

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

"The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home."

Mrs. H. E. Wilkerson is ill at her home.

Rev. C. M. Lance was in Mebane Tuesday.

Miss Magada Malone is visiting her sister Mrs. Jenkins of Robersonville.

Miss Olga Long spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents here.

If you need tobacco seed call on Mr. J. S. Warren of the Piedmont Warehouse.

Dr. R. C. Beaman will preach at the M. E. Church here Sunday night 21st.

Miss Iola Franklen of Haw River, spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Hurley.

Mr. Murray Ferguson went out in the neighborhood of Mr. E. L. Daleys Sunday.

Mr. R. H. Norris of Corbett, remembered the Leader last week for two years subscription. Thanks Mr. Norris.

Mr. Felix Graves had the misfortune to lose a very valuable horse Monday from illness. The horse was worth \$200.

To get shoes that look good and are durable go to J. M. Hendrix Greensboro. See new ad. elsewhere.

Mr. A. P. Long opens up a stock of goods in the store recently vacated by the T. A. Church Co. We wish Mr. Long much success.

Mr. T. A. Church has moved into the store room formerly occupied by Mr. W. Smith and will conduct a grocery store, and lunch counter.

Despite the extreme cold and bad weather for the past week several loads of tobacco were brought to our warehouses and was sold for good prices.

Last week when it was so cold, the water in the tank used for cooling the gasoline engine in the Leader office, was frozen solid. This tank is four feet high, and 17 inches across.

Mrs. Henny McCauley is quite ill. Her daughter, Mrs. Graham Lloyd of Ashboro, and Mrs. Cora Morgan of Raleigh is with her.

Do not forget Dorsett's sale of coat suits, coats and blankets. You will certainly find some rare bargains at this store, Greensboro, see change of ad.

Miss Mabel Ellis, the charming young daughter of Mr. C. B. Ellis of Burlington, passed through Mebane Monday returning to her school at Hawfield, where she holds a position as teacher.

Clothing—something nice and nobby hats and gloves to match at Sneed-Markham Taylor Co. Durham, see their new change of ad. in this weeks Leader.

Help the poor and while it don't forget the editors needs, and they include cash and wood during this cold weather, for the paper must continue to go to the subscribers.

Mr. W. T. Bobbitt will remove his family to Mebane taking up his residence in the house bought of Dr. N. D. York. He will open up a stock of general merchandise in the new store bought of Mr. J. N. Warren.

Royster Guano Co. Plant at Tarboro is Destroyed.

Fire of unknown origin starting in one of the engine rooms late Saturday totally destroyed the plant of the F. S. Royster Guano company, at Tarboro, entailing an estimated loss of \$100,000, covered by insurance.

The loss includes 11,000 tons of unmixed fertilizers in the building.

What North Carolina needs is a legislature that no man can carry around in his vest pocket.

—Greensboro News

It wont hurt you in the new year to try to be a bit more civil, and try to discourage the back biting, and slanders in your community. There is a class of gutter snipes that can not help it, but gentleman can, wont you try to be one among the gentleman. You may miss a morsel of filth, but you will have less for a pure conscience to battle with.

Officers and Directors of Mebane Bank are Elected

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Commercial and Farmers bank, of Mebane, held last Thursday afternoon, the following were named as directors for the ensuing year: W. A. Murray, P. Nelson, T. M. Crutchfield, D. A. Wilkinson, F. G. Morgan, James F. Lasley, Philip Cooper, Edward Tate, J. W. Stainback.

The directors then met and re-elected the following officers: W. A. Murray, president; James H. Lasley, vice-president; S. G. Morgan, cashier, and W. S. Harris, assistant cashier. A dividend of 6 per cent, was declared and a nice surplus laid by. The year 1911 was a very profitable one, the bank is in a flourishing condition.

Train Freezes to Rails; Rare Railroad Incident

A rare incident in the history of railroading in Virginia occurred on the Norfolk and Western Railroad at Lynchburg Sunday, when the Washington-Charlottesville fast train actually froze to the rails. Stopping in a swag, the dripping water from the pipes caught the wheels and the temperature being below zero, the train was locked so securely in the ice that it required the use of three engines to move it, bumping from the rear being resorted to.

