

THE MEBANE LEADER.

AND RIGHT THE DAY MUST WIN, TO DOUBT WOULD BE DISLOYALTY, TO FALTER WOULD BE SIN.

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL BRIEFS

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO

Items of interest gathered by Our Reporter.

Mrs. Tom Cheek is quite sick.

Prof. and Mrs. Branock spent a few days at Dr. York's.

Mrs. Tom Fitch and mother spent Friday with Mrs. A. E. Fitch.

Miss Rita Compton will leave Friday for her school at Harmony.

Professor Lee Cooper, spent Saturday with his home people in Graham.

Miss Kate Mebane is visiting Miss Ida Potat at Meredith College Raleigh.

Mr. B. Frank Mebane of Spray spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. F. L. Mebane.

Mrs. S. Arthur White returned from Hickory Tuesday, where she had been visiting her aunt.

Mr. Edwards Williamson of Worthville was a guest in Mrs. F. L. Mebane's home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Mebane of Graham spent Sunday with Mr. Mebane's mother, Mrs. F. L. Mebane.

Mr. S. Arthur White our postmaster returned Saturday from Asheville where he had spent a week in attending the State Post Masters Convention.

Nelson-Cooper Lumber Co. are kept busy all the time furnishing nice material for those who are building in this section. They do good and treat you right.

Mr. Sam White has just received the check of three hundred and fifty dollars insurance for the burning of Mr. J. A. Smith home which occurred recently.

We do not all wear diamonds around here, but there is much jewelry sold of one class and another, and we are sure that a small jewelry store would pay here.

The Planters tobacco Warehouse had a satisfactory opening sale this week. They are now in good shape in their new warehouse and will be glad to see the tobacco farmers. See change of sign this week issue.

Morrow-Bason and Green Inc., of Burlington direct attention to their military opening in this week issue which takes place, beginning Monday evening and continuing to Tuesday evening. They have a beautiful stock of military of every description.

To Build.

Cook Brothers who contemplated opening up a feed store in a few days have decided to wait until they can erect for themselves a building which they purpose doing at once. They will likely build on Clay street.

A Large Stock.

B. A. Sellers and son of Burlington places an attractive advertisement in this week's Leader. This firm carry a large stock in their double store. They are full of things for ladies, men and children. Everything to wear from head to foot. Don't fail to see ad, and then see them.

Enables You to Dress Well.

Well if its clothing you want the W. A. Slater Clothing Company have a stock sufficient in quantity and variety to select from, prices that always please. Its a mans furnishing establishment where you can find what ever you may wish to enable you to dress well. See ad in this issue.

List of Letters.

Remaining unclaimed at this office for the week ending Sept. 23rd 1911.
1 Letter for Mrs. Charlotte Boones
1 Letter for Mr. Isaiah Carter
1 P. C. for Mrs. Nice Eving
1 Letter for Miss C. D. Lee
1 Letter for Mr. Odiest Morrow
1 P. C. for Miss Nettie Seites
1 Letter for Miss Emma Wilson
1 Letter for Mrs. Della Williams
Dead Letter Office Oct. 7th 1911. if not called for before.
Inclosing for the above please say "Advertised" giving date of ad. list.
Respectfully,
S. Arthur White, P. M.

A Spirituous Editor.

Mr. T. J. Henderson, who is well known in Caswell, and throughout the State, as a fearless and spirituous young editor, one who writes what he thinks, after a sojourn in town with his parents, Col. and Mrs. A. E. Henderson, has gone to Chatham to take charge of a growing weekly which has recently been established.—Yan-veville Sentinel.

Popular Merchant.

The Whitted Brothers, L. B. and J. D. Whitted are very popular North of here. where they are well known. They have a large well packed store full of dry goods, notions, shoes, hats, millinery etc. in Burlington. They have the right goods, and sell at the right prices. See their ad in this weeks Leader.

Ice Cream and Cake.

