

# THE MEBANE LEADER.

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

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## PERSONALS AND LOCAL BRIEFS

### PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO.

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED BY OUR REPORTER

Mr. Archie Strayhorn spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

Mrs. Charlie Smith visited in Hillsboro last week.

Miss Ellie Boon spent Saturday night here with relatives.

Mrs. Tom Pettigrew went down to Durham Monday.

Mr. E. C. Turner of Hawfields was in Mebane Monday.

Sent in your letters from the rural routes, we want the local news.

Miss Susie Clark is visiting her sister Mrs. Sykes in Spencer this week.

Prof. Spiker of Bingham School spent the day Sunday in Elon College.

Mr. Charles Pickard of Greensboro spent Sunday in Mebane.

Mr. June Andrews of Durham spent Sunday in Mebane with friends.

Mrs. Tom Pettigrew visited relatives and friends in Caswell last week.

Mr. Ralph Vincent went to Graham and Burlington Tuesday.

Miss Lillian Bowling spent the day Monday with friends in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Merritt spent Saturday and Sunday with friends near Hillsboro.

Mr. J. W. Freeman of Gulf has accepted a position with the Mecca Drug Co.

Rev. J. D. Hufham will preach at the Baptist church the third Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M.

Mrs. M. B. Chamblee of Wakefield visited her daughter Mrs. F. L. White last week.

Dr. J. M. Wells of Shelby, who formerly practiced in Mebane spent several days here last week.

Miss Leonora Harris left last week for Concord, Charlotte and Rock Hill on a pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Slack and children spent the day Sunday in Greensboro with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Isley visited friends and relatives in the country Saturday and Sunday.

Mayor J. T. Shaw has been ill for the past several days, but is much better and is glad to learn.

Mrs. Lillie Crawford and daughter Ethleen of Hillsboro spent Sunday with Mrs. E. W. Wilkerson.

Telegraph reports say there was two hours hard work in the Legislature Monday. Two hours, oh well they are good time killers, that all.

Farmers wishing tobacco seed may be supplied as long as they last by applying at the Piedmont Warehouse.

Mr. L. G. Wilkerson of near Mebane went into the saw mill business near Effland with Mr. Joe Murry about the 15 of this month.

There is a special of remnants at H. E. Wilkerson store, also bargains in shoes. Don't fail to have your measure taken for a neat fitting, nice suit clothes on Feb. 14th and 15th.

Mr. M. G. Merchant of Washington is spending this week at the White House. Mr. Merchant is here to conduct Mr. W. T. Bobbitt's sale. He is a clever gentleman, and has made many friends.

Support home institution is the aim of every progressive town, and there is none more important than a good printing office. To give your job work to an out of town job office that is not interested in the success and development of your home town, is not the way to help your town forward. When you do not have a job office, or newspaper you felt, you would give them a support when you got one. Some business men realize the importance of supporting their home institution.

### The Height of Folly

The Raleigh Times thinks some people are taking the statement that the legislature would pass a bill to prohibit the manufacture, and sale of cigarettes entirely too serious. We have thought so all the time, and did not believe the subject worth discussing. Of course there are a good many foolish things the present Legislature is capable of doing, but this is not one of them. To suppose a body of pretended representative men at Raleigh was capable of destroying an hundred million dollars worth of North Carolina industries at one fell stroke in obedience to a frantical idea, was foolish. We thought a petition to the Legislature asking that they do not pass such a bill, was the height of folly.

### Smith-Warren

Mr. J. I. Smith of Orange County was married Sunday evening to Miss Mary Warren of Effland, Rfd. No. 1.

### Valentine Lunch Party,

The public is cordially invited to attend a Valentine lunch party at Chesnut Ridge School Friday night, Feb. 14th. Ladies please bring lunch for two.

### Valentine Party

The Ladies Aid Society of the M. E. church will give a Valentine party at the parsonage Friday evening Feb. 14 from 7 until 11.

Everybody cordially invited to come and bring your friends. A silver offering will be taken at the door for the benefit of the parsonage. Refreshments free.

### The Bridge Club

The Tuesday Evening Bridge Club met at the residence of Mrs. J. Mell Thompsons last Tuesday evening.

Among those present was; Misses Mary and Catherine White, Mrs. W. O. Warren, Mrs. J. S. Vincent, Miss Lenora Harris, Miss Scott of Graham and Miss Jennie Lasley.

