

## PERSONAL AND LOCAL BRIEFS

### PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO

#### Items of interest Gathered by

##### Our Reporter

Mr. W. E. White after a month's absence on business returned Sunday

Miss Tessie Maynard went to Durham Saturday to visit friends.

Mrs. H. A. Scott and grandchild went to Durham Saturday to visit Mrs. T. M. McCracken.

Miss Margaret Goley of Graham was a visitor at the home of Mrs. J. Moll Thompson the latter part of the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bason of Thomasville spent Sunday here with their people.

Rev. N. R. Richardson of Mt Pleasant spent Thursday last, with his daughter, Mrs. H. B. Slack.

Mr. Isaac Harris who is a student at Trinity, came up Wednesday to spend a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Harris.

Miss Mary Lou Pitt a member of the musical department at Elon College will sing in the Presbyterian church here Sunday.

Mr. J. N. Warren advises us that the ball that was to have been given at the Piedmont Warehouse on Feb. 14 has been postponed to some future date, which will be announced.

The Club will meet with Mrs. B. F. Warren at M. S. S. G. Morgans residence on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, all members are requested to bring their embroidery.

The new line of Royal Society Embroidery at Morrow-Bason and Green's is very attractive, see what their 'ad' says about their muslin underwear sale Burlington N. C.

A great sale of hamburg, laces and insertion is now going on at the H. E. Wilkinson and Co. store. Don't fail to take advantage of this great sale. See change of ad.

Holmes-Warren Co. directs your attention to their change of advertisement in this weeks issue. They ask you to consider well their offerings, and they include a large line of attractive goods.

Mr. O. F. Crowson who on last Saturday purchased the Durham Sun plant and franchise, is the man to make good on the Sun. If the people of Durham gives to Mr. Crowson a fair show there will be no more resale of the Sun.

Mr. Charles H. Dorsett of Greensboro who keeps an exclusive ladies store full of beautiful things for ladies to wear has just received a full line of swell spring suits some of the latest cuts for the spring of 1912.

Shoes has been an important item in our wear this winter. The weather put them to the test. It is a proud boast of J. M. Hendrix and company of Greensboro that their shoes have made good all the time. An elegant spring stock is now arriving.

### A Civic League.

Editor of Leader:  
I read with a good deal of interest your editorial in a recent issue of the Leader on a "Civic League" for Mebane and assure you that I quite agree on this matter. Let us have a cleaner and more beautiful town. Now is the time to begin work. Let our good ladies take up the question and organize, I pledge them the support of the whole town. Begin now.  
W. E. White.

Mr. White has been an enthusiastic advocate of a civic league, and we would be very glad to see his efforts seconded. A town beautiful, is a town attractive, a town clean and sweet is a town most desirable as a home.

### A Child Burned to Death.

On January 30th, the three year old son of Albert Winslow Sykes and Duffie Lillian Sykes was burned.

The child leaves a father and mother and a younger brother to mourn their loss, also a grandfather and grandmother who will share almost equally in the grief.

"Why God saw fit the second to take Was maybe because we wouldn't the first forget,  
Both are gone to the Land of the Blest,  
He know not why, but God knows best,  
One consolation—Mother and Sister knows  
That the Winfreds are free from earthly woe,  
While we the older sons yet live,  
They know not what a game we'll fill.

### For 30 Days

\$4 Skreemer shoes \$2.50 at C. C. Smith.  
\$2 Ladies shoes at C. C. Smith \$1.48.  
\$2.50 Ladies shoes at C. C. Smith \$1.84.  
Clothing cut to bottom prices at C. C. Smiths to make room for spring stock.

## The Mebane Post Office.

The contest for the appointment of Post Master of Mebane is on. The first intimation that we had that the term of the present incumbent was about to expire was petition circulated Saturday, asking that the present incumbent Mr. S. Arthur White be re-appointed, this petition was pretty generally signed, possibly by nearly all the business men in the town.