There will be a lawn party given in Efland Saturday evening Sept. 30th, by the ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. All are cordially invited. A pleasant time, promised ice cream and cake.

Lost.

Lost, on the streets of Mebane a pocket book containing \$10 in gold and 25 cents and 10 cents in silver. The finder will be rewarded by delivering the same to the Church Grocery Co.

Mr. Tobacco Farmers.

Mr. Tobacco farmers we want to impress you with the fact that the second anniversary sale of the Piedmont Warehouse will be held next Thursday October 5th. Read the list of valuable prizes offered in the big advertisement appearing in this issue of the Leader. There is something in there for you will you come and get it, (You better had.

Powell-Steinmitz.

Married at the home of Mrs. M. E. White of Mebane Wednesday evening, Miss Minnie Steinmitz to Mr. Jimmy Powell, both of Raleigh. Miss Steinmitz is the daughter of Raleigh's leading forest, Mr. H. Steinmitz. She is a popular young lady and very attractive. They will make their home in Raleigh. Mr. H. Steinmitz her father was present at the ceremony.

The Alamance County Fair.

The Alamance County Fair promises to be of unusual interest this year. Capt. J. H. Harden is a live wire, and he has been pushing the Fair with all his might. They are expecting an unusual large attendance, with an exhibit that is worth seeing. Make your arrangements to take the whole family. The fair is next week. Don't forget it. Senator Simmons will deliver the opening address.

Meet The Boys.

Bring your tobacco to the anniversary sale of the Piedmont Warehouse and get one of the valuable prizes offered. There is something in there worth working for. The Mebane people have set up a liberal proposition. Meet the boys at the Piedmont. Murry wants to shake your hand.

Read What the Sheriff Says.

Sheriff R. N. Cook of Graham has a notice in this weeks Leader calling on delinquents to settle their taxes. The Sheriff has an abundance of patience, and he is a pretty clever fellow but he has reached the point where patience has ceased to be a virtue, and we are much inclined to the opinion that he means what he says in his notice.

When Noah Was a Boy.

Noah asked his mother what a lie bill was, she answered him that it was when some cheap skit of a liar was caught red handed with the goods upon him and compelled to sign a lie bill acknowledging that he had lied. Noah my boy this fellow is a common pest, a grievous affliction to any community that may be cursed with his presence, and he trots along with the old goat who quotes his cooks friends and other characters, who have wallowed in filth and defilement, a taint and an abomination in the eyes of every one who lays the slightest claim to decency, a stench in the nostril of good people.

To The Southern Railway Officials.

The Southern railroad officials should get a move on them at once and have the embankment on either side of the railroad in front of the Mebane Bedding Co. removed. The street on either side of the railroad has been graded down at the expense of the town, and this work was done on railroad property at much cost to the town, now it would seem a small matter for the railroad to do the remainder of the work, especially as they are improving their own property, as all of this work is paralleled to a switch which can not be approached except for a very short distance, and this should be done aside from a disposition to be fair to Mebane, which we do not think should be wanting. This work is in the heart of Mebane, and it would be difficult to find work that would more mutually benefit the railroad and Mebane, than this work to which we refer. The people of Mebane are struggling to get to the front, they are helping them selves as best they can. What helps Mebane helps the railroad, a bigger town will make more freight, more passenger traffic and of course a more profitable station here. We shall hope by next issue at least to be able to state something definite about this work.

A Source of Gratification.

To a Mebane man who feels a pride in his town, and the prosperity of its institutions it should be a source of much gratification to him to note the Leaders present condition. Today it is enlarged to an 8 page 6 column paper 48 columns and carries 375 inches of live advertisement, from people who appreciate the trade of Mebane and the farmers living in Northern Alamance, Caswell, and Orange Counties. The Leader does not cover the earth, but it has a large circulation in one of the best and most prosperous sections of North Carolina.

Orange Grove Items.