It was two and a half hours before the train could be moved.

A Valentine Ball

The managers of the Piedmont Ware house will give a big valentine ball, on valentine night the 14th of February, you are invited. Come.

SUN TO BE SOLD.

Messrs. T. M. Gorman and W. J. Griswold, receivers for the Durham Sun Publishing company were authorized to sell the name good will subscription list and mechanical equipment of the Durham Sun at public auction the 31 of this month.

The Sun has been in the hands of receivers for the past month, and the sale was agreed upon both by the present management and some of the creditors as being the best way out of their financial difficulties. The liabilities of the company amount to about \$25,000.

GLADDEN IS ACQUITTED

Frank Gladden, the white man implicated in the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, at their home in the upper part of Cleveland county, December 13, was Saturday night declared not guilty of the murder of Mr. Dixon, and of Mrs. Dixon will be not prosessed with leave. The jury was out two hours. Gladden was taken back to jail and was discharged Monday.

White Man Implicated in Dixon Murder Goes Free

Jurors in the Gladden case stated after the verdict had been rendered, that they could not put enough faith in the unsupported testimony of John Ross to create in their minds the judgment that Gladden was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. Hence, the acquittal.

Oklahoma Oil Production.

(From the Daily Oklahoma.)

Newspapers published in various parts of the State contain weekly information that drilling is being done, the purpose being to secure more oil and gas, that Oklahoma may take first place among the States famous for such production.

List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at this office for the week ending Jan 13 1912.

1 P. C. for Miss Addie Day
1 P. C. for Mrs. Mary Howard
1 Letter for J. R. Holt, Esq.
1 P. C. for Miss N. Thomas
1 Letter for H. A. Thompson
1 P. C. for Mr. Pender Vaughn
1 P. C. Miss Della Wilson

Dead Letter Office Jan. 27 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.

Conventions Secured For Greensboro This Year

Four conventions will be held in Greensboro during the coming year, according to a report made to the chamber of commerce Friday night by A. M. Seales. Others are expected to come here, the arrangements for which have not yet been definitely fixed. Those booked thus far is as follows:

The Virginia and North Carolina Retail Implement, Machinery and Vehicle Dealers' association, to meet February 7 and 8; North Carolina Letter Carriers' association and Postoffice Clerk's association; the Southern Textile association. This association has over 1,000 members, and will meet the latter part of June.—Greensboro News

Dollar-a-Day Pensions

The Sherwood Pension bill, if it becomes law in the form in which it passed the House, will add \$75,000,000 a year to the Government's pension disbursements.

That is, it will impose an additional annual fixed charge against the Treasury revenues amounting to more than three years' interest on the public debt. It will take the proceeds of the entire wool crop to pay it, or half again as much as the fisheries yield. The year's earnings of 100,000 operative in various industries would only just discharge this contemplated addition to the country's pension burdens.

And this enormous uncalled-for expense a Congress pledged to economy and retrenchment proposes to saddle upon the taxpayers on the specious plea of doing full justice to the nation's defenders. The uniform of the old soldier has not often been used as a cloak for so flagrant an exhibition of political profligacy.—New York World.

Now Colonel.

Newspaper men, especially, should read intelligently. We want to again emphasize the fact that Doc Wiley and this paper are in perfect agreement on the mince pie question. Let the stuff alone.—Greensboro News.

The above sounds to us very much as if Col. Phillips has been monkeying with the business end of a mince pie.

The Army of Officerholders

President Taft has 10,839 jobs absolutely at his disposal.

These are all filled with Taft roosters.

The postmasters alone number 7,956.

Under the civil service the government has 262,608 employes, and 411,322 not under civil service, or a total of 673,930 employes, not including the army and navy.

Presumably, the civil service men and other employes not appointed by the President are not in politics, and have no hand in political manipulation. But the presumption is a bit violent.

