

# 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

Oh, the beautiful snow, We rejoiced at its coming, but we wish it would go!

Mr. A. N. Scott spent Friday in Greensboro with friends.

Mr. W. Y. Malone has accepted a position with the Leggett, Myers Tobacco Company of St. Louis as buyer for them on this market. The main office for the company in this State is at Durham.

Saturday morning last was the coldest weather felt in this section of the country for a long-long time. The old toppers around got rid of their whiskey Friday night for fear it would freeze.

Mr. M. B. Strowd of Youngsville Franklin county, has purchased the Eaton place one mile South of Mebane and has taken up his residence at the place. We welcome Mr. Strowd to our midst, trusting his presence among us may be of mutual benefit.

Miss Flora White after spending a few weeks in Florida returned home Sunday morning. She finds the weather conditions here very much different from the weather she enjoyed while in Florida. She said the last Sunday in December she used a palm leaf fan in Florida.

Mr. Fred Terrell slipped on the ice Tuesday morning and fell face downward on a large wood saw, the teeth penetrating his nose and going clear through to the air passage. The wound is painful, but it is thought it will soon heal.

The attention of our readers are directed to the change of advertisement of Messrs. Morrow, Bason & Green. They are offering a choice line of pretty things for ladies. Don't fail to see them when you go to Burlington.

When you hear a clerk talking against the boss advertising, you will usually find a fellow who is always ready to roost on the counter and draw a salary he does not earn, but he thinks that

the boss will appreciate his great interest in saving him money, and giving the clerks more time to idle.

### Postal Saving Bank

Mebane is to have a postal savings bank, we are informed by Post Master White that it will be opened and ready for operation on Jan. 16.

Make it a rule this year to tip more hats and fewer porters.

Play the parts of gentleman, and ladies, and you will have no occasion to have others think you have a velvet streak in you.

### A Presentation.

The Leader acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the presentation by the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina to the North Carolina Historical Commission of a bust of Governor Samuel Johnston. The exercises to take place in the Masonic Temple and in the rotunda of the State Capitol at Raleigh January 10, 1912, 3 p. m.

### For Sale.

For sale 2 mules, grain drill, stalk cutter, harrow, hay rake, 2 wagons, one buggy 125 barrels of corn, toddler, hay, and many other things. Come and buy quick, going to leave Murray Hill farm Mebane N. C.

Mrs. Z. T. Mumford

### Richeson Pleads Guilty to Murder and is Sentenced to Electrocutation

A plea of guilty of murder in the first degree was made by Rev. Clarence Richeson Tuesday in a Boston court. He was sentenced by Judge Sanderson to death by electrocution some time during the week of May 19, 1912

### Panacea Springs Water.

Undoubtedly one of the very best mineral waters known for indigestion and stomach and kidney trouble is the Panacea Spring water near Littleton N. C. It is a great health restorer, and tonic, it will increase your appetite and materially aid in the assimilation of your food. We know it to be a splendid water!

### A Gospel Truth,

The most iron-clad mortgages that the devil holds are on the souls of men whose consciences are always aching over the sins of other people, never for their own. The world would be much better, and infinitely happier, if three-fourths of the people now busy denouncing the shortcomings of their neighbors would take from that occupation time enough to recognize and correct their own.—Va Pilot.

## BRYAN DIES HARD

### Defeated Before the Democratic National Committee.

William J. Bryan made his fight in the Democratic National Committee at Washington Monday and lost. He made the unseating of Col. James M. Guffey, member of the committee from Pennsylvania, the issue, and the committee, by a vote of 30 to 18, declined to unseat Colonel Guffey. Mr. Bryan at once appealed from a decision of Chairman Mack and was defeated 33 to 13.

The committee session was marked by extreme bitterness of feeling. Once the line was passed and blows seemed imminent. Mr. Bryan from first to last was the central figure in the proceedings and the fight he precipitated lasted throughout the day.

So much time was devoted to the contested seats in the committee that the more important matters of choosing a convention city, fixing the time of the gathering and adopting a form of call to include the "permissive primary" plan of selecting delegates went over.