### Mrs. Cleveland Married

Mrs. Francis Folsom Cleveland and Prof. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., were married at 1:30 Monday morning by Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton, at Prospect, the Hibben residence at Princeton. The utmost simplicity was observed in the recent illness of Professor Preston the wedding was private and no announcement cards were sent out.

### L. O. O. F. Officers,

New officers elected of Mebane Lodge No. 301 L. O. O. F. for year 1913.

A. F. Lambert N. G.  
J. S. Cheek V. G.  
Lacy M. Jobe Treas.  
T. M. Crutchfield Sec.  
J. Ed. Jobe F. Sec.  
J. T. Shaw Lodge Depty.  
A. M. Cook } Financial  
T. M. Crutchfield } Committee  
J. E. White }

### Local News,

Every person in a community ought to feel interested in helping to make the local columns of its home paper an important feature.

It should be a matter of community pride, and is so considered in many places.

The telephone connection, with the newspaper office makes it quite convenient. Wont you try and think of it and do what you can to inform the Editor of home happenings.

### Dr. Hufham: to Take Charge of the Baptist Church.

It will be gratifying news to our Baptist friends and the public in general to learn that Dr. J. D. Hufham has consented to become pastor of the Baptist church of Mebane. An able divine, a good man, he will be a source of much benefit to our community.

### Lady Minstrel.

Don't forget the LADIES MINSTREL to be played at the Graded School one night this month. The date will be announced in next week's Leader, so don't fail to look for it. We are working hard to make this show a great success, and we guarantee your full money's worth and more. We want everybody to come. Men, women and children, one and all have a cordial invitation.

(One of the Girls.)

### Death of Jack McCallum

Jack McCallum, a well respected colored man died at his home in Mebane on Wednesday evening of last week. Jack had been a Mebane institution for a long time, having spent 20 or 25 years of his 50 existence in Mebane. He was a butcher by trade. He was quiet, and peaceable colored man, and was thought well of.

### A Box Party

Miss Annie Ferguson gave a box party at her home Monday night Feb. 10th. The boys brought boxes containing refreshments. A girl was blindfolded and drew the boxes. The following parties were in attendance.

Misses Lottie Satterfield, Nannie Boon, Smithie Ham, Lois Ham, Clara Warren, Sudie Cook, Sophie Long, Pauline Nicholson and Mrs. Jack Smith.

Messrs. June Lewis, Herbert Jobe, Jesse Tingen, Charlie Dillard, Frank Warren, Glenn Scott, Earl Shaw, Wynn Compton, I. D. Ham and Talton Jobe.

### Death of Mrs. Newton Wilson.

Died after a lingering, and painful illness, Mrs. Newton Wilson. The complications indicated that dreadful, and mysterious disease pellagra. She passed from earth into rest on last Thursday night. Mrs. Wilson was the daughter of the late Anderson Wilson. She was married on November 29, 1883. She leaves a husband and two children, Parks and Fred, two of her children having preceded her to the other shore.

Mr. Parks Wilson was here from Austin Texas to attend his mother's funeral.

### Sale of Leaf Tobacco

The following is a sale of tobacco made at the Planters Warehouse one day last week by Mr. W. M. Ward of Carr, N. C.

|       |     |        |
|-------|-----|--------|
| 400   | 242 | 98.00  |
| 330   | 282 | 94.05  |
| 274   | 242 | 67.13  |
| 304   | 34  | 103.36 |
| 142   | 18  | 25.56  |
| 620   | 60  | 372.00 |
| 100   | 12  | 12.00  |
| 21.70 |     | 672.10 |

### Honor Roll.

The following is a list of the subscribers who have paid their subscription to the Leader since our last published list.

Miss Laura Thompson  
Mrs. Warren  
A. P. Corbett  
W. B. Strayhorn  
Henry Scott  
E. H. Wright  
Miss T. D. McAdams  
M. Shanklin  
Ralph Vincent  
E. P. Cheek  
Dr. J. D. Hufham.

### An Oyster Supper.

Contributed.  
A very attractively appointed Oyster Supper was given the young men of the "White House" Mebane last Friday night by the Misses Whites, and to say that it was enjoyed by those so fortunate to be there, would be putting it mildly, for to know the Misses Whites makes one fully acquainted with good hostesses.

Plates were laid for twenty and after supper the dining room was cleared and cards were played and jokes exchanged until at a late hour all said good night, and went to their respective quarters feeling that one was fortunate to be counted as friends of these two very noble hostess, may we add "Heres hoping" that they may live long and prosper.