Dairy Demonstration

Realizing the need of the South for more and better dairies and the large profits which can be made in that favorable region by dairying who will fill the great demand of the towns and cities for dairy products, President Finley of the Southern Railway Company, following the custom of that company in furthering in every way the growth and development of its territory, has equipped a Special Dairy Car, which, beginning the first of February, 1912, will be run over the length and breadth of this great system, spreading the doctrine of more and better cows, and by means of lectures, demonstrations and exhibits, doing everything possible to develop and improve the dairy industry along its lines in the Southeastern States.

This Dairy Special will be under the direct supervision of Dr. C. M. Morgan of Washington, D. C., the Southern Railway's Dairy Agent. Dr. Morgan will be assisted by two regular dairymen in conducting the work, and from time to time the car will be occupied by dairy experts from the United States Department of agriculture, the State Board of Agriculture and from the Agricultural Stations of the various States along the Southern Railway, the plan being to have the utmost cooperation of all forces for the campaign which will inevitably result in larger profits and increased prosperity for Southern Dairymen through a better knowledge of their special problems and how to meet them.

Advance schedules of the stops will be prepared and full advertisement given the train in the towns at which lectures and demonstrations are to take place. The press along the route will be kept informed in advance and all possible publicity secured for the benefit of the dairymen. It is expected that large crowds will be present at these stops and everything is being done to give thorough attention to every detail of the work.

Every man interested in dairying in any way should by all means be present at these free lectures and demonstrations, to listen to the talks, to see the improved machinery and labor-saving devices and to secure advice on any problem connected with the dairy industry.

MR. BYNUM CLEARS CASPER

Former Winston Distiller Pulls Through With Aid of a Great Lawyer

The Greensboro News says:

Judge W. P. Bynum has returned from Florida, where he went to defend John L. Casper in a criminal case in the United States courts. As reported in special dispatches from Jacksonville Florida Bynum succeeded in securing the freedom of his client through the aid of a technicality. Casper was charged with violations of the postal laws, the specific charge being "using the mails with intent to defraud." It was alleged that he advertised to sell whiskey at \$1.25 a gallon, the government contending that such could not be done without fraud when the license on whiskey was \$1.25 per gallon. Judge Bynum brought about the discharge of Casper without the case ever going to a jury, the court sustaining a legal point raised by him.

Casper is a former Winston distiller and it seems that he carried memories of Greensboro lawyers with him to Florida. Once before he was indicted by the government and immediately he made the wires hot with an appeal to Judge Bynum. The call was answered and Judge Bynum pulled him through on a technicality, that case as did the last, not being allowed to go to the jury.

Retail Tobacco Dealers Start Action Against A. T.

Retail tobacco dealers of New York city, asserting that they are unable to compete with the United Cigar Stores company with its rebate coupon system, and because of alleged favors given to it by the American Tobacco company, through a bill of review filed in the United States District court, will endeavor, to have the dissolution and reorganization plan, which was approved by the United States Circuit court in the case of the American Tobacco company, set aside on the claim that it is not in accordance with the mandate of the Supreme court.

PUT END TO ROBBERY

Tariff Situation Summed Up in Few Words

With respect to the tariff it is as true now as it was when Mr. Cleveland first said it, that it is a condition, not a theory, that confronts us.

Whatever may be said for free trade theoretically—and it is much—in point of fact we are so enmeshed in a complexity of protection and millions of people are so dependent on it for existence, or think they are that tariff reform must be handled with care.

But there is no good excuse for dilatory and mincing measures in cases where protection is clearly unnecessary and serves no better purpose than that of shielding monopoly and extortion.

Where it is shown that a protected American product is continually and increasingly sold abroad at a lower price than is exacted at home, the proof that protection is no longer needed is conclusive.

There is no need of waiting for a board to find out the comparative cost of production here and elsewhere. No wrong will be done by withdrawing all protection in any such case.

But here the condition that confronts us calls for prompt and decisive action. The industries concerned have become the most powerful and arrogant of all. They influence the greatest number of voters—employes and others. They fill party campaign treasuries. They own party bosses.

It is an inevitable condition where protection has been too long continued, and the protected have grown unscrupulous as well as strong. The victims must meet it by a preemptory demand for the immediate rescinding of a tariff privileges enjoyed by the extortioners. They must insist that they shall no longer be robbed by those to whose enormous wealth they have been forced to contribute.—Chicago Journal.