Owing to a very short corn crop a good many oats will be sown this season.

A large number of the Orange Grove people attended the protracted services at the Ridge Sunday. They enjoyed two excellent sermons by the pastor.

Miss Ava Crawford leaves this week to take charge of her school near Roanoke Va. She is to be principal of a graded school.

Mr. Samuel P. Sykes died very sudden last Saturday evening of heart failure, and was buried Sunday evening at Cane Creek. Mr. Sykes has been nearly blind for several years. A good man and useful citizen has gone to receive his record.

Mr. Vance Cates and John Crawford of Mebane spent Saturday night at their respective homes. Mr. Crawford will soon come home and enter the Orange Grove school.

The school at Orange Grove will soon open and prospects are good for a splendid school. There will be a good baseball team as an incentive to good work.

Miss Beatrice Wood of Durham is visiting relatives near Teer.

Thirty Dollars in Cash Free.

The Leader offers a cash prize of \$15.00 for any person telling nearest the number of nails it has in a glass which will be on exhibition at the Piedmont Warehouse. It will give \$10 for the one guessing the next nearest and five dollars for the person guessing the third nearest. The only condition required is that you pay one dollar on your subscription to the Leader either as an old or new subscriber. Report at the office and we will record your name and the number you guess. These are valuable prizes, and they will be in hard cash, valuable to any one. Don't forget this when you bring your tobacco to the anniversary sale. Don't forget it when you come to Mebane, Don't forget it while at home. It will be a quart Mason jar filled with 10 penny, 8 penny, 6 penny and 4 penny nails. You know just as near what this jar will contain as any one. Simple and easy conditions.

The sun's rim dips; the stars rush out
At one stride comes the dark;
With far-heard whisper o'er the sea,
Off shot the spectre bark.

400 Men Killed

French War Ship Blown Up.

The battleship Liberte at Toulon France was torn apart and destroyed by an explosion of her magazine Monday. Between 350 and 400 officers and men were killed. The battleship Republic was badly damaged and the battleships Democratic and Vertie also suffered severely from the masses of twisted iron and armor plate that were hurled upon their decks.

This is the greatest disaster that has ever fallen upon the France navy and in magnitude is almost without precedent in the annals of the world's fighting ships. The grief which prostrates the fleet and nation is made more intense by the memory of the recent review here, a notable display of France's naval greatness, in which the doomed ship was one of the finest figures.

Taft The Humorist.

When the President tells the people of Michigan, as he is reported as having done at Grand Rapids on Friday, that revision of the impost duties with "blacksmith's tools" (so he characterized Democratic attempts in that direction, at the extraordinary session of Congress) would inevitably entail a return to the "old high tariff" system, he writes himself down as a humorist of no mean quality. The tariff law now in force, which Mr. Taft himself signed and afterward, lauded as "the best law ever enacted by a Republican Congress," levies an average of duties higher than any that has ever before obtained in the history of the country. They couldn't well be raised without rendering prohibitive all along the line impost charges which are already practically prohibitive in not a few instances.—Va. Pilot.

"The Unwritten Law.

Florence Times.

We often wonder if it ever is a good thing or a fair one to the rest of the community to allow a man who has violated the law of the land escape without punishment. In this case in Orangeburg, if the man felt that he was so far justified in taking the law in his own hands, he ought to be willing to stand the penalty of the law. It is a most presumptuous thing to sin against organized society and then expect to escape the penalty thereof by saying that you have your own private reasons and in such cases, the juries ought always to convict and leave the rest to the pardoning power, but it is no reason to shame justice and declare a man not guilty when he is most patently guilty. We do not think that it is ever right to allow a person to go unwhipped of justice; for sentiment's sake. It encourages other crime, and society must protect itself against crime or be swallowed up by it.

Perplexitie.

Greenville Daily News.