### Frozen Rats.

Mr. Erastus Cook who runs a water mill a couple of miles North west of Mebane, had a peculiar experience during the recent cold spell. In examining some sacks of feed stuff, he found several pecks of frozen rats, now maybe there was not that many but there was a peck at least. Mr. Cook seemed very glad the rodents froze up, for he said possible when he brought Mrs. Cook home they would have went up to his house and been pestering around in her pantry.

### 'The Cow and the Moon'

In the musical fantasy, "The Cow and the Moon", which Chas. A. Sellon brings to the Academy of music Durham N. C. next Friday night the 9th, two character of exceptional interest are seen, that of "Little Innocence," played by Miss Hazel Rice, said to be the smallest singing soubrette now on the stage; and the part of great Domo, the king of the moon, portrayed by Clarence Stearling, who is claimed to be one of the biggest men in extravaganza. Innocence is the maid who in the play has never seen a man, and Domo the king of the moon comes to earth seeking a bride who must meet the requirements possessed by Innocence. Her miraculous escapes from his clutches assisted by some 45 other aides form a capital plot for extravaganza. Musical numbers of the swinging pleasing sort are interpolated from time to time, which, together with 16 gorgeous changes of scenery, makes a delightful entertainment.

This is a good opportunity for the people of this section to see this splendid musical extravaganza, one of the most spectacular on the road.

### A Wonder.

It is a wonder to the Leader readers that we have put up such a large list of handsome, and useful premiums in our subscription contest. We have tried in each of our several contests to be liberal to the contestant, even at the end putting up several valuable prizes, we shall maintain our reputation for generous dealings. Get in the contest early, and take your show.

### A Pounding

A matter of some interest that seemed to have escaped our attention was the pounding of the popular Methodist minister Rev. B. T. Hurley a couple of weeks ago Friday last. The members of Mr. Hurley's church at Mebane realizing that he had quite recently brought to our midst a splendid woman as a help meet, and that something would be needed to make house keeping go easy, gave them a nice pounding, leaving a large variety of things for the larler.

When the crowd got ready to depart, and the preacher looked on and saw how kind his congregation had been to him he became too full for utterance, and could only say I thank you, and then his heart swelled up and got in his throat.

### List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at this office for the week ending Feb 3rd. 1912  
1 P. C. for Miss Augusta Coble,  
1 Letter for Mrs. T. J. Dixon  
1 Letter for Eliza Dixon  
1 P. C. for Miss Nettie Hath  
1 P. C. for Mr. Horice Murry  
1 Letter for Miss Hattie Mebane  
1 P. C. for Louis Tilly  
1 Letter for Mrs. Callion Walker  
1 Letter for Gnat Watson.

Dead Letter Office Feb. 13, 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.

### Sales at the Piedmont Warehouse

Murry and Vaughn sold 465 lbs of tobacco for \$118.46.  
G. S. Wilson sold 1520 at \$30.65.  
W. A. Shary sold 1232 for \$234.24.  
B. C. Corbett sold 1016 for \$256.44.  
Warren and Wilson 944 lbs for \$225.48  
W. B. Strayhorn 562 lbs for \$125.49  
Bynum Jeffrey sold 1078 lbs for \$216.90.  
Joe Moore sold 1020 lbs for \$195.48.  
Rich Cashett sold 1174 lbs for \$287.25.  
Warren and Halthcock sold 562 lbs for \$120.47.  
Brice Warren sold 862 lbs for \$98.31.  
Bring your tobacco to the Piedmont Warehouse.

What is your obligation worth in a secret order?

## To Late for Publication

We received an interesting report of the proceeding of the County Commissioners, but too late for this issue. We have also some communications that did not reach us in time to appear. We regret it and would ask our correspondents to mail their letters earlier.

### Haw River Items

Rev. Y. C. Bocutt preached at the baptist church Sunday morning and night two excellent sermons, he went to Durham Monday on important business. The sainted man is always trying to let his christian light shine.

A. W. Parham took a trip to Oxford Sunday to attend the burial of his cousin P. C. Parham. He has the sympathy of our people. The Lord give th and he taketh away.

