

PREFERRED ALTAR TO THE SCHOOL ROOM

Young Laurens School Girl Elopes With Lover Instead of Going to School.

Quite a little stir was created here Thursday morning when the news spread that Miss Addie Garrette, a young school girl, had run away and married at about 9.30 o'clock, shortly after the opening of school.

It seems that Mr. Samuel Wayne Walker of Clinton, having previously laid plans for the elopement, was on hand at the Baptist church corner, near the Graded school building, with a team. At just about the time for school exercises to open Miss Garrette, who is scarcely over sixteen years of age, and a pupil in the 8th grade, instead of marching into the school with the other pupils, hastily made her way to the corner where her lover was in waiting. Together they drove to the Watts mills, where from the residence of Mr. Rickman they phoned for Rev. W. E. Thayer. Upon the arrival of the minister they were united in marriage.

It is understood that the young girl's father, Mr. Allen Garrette, was completely surprised at the news of the runaway, and made a strenuous effort to forestall the marriage, but the ceremony had already been performed when the couple were located. Mr. Garrette resides on the South Harper road, just beyond the city limits.

Ottis Appointed Solicitor.
On last Thursday Governor Ansel appointed State Senator J. C. Ottis of Claffney as solicitor of the seventh judicial circuit, to fill out the unexpired term (3 years) of Hon. T. S. Sease, recently elected judge.

On April First.
"Dear Husband: Your dinner is in the cupboard. I am at the millinery opening. Feed the cat."

State Press Association.
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AMONG THE EXCHANGES

Watch These Married Men.

We wonder how many of our readers have noticed the difference between the men who are married but a short time and one who has been married several years. You can always tell a young husband from an old one. When a man has been married a few months, you will generally see him working in the garden or fixing up about the house and while he works he whistles, or sings, or occasionally looks up toward the window to see if any one is watching him. A year later he is still working in the garden but the smile has been exchanged for a frown and he occasionally looks up toward the house wondering why in thunder breakfast is not ready. Another year rolls by and his looks would sour milk, but he is still at work, stopping occasionally to kick the dog or throw a brick at the cat. The next year we find him sitting on the porch, smoking a pipe, while his wife does the digging in the garden. Now just watch our young men, as one by one they are caught in Cupid's net and see if this rule does not work out the problem correctly.—Exchange.

The Unknown Tongue.

As we write these few lines we are listening to all kinds of agonizing cries from the old armory hall just above the Intelligencer office. In this hall the unknown tongue religious crowd hold nightly meetings as well as nightly attractions, as great crowds congregate on the sidewalk to listen to the pitiful wails sent up by some of the religious fanatics. If a stranger was to approach the building no doubt he would think that he had struck the insane asylum in Columbia.

We believe in church attendance and all that tends to lead people to a better life, but when it comes to causing people of none too bright a mind to jump up and down and utter unseemly shrieks and take on like a raving maniac, especially children that are easily influenced, we beg to be excused.

When we hear some of these weak minded people taking on as we do when we are writing this article, well, we feel like—well, we won't say.—Anderson Intelligencer.

Patriots vs. Bootlickers.

"Anderson, in inviting Tait to visit that city, lays herself liable to criti-

cism by the staunch, rock-ribbed Democrats of the State."—Laurens Advertiser. There is no danger of that. The condemning criticism from the faithful is not visited upon those offering to pay perfectly natural respect to the chief executive of their country. It is poured out upon Democrats that in the presence of a President, or for the sake of hoped-for pap turn bootlick.—The State.

It Is To Weep.

So Senator Ottis is now a solicitor. The plan of Hydrick-Sease-Nichols has struck its first bump. There is one other phase of the deal. Time will show how that comes out. Meanwhile Senator Ottis is lost to the great cause of prohibition. We weep.—Greenwood Index.

Clear the Track.

Says the Newberry Herald and News: "There are several streets that could be widened. It ought to be done and now is the time to do it. The Laurens and Clinton electric railway will be in here before you know it and some of our streets are too narrow to run trolleys." We didn't know the streets (wide or narrow) could "run trolleys." But, clear the track, contemporary, we're coming.—Clinton Gazette.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

State of South Carolina,
County of Laurens.

Whereas, petitions signed by more than one-third of the qualified electors and free-holders residing in school district number five, Dicks Township, Laurens County, South Carolina, asking for an election on the question of a High School in said district has been filed with the County Board of Education, an election upon said question is hereby ordered, said election to be held on the 24 day of April, A. D. 1909, at the Gray Court-Owings Institute School House, under the management of the trustees of said school district.

All qualified electors and free holders residing in said school district are entitled to vote at said election.

Those favoring the high school shall vote a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon; those against the high school shall vote a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

Ballots shall open at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon and shall remain open until the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon, when they shall be closed and the ballots counted.

The Trustees shall report the result of said election to the County Board of Education as soon as possible thereafter.

GEORGE L. PITTS,
Co. Supt. of Education.

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