The road through life of the conscientious layman is beset with scientific perplexities. No sooner has he changed the habit of a lifetime in obedience to some new scientific warning than a still later investigator rises to unsettle his newly acquired faith. Take the case of the housefly, for instance. Sanitarians conducted for several years a campaign of education against the little pest that left it not a contaminating foot to stand on and culminate this spring in a determined lay campaign for its extermination. The newspaper poets even enlisted and sang our duty toward ourselves and the community in which verses of the housewife, "Swat that fly," and "Ten wicked houseflies sitting in a row" variety. A flyless hygienic millenium was in prospect.

Now arises the inevitable unsetler of our new belief and bids us pause. The mission of the house-fly, he reasons, scavenger. Therefore, if we kill it in the house while providing work for it behind the barn, we may upset the balance of nature, which sounds ominous and means that, lacking the insect appointed by nature, the horsefly with its sting, may make our last hygienic state worse than our first. Therefore it behooves us, before proceeding with our hunt' to remove the scavenging spots, which are also breeding places, behind our barns, in stables and wherever else, in city and country, we unhygienically throw refuse dirt.

More About Pellagra.

Clinton Chronicle.

Now comes the story from old Kentucky that a government expert has discovered that the Buffalo gnat, whatever that may be, is the pureveyor or carrier or cause of pellagra. Just how the gnat communicates the dread disease is not given out. We of this part of the pellagra-infested belt are at a loss to know if there is any such pest as the Buffalo gnat hereabouts. If not, where is the pellagra that threatens to depopulate the country come from? Kentucky being famous for its "corn juice" fails to take note of the supposed fact that pellagra is down this way charged up to or laid at the door of "bad corn," and as a rule these late days it puts a South Carolinian to his trumps to get a little "corn," good, bad or middling. Well, we have no gnat of any kind around Clinton, yet now and then a case of pellagra is reported. So, may we ask, how can there be any pellagra where there are no gnats of either the Buffalo or the scrub species? Let the government trot out another "hoss" from the stables where the nation's experts are groomed at the public expanse.

Evils of Idle Gossip.

Omaha Bee.

It is one of the foibles of humanity to believe and carry evil report. It may be one manifestation of the selfishness of the race, for a wise man who lived centuries ago said that "Love thinketh no evil." The wagging tongue is a dangerous weapon and a two-edged one, since it brings woe to its owner as well as its victim. Idle gossip breeds many kind of ill consequence, yet how common a fault it is with most of us.

The law sets a good example in presuming every man arraigned for wrong to be innocent until proved guilty and it gives him only upon the most conclusive evidence. So individual in their private social intercourse should prefer to believe good of each other rather than evil. They could do well to adopt the maxim of law, either of the Pauline doctrine of thinking no evil, or the modern statute of holding every man innocent until proved guilty.

Such a precept put in practice would tend to offset the evil of idle gossip. It is always possible to hear bad things of good men, but no good can come of repeating them. The Mosaic code set the example by forbidding "false witness against thy neighbor" and in this it has never been improved up.

But when a preacher goes out and peddles the slanderous lies of a filthy black wench the limit is reached.

The Tariff Board.

Here is some tariff board history that the president will probably not refer to:

The tariff board was created Sept. 26th, 1899. On June 7, 1911, 21 months later, congress called for whatever data the board had collected on wool, and was informed the board had nothing to report. What was the tariff board doing during these 21 months?

Soon after the appointment of the board, its chairman, Henry C. Emery established head quarters in the private residence of Frederick Hale, son of Senator Eugene Hale of Maine, who has been known for years as one of the most powerful defenders of ultra protection.

In October, 1910, it was announced that "the work of the tariff board" was to be boomed at a series of banquets. For three months the banqueting campaign occupied the time and attention of the board. Among the hosts was the Arkwright club, the leading association of high protection of manufacturers of the country. Then on Feb. 1, 1911, Chairman Emery was the guest of the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, the wards of Schedule K., with the William H. Wood on one side and Vice-President F. C. Clark on the other.

