

To Our Subscribers.

We recognize that the times are hard—that our people have little money to spare. Recognizing that fact we have resolved for the year 1889 to send the ADVANCE to each of our old subscribers who pay up and pay one year in advance for One Dollar and fifty cents per year. We send our statements to all our subscribers—every subscriber's name is shown—thus showing the amount they are due, so that they may take advantage of this proposition. In EVERY CASE the regular subscription price of Two dollars per year will be charged where the subscription is not paid in advance. This our subscribers will appreciate the effort on our part to give them a good family newspaper for the smallest possible cost, we feel sure. They will show a practical appreciation by not only remitting the amount already due for subscription and the One Dollar and fifty cents for a year in advance, we earnestly hope.

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Christmas is fast approaching. Christmas goods are coming in pretty lively. The Wilson county Farmer's Alliance is doing good work.

The stores are beginning to look as though Christmas was actually coming.

Rev. J. H. Cordon will preach his first sermon at Raleigh next Sunday.

There was a tournament at Robersonville, Martin Co., yesterday, and a ball last night.

Mr. Jeff Lee, one of the clearest action buyers in the town, now buys cotton for Branch & Co.

The ADVANCE for 1889 for one dollar and fifty cents, it paid in advance. Otherwise two dollars.

Dave Mercer, a negro boy, was committed to jail Tuesday for stealing sausage from Mr. Wiley Corbett.

The skating rink was open last Tuesday night and those who love to glide over the floor on roller skates were happy.

There will be a ball given at the skating rink Thursday night, December 20th, under the management of Baker & Br.

The Oxford News says Nash county is looming up as a producer of fine tobacco. The News may add Wilson county to the list.

There were services in the Assembly Rooms last Monday night. Rev. J. H. Cordon preached. A goodly number were present.

Atkinson's Peck's Bad Boy played in Mamona Hall last Friday night to a large house. Some parts of the performance were very ludicrous.

Onis Drake we notice has rented both sides of the front of the post office. He has a nice stock of confectionaries &c. He is a deserving boy.

The marrying fever appears to have struck Martin county, says a gentleman just from Robersonville. There are four couples to be married on the 19th.

"Cousin" Jack Simms says he wants the people to pay their own tax and stop "messing." "If they ain't going to pay 'em," he says, "just say so."

Would it not be a good idea to begin now to lay aside some money with which to do for those who are less favored than yourself with this world's goods.

The "merry-go-round" near the depot is a constant source of pleasure to the children of the community. The little ones enjoy them selves riding through the air.

Mr. J. R. Whitehead, formerly of the Greenville Defender, has taken charge of the Salisbury Herald. He is a good newspaper man and will make a first-class newspaper.

All companion Masons who wish to participate in the organization of a Council of Masons, are requested to meet in the Hall of Mt. Lebanon Chapter No. 27 Friday Dec. 14th 1888 at half past seven p. m.

Thad Manning, a young white man of Robersonville, Martin county, attempted to commit suicide last Saturday night. He swallowed laudanum, but the fact was discovered in time to save his life.

We regret to learn that Mr. John Batts, was killed in Mr. William Varvelson's gin, on Wednesday last week. He was caught in the gin and all his clothes torn off him. He died that night from the injuries received.

Mr. O. G. Jones, Chief of Police, was struck on the head last Saturday night by a piece of wood thrown by some unknown party. He had the misfortune to lose \$70 out of his pocket on the next day, also, we learn.

The Fayetteville Observer says the fair in that place this fall demonstrated the fact the men who succeeded their crops were the successful farmers. The same fact is illustrated every day in this portion of the North vineyard.

Christmas comes just two weeks from next Tuesday. How pleasant every reader of this paper can make it for some poor friendless one by showing that one the kindness you have in your heart for him. Do some good act.

John Adams living in Harnet Co. has plowed 77 summers in success and never took a dose of medicine in his life. He is strong, healthy and able to plow another summer. He has a son who has a little shank and the lowest guess on his weight is 800 pounds.

At least two of Wilson's young men will soon fall, unto themselves help meets in the next few weeks. Let the good work go on until the marriage bells shall sound continually upon the good people of the town. Maybe if that were the case the epidemic might possibly strike us.

Mr. S. M. Warren, the recently installed Register of Deeds, is hard at work in his office and he bids fair to make one of the best officers that Wilson county ever had—in other words, a first class man to follow Bunn Barnes. Mr. Warren informs us that he issued three marriage licenses last week—two for colored couples and one for white couples.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Brooks and wife are spending a short while in Wilson among their friends. Dr. Brooks was pastor of the Methodist church at this place for three years and he and his wife have many friends here who are pleased to see them in our midst again. He has been returned by the Conference as Presiding Elder of the Shelby district, where he did a good work last year.

