windows.

Peace Reigns in Breathitt. Jackson, Ky., Jan. 1.—Breathitt the governor would send troops to Breathitt county to preserve order.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—This city, where the enforcement of excise and anti-gambling laws has been lax, is under orders issued by Mayor Douglas, the police officer regarding the Sunday closing laws against saloons.

LEPARI ISLANDS NOT DESTROYED

EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS NUMBER OVER 200,000.

Tales of Horror Told—Work of Rescue Being Pushed Fast.

Rome, Jan. 1.—The entire sea front of Reggio is swept away and it is thought the higher section is settling and that the entire town will be swallowed by the sea and obliterated.

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ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

F. M. F. I. A. Met Yesterday and Re-elected Officers.

The annual meeting of the Farmers Fire Insurance Association was held in the court house yesterday with a large attendance.

The old officers were re-elected. President, S. T. McKewen; secretary, treasurer and agent, W. H. Simpson.

Change of Preaching Days.

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ANNUAL REVIEW SOUTH PROGRESS

A SPLENDID INCREASE IS SHOWN THEREIN.

Southern States Continue to Advance in Agricultural Pursuits.

Baltimore, Dec. 31.—In its annual review of the agricultural progress of the south the Manufacturers' Record says this week's issue:

"Seven crops in the south—corn, wheat, cotton, rice, tobacco, sugar and rice—are common to the south and the value of the entire crop has advanced in 1908 over 1907.

"The largest increase in value since 1907 has been in the case of cotton, which has advanced 100 per cent in value since 1907.

"The total crop of corn, 780,000,000 bushels, was considerably above the average of the past 10 or 12 years, but was only one state, Texas, in the 200,000,000 bushels class and its production, 20,000,000 bushels, was exceeded by the crop in Illinois, 20,000,000 bushels, in Missouri, 20,000,000 bushels, and in Nebraska, 20,000,000 bushels.

"The wheat crop of 1908 was the largest in the history of the crop, 2,000,000,000 bushels, and it was 25 per cent above the average of the past 10 or 12 years.

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REV. J. H. SIMPSON HOPES THE LANTERN WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE.

Writes Interestingly of the Problems of Keeping White People in the Country.

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AN ENJOYABLE OCCASION.

W. O. W. Supper at Fort Lawn A Delightful Affair.

Special at The Lantern. Fort Lawn, Jan. 2.—The W. O. W. members of the world enjoyed their annual banquet in the W. O. W. hall on the evening of Dec. 31, which was well attended.

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