"One who was there."

### A Six Months School Term.

There are strong appeals going up to Raleigh asking that provisions be made to continue the public school term to six months. No more important measure could be directed the attention of the general assembly. But what is the use. The State has sent a crowd to Raleigh that seem to be the plant tools of the legal profession. It to increase the number of offices and increase the salaries of those already holding offices, but the farmers out of whose pockets you propose to fish the greater per centage of taxes, you say let his children grow up in ignorance. Like the autocrat of Russia this will be your method for keeping up this infernal tyranny over the people. Educate the farmers and you will get a class in Raleigh that won't be a discredit to the State.

### List of Letters

Remaining unclaimed at this office in the week ending Feb. 18, 1913  
1 Letter for Miss Minnie Strain  
1 Letter for Miss Nance Murry  
1 Letter for Miss Chatta Mener  
1 Letter for Mrs. Kitty Cates  
1 Letter for Mrs. C. A. Shaw  
1 Letter for Mr. J. C. W. Clasp  
1 Letter for Mr. Gaston W. Meares.  
1 Letter for Mr. Daniel Wade Miller  
1 Letter for Mr. H. E. Mebane  
1 Letter for Mr. C. A. Bunker  
1 Letter for Mr. Collin Ruffin  
1 Letter for Lewis Vincent  
1 Letter for R. J. Walker  
1 Card for Fannie Parker  
1 Card for Mr. Walker Wagners  
1 Card Mr. Lewis A. Bullock.

These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Feb. 22 1913, if not called for before.

In calling for the above please say "Advertised" giving date of ad. list. Respectfully,  
S. Arthur White, P. M.

### MEBANE GRADED SCHOOL

#### Honor Roll For January

##### Attendance.

1st. Grade: Julia Long, Mary Allen Morgan, Lucile James, Atta Allen, Grace Cheek, Howard Hunt, Paul Fowler, Vernon Walker, Glenn Miles, Homer Fitch, Harry Farrell, Clay Christopher, Stacy Davis, Murray Nicholson, Arlington Wilson and James Stewart.

2nd. Grade: Effie Miles, Margie Allen, Jeter Burton, Ruth Crawford, Claude Bobbitt, Jack Long, Sallie Satterfield, Edgar Farrell, Robert Wilkinson, Ralph York and Murray Vincent.

3rd. Grade: Pink Royster, George Wicks, Alma Ferrington, Hughes Wilkinson, and Ralph Stewart.

4th. Grade: Bernice Fitch, Harilee Jobe, Theron Wilkerson, Thadco Smith and Estelle Hunt.

##### SCHOLARSHIP

Lower 5th. Grade: Sam Satterfield, Glenn Clark and Schley Lynch.

Higher 5th. Grade: Lottie Long and Pauline Lambeth.

6th. Grade: Sybil Walker.

7th. Grade: Helen Warren, Mary Rimmer and Lottie Satterfield.

8th. Grade: Haywo Jobe.

#### It Is Substituted for the Kenyson Measure

After an all day debate the senate late Monday evening passed what is known as the Webb bill, that prohibits the shipment of liquor from any other state into a dry state, or as expressed in the bill, "when intended to be received or sold in violation of the law of the state to which the shipment is made."

This bill already has passed the house. The debate in the senate was over a senate measure almost identical in terms but which contained an proviso that intoxicating liquor were subject to state laws of the crossing the line.

The house bill which absolutely prohibits the article from interstate commerce when destined to a dry state was substituted late in the day and agreed to without a roll call.

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The liquorists intended for personal use or for sacramental purposes are not within the law. They would be perhaps if any state made laws to include them but no state ever has and probably never will enact such a law.

#### Good Roads.

Many of the counties in Virginia are trying their credit to secure the wherewithal to provide themselves with improved highways, and there is good reason to believe that the time is not far distant when all the others will be following suit. This work of constructing good roads can not be prosecuted too vigorously, but it ought to go without saying that the work will not end with the construction. Highways, no matter how well and durably built, are subject to constant wear and tear and so can be kept in an approximately perfect state of preservation only by constant vigilance and promptness in repairing defects as fast as they develop. The Washington Post points out that the chief reason why France has the best system of public roads in the world is because of the splendid patrol system in force there. Every mile of national highway in the French Republic is covered by a patrolman, who immediately reports any rut or break that needs repair.—Va. Pilot.