King winter still holds his throne and sways his scepter as he pleases, and keep wood and coal in great demand.

On last Saturday the great archer who garners for the skies passed over the home G. H. Graham in East Trolinwood and touched the spirit of their son Robert and bid it leave all that was mortal and enter the great beyond. The family have the sympathy of our people.

Prof. Crawford of Mebane gave us a pleasant call last Saturday and seemed cheerful, come again Prof.

Dr. D. McPherson of Durham was in town last Sunday shaking hands with his many friends.

Mrs. C. G. Wilkinson of Burlington who is working in the interest of the Mebane Leader, made us a pleasant call Monday and seemed very happy for her young, she wanted to get some of our working people to enter the contest for the automobile. We hope she was successful in her noble work. Come again sister, we hold you in the great esteem.

Mr. L. A. Coawford of Mebane was in town and gave us a pleasant call we were glad to see him.

Mrs. Clarence Cates and Miss Loe Cates of Burlington spent a few hours in Haw River with their aunt Mrs. G. W. Cates.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Jones who spent their honeymoon in Tenn. visiting relatives for several days returned last Friday and stopped here with Mrs. Jones sister Mrs. W. J. Crutchfield. They left for their home Saturday. Long may they live. Congratulations.

## THE DURHAM SUN IS RESOLD,

### Recent Price of \$2,400 Raised and O. F. Crowson Bids Plant In.

The property of the Durham Sun Publishing company was resold at public auction by order of Judge Cook Saturday afternoon. The purchaser was O. F. Crowson, of Burlington, former owner of the Burlington News. The price paid was \$4,000 The sale was confirmed by Judge Cook and Mr. Crowson took charge Monday.

The property was sold Wednesday to R. O. Everett, of Durham for \$2,240. This bid was raised several times before the receivers made their report to the court. In view of the fact that there were still a number of bidders interested in the property, Judge Cook thought the fairest way would be to order a resale with the understanding that the bidder would take over the property at once. The crowd went from the courthouse to the lobby of the courthouse and the property was resold. R. W. Haywood, of Richmond former owner of the Greensboro Telegram, was a bidder against Mr. Crowson and Mr. Everett also bid on the property. The purchaser assumes a mortgage indebtedness of \$19,000 on the property, making the purchase price paid by Mr. Crowson in reality \$14,000.

Editor Sanders has the following to say in the Elizabeth City. Independent: And so I believe the contest will lie between Kitchin and Simmons. And yet, I believe the chances are in favor of Kitchin because it is going to be shown before the campaign is over that Simmons is no longer a man of the people, but one of the henchmen of the criminal rich of Wall Street. Whose henchmen will be the crowd who will fight Mr. Simmons because some one else wants his place, yes who? Simmons has made good, can you guarantee that your man will make better?

### Thirty Years Maximum Penalty.

The maximum penalty that could be imposed on Darrow for conviction on all counts is thirty years' imprisonment and fines aggregating \$10,000. He is under \$20,000 bail.

## Burlington Items.

Mrs. Jno. Walker is visiting Robert Ferrell of Graham this week.

Miss A. Freeland of Graham will leave for New York this week to purchase her spring stock of millinery.

Mrs. C. R. Driver and son Master Raymond of Smithfield, N. C. are visiting her sister Mrs. C. G. Wilkinson this week.

Miss Lizzie Cheek spent Sunday with relatives in Gibsonville.

Misses Agnes Heritage, Cora Isley, Flossie and Margie Loy, Mattie Tompson, Helen and Jessie Heritage and Minnie Layton called on Misses Margaret and Nell Davis at the M. P. Parsonage Monday night.

Miss Eunice Snyder will leave for Baltimore today where she will spend some time learning the millinery trade. We wish Miss Snyder much success in her new work.

Mr. Earnest Wilkinson of Mebane spent part of last week with his brother Mr. C. G. Wilkinson.