### Elfland Items.

Miss Bertha Turner, a charming young lady of Richmond, Va., has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Carl Forrest.

Mr. H. D. Smith and wife of Greensboro spent several days here last week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Murphy and children have returned to their home in Durham after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Murphy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sharp.

Misses Berta Thompson and Maggie Tapp of Chatham spent a few days with Mr. T. W. Tapp's family last week.

Mrs. Low Thompson has gone to spend some time at her father's home near Cedar Grove. We hope Mrs. Thompson's health will improve and that she will soon be entirely well.

Mrs. W. P. Riley, who has been very ill for several weeks, is improving some, we are glad to note.

Mr. Ira Lewis and bride are visiting Mr. Lewis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.

### W. Tapp.

Mr. F. R. Brittain has returned from a business trip in Greensboro.

Miss Aline Perry has resumed her music teaching at the E. H. school, after spending vacation with her parents at Orange Grove.

Mr. Foust Tapp took a flying trip to Burlington last Thursday night.

Mr. Arthur Smith of Mebane visited his aged grandmother, Mrs. Reeves, near here last Sunday.

Messrs. Glenn Kilpatrick and Frank Boggs are having fine success in killing wild turkeys, having bagged six fine ones right recently.

Mr. B. F. Riley of Hillsboro spent last Sunday with his father, Mr. W. P. Riley.

We are sorry to learn that our agent, Mr. Trent, of the Southern Railway, at Elfland, had the misfortune to get his arm broken last Tuesday night. Dr. Jones was called to attend the injury. Last accounts he was getting on nicely.

"More an-n." Shake hands on muddy streets. Mebane surely cannot beat Elfland when it comes to mud and "clubs" sometimes.

Ask Arthur Smith if he understands snowballing?

Snow, sleet and rain, and yet it rains.

PAW-PAW QEESE.

### Ross Confesses Crime.

John Ross, charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon on the morning of December 13, in Cleveland county, confessed to Sheriff D. D. Wilkins Monday that he was responsible for the death of Mr. Dixon, and that Frank Gladden, white, killed Mrs. Dixon and programmed the entire plot of crime and blood. The evidence of the sheriff concluded the testimony that was brought forward by the prosecution and finished the case so far as John Ross was concerned. It came as a fitting culmination to a string of circumstantial evidence that hung heavily over John Ross as the principal in the most horrible crime ever enacted in Cleveland county and one of the most heinous on record in North Carolina.

### Death of Mrs. Lance.

Mrs. C. M. Lance, wife of Rev. C. M. Lance, a former pastor of the Methodist Church at Mebane, died Tuesday in the hospital at Wilmington. The remains of Mrs. Lance were brought to Graham Wednesday for interment.

California has 87,000 more registered women voters than men. Now look out for some pink tie legislation.—Norfolk Ledger Dispatch.

## TWO IN FAVOR OF PRIMARY TO NOMINATE U. S. SENATOR

### Judge Clark and Senator Simmons Want People to Express Their Choice at Polls in November.

Senator Simmons and Judge Walter Clark, two of the candidates for the seat in the Senate held by Mr. Simmons, have agreed that they wanted a primary and that the best time to hold it is on election day in November. For some time Senator Simmons has favored a senatorial primary. Elect on day will suit him. He and Mr. Clark conferred on the matter at the Senate today. They do not intend to try to influence the committee but hope the committee will see it as they do.

### Mebane R. F. D. No. 5.

Well, I guess all of the other writers thought I had forgotten them, but I have lots of sad news to begin the first of the New Year.

Sorry to say Mrs. Will York is very sick and is now in the hospital. Hope she will soon be able to come home.

We regret to hear that the Misses McCracken are going to leave. Will miss them so much.

Mr. Will Wilkerson did a mean thing when he came over Xmas and took from Route 5 one of our best girls. Hattie was attractive and pleasant and loved by all, but we wish them both a long and happy life.

