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## ELON COLLEGE NOTES.

Special to The Dispatch.

Elon College, Oct. 10.—Prof. P. J. Kernode, formally professor of mathematics now of Central Publishing Company, Richmond, Va., has been on the Hill for the last few days looking after his property and other interests here. He has not entirely recovered from a severe attack of rheumatism which he has suffered this summer, but is very much improved after his stay at Grayson Sulphur Springs.

On last evening Kark Janson, the schandanavian humorist and impersonator of national reputation delivered one of his interesting and varied programs in the presence of a large and appreciative audience. Mr. Janson came at the invitation of the athletic association. He had previously been to Elon on two former occasions and he was greeted with a large audience who had before enjoyed his performances.

The Book Club, of which Mrs. Wilson is the official president, has been doing excellent work this fall. According to precedent the club disbanded during the summer and reorganized at the beginning of the fall term. Most of the ladies of the college Hill are members of this club which is this fall making a special study of Shakespeare.

The basket ball team continues to do hard practice work and is getting in excellent trim. The team has not yet been finally selected but will be in the next few days. Several men of almost unusual skill are trying and it will be a hard matter to select the best.

## Death of Mrs. J. A. Bryan.

After a brief illness of less than two weeks Mrs. J. A. Bryan died at their suburban home on Thursday, Oct. 7 1909. The funeral occurred on last Saturday being conducted by her pastor Rev. C. Brown Cox, and the body was followed to the grave by one of the largest processions ever seen in Burlington. There is left of the broken family circle, a husband and six sons the youngest being a small child to whom the sympathies of the entire community are given spontaneously.

Mrs. Bryan's life was an exemplary christian life. She gave her life to beautifying and making comfortable a home for her husband and boys. Her hospitality to her friends was untold and she had not an enemy. In her church life she was active and devoted she took the greatest interest in the building of the new Lutheran church and was one of the most enthusiastic and successful members of the Lutheran church builders a society of women who are laboring for the new church.

The floral tributes at the grave were remarkably beautiful two of the most elaborate designs being provided by the Midway Brick Co., for which Mr. Bryan was a chief stock holder, and by the Lutheran church builders as a token of their love and appreciation.

Mrs. Bryan died a truly triumphant death. Time and again as her life was ebbing away she expressed her steadfast faith in her Savior Christ and in the midst of her intense suffering would with warning breath sang the Gospel songs which had found lodgement in her heart. With explicit confidence her sorrowing family and friends may say:

"Sleep loved one, and take thy rest;  
Lay down thy head upon the Savior's breast.  
We loved thee much, but Jesus loved thee best.  
Sleep on. Sleep on. Sleep on."

## Notice.

On the second Thursday in Oct. 1809 and Friday following Oct. 14 and 15th there will be held at the Court house at Graham a public examination of applicants for teachers' certificates to teach in the public schools of Alamance county. Thursday for white applicants and Friday for colored. Doors open at 9.00 a. m. This is the last regular public examination for this year.

P. H. Fleming, County Supt.

## The State Fair at Raleigh.

We are very glad to notice that everything points to a tremendously successful State Fair this year. We truly believe that this great annual institution will be more instructive and entertaining and more densely thronged during the week of October 18th to 23rd at Raleigh than it ever has been in its history, and that is saying a good deal.

From what we see the newspapers and from what we are hearing from various quarters, we base the belief above stated. Cotton is up and most of the farmers of the state are doing well. Official statistics show that North Carolina during the first half of the year 1909 made greater industrial stride than any other State in the union. The management of the State Fair has been successfully endeavoring for many years to approach nearer and nearer to the original purpose of the fair, the exhibition of the best products of the State along all lines; enlivened by wholesome, legitimate amusements. We understand that never before has there been such a rush for space on the part of exhibitors; for instance, there was doubt at one time that there would be stalls enough for the livestock, but it is learned that sufficient accommodations have been provided; that several counties will have elaborate separate exhibits; and that altogether the exhibits will be on a magnificent scale.

As for the entertaining side of the fair, Mr. George Harlan, one of the State's foremost horsemen, vouches for the racing being the best ever seen in North Carolina, he having just returned from a visit to the fairs in Virginia, on the circuit of which the Raleigh fair is a member. He also speaks in the highest possible terms of the attractions that are to be in Raleigh.