## DOCTOR GOT VERDICT

### Sued Because He Left Instruments in Body After Operation.

Dr Emory Marvel was awarded the verdict by a jury in the \$25,000 damage suit brought against him by Mrs. John Folsom, wife of a Baptist clergyman of Maysville Landing N. J. She alleged that the surgeon left a pair of forceps in her body after the operation at his sanitarium in Atlanta City.

Prominent surgeons testified that it was not customary but quite usual for instruments to be left in the body after operation.

This is decidedly startling news. If people are likely through the thoughtlessness of a surgeon to have a lot of instruments sewed up in them, then they ought to know it, so they can have their friends standing around to watch out for such a contingency. The surgeon who says it is quite usual to sew up instruments in peoples bodies ought to be sit down as a monumental liar.

## THE PROSECUTION OF EXPRESS COMPANIS

### By an Examination of the Business of the Express Companies For One Day 'We Find More Than 3000 Overcharges'

Prosecution of express companies for overcharging shippers on the transportation of their goods is indicated by Commissioner Lane, at the express rate to be the intention of the interstate commerce commission.

W. A. Ryan, one of the investigators for the commission, presented in tabulated form the examination of one month's business of the Adams Express company, showing that \$67,000 in overcharges had been turned into the company's treasury. T. B. Harrison counsel for the company, explained what are known as "over-payments," and asserted that he would be able to show that not more than 20 per cent, of the \$67,000 actually remained in the company's treasury. He added that positive instructions were given by the company to all its representatives to make refunds on all discoverable over-charges.

### Pine Knot Items.

There were service at Walnut Grove Sunday morning by Rev. Ormond.

Mr. Jim Sharp are moving to his new home, also Mr. Arthur Wright is moving out to his self. It seems as if they like batching unless they mean to get them a cook.

Mr. W. A. Jordan went to Hillsboro Monday on business.

Mr. Walker Wilkerson gave a party to the young people of this community It was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. Henry McDade are still on the sick list we are sorry to say.

Surveyors for the new railroad from Durham to Danville are getting along fine. They were at the Sam Wilkerson old place Saturday.

Miss Anna McBroom returned from Virginia Saturday to spend a few weeks with her parents.

Misses Mary Whittaker and Gertrude Newman came home with Miss Fannie Jordan Friday from Hillsboro and returned Monday. We hope they will come again. Lonesome Loy.

Mr. L. A. Wilson from Roxboro are visiting Mr. George Smith.

Touch-me-not.

## DURHAM SUN SOLD.

### Bought in by Syndicate of Capitalists at a Low Figure.

The property, good will, and business of The Durham Sun Publishing Company were sold at public auction at the court house last week. The purchaser was R. O. Everett, representing a syndicate of local capitalists. The price paid was \$2,240.

If the sale is confirmed by the court, an entirely new company will be formed to take over the business of the company and conduct the business on a firm financial basis.

Among the bidders at the sale were: R. W. Haywood of Richmond, former owner of The Greensboro Telegram, O. F. Crowson of Burlington was also a bidder.

## Notable Anniversaries of 1912.

(From Leslie's Weekly.)

The year which we have just entered will bring notable centennials and semi-centennials of important events and births On June 18, 1812, Congress declared war against England. It was the last of the wars between us and that country. Committees have been appointed in the United States, England and Canada to arrange for the celebration of the hundred years of peace between those countries. Observances will take place in all of them. Some of these will come in 1912. The most important, however, will be in the latter part of 1914, for it was on December 24, 1814, that the treaty of peace was signed at Ghent, Belgium. The battle of New Orleans, in which Jackson overwhelmed Pakenham, took place on January 8, 1815, two weeks after the signing of the peace, but several weeks before the news of the signing reached here in the slow-moving sailing vessels of that day.

During 1912 will arrive the semi-centennials of many important battles of the Civil War. These include, among others, Grant's capture of Fort Henry on February 6 and Fort Donelson on February 16; the fight between the Monitor and the Merrimac, March 9; Shiloh and the death of the Confederate leader, Albert Sidney Johnston, April 6; the capture of New Orleans by Farragut and General Benjamin F. Butler, May 1; Fair Oaks, May 31; the seven days' battles, in June and July; the second Bull Run, August 29; South Mountain, September 14; Antietam, September 17, and Frederickburg, December 13.