#### It Is All Explained.

At this late day it should not be necessary to come to the aid of his lordship the ground hog every few days. Since Monday the weather has been clear and cold. This emboldens some to declare the little rascal "slipped up"—missed it. Once more we rise to remark that the under ground gentleman never has said we were to have rains and snows, sleets cyclones and hurricanes. When he dives back in his winter home after seeing his shadow on the second of February, he says to all the world that winter is not over. That's all. Keep quiet and watch him for forty days—no more, no less.—Greensboro Record.

#### Hillsboro Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams and Miss Maggie Williams of Durham spent Sunday with their father Mr. A. J. Williams.

Mr. Archie Strayhorn of Mebane spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

Miss Ida Lloyd of Durham spent Saturday night and Sunday in Hillsboro.

Mr. Davie Dunn of Mebane was in town Sunday.

Mr. Robert Graham spent Saturday night and Sunday in Durham with his son Mr. Hallie Graham.

Mrs. Charlie Smith of Mebane spent Friday night in town.

Mr. Nelson Wright and his sister Miss Maggie Wright spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Merritt of Mebane were in town Sunday.

Mr. Ed Scott of Cedar Grove spent Sunday night with his brother-in-law Mr. G. H. Dunn.

Mr. Clyde Laster is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Laster.

We are glad to note that Mrs. Ed Stewart who has been confined to her room for several weeks is getting some better, her friends will be glad to see her out again.

#### Mebane M. E. Church South.

Rev. F. B. Noblitt, Pastor.  
Walter Lynch, Supt. S. S.  
N. H. Walker, Assist. Supt.  
Preaching every 3rd Sunday at 11:00 A. M. and second Sunday night at 7:30 P. M.

Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 7:30 and a union prayer meeting ever Sunday after noon at 3:00 o'clock conducted by the young men of the town.

Sunday school every Sunday beginning at 9:45 a. m.

Everybody welcome to all these services.

#### MEBANE METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH.

Preaching each 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11 a. m. and every Sunday night, Sunday school 9:45. Prayer meeting Thursday night at 7:30.

W. E. Swain, Pastor.  
J. L. Amick, Supt. of Sunday School.  
The public cordially invited to all these services. Bring a friend with you.

## MR. WEBB'S BILL PASSES SENATE

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#### Good Humor

(From Milwaukee Journal.)  
Thackeray says, "Good humor may be said to be the very [best] article of dress one can wear in society." Good humor is a garment of home manufacture which everyone may weave after his own design in his own coloring and style. Whatever Dame Fashion's dictates may be, good humor is always in order. There is no one but meets with many little irritating things daily. If he gives way in vexation to each of these, he is always unhappy and communicating his unhappiness to others. But, meeting these small vexations cheerfully he finds a large part of them smoothed away, while those that remain are borne more easily if taken with good humor. "A good laugh is worth a hundred groans in any market." The man who is always kicking against pin pricks makes himself disliked. The good humored man is always a welcome member of society. People have enough ill humor and temptation to ill humor of their own. It is the man who can relieve this that they are glad to see and he is the man whose humor bubbles over and brings lightness instead of gloom.

#### Democrats Who Are Not Democrats.

When it comes to tariff plunder, the Democratic members of the Florida Citrus Exchange are of one mind with the Republican members of the California Citrus Exchange. They threaten that if under the new Administration they are deprived of a cornered market in this country they will bolt the Democratic party.

Soon we shall have other menaces of the same kind, and if th: Democrats prove true to their pledges we need not doubt that there will be some actual defections. Besides orange-and-lemon Democrats, there are sugar Democrats, iron-and-steel Democrats, zinc Democrats and Standard Oil Democrats. Every one of them will be enry when his own cherished graft is taken out of the tariff.

If these were all the Democrats the case would be pretty serious, but they are not. There are millions of Democrats who have no license from government to gouge their neighbors, and there are millions of Republicans who in a pinch will help them choke off the gluttons of both parties who have fattened so long at public expense.—New York World.

#### Direct Election is Proper Way.

With justifiable pride Senator Simmons has presented to the national body of which he is a member North Carolina's ratification of the proposed constitutional amendment to have the people elect United States senators, because North Carolina is the first state that has ratified the amendment. Having early opportunity after passage of the bill, the North Carolina legislature acted without hesitancy and put its stamp of approval on the matter. Good! And yet, on top of this action, some folks in Wilmington want the legislators of New Harover to make the very paradoxical move of taking the election of mayor of this city out of the hands of the people.—Wilmington Dispatch.