Among the latter are Kemp Sisters', Wild West Show, which will give many free acts, including the overland stage coach; the Great Davenport, who dash over a slender wire eighty feet above ground on a wheel of fire, free; Fress and Genette as Happy Hooligan and Loucia Ann in the box car trick and as aerialists on trapeze and Roman rings, all free; the navel balloon race, two balloons ascending to dizzy heights and each dropping two parachutes at the same time; and Merrimac and Monitor shows that made the great hit at Jamestown; Ferraris trained wild animals; the trained fleas; the infant incubator exhibit with real live babies under glass, and others too numerous to mention.

Then the improvements at the grounds: The midway has been macadamized; twenty-five new horse stalls have been built since last year; lots of new bleacher seats have been built, there being seating capacity now for about twenty-five hundred outside of the grand stand; and every thing put in shipshape.

There will be more special trains than ever before, with the usual low rates, and extra cars on regulars. The street cars in Raleigh will only charge five cents to the grounds.

## Death of a Child.

The death angle entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Anthony of eastern Burlington Monday morning just before noon and silently took little Mary who was but three years old and the only child in the home. Mary was a bright little girl and loved by all who knew her. Only the kind creator in his infinite wisdom known why this tender flower was plucked from earth and transplanted in the flower garden of heaven. The little lifeless form was laid to rest in Pine Hill Cemetery Tuesday. Funeral conducted by Rev. E. N. Snipes. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony have the sympathy of their many friends during their hours of bereavement.

## Market Day.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give market day at Spoons store, Saturday October 16th. Chicken, cake and all kinds of good eatables will be served. Don't fail to have the ladies serve you. By so doing you will assist a good cause. Remember Saturday at Spoons store.

## BIG CIRCUS AT GREENSBORO

Barnum and Bailey to Exhibit There on Monday October 25th.

The Barnum and Bailey greatest show on earth is to visit Greensboro on Monday October 25th. Never since the beginning of time has an amusement enterprise so tremendous in size been organized as this one. Its magnitude is almost beyond belief. All America, together with every foreign country, has been scoured from end to end by agents of this big show in search of novelties and the result is a performance brim full of sensational acts new to the circus world. In the big Barnum and Bailey show nearly 400 arenic stars, most of whom are seen now for the first time. A new sensation will be seen at every performance in "Jupiter, the balloon horse." This remarkable animal with its fearless rider ascends to the dome of the circus tent in a balloon and descends to the ground in a shower of fireworks. Nearly 1,000 animals wonder where to be found in the 108 cage managerie, 8 herds of elephants, including one herd that actually plays upon music instruments in time and tune. A group of giant giraffes, monster trained hippopotamus, only living bi-horned rhinoceros and hundreds of other strange beasts. Barnum and Bailey's big new, free street parade is the most gorgeous procession display ever attempted in the history of circus business. Its tremendous size and wonderful length can only be believed in the actual seeing. It is natural to expect this big circus to lead all others in quality and quantity of its street spectacle as well as in other departments of the big show, yet never in its splendid history of nearly half a century has it displayed such extravagance as is shown this year.

## Items From the University.

Chapel Hill, Oct. 11.—The Alamance County Historical Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday evening, October the sixth, at seven thirty o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A., building. The club was addressed by prof. M. C. S. Noble, his main theme being, "The Value of the County Club to the University Man." He mentioned the fact that in the past the two literary societies had been the center of student life, but that this center was rapidly changing from the societies to county clubs and other such organizations that are doing work along the same lines as the societies.

The university athletic teams are rapidly developing into what we believe will be the best teams that have represented the college in several years. The foot ball team has led the way with two games to their credit. The first against Wake Forest with a score of 18 to 0, the second against the University of Tennessee resulting in a score of 3 to 0. Tennis has also taken on new life this year and we now have more men playing tennis each day than any other college in the south. With so many men at work we will doubtless have a strong varsity team.

Basket ball is receiving more attention here this year than usual and promises to develop into a permanent branch of our college athletics.

Prof. Edward K. Graham represented the university at the inauguration of President A. L. Lowell of Harvard University.

Dr. Joseph H. Pratt and Dr. Archibald Henderson attended the Southern Appalachian Good Roads Convention recently held at Asheville. Dr. Pratt was elected president of the convention.

F. L. Goodson, a young man, is missing from Wadesboro, also a check for \$500, which had been given him to pay off saw mill hands. It appears that Goodson had been given a contract by Maynard and Godfrey to saw a quantity of lumber for them. They gave him a check for \$500 which included \$10 which they owed him, the balance to pay off hands. He appropriated the whole check and left for parts unknown.