## OIL LANDS WITHDRAWN FROM ENTRY.

Pending the enactment of legislation for properly disposing of oil and gas deposits on the public domain, and because it seems desirable to retain certain of these deposits for use as fuel by the American Navy, all public lands known or thought to contain valuable deposits of oil or gas are withdrawn from all forms of disposal.

During the fiscal year 1910-1911, on the recommendation of the United States Geological Survey 640,604 acres of possible oil land in California and Wyoming were withdrawn from entry, and 1,232,719 acres in the same States, shown by field examination to be non-oil lands, were restored. All oil lands in Alaska, comprising an unknown area were withdrawn during the year. In the early part of the year the outstanding withdrawals, which had been made by the Secretary of the Interior, were ratified, confirmed, and continued in full force and effect by the President under the act of June 25, 1910.

## Just Talking.

Leading republicans are convinced that the nomination of Roosevelt to a third term would bring disaster to their party. We are convinced that his election to another term would bring the end of constitutional government in this country. So we heartily join with our republican contemporaries in opposing his nomination, hoping should that misfortune occur, that they will make common cause with us in opposing his election. Hoping, but not believing. The Baltimore American indeed declares that: "Party lines would be disregarded to a large degree were the third-term principle to be made an issue, and that without regard to the wishes of that party managements as such." But should the improbable happen and Roosevelt be placed at the head of the ticket by the Chicago convention, the odds are a thousand to one that the next morning's American would be tooting its horn among the loudest for four more years of Teddy the irresponsible, the incomparable, the invincible.—Va. Pilot.

## MR. WATTS GIVES AGHIN

### Additional Endowment of \$100,000 to Hospital.

An addition of at least \$100,000 will be made to the endowment fund of the Watts Hospital by Mr. Geo. W. Watts, who has let the contract for the plans for a large apartment house, the rental from which is to be devoted to the fund for the maintenance of the hospital.

The new building to be erected by Mr. Watts is to be three stories in height, of pressed brick and stone and of beautiful architecture. Ten five-room apartments, making more than sixty rooms in all. Each of the five-room apartments will contain a kitchen, dining room, living room and two bed rooms, all furnished with gas and electric fixtures with a gas range in the kitchen. All of the rooms will be outside rooms and each apartment will be provided with a balcony. The entire building will be heated with steam, and will be modern in every respect.

## Insulted.

A strapping German with big beads of perspiration streaming down his face was darting in and out the aisles of a Philadelphia department store.

His excited actions attracted the attention of all the salespersons, and they hardly knew what to make of it. A hustling young man of the clothing department walked up to him and asked "Are you looking for something in men's clothing?" "No," he roared; "not men's clothing; vimmen's clothing. I can't find my wife!"—Technical World.

The Department of Agriculture reports that the number of sheep in the United States decreased a million and a quarter last year. This authoritative statement is respectfully directed to the attention of Senators Smoot, Penrose and their standpat colleagues in the upper chamber of Congress who insist upon constraining the encouragement and protection afforded the sheep raising industry as not the least of the many blessings of the Payne-Aldrich law.—Va. Pilot.

## Facts

"Let us get down to facts!" exclaimed Mr. Taft in his Columbus challenge to the Republican Progressive.

The facts are not difficult to find in so far as they relate to the Taft Administration and the self-styled Progressive Republicans.

The insurgent movement in the Republican party originated in a demand for tariff revision, and reached its culmination when Mr. Taft delivered his absurd Winona speech describing the Payne-Aldrich act as the best tariff ever enacted.

The insurgent movement is ending in a Roosevelt third-term boom. Most of the insurgents are identified either directly or indirectly with the Roosevelt candidacy. Some of them may profess to favor La Follette or Cummins, but all of them know that the defeat of Taft in the convention means Roosevelt's nomination.