Mr. Oley Aubert returned to Mebane Sunday morning. He spent Xmas at Mr. John Miller's. He said he had a delightful time the two weeks while there, and wished Xmas was two weeks longer. Studie says she is so lonesome she can't keep from crying since Oley left.

I guess I had better stop and make room for Cowbell and Paw-Paw Qeeze.

PAPA'S GIRL.

Baltimore is to be the place for the next National Democratic Convention, and June the 25th to be the date.

### Science of Representative Government.

There was a gentleman in Mebane Tuesday representing an electric light company who wanted to negotiate upon a favorable basis for putting in light in Mebane, both for streets and private residences. We need light, if his proposition is favorable it will be worth considering.

### In Memory of Col. Geo. W. Tate.

Who died at his home near Mebane, Sept. 28th, 1911.

Like the setting sun the after glow is still beautiful, and the memory of a well-spent life of him is a consolation to those who mourn his death. Col. Tate was no ordinary character. His temperament was sanguine to an extreme, and his convictions on all questions, social and political, were profound. His friendships were imperishable. He loved truth and scorned a little or a mean thing. He had been a member of Lebanon Church for a long number of years, and was for a long time superintendent of the Sunday school at that church, and his scholars all learned to love him. His kind and gentle nature and pleasant words endeared him to all who knew him. Col. Tate was in the 84th year of his age, and is survived by six children, fifty-four grandchildren and eighteen great grandchildren. His wife and five children preceded him to the spiritland some years ago. May God comfort those left who mourn his death.

As death drew near he smiled, A smile of Heavenly birth, And when angels called him home, He smiled farewell to Earth.

A FRIEND.

### List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at this office for the week ending Jan 6 1912.  
1 Letter for Miss Lena Baines  
1 P. C. for Mr. Renolds Bayne  
1 P. C. for Miss Lena Bayne  
1 Letter for Sam Criss  
1 Letter for Mr. Tom Carr  
1 Letter for Mrs. James J. Gibson  
1 P. C. for Miss Mary Hicks  
1 Letter for Mr. Governor Hester  
1 Letter for W. C. Jones  
1 Letter for Mr. John Wiley Murray  
1 Letter for Rebeka Miles  
1 Letter for Mr. J. R. Meacham  
1 P. C. for Miss Babe McCellen  
1 Letter for Mr. M. C. Mills  
1 P. C. for Mr. Charlie Stanfield  
1 Letter for G. H. Warren  
1 Letter for Rufus Wood  
These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Jan. 20 th 1912, if not called for before.  
In calling for the above please say "Advertised" giving date of ad. list.  
Respectfully,  
S. Arthur White, P. M.

## POTASH SUIT SETTLED

### Royster Company Accept \$500,000 in Lieu for Their Claims.

The payment of \$500,000 to the F. S. Royster Guano Company, through their attorneys, Anderson, Felder, Rountree and Wilson, King and Spaulding and C. G. Collins of Norfolk, resulted in the withdrawal of that company's suit for \$752,541 against the International Agricultural Corporation of New York for failure to carry out a potash contract.

This is one of the suits growing out of the German potash controversy in which a settlement was reached recently with the understanding that all suits would be discontinued.

The defendant company had contracted to deliver the Royster concern 12,000 tons of potash annually for two years beginning January 1, 1910, with the privilege to the plaintiff of extending the contract for five additional years. The levying by Germany of a prohibitive export tax prevented the carrying out of the contract and the plaintiff alleged damages to the amount of the suit.

## IS STILL IN THE RINS

### Bryan Intimates That He Is Yet To Be Reckoned With

The greatest outburst of applause that greeted William Jennings Bryan during his address before an audience that taxed the capacity of the great new auditorium Saturday night at Raleigh was when he declared that he realized now that there are men in the party who can poll more votes for Democracy than he and that he will apply himself to more earnest work for them than he ever did when burdened with personal candidacy; that he has abandoned the expectation of office, but is by no means out of politics. Mr. Bryan's theme was "Progress of the World in Intelligence, Morality and in Application of the

### Science of Representative Government.

His was an eloquent review of educational progress the world over and of awakening of public conscience in the elevation of the morals of the people along all lines, particularly reform of public affairs. He regretted lack of progress in his declared reform for election of United States Senators by the people and declared that both parties must stop sham battles on this subject and go in patriotically for driving great corporations and special interests from control of the United States Senate, and pass the bill for people to elect Senators and let its adoption be optional with the State. He predicted that party primaries for nomination of candidates will ere long be generally if forced. Among reforms declared to have recently been accomplished in this country were publicity of contributions and funds for campaigns.