## President as a Speaker.

Washington Star.

President Taft does not think himself as well qualified as Mr. Roosevelt for an appearance in the pulpit. The public will probably differ with him. By temperament and manner of discourse and point of view, he suggests the place more than his predecessor. A sermon by Mr. Taft on the text would probably make good reading.

Several of our presidents might have served the public very effectively by an occasional discourse from the sacred desk. Mr. Lincoln was one. Although not a member of any church, he was a man of reverent heart and feeling, who loved his fellows without discrimination of any kind. Both his matter and his manner, when he was at his best, would have answered a pulpit sitting well.

General Garfield was another. In fact, he was a sort of lay preacher in the communion to which he subscribed. Politics did not monopolize his thoughts, and his oratory was so natural it suited any occasion. It was said of him that had he turned to theology instead of to statesmanship he would have led his sect in America.

Among the Presbyterians General Harrison was a strong lay force. He would undoubtedly have risen to distinction in the ministry, as he did at the bar and in politics. And, as we all know, the mother of Mr. McKinley cherished when he grew up the hope that he might occupy a Methodist pulpit and reach in time the office of bishop. It was always easy to associate him with his mother's early apprenticeship.

## Death of Young Man.

Sunday evening at seven o'clock Clyde Webster who has been seriously ill at St. Leo's Hospital Greensboro passed away. Mr. Webster entered school at Guilford College a few months ago at the beginning of the term and was taken sick with fever about a month ago. He was moved to St. Leo's Hospital where all attention possible was rendered but of no avail. The remains were brought to this place on the Monday morning train and taken to the home of his father who lives about eight miles southeast of this place.

Interment taking place at Hawfield cemetery Tuesday evening at two o'clock. Funeral conducted by Rev. Lance of Mebane. Mr. Webster was a young man of only 21 years just preparing himself for his mission in life. The bereaved family have the sympathies of a large number of friends. Miss Annie Webster of the Graded School faculty and Nina Webster milliner at W. E. Hays are sisters of the deceased.

## Harvest Home Service.

There will be a Harvest Home service at Lowe's Church on Saturday Oct. 23. After divine services and dinner a quilt gotten up by the ladies of the church congregation will be sold. The proceeds to go for the painting of the church. In the afternoon a picnic for the social enjoyment of the young people. We hope to have good music on the occasion. Everybody invited to come and bring a full basket.

## Tag Day.

The children of the Graded school deserve much credit and praise for the interest which they took in Tag Day. Those in the third to eighth grades were supplied with tags. All worked hard to see that every body was tagged. A total of about \$56.10 was received which means that 500 tags were sold. The third grade which was the youngest grade in the contest totaled \$9.00 or more.

Mrs. A. M. Buckner, of the Big Ivy section of Buncombe county was in Asheville last week and saw for the first time in her life a street car and a railroad train. Mrs. Buckner, who has spent the 75 years of her life twenty-five miles from that city, is the mother of seventeen living children, and is in full possession of her faculties.

## OUR EDUCATION IS MEDIEVAL

Public Schools Fail in Providing Practical Training for the Needs of Today.

"Pity 'tis true," that much of the training received in our higher institutions of learning is not more useful than that described by the writer in the London Times many years ago, who says: "Common things are quite as much neglected and despised in the education of the rich as in that of the poor. It is wonderful how little a young gentleman may know when he has taken his university degrees, especially if he has been industrious, and has stuck to his studies. He really may spend a long time looking for somebody more ignorant than himself. At sea he is a landlubber, in the country a cockney, in town a greenhorn, in science an ignoramus, in business a simpleton, in pleasure a milk-sop; everywhere out of his element, everywhere at sea, in clouds, adrift; or by whatever word uttered ignorance and incapacity are to be described."

Although the pressure of modern requirements of culture has greatly modified the curriculum of our higher institutions of learnings, so that in some of them, at least, the student who wisely elects his course may secure a degree representing a partial return for the time and labor expended. The whole atmosphere of these institutions is still redolent of medievalism. While only about four per cent of the pupils who enter our public schools become professional men or women, the whole system of education is planned to prepare for the professional life. Many of our Western States provide twenty years of free training to make a doctor, but not one day to make a good farmer, bricklayer, mason or carpenter.