So far as the tariff is concerned Roosevelt is as much of a stand-patter as Aldrich or Cannon. During all the years he was in the White House he never lifted a finger to bring about a reduction of the extortionate Dingley duties. He was the intimate political associate of Aldrich and Cannon and he played their tariff game.

Since the Payne-Aldrich bill was passed, Roosevelt has indorsed the Tariff Board scheme of revision, and in the New York State Convention at Saratoga in 1910, which he bossed, the platform declared that "advances in the cost of living are only the local reflection of a tendency that is worldwide and cannot be truthfully said to be due to the present tariff."

Could Cannon or Aldrich have said more?

In spite of all his blunders Taft has done more to reform the tariff than Roosevelt ever did. He has done more to enforce the Sherman Anti-Trust law than Roosevelt ever did. He has done more to curb Wall street and the corporations than Roosevelt ever did. He has done more to destroy the corrupt partnership between politics and Big Business than Roosevelt ever did. He has done more to purify the civil service than Roosevelt ever did. He has done more to strengthen and elevate the Federal judiciary than Roosevelt ever did. He has done more to encourage a sane, economical administration of government than Roosevelt ever did. He has been a better President and more truly progressive President than Roosevelt ever was. His record will more than bear comparison line by line, Roosevelt's record.—World.

## Three Tariff Triumphs for Labor.

William McKinley has been approvingly quoted in the House of Representatives within a week; "It must be conceded that the protective system has dignified, and elevated labor. We observe its triumphs on every hand."

The industries having most attention from the high-tariff policy are steel, wool and cotton manufacturing. The history of these tariff schedules will make up two-thirds of American tariff history. And we observe their triumphs in dignifying and elevating labor on every hand.

The triumphs are to be seen in Lawrence under the high cotton and woolen tariff, where whole regiments of soldiers are needed to keep order in a strike of operatives whose wages for adult men average \$9 a week, and less than \$6 when women and children are counted in.

The triumphs are to be seen under the high steel tariff, where nearly half the workers of the Steel Trust are compelled to labor seventy-two hours a week, as against less than fifty-six hours in the same industry of free-trade England.

The triumphs are to be seen in the country-wide agitation over the employment of children, whose dwarfing and stunting labor finds its great market in high-tariff industry.—N.Y. World

## An Aged Minister's Work

(Wilkesboro Patriot.)

Below we give some very remarkable facts from the life of a very extraordinary man, Rev. Samuel Smith Goforth, of Hunting Creek section. He has not hunted himself with doing one thing well but he has done many things well. He was born April 25, 1831, and up to December 31, 1911, the following account is given of himself:

He has made 170 coffins, married 368 couples, baptized 610 people, attended 540 burials, preached 488 funerals, helped ordain 32 deacons; ministers to come under his labor, 5; has served as pastor 46 years, helped to build three churches and is now 80 years old.

Shame on Georgia! With a record of 17 lynchings for 1911, and five for January 1912, the account becomes appalling. That state should spend less time in swapping governors and more in enforcement of law.

## The Leader Subscription Contest.

It is decidedly encouraging to note the interest exhibited so far in our subscription contest. The liberal display of magnificent, and valuable presents and premiums offered by us is creating a seven days wonder. Those who have known of our previous contest, remember that we have always done much more than we promised. We have given valuable rings, gold watches and even a handsome rubber tired buggy, in excess of what we have previously promised, and starting out as we do with such a grand display of premiums, it is essentially exciting deep interest.

Contestants should get right in the start, and then pull with all their might for the biggest premiums. Your chances are as bright to win as any ones. Don't argue that you can't, have courage and bravely say you will, and then work to win. To he who says he will the battle is half won. Let your friends know that you are in the race and in it to win and they will help you to win. It just as well be you as anyone to win the automobile, why not, it is with you to make it possible. We hope to have a splendid report from you before our next issue. Please get to work so we may have it. Send your collections to the Leader office as fast as you make them and we will mail you a receipt at once.

Read the large ad on fourth page, you will see how many votes for each subscriber you will be entitled too, With best wishes.