The fact that Judge Shepherd had the ticket in the recent election is a strong endorsement in public life. The disgraceful and ill managed fight that was made on him in the State Convention has been justly and properly rebuked. Judge Shepherd has a bold upon the people of the State that no man out of them need expect to break by unwarranted attacks.

Continued Story. The ADVANCE will begin the next week with a charming and interesting continuation. Be sure that your subscription begins with the new year.

Religious Notice. Mrs. Jno. H. Brooks, Conference Secretary of the Woman's Department of Church Extension, asks that the ladies of the Methodist Church meet her at the parlors of Mrs. M. C. Daniels to-day, Thursday, at 9:30 o'clock, that she may confer with them about this branch of Christian work.

Cotton Scam. Some unknown thief entered the yard of Mr. W. M. Warren, who lives in the Springhouse section of Nash county, on Sunday night last and stole therefrom a bale of cotton. The ground looked as though the cotton was carried away by the thief, but for that purpose. Mr. Warren has no, clue to the thief but the various cotton markets are being closely watched for the bale of cotton. We sincerely hope the rascal may be captured.

Rev. Mr. Tuttle. Rev. Mr. Tuttle the new pastor of the Methodist Church at this place, will fill the pulpit Sunday to Wilson with record of having done an astonishingly big work in Wilmington and our people will receive him with open arms and sympathy. He is a man of action and judged by his work, a man who is capable of and does good work in the cause of Christ. We welcome him to Wilson.

Jury List. The County Commissioners have drawn the following list of Jurors for the February term of Wilson County Superior Court:

First week—Jas. Gay, Gebron Farmer, Jesse Dew, W. J. Churchwell, David W. Barnes (col) J. H. Baker, J. E. N. Gorkam, John Barnes, Jason Farmer (col) Theo Barnes, Isham Lamm, Jas H. Lamm, S. J. Pelle, A. T. Barnes, Martin Harper, C. B. Capis, Joseph Moore Jr., James Atkinson, Jas. F. Renfrow, Jas. Newsum, W. T. Barnes, Josiah Stanchell, W. N. Glover, A. J. Deans, T. A. Thompson, J. T. Williamson, S. R. Coleman, F. M. Bean, Arnold Nichols Jr., Raleigh Pughum, Jas. W. Barnes, Baker Cook, B. W. Weaver, T. L. Baker, Kinshon Batts, J. H. Roberts, J. J. Moore, W. B. Weaver, W. J. Batts, W. H. Applewhite, B. A. Howard, Jas. White. Second week—G. B. Taylor, W. B. Farner, W. H. Bridgman, H. D. Barnes, Wm. Woodard, Jr., Nathan Driver, Joe Cox (col) David Baker, Jas. Bryant, Joseph J. Byrum, John E. Thigpen, W. W. Farmer.

The German. The German given by our society-loving young men at Mamona Hall Wednesday night Dec. 5th "was just delightful." The ladies were exquisitely attired and never looked lovelier, as for the beaux they were really "prince charming"—it was certainly a pleasant and graceful scene. Mr. Chas. Hutchinson led with Miss Alice Howard of Tarboro, a petite, graceful brunette, blonde, attired in blue—green surah, trimmings of ostrich feathers, magnificent diamond jewelry.

Miss Maggie Watkins of Durham a maiden "divinely tall and most divinely fair," was regal in white china-silk attire, exquisite pearl jewelry.

Miss Charlotte Grimes, of Washington "a maiden fair to see," was a lovely toilet of cream silk attire, diamond ornaments.

Miss Bertha Rosenthal of Alexandria Va., wore a handsome suit of brown cloth, was conspicuous for her graceful dancing and quiet unassuming manner.

Miss Rosa Jordan of Washington, a vivacious brunette beauty, wore black lace, diamond and sapphire ornaments.

Miss Sue Davis attired in blue silk and velvet became it wonderfully.

Miss Lizzie Barnes wore a new shade of green silk brocade, handsome Guipure-high overdress, diamonds.

Miss Mamie Mercer blue Henrietta cloth, natural flowers.

Miss Fannie Graves, white faille, handsome embossed velvet, diamonds, corsage, bouquet of exquisite pink buds. Among the spectators (and near the writer) attired, with blue-point pencil was Miss Pastern, a refined and cultivated young lady of Greensboro, Ala., tastefully dressed in cream Henrietta with ribbon garlands.

The spike-tail coats, who were (or at least their wearers) noticeable for their grace in the dance were Messrs. Hutchinson, Gay, Blount, James H. and A. Copeland.

Among the "stages" we notice Messrs. T. A. Davis, Oettinger and Catchin carried off the laurels for popularity. Mrs. F. W. Barnes, and Mrs. J. Oettinger make delightful chaperones. The German supper so kindly provided and elegantly served by Mrs. Ed. Barnes was loudly praised and greatly enjoyed, "it was the last, not the least feature" of the occasion. The Italian band discoursing sweet music, the whole deserves special mention.

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