### The Responsibilities of a Physician

In the spring of 1896 there was a suit tried in London for slander that excited world wide attention. It was a suit against Dr. Kitson Playfair, a gynecologist. The suit was instituted by Mrs. James Kitson, wife of Sir James Kitson and resulted in an award of \$60,000 damage to the plaintiff. The verdict had far reaching results, in determining the responsibility of physicians who were accustomed to make flippant remarks about the diseases, or complaints from which their patient suffered.

The guilt or innocence of Mrs. Kitson cut no figure so far as public sentiment was concerned. While a physician under oath in a criminal court may possibly be excused for betraying professional confidences to serve some great end of justice, it is universally held by the press, in private discussion and indeed, was so intimated by Justice Hawkins, to leave to the discretion of a physician to reveal secrets about his patients would be to imperil the foundations of society. A patient's life often depends upon the absolute statement of every detail of his or her physical experience to the attending physician.

Besides the vast importance everywhere of the Judge's charge, practically to that effect, and of the jury's momentous verdict, the case has a particular interest for Americans in that the defendant's brother, Lord Playfair, the distinguished scientist and a Parliamentary leader, married Miss Edith Russell, of Boston.

#### Storm Clouds

Storm clouds over Central America with the single exception of Costa Rica, caused the United States to order four warships there.

Reports upon which this Government took action come from many quarters and, though in most cases they are somewhat vague and speculative, they are strongly of the general tenor—that it was no longer thought wise to permit American interests in Central America to remain exposed to any dangers.

In Salvador, where for a long period peace has prevailed, the attempted assassination last week of President Araujo by a band of conspirators, is believed to threaten trouble, although the President sent assurances to his Minister that the country was quiet.

From time to time have come rumors of rebellious movements in Honduras and unrest in Guatemala, while in New Orleans there are gathering soldiers of fortune and adherents of Zelaya, the deposed dictator, credited with sinister designs on the Government of President Diaz of Nicaragua.

#### Few Trained Teachers.

Not more than one in every five public school teachers in the United States are professionally trained to the extent of being a graduate of a teachers' training course, according to a bulletin on rural school teachers just issued by the United States bureau of education. In fact, A. C. Monahan and R. H. Whight, the authors of the bulletin, point out that this ratio represents only the highest possible estimate; that the actual conditions are even less favorable.

It is in the rural schools that the problem of securing competent teachers has been most acute. The attention of educational leaders has in the past been occupied by the rapid growing of the urban systems and the rural schools have been neglected. The trained teachers, themselves often the product of the country, have been attracted to the cities and towns by higher salaries and better prospects. There was formerly little inclination to appraise rural teaching at its full value, either in pay or position, and the better teachers left the country schools as soon as they gained experience.—Raleigh Times.

#### Senator Webb On Filibuster.

Senator Webb has joined in the democratic filibuster against the confirming of several hundred appointees of President Taft. In times past he had condemned in the presence of his "boys" a filibuster on general principles, hence he felt it incumbent upon him to explain his present position.

It is pointed out by Senator Webb that Taft is using the expiring members of his official career to pay political debts and to take care of republican "leme ducks." This was evident in the sweeping order placing some 40,000 fourth-class republican postmasters under civil service, or, in other words, giving them a life tenure of office unless they resigned or were dismissed for incompetency. The basis of civil service is a competitive examination, and the fact that no such examination was ordered proved the move to be purely an effort to save his partisans by an executive order.

No such effort to "hog the game" met with the approval of Senator Webb, who quickly came to the conclusion that a rebuke was due the President. In addition to the fourth-class postmaster lifeboat, Taft is now seeking to, at the very close of his term, appoint officials by the hundreds who will practically hold over during the entire first term of President Wilson. Many of these commissions expired long ago, doubtless, and were not renewed in some instances to extend the term of the original appointee far beyond eight years.

From present indications the filibuster will be a success. Taft can then lay the blame on the democrats for blocking his appointments, and the hungry faithful will have no kick on the chief executive.—Nashville Tennessean.

#### Appeal of the Afflicted.

It was Walter's first visit to church, and he tried hard to remember all the varied instructions he had received, such as not whispering, keeping his head bowed during the prayer, etc. But during the main petition of the service nature won a complete battle over memory and decorum. "Mother," shrieked the weary youngster, "when will it be time for me to straighten my neck? It's like to break if I don't do it soon!"

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