Unfortunately this impracticable, on-sided, narrow education is not confined to the colleges and universities, but is handed down to the high schools and through them to the grammar and primary grades. The whole curriculum of the public schools is arranged to meet the college professor's standard for entrance to a college, and even then many colleges will not admit high school graduates. The pressure from the outside has compelled the pedagogues to add a few practical subjects to the common school course of instruction, which it is the fashion to call "frills and feathers," but they have taken nothing off. There is still the everlasting grind of language and mathematics. The curriculum has been overloaded so that only the children with hydrocephalic heads and myopic eyes can accomplish the tasks set for them.—Alfred Rufus Baker, M. D., in The Designer for November.

## A Fine Trade Already in the Two New Departments

The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company who recently put on the market two new products, Kite Scotch Snuff and Golden Grain Smoking Tobacco, are having a tremendous sale on their new products. The new departments have only been in operation a few months and the splendid progress already made is exceedingly gratifying to the management of this large and rapidly growing tobacco concern. The snuff is put up in 13 4 ounce packages and the smoking tobacco in 2 1-2 ounce packages, each selling at 5 cents a package. The excellence of the product and the low price is enabling the company to build up a good trade not only in this locality but in other sections.

The Brown & Williamson Tobacco Company is an independent concern that continues to go forward at a rapid pace. The business is in charge of the capable and experienced men and all three departments are showing a substantial gain in business all the time.

"A Big 2 1/2 ounce bag of Golden Grain Smoking Tobacco for five cents."

## Conservation of Life.

Washington Post

Is it not time that the discussion of policies and personalities in the controversy over the conservation of the natural resources of the country give way to a real conserving of the lives of the toilers in the mines? A report from the Geological Survey, entitled "The Production of Coal in 1908" makes the grim announcement in the most casual manner, that 2,450 mines were killed in the coal mines last year and 6,772 injured. The chapter detailing the accidents is treated as but an incident in the production of coal, several thousand words telling the condition of the coal business in the various states. Yet to the men who work in the underground pits there is a terrible meaning in the figures. There is further significance in the statement that the death rate in the mines of the United States for the year was 36 for every 1,000 men employed. In Europe the death rate in the coal mines is 1 in 1,000 employed and not more than 2 under the most unfavorable circumstances.

Here is a fine opportunity for the leaders of the conservation movement to do something real something tangible. The saving of a single human life means more than all the talk of policies. If perhaps means one less widow thrown, with her family upon the charity of the world. Multiply this saving of 1,200 or 1,600 (and this is the number of miners whose lives would have been saved had we the same standards as Europe) and there would be a conservation movement worth all the rest.

## Haw River News.

Rev. Hutton filled his appointment Sunday morning to the edification of his people.

Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Euliss and Houtt spent Sunday with D. May very pleasantly and left on the evening train for their home at Graham.

Misses Fannie Wilkinson and Bettie and Emma Cates attended the Mt. Zion association at Mars Hill last week returned home and report one of the most pleasant times of their lives.

The Mt. Zion Union meeting will begin here in the Baptist church the fifth Sunday in October everybody invited to attend.

Mrs. R. H. Jobe and children are visiting relatives in Orange county.

The series of meetings held at the Christian church last week resulted in several professions and one accession to the church. Rev. Butler of Norfolk Va. did the preaching. It did seem that the spirit of the Lord was in the midst of us and heaven came down to greet us.

Julius Allen of High Point and W. J. Allen of Hawfield visited their mother in the county Sunday found her in fine health. Julius left Monday for his home in High Point.

We judge from the many trips that are made from Haw River to Greensboro the wedding bells will ring very soon. We won't tell on you this time.

The many friends of Ben Clark will regret to learn that he continues very feeble. He was an old vet we hope he may be out very soon.

Many of our people attended the fair last week and seemed to be well pleased with what they saw and heard.

Our genial letter carrier is the recipient of many nice apples and pleasant smiles and words from the young ladies on his route. He thinks he has some of the best patrons in the county.

After a week's trial in the Superior Court, at Wilmington, Joseph Stephens, white, 27 years old, was convicted last week of murder in the first degree. He was charged with shooting to death E. R. Shields, a rival sanitary contractor, on the street there last July, his being the first conviction a white man for a capital felony in New Hanover county since the Civil War. Stephens was sentenced to electrocution at Raleigh December 1st.

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