The plan finally adopted for estimating cost is the plan which, at this dinner, Emery was advised to adopt.

Notice.

All persons are forbidden to hunt, fish, or trap on my place without regard to race, color or previous conditions. The law will be rigidly enforced against all trespasses.
C. F. Harris.

A really great man is known by three signs—generosity in the design of humanity in the execution and moderation in success.—Bismarck.

The Wool Bill.

A Washington correspondent says:

The wool bill of the last Congress was far from receiving the full approval of the genuine tariff reformers in Congress and out of Congress. It teemed with protection and at least three Republican congressmen defended it as a "revision down" on Republican lines, and their arguments were simply invincible. William H. Taft's heart would have leaped with joy had schedule K of the Payne-Aldrich monstrosity been word for word the Underwood wool bill of 1911. Therefore, he vetoed the bill because it was of Democratic origin, though it was charged, and by many believed, that Senator Boise Penrose held in pledge the Presidential conscience on the tariff question as collateral for the loan of his influence and his vote for Canadian reciprocity.

The most famous stump speech Mr. Taft has made was that at Winona Minn., in which he condemned schedule K of the Payne bill, which imposes a duty of 44 per cent, on unmanufactured wools, and an average duty of 90 per cent, on woolsens. It taxes yarns 159 per cent. It taxes blankets 68 per cent to 136 per cent. and the cheaper the blanket, the higher the rate of duty. Woolen goods for women's children's clothing was taxed from 93 per cent, to 137 per cent., and the finer the fabric the less the rate of duty. It taxes carpets from 50 per cent, to 90 per cent and the poorer the carpet the richer the tax. It taxes worsteds from 96 to 144 per cent. It taxes flannels from 87 to 121 per cent. It taxes knit goods from 61 per cent. for the rich to 123 per cent, for the poor. It taxes ready made clothing for either sex from 65 per cent to 96 per cent. And other articles in like monstrous degree.

Well, Mr. Taft assailed that, though it was an infamy of his own party. The bill he vetoed reduced the duty on raw wool from 44 per cent, to 29 per cent., and there were corresponding reductions on the finished product. His excuse is that Congress did not know what it was doing, that its work was not according to Gunter. But, then, the Congress which made the Payne-Aldrich law, which he signed, was just as ignorant, and certainly it did not operate on Gunter lines. Mr. Taft lays down the rule that it is impossible for anybody to know anything about the tariff except a tariff "board" that he created that is composed of three standpat Republicans, one Randall Democrat, and an expert who is a nondescript politician. The secretary of this board amuses himself writing letters to standpat newspapers, in which he seeks to maintain that it is immoral to assail a protective tariff.

Now, that is the fount of wisdom whence Congress is admonished to drink deep and learn something about the tariff. The real mission of this board is to do just what it has done—defeat a change of the Payne law. Having accomplished that, its next move will be to delay a change of that law. They are on a wild goose junket somewhere at public expense to find out the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, something that cannot be done at all, it would take years to do it. Suppose this board appear in a great woolen manufactory at Leeds and call for the boss, who greets them. They say, "Mr. Tweeds, what does it cost you to make a yard of serge?" Mr. Tweeds would answer in a diplomatic way. "You go to the devil." Would you, who read this, tell somebody for publication the secret of your business, if you are a business man? If you go out proclaiming that from the housepots how long before you would make a progress through a bankrupt court? Now it is possible that these people that Taft has appointed to get information will come back chock full of it—it is certain that they will; but there will not be a grain of fact in the bushel of guesses it will contain.

I don't say the "board" will seek to deceive; but what they learn will be misleading, for the manufacturers of England, France, Germany and Holland are not going to open their books to them or to anybody else and they can get the information from nobody but the manufacturers.

How About Myrtle Hawkins Murderers?

Those Hendersonville negroes who went about killing each other may find before it is over that there are certain privileges to which they are not entitled.—Durham Herald.