

Marriage Announcements

Mrs. M. B. Scott announces the engagement of her daughter, Margaret Graham Scott to Mr. John R. Ross of Thomasville, N. C. The marriage will take place in April at the old family home "Kalm Krest." No cards.

Mr. John Holmes and family moved to High Point Tuesday.

Miss Gertrude Chandler has quite a curiosity in a chicken with four legs.

Mr. W. G. Mebane who is interested in the Taraxacum Co., of Greensboro was here Monday.

Mrs. Frank Holt who has been ill at the Rex Hospital of Raleigh has so far recovered as to be expected home this week.

Spelling "B."

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church will conduct a lively Spelling "B" at the Masonic Hall above the Mebane Supply Co., on Friday evening February 27th, commencing at about 7:30 P. M.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend and have a good time. You need not spell if you do not care to, just enjoy the fun. The room will be warm and comfortable and a good time is in store for those attending.

A free silver offering will be received at the door. Salted peanuts and home made candy will be on sale.

Benefit Presbyterian Church.

Attention Farmers And Fruit Growers.

Mr. E. C. Turner, County Farm Demonstrator for Alamance County has secured from the N. C. Department of Agriculture the services of two practical demonstrators in spraying orchards. This is of special interest to the farmers of Alamance and Orange Counties and every one who possibly can should come.

Remember the time and place: Thursday March 5th, at 1 o'clock p. m. on the J. T. Dick place one mile South of Mebane.

Come and tell your friends to come.

Yours truly,

W. S. Crawford.

Seed Fakirs.

(From The Sanford Express.)
Fake seed peddlers are said to be operating in North Carolina among the farmers, offering to sell them ordinary seed at fancy prices for Spring and Fall planting on the representation of miraculous yields. They have no license to carry on this nefarious business, and let our farmers beware of them.

Let The Government Own Them.

The most amazing statement recently made by a multimillionaire is that attributed to Daniel Guggenheim, president of the American Smelting and Refining Company, who declares that the United States government should own all railroads and telegraph and telephone lines. Mr. Guggenheim says the success of the parcel post has converted him to the belief that the United States government could operate our railroads, telegraph and telephone lines better than they are operated at present.

Hillsboro Items.

Mr. William Stafford went to Durham Sunday.

Miss Anna Sykes spent Sunday in Durham visiting relatives.

Miss Louise Thomas who is teaching at Mount Moriah, spent last week in Hillsboro.

Mr. Paul Wilson and Miss Eva Chisnell were married Sunday.

Miss Annie Wilson of Sly, who has been attending the Hillsboro High School, returned to her home Sunday on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Brown of Efland accompanied by Mr. Browns father and mother, spent Sunday in Hillsboro.

Mr. Frank Lechney and Miss Maggie Pearson were united in marriage Sunday.

The funeral services of the late Mr. Overseer father of Mr. George Overseer, were conducted at the Episcopal Church here, Sunday afternoon at two thirty o'clock, interment being made in the church yard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McDade left Sunday for Durham.

Mr. John Cates was in Hillsboro Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Hal Parrish was in town last week, where he was called to the bed side of his father Mr. H. L. Parrish, who has been very ill.

Mr. W. Crutchfield of Efland, attended services at the Hillsboro Presbyterian church, last Thursday night.

Funny Little Tyke.

Marjorie, aged 5, had been given some chocolates of various sizes. Picking up a little one, she said: This is a baby chocolate, and a large one: "This is a mamma chocolate." She then swallowed the little one, and letting the larger chocolate to her mouth to eat that also, she said, "Don't cry, baby, your mamma is a-zomin'." - Boston Transcript.

Carries No Weight

Joe Cannon's testimony that he sees no rainbow carries no weight. He also says he does not know what his political future is going to be, when every other man sees a big old "O" inevitably and everlastingly staring "Uncle Joe" right in the physiognomy. - Wilmington Dispatch.

Silk Mill at Kinston Has All Negro Employees And Conditions Are Ideal.