He Knows Better.

There is some talk that Lafollette is coming to North Carolina. Not if he knows which side of his bread is buttered. A progressive who would buck up against the republicans in this state with any idea of gaining recruits would indeed be brave. Lafollette ought to know that the republicans of the south are always for the man who has no fodder; he is not likely to have any and he would stand no chance on earth. He is woefully ignorant on many matters. Perhaps he might learn something, to wit: that Taft told the truth in his Greensboro speech about the republicans in this state.—Greensboro Record.

BIG FIRE AT BIRMINGHAM

Bell Telephone and Cable Piano Building Burn—One Death.

Fire which raged for several hours early Sunday morning at Birmingham Ala., resulted in an estimated loss of between \$250,000 and \$300,000 to the Cable Piano Company and the Southern Bell Telephone buildings on Second avenue, and indirectly was responsible for the death of one man. The Bell telephone service in that city is demoralized.

The fire originated in the Cable Piano Company building and after having been gotten apparently under control burst forth anew, leaping to the adjoining building of the telephone company.

Acquited and Complemented

Complimented by the Federal Court for having "rendered a great service to his country," William J. Burns, the detective, was released from the charge of having kidnaped John J. McNamara, the convicted dynamiter. All the charges in the indictments against Burns for having captured the labor leader in Indianapolis last April and taking him to California for trial were held to be null and void.

"If I or this court had anything to do with the arrest of Mr. Burns in this instance I should certainly now tender him an apology," said Federal Judge A. B. Anderson in dismissing the indictments brought by the county grand jury under which the detective had been held in \$10,000 bail. "The order which the court shall enter will make it impossible for any prosecution to be brought under the indictments."

"Fighting Bob's" Widows Pension, \$30 a Month.

Mrs. Robley D. Evans, "Fighting Bob's" widow, will draw a pension of \$30 a month from a grateful county. Rear Admiral Evans lost the little money he had in the plunges in California oil he made late in his life. He left his widow not a penny. She owns the house in Indiana avenue in which she lives. It came to her from her father, but it is encumbered. Besides her pension, Mrs. Evans must rely for her maintenance on whatever financial assistance may be given her by her two married daughters and her son. Commander Frank Taylor Evans U. S. N.

Admiral Evans's friends declare they will urge Congress to grant her a large pension than \$30 a month.

Admiral Evans fought throughout the civil war and was wounded severely at the battle of Fort Fisher. For these wounds he received no pension, and his widow cannot get one now.

One Who Instruct the Public.

(From Boston Globe)

A listener interrupted a lecturer and was granted permission to ask a question.

"You have given us," said he, "a lot of statistics about immigration, increase of wealth, the growth of trusts and all that. Let's see what you know about figuring yourself, How do you find the greatest common divisor?"

Slowly the orator drank a glass of water and then replied in a voice that made the gas jets quiver: "Advertise for it."

SALES IN DECEMBER

NEARLY FIFTEEN MILLION POUNDS IN STATE.

In Slight Decrease From Same Month in Previous Year—Winston-Salem Leads All Competitors—What Was Done on Markets of State Told in Figures.

Nearly 15,000,000 pounds of leaf tobacco were sold on the markets of North Carolina during the month of December, according to statistics gathered by the department of agriculture and made public. This was about a million pounds less than for the month of December in 1910. Winston-Salem, as usual, led the other towns. The "first hand" and total sales are as follows:

Towns	First Hand	Total
W. Salem	2,487,142	2,806,332
Wilson	1,153,781	1,270,754
Durham	710,324	837,468
Kinston	689,410	778,133
Reidsville	653,768	660,365
Burlington	358,853	358,493
Warrenton	294,137	294,137
La Grange	252,507	287,630
Creedmoor	245,680	268,320
Mebane	184,104	190,106
Robertville	95,138	106,286
Zebulon	68,228	74,311
Milton	52,227	56,892
Leaksville	47,929	50,464
Wendell	47,637	49,073
Warsaw	2,116	2,116

KIND WORDS FOR BURNS

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The passage of the Sherwood pension bill by the House of Representatives, providing for an annual increase of \$75,000,000 for pensions, indicates to some extent the spread of the pension mania. It shows how the people of this country are becoming more and more dependent on paternal government support. It shows a disposition to turn to the government for aid, and all this comes of the policy of voting bounties to individual interests. Everybody wants Federal aid. "The Infant Industries" have cried long and lustily to be made richer and more powerful. The ship-builders have never ceased to claim a government bounty. Everybody seems to want help from the government.