Let His Name Be Mud.

We are not accustomed to giving space for free advertising, but the following ad taken from Sunday's Charlotte Observer makes reading that endorse. It is from F. D. Alexander. Read it.

How North Carolina discriminates against the masses—favors her pets. Section 31—Revenue Act. read; "On each and every practicing lawyer for a or reward the sum of

FIVE (\$5) DOLLARS provided that no CITY—TOWN or COUNTY SHALL levy an additional license tax" upon these blessed ones. Will you kindly note that \$5 only. Note that proviso—Think what it means. Who built this fort about these chosen sons is our Representatives—the LAWYER—he sneaked the bill to save his purse while others have to rub. YE BLIND VOTERS—THINK upon these and like doings in the next vote day, and let his name be MUD.

F. D. ALEXANDER.

### Bought His own Furniture.

A well known conductor on the Southern Railway running into Spencer is authority for the statement that a Thomsville citizen ordered a piece of furniture from a Chicago firm. The purchaser is an employe of a furniture company, and to his great astonishment when the piece of furniture arrived, it was an article that he himself had been employed to finish right here in North Carolina. The furniture was sold to him through the Chicago firm when he could have bought it on the local market. It is needless to say that his name is withheld for the reason that he dislikes to be taking in this manner.

## Bryan Open Caucus Plan Is Defeated by Underwood

Future caucuses of the Democrats of the House of Representatives will be conducted under new rules, which while they do not answer the demand of William J. Bryan, for an open caucus, satisfy the champions of the open caucus movement in the House. The Democrats met in secret session for three hours Saturday. After protracted debate over a resolution proposed by Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, compromise on the Bryan plan was adopted by a vote of 103 to 27. The 27 who voted against it favored opening the caucus to the press.

The new rules provide that a record vote be taken on demand of one-fifth of those present and that a journal be kept for publication. Debates and other incidents to the meetings will not be made public.

The rules were proposed by a committee appointed several months ago. Speaker Clark, owing to his illness, was not present. Representative Underwood, floor leader, showed his force to be still answering to call and engineered the movement by which the Bryan men were defeated. The feud between Mr. Bryan and Mr. Underwood has lasted for many months and the defeat of the Bryan open caucus movement at this time is taken as another victory for the Alabama leader.

## Is There Retributive Justice?

The despatches tell of how Willie Hatfield shot to death a prominent physician in the southern section of West Virginia, who had refused to write him a prescription for a pint of whiskey. As the dying man lay prostrate Hatfield drew nearer and bending over, shot him twice in the head. When the officers were hurrying to jail with the murderer he pleaded that they save him from the mob he feared would come and attempt to visit summary justice upon him. He had no mercy on the man he shot, but he begged that others have mercy on him. This Hatfield murderer is a son of "Devil Anse" Hatfield, the notorious feudist whose bloody trail has marked the border line between southern West Virginia and eastern Kentucky.

This son of the daring feudist is now terror-stricken with the dread of being dragged from a trail and put to death by a mad mob.

What avenging agency led the son of "Devil Anse" to do this deed?

Is this retributive justice being visited upon the father whose bloody life has been an offence to humanity?

Another case, across the line in Kentucky, is that of Judge Hargis in bloody Breathitt. He had ruled that county with a bloody hand. He was rich and a large number of bad men held themselves subject to his command, and the last assassination laid at his door was that of a brave and able attorney who while in the performance of his duty in a hidden place as he was walking to the courthouse through the public square at Jackson. The young widow of the murdered Marcum defied the assassins, denounced Judge Hargis as the murderer, and as only a woman can do, called aloud for swift and certain retribution.

Not long after this the son of Judge Hargis staggered into his father's store and upon being upbraided for his condition, drew his pistol and shot his father dead in his tracks.

Was this dreadful thing of justice meted out to that man for the crimes he had inspired, for the homes he had wrecked, for the misery he had caused, for the lives he had blighted, for the ruin he had wrought?

It is not necessary, however, for us to go to those feudal fields of carnage to see the avenging hand of some foul crime striking the blow of retributive justice. It is not necessary to go to bloody Breathitt or follow the red trail of "Devil Anse" to find the ever-threatening hand of retribution, for right here can be seen the mysterious workings of the avenger of crime. Gaunt, dumb and pitiless, it sits in judgment on a deed that was as cruel as those that overtook Judge Hargis and "Devil Anse," and now there come trooping down through the train of years a shambling, tottering crowd marked for retributive reward.—Nashville Tennessean.

### Turns White in Night.

The raven hair of John J. McNamara turned snow white in a single night since his incarceration in the San Quentin penitentiary Cal., according to information by federal attaches from California, who come to Indianapolis to testify before the grand jury investigation the alleged dynamite plots.

It isn't surprising to learn that one man and two women caused the great lock-out of one hundred and sixty thousand cotton weavers in England; a combination like that has been known to change the history of more than one nation.—Va. Pilot.

## FOR WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

### Bill Introduced in Congress by Representative Lafferty.

Representative Lafferty, of Oregon, introduced a resolution in the house last Tuesday providing for nation-wide woman's suffrage and this action recalled to Lafferty's colleagues his unfortunate experience of last session when he wrote the "I would like to meet you" note to a young woman in the galleries. The young woman turned the note over to her father and the Oregon member had considerable difficulty in explaining that he meant no harm but that as a bachelor he merely desired an introduction to the gallery queen. Mr. Lafferty showed his continued interest in the fair sex by introducing the bill to amend the constitution so that all women may vote.

And Lafferty is just the chicken for this work. The fact of it, Mr. Lafferty ought to be put in short skirts with red flannel drawers to his shoe tops. It would be a decidedly becoming dress for him.

### The Report.

The wool tariff committee recently made a report of their finding in the matter of wool tariff, we clip the following brief note from their report:

The cost of a suit of cloths from the back of a sheep to the back of a man is computed in the report, and the profits which accrue in the process are traced to their sources. For purposes of computation the board takes a suit of clothes retailing at \$23 and wholesaling at \$16.50. This is said to represent fairly the suit worn by average American.

The farmer receives for the wool in such a suit, \$2.23 and his profit is 68cts the wholesale clothing dealer receives for his product \$16.50 and his profit is \$2.18; the retail clothing dealer receives \$23 and his profit is \$7.50. The figures are aggregate.

### Must Not Monkey With Politics.

Several thousand rural free delivery letter carriers are barred from active participation in politics by an executive order issued by President Taft. The order will be issued Jan. 1st. It forbids the Federal letter carriers from pernicious activity in politics and empowers the civil service commission to dismiss any of them found to be so engaged.

The President will issue an order soon putting the fourth class postmasters under civil service rules also the order issued in reference to rural carriers it is estimated will affect 10,000 men. It goes into effect at once, and mail carriers who do not observe it will be considered guilty of "pernicious activity."

### ANNUAL BANQUET

### United Commercial Travelers Association.

At Greensboro N. C. United Commercial Travelers Association which was held at the McAdoo Hotel on the evening of Dec. 30, 1911 was in every respect a decided success. A spread was laid for 166 people and they were all there. The following was the program and menu for the evening:

Invocation, Rev. E. K. McLarty

Toastmaster, C. C. Taylor,

Address, Gov. W. W. Kitchen

Hon. T. J. Murphey

Judge J. E. Boyd

C. C. McLean

R. C. Hood

John J. Phoenix

H. E. Gilliam

E. E. Mendenhall

S. O. Williams

S. O. Melvin

E. C. Caldwell

W. W. Kitchen

C. J. Tinsley

Menu

Oyster Cocktail

Consomme

Sweet Pickles

Filet of Spanish Mackerel, Tartare Sauce

Saratoga Chips

Chatham County Quail on Toast

Hot Rolls

Frozen Sherry Sangaree

Cold ox Tongue Sliced Ham Cold Turkey

Cold Slaw

Vanilla Cream

Nuts and Raisins Assorted Fruits

Edam Cheese

Cafe Noir

Havanas

Egyptians

Music by Hood's Orchestra

A. P. Frazier Piano used

## Labor Leaders Held on Conspiracy Charges.

The arrest of Emmett Flood, of Chicago, national organizer for the American Federation of Labor and the representative of President Gompers, on the charge of conspiracy to destroy property with acid bombs, was the principal development in the grand jury situation which grew out of the button workers' strike. Flood was arrested on four warrants, three of which charge him with malicious destruction of property.

C. G. Wilson, the Socialist member of the city council and fiscal agent for the local button workers' union of Muscatine Iowa which is on strike was charged in two new indictments with conspiracy and malicious destruction of property. Both men were released on \$2,000 and \$3,000 bonds, respectively, given by union men.

### Stirring Up Strife

A gentleman who is personally acquainted with Colonel Bryan, and who wrote the first article we ever read praising Bryan, said to us the other day: "The brilliant Nebraskan has been soured by three defeats and he seems to be determined to see that no other Democrat is elected if he can prevent it." This opinion is shared by many others. At any rate, there is no parallel in American politics for the dog-in-the-manger attitude that Colonel Bryan has assumed towards candidates for the Presidency in his own party.

The colonels contributions to the Commoner are largely devoted to attacks on Democrats whose names have been mentioned in connection with the party ticket this year. Governor Harmon seems to be his very especial aversion. The secret of these antagonisms are said to date back to the Nebraskans own last disastrous campaign, when Governor Harmon failed to endorse over his candidacy. He now brands Governor Harmon as the candidate of "Wall street," the "interests" and the "reactionaries."

A recent issue of the Commoner accuses a Governor Harmon of a deliberate attempt to deceive the people as to where he stands on the public questions of the day. Leader Underwood is placed in the same category with Ohio's governor. Colonel Bryan calls him the candidate of the big railroad attorneys, "men who call themselves Democrats, but who vote the Republican ticket." Apparently the three-time-candidate has made up his mind that if he cannot defeat the nomination of either of these two men he can at least make their election impossible.—Greensboro News.

### The Wisdom of the Ages.

(Kansas City Journal.) Every proposed law affecting the criminal court practice goes to a legislative committee on criminal jurisprudence. Every proposed statute affecting the ordinary civil rights of citizens and every bill affecting the city courts goes to a legislative committee on the judiciary.

In the national legislature (Congress) and in the forty six State legislatures these committees (whatever names they are variously given) are invariably composed wholly of lawyers. This has been so from the beginnings of the national and State governments.

So Mr. Carl Snyder, the Collier's Weekly writer, is completely correct in his statement, "that the lawyers themselves have made the laws and the courts and the practice of the laws as they are."

The legal profession cannot dodge responsibility for the mess to which the administration of justice in American has been bought. Probably the legal profession would not try to dodge that responsibility if it could. It is even now so proud of its work that it inaccurately boasts of the law as the product of "the wisdom of the wisdom of the ages."

### The Real Explanation

Those who attempt to explain the high cost of living in this country by pointing to it as a part of a worldwide upward movement of commodity prices fail to note that prices are relatively higher in Germany, France, the United States and other countries, where trade is clipped by high protective tariffs, than in Great Britain, where a tariff for revenue only is collected. It is the latter fact that really explains.—Va. Pilot.

### How Fashion Kills

In the Northern sections of New York city an epidemic of tonsillitis and other forms of "sore throat" has broken out and physicians are attributing it to the fashion of wearing clothes open at the neck. The claim was set up that the fashion would strengthen the organs of the throat, but when damp, cold weather set in hundreds of persons became sick and had to be sent to hospitals.