One experiment in Kinston with negro labor tends to disprove the claim of the race's shiftlessness advanced by employers in this vicinity when they imported foreigners to take the places of native blacks. A silk mill in northeast Kinston which previously had had a rather turbulent career is being profitably conducted with negro management and operatives, and is said to be a model manufactory. T. W. Thurston, a negro preacher, is at the head of the enterprise which is locally owned, and the 83 men, women and children employed are all negroes. No lint very little noise and excellent light is noticeable in this competently conducted plant, and efficiency is attested by the output. Thurston is a silk expert. The labor is well-paid and the operatives say working conditions are nearly ideal.

Killed By Carelessness.

Atlanta Journal.
In recording the pathetic fact that in the United States 300,000 babies less than a year old died last year, Miss Julia Lathrop, chief of the federal bureau of child welfare, observes that half the number would doubtless be living had due heed been given simple laws of hygiene and sanitation. Ignorance and neglect, rather baffling disease, are chargeable with the greater part of infant mortality; and to a marked degree, the community is responsible. Impure milk leads to thousands of deaths among babies. This is a peril which any city can virtually eliminate by a thoroughgoing ordinance supported with a careful system of inspection. Wherever such measures have been taken, the infant death rate has steadily declined. Failure to provide such a safeguard is a municipal crime.

Sanitation in general is a public matter. It concerns all the people all the time, and demands the keenest energy of government. It can not be left to individual interest, if the community is to be protected. That is true not only of milk and food supply but also of housing conditions. The city that suffers any element of its population to be quartered in grime and misery, puts the health of all in jeopardy and keeps its death rate high. One hundred and fifty thousand preventable deaths in a twelvemonth! A hundred and fifty thousand baby lives put out through carelessness of simple hygienic or sanitary laws! The record challenges earnest thought on the part of governments, city, State and national. A great deal has been accomplished in the reduction of infant mortality in recent years. Conditions are incomparably better than a decade ago. But a vast deal more remains to be done, and communities no less than individuals must face the responsibility.

Those Food Questions.

The stage drivers in Yellowstone park are bothered considerably by the foolish questions asked by their passengers, and often resort to satirical answers. Once a woman tourist who seemed deeply interested in the hot springs inquired: "Driver, do these springs freeze over in winter?" "Oh, yes, yes; a lady was skating here last winter and broke through and got her foot scalded." - Everybody's Magazine.

List of Letters Advertised.

For the week ending Feb. 21 1914.
1 Letter for Mrs. M. A. Peace
1 " " Mrs. Delio Jones
1 " " Mr. McUnderhill
1 " " Mr. Will Sloan
1 " " Mr. Robbie Roberts.
These letters will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Mar. 7 1914. If not called for. In calling please give date of list.
Respt.
J. T. Dick, P. M.
Mebane, N. C.

Thirteen Hundred Men, Women and Children Slain.

Thirteen hundred men, women and children were massacred by the bandits led by "White Wolf" when they sacked Luan-Chow, province of Ngan-Hwei, China, on January 29. On that occasion they murdered Father Rich, a French Jesuit missionary, and captured and held two other foreigners for ransom.

An army of 25,000 Chinese troops is now converging on White Wolf's strongly entrenched position in the vicinity of Cheng Yang-Kwan, further to the north in the same province. "White Wolf" has a force of 6,000 bandits, half of whom are armed with modern rifles.

The opinion is expressed that unless the opportunity is seized of exterminating "White Wolf" and his followers they will form another rebellion. Government troops, however, show a strong disinclination to get close quarters with the bandits.

There are 10 times as many preachers in the State of Iowa as in South America. At the recent Student Volunteer Convention Bishop Kousogi said that in South America only two per cent of students confess allegiance to any religion, and 80 per cent of the people are illiterate.

Four cents a week from Protestant Church members will net \$50,000,000 needed for foreign missions this year.

Seventy-one millions of people dwell in Latin America, which includes Mexico, the countries of South America and Central America, Cuba, Porto Rico and Philippine Islands.