Tar Heel Hallucination

(From The Manchester News.)

The Monroe Journal laboring to the Tar Heels, in view of the celebration to take place in Washington on the 8, instant, in honor of the birthday of Andrew Jackson, suggests that "Col. J. L. Rodman," who claims that Andy was born on his place, in Union county in that State, go on and attend the meeting and make a speech. We venture the assertion that is Tom Secrest will take his compass and Rodman, he will locate that birthplace on the Crawford plantation, now owned by Col. T. Y. Williams in this county and we are satisfied that our Colonel would make a more eloquent and convincing speech than the orator from North Carolina and is necessary to substantiate his claim, could quote the utterances of so high authority as Deacon Hemphill of The Charlotte Observer, the erstwhile editor of The News and Courier.

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Losing a Fortune

(From the Ohio State Journal)

In a talk in Chicago, last Friday night, Thomas A. Edison said: "Don't worry over lost money. It plays a very small part in our lives I've made a couple of millions several times and lost it. Keep doing something worth while and your life will be happy."

That is good advice, especially to a man like Edison, whose genius is a gold mine out in the backyard, to which he can go and replenish at any time he wishes. But even if a man doesn't get it back; doesn't get a glimpse of the lost fortune again, the advice to "keep doing something worth while" is wise; for one will get back his fortune in the doing, even if it never comes to him in cash.

There was once a man who broke up and lost all he had. He went to work and hoped and diligently, but he never recovered his fortune. It was the general remark, however, that he was happier and nobler at work than he was when he didn't have to work. Two virtues improved him visibly—humility and courtesy, which are the realst graces of manhood.

Many Skaters Drowned.

Thirty-seven persons are known to have been drowned and several others are missing as the result of the breaking of ice on the Ems river at Emden, Germany, Monday last, while several hundred young people were skating.

A Timely Light.

(From Christian Herald.)

French minister tells of an incident during a voyage to India: "One dark evening I sat in my cabin feeling thoroughly unwell, as the sea was rising fast and I was but a poor sailor. Suddenly the cry of 'man overboard!' made me spring to my feet. I heard a trampling overhead, but resolved not to go on deck lest I should interfere with the crew in their efforts to save the poor man.

"What can I do? I asked myself, and, instantly unhooking my lamp, I held it near the top of my cabin and close to my bull's-eye window, that its light might shine on the sea, and so near the ship as possible. In a half minute's time I heard the joyful cry, 'It's all right; he's safe,' upon which I put my lamp in its place. The next day, however, I was told that my little lamp was the safe means of saving the man's life. It was only by the timely light which shone upon him that the knotted rope could be thrown so as to reach him.

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The producers in this country have had a burden to carry in their ceaseless labor to make enough above the enormous expenditures by the government to clothe, house and feed themselves, for as nothing exists except that which is produced, it follows that the government can have nothing to expend except that which it collects from the producer. The army and navy produce nothing. The ship-builders, with their government subsidies, produce nothing. The manufacturers, with their government production, produce nothing. The trusts, with their enormous holdings, produce nothing, for they merely corner and benefit by that which has already been produced. The rapidly increasing expenditures of the Federal government therefore are rapidly increasing burdens to the producer.

When the Sherwood pension monstrosity was introduced, Representative Berger, the lone Socialist member of Congress, rose to the exigency of the occasion, when in fine scorn he introduced a bill to pension all American citizens, based solely on age qualifications.

And the House, which had passed the Sherwood bill, ought not to have shuddered in anticipation of a day when the Berger bill would pass, for the growing pension mania, exemplified in the latest treasury raid, is leading rapidly toward the policy of nation-wide pensions.—Va. Pilot

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