In the 12 or more Christian schools throughout Persia are fully 1,000 boys and girls from Moslem families who are being brought directly under the influence of Christian training.

Endorsement.

Dear Editor:-
Please accept my sincere approval of your editorial in last week's Leader on Evelyn Thaw and the Ministerial Union. Your criticism is exactly just, but in behalf of the ministers it may be said that they realize if they expose the sins of their own flocks, especially the influential and wealthy members, they might lose their positions, and of course they adjust their consciences to the most reasonable attitude and appear ignorant of existing conditions. Their reason for their attack on the outside but no less flagrant sinner, is they feel obliged to practice their religious teachings and receive their congregations assurances for their insistence of good moral influences.

The subject is too lengthy for further discussion at this writing but in closing I may say that the true religion of Jesus Christ is primarily misunderstood.

Reader.

Italy In Tripoli

(Manchester Union)
What with the Balkan war and the complications in Mexico, few Americans have found time to give any thought to the progress of affairs in Tripoli under the gradual extension of Italian rule. Yet there has been progress of the most practical and satisfactory sort. The Italians are still in Tripoli, and they have advanced 600 miles into the interior. Not only this, but they have found means to induce the Mohammedans to join the recruited force of the Italian invaders. This is, in essentials, the triumph of Italy. The Tripolitan pest holes have been changed to health resorts. That in itself is a splendid triumph of science and of government. But it is not, after all, the essential thing. That is that the Mohammedan population of Tripoli should be made to feel that they are to be recognized as a part of the new territory, the Italian territory, in Tripoli. The Mohammedan may worship as he pleases, may turn toward Mecca or any other part of the world in his prayers, so long as he recognizes the obvious fact that the government of Italy has established itself on the southern side of the Mediterranean, some 24 hours' sail away.

It is almost 100 years since Americans began Christian work in India, China and other foreign fields. Up to the present time the total membership of all Protestant Churches in those fields is 1,366,551. There are many more adherents, the Christian population reaching 5,000,000 to 7,000,000. There are 1,044,000 children in all Sabbath schools, and 378,000 children in the day schools. The number of American missionaries at work in all of these foreign fields is 10,000, with 48,000 native workers.

THREE BANDITS HELD UP TRAIN

Got \$100,000 in Cash.

Three bandits held up and robbed Queen and Crescent train No. 7 a few miles north of Birmingham last Friday night and escaped with more than \$100,000.

Loaded with passengers en route to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans the flyer was jerked to a sudden stop when the engineer heard the command, "Throw up your hands," and turned to look into the muzzle of a revolver.

The engine and mail car were detached from the rest of the train and run down the track about a mile while two of the masked men coolly arranged the registered mail so as to make their get away. The long line of Pullmans were deserted for more than an hour. In the wild rush of the locomotive to the suburbs of that city where the bandits got off A. A. Merville, chief clerk of the postal car, was stabbed in the shoulder during a scuffle.

Good Rules for Right Living.

Gentleness and cheerfulness, these come before all morality—they are the perfect duties. If your morals make you dreary, depend upon it they are wrong. I do not say "give them up," for they may be all you have; but conceal them, like a vice, lest they should spoil the lives of better men. - Robert Louis Stevenson.

Gore's Vindication.

We do not know whether Senator Gore has been able to prove to the jury beyond a reasonable doubt that he is whiter than snow, but then we imagine that few of the jurymen would themselves undertake to set up an absolute immaculateness. It has been well established that the bunch of political conspirators who sought to effect the ruin of the blind senator are not the sort of people to go around pointing out transgressions that may be classed, in comparison, as minor sins. - Greensboro News.

Worth Knowing

Out of every \$100 received by the railroads, \$40.80 is paid to the employees thereof; out of every \$100 paid for expenses, \$62 goes as wages. If it is considered that practically all of the remaining \$38 of expenses is used in purchasing material and supplies, and that a large percentage of the cost of these represents wages, it is safe to estimate that not less than 80 per cent of the expenses of the railroads is money paid directly or indirectly to labor.

Boy Nature.

Bishop Olmsted was talking about boy nature. "Boy nature," he said, "shows itself in numberless ways. I once said to a little boy: "Do you know the parables, my child?" "Yes, sir," he replied. "And which of the parables," said I "do you like the best?" "I like the one," he answered, after a moment's thought, "where somebody loafs and fishes." - New Orleans States.

Virginia's Battle Against Liquor.

The Virginia legislature, after a hard struggle, has passed an enabling act providing for an election for voting on state-wide prohibition.

Here are briefly the provisions of the measure:

The election is to take place on the fourth Tuesday in September, 1914, the ballot for which will read "For State-wide Prohibition" and "Against State-wide Prohibition."

The electorate will be the voters qualified for the general election held in November, 1913 and those who qualify for the spring election in June, 1914.

The election is to be called by Governor Stuart upon receipt of petitions bearing the names of 25 per cent of the qualified voters of the state. In event the majority of the votes cast are for "state-wide prohibition" the act becomes effective November 1 1916.

Under the terms of the measure, beer, wine and cider may be manufactured provided it contains less than 3 1-2 per cent of alcohol, and provided it is shipped outside the state and not into "dry territory." - Nashville Tennessean

The watching and waiting policy of the U. S. Government in regard to what to do in a Mexican contingency has lost much of its interest. It is the impression in some quarters that the Secretary of State is more carefully watching his chances to succeed Mr. Wilson than he is Mexican affairs.

NONSENSICAL HYSTERIA.

White Slave Agitation Certainly Has Gone The Limit.

We are accustomed to those periodical spasms of virtuous indignation on the part of the public which experience teaches us are soon spent and of which the present white slave agitation is an instance, comments the Detroit Free Press, editorially. A wireless S O S appears to have flashed over the country, leaving a species of hysteria in its wake. A number of foolish things have been said and done and apparently the end is not yet. Some of the "warnings" thrust upon us convey the impression that any man who offers a slight courtesy to a woman to whom he has not been properly introduced, is actuated by an unworthy motive. A man hardly dare resign his seat in a car to a woman unless she is old enough to be his mother or lift his hat in acknowledgment of her thanks without being thought "fresh."

A girl who is dissatisfied with her home leaves it without mentioning her intention. Instantly the white slaver is suspected. In a few days she is located with a friend or in a new situation. Mrs. Billington-Greig, a well-known social worker, has investigated many cases of alleged abduction without discovering a single instance in which a girl was entrapped against her will. The world is full of vain, greedy, lazy, semi-vicious girls who are as truly and as often a cause of ruin to them and white slave traders may easily get their recruits from among them. Romances of the "My Little Sister" type have excited the public, but the stories of the abduction of well-bred, refined girls "on the next street" are to be taken cum grano salla. The real danger girls invite is that of being mistaken for the unclassed and adventurous because of their mode of dress. It is sad to see a girl who might be pretty so calumined as to countenance, so frowzy of hair and so indelicately bare of neck that she looks as if she had strayed from the regions of red lights. But when she gets too old to spank, what can father and mother do? - Exchange.

Dorothy Dix says man demands of the woman his loves: "She must be a fool, a sage, a lover, a prude, a cook, a laity, a parlor ornament and a kitchen utensil." Comment reserved until it can be definitely ascertained whether or not Dorothy speaks from personal experience.

Potato Egg Balls.

Hard boil six many eggs as are desired. Remove shells, cut lengthwise, remove yolks, mash and add salt, pepper, bit of mustard, melted butter or cream, and fill into the white again, and press the halves together. Heavily coat eggs with potatoes prepared as follows: Mash, add beaten egg (or eggs), season and add enough flour to bind properly. Bake in well-greased pan until a nice brown. Nice served with greens.

The Garden Club.

(Charlotte Observer.)
The corn clubs and the canning clubs have received an impetus that will carry them along with an ever increasing degree of success, and the next thing that should be introduced is the garden club. This is of course work for women and children and it does not mean necessarily work in the garden alone. These clubs are being organized in the schools in many cities and one of the objects is the elimination of the unattractive conditions proverbially prevailing in vacant lots and back lots. In cities where the garden clubs operated last summer, vacant lots, lawns and park strips were cultivated and made attractive with grass and flowers, school teachers as a general thing, having volunteered as leaders in the work.

Karl Kitchen, who is just back from Europe, says that while he was in Paris, Jack Johnson, the pugilist, visited the tomb of Napoleon. Johnson gazed thoughtfully down on the great sarcophagus for a few moments and then remarked: "Yes, sah, he, too, was a great conqueror."

Rising to Task

(New York Herald)
This was a good day's work. Members of the house showed that they were able to lay aside partisanship and rise equal to a problem, which in no sense is one of party politics. The defeat of these amendments insures to the President a free hand in the diplomatic negotiations with Japan. It goes further, for the overwhelming vote against the Baker amendment is the best of evidence to Japanese that the people of the United States are not in sympathy with these Pacific coast agitators.

Ross-Scott

It will be seen by an announcement elsewhere where that Miss Margaret Graham Scott of Mebane, N. C. will be married to Mr. John Ross of Thomasville, N. C., some time during the month of April. Miss Scott is a young lady of exceptional fine qualities of head and heart, who numbers her friends with her acquaintances, an ideal young lady. Mr. Ross of Thomasville is an excellent business man who stands high among those who know him. We can only predict what the fates have decreed the union of two young people rarely endowed, and splendidly favored.

Efland Items

Mr. W. H. Booth, operator, went to Raleigh last Wednesday on a short visit to relatives.

Miss Maie Richmond spent last Thursday night with her friend Miss Annie Murray.

Miss Bessie Batty spent last Saturday afternoon in Efland with friends.

Mr. John Clayton went home Sunday to visit his parents near Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Mary Thompson and Son Mr. Low Thompson visited Mrs. Thompson relatives near the X Roads neighborhood Sunday.

Miss Minnie Murray spent Wednesday night with her cousin Miss Lettie Thompson.

Mrs. Vesta Thompson spent last Saturday afternoon with her friend Mrs. J. B. Baily.

Mr. Robah Teer of Hillsboro called at Mr. Thomas Tapps last Sunday afternoon. There seems to be some "attraction" up this way for Mr. Teer.

Mr. Jack Baily who is employed on the Good Roads spent a few days at home last week-end.

Miss Maude Brown went up to Burlington Saturday night to visit friends.

In Memoriam

Thursday morning February 12 1914 as the hour of dawn approached and all nature reposed in quietness, and a solemn hush fell over all. The spirit of William R. Thompson winged its flight back to the God who gave it. He was surrounded by a wife, daughter, sons, and other loved ones who bade the "Grim Monster" flee away and the comforting Angel come.

Mr. Thompson had been in declining health several years and had been confined to his room three months. He suffered most intensely, but bore his suffering patiently and calmly waited for the end, which he realized was not far distant. He was perfectly resigned and ready to die.

Mr. Thompson was a man that always had a kind word and a warm hand clasp for each and every one, and was well liked by all who knew him. He is survived by his second wife one daughter and six sons who were with him during his sickness and faithfully and tenderly watched by his bed side and patiently cared for him and attended his every want until God called him home. Mr. Thompson was in his seventieth year, and besides his wife, daughter and sons he is survived by an aged sister and a host of other relatives and friends who all mourn the loss of a dear one.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Roland Stubbins in the M. P. Church (of which he was a member) at Efland Friday at 12 o'clock, and as the snow flakes silently drifted down his remains were laid to rest in the cold dark tomb by the side of his wife gone before him.

"The dear father has been laid In the peaceful grave's embrace But thy memory will be cherished Until we meet thee face to face. A Friend.

Wood Wanted

We have subscribers who are behind on their subscription who might bring us some wood, for the present we will be glad to have several loads. Please bring us the wood.

For Sale

One five horse power Peerless gasoline engine, bran new. To a quick buyer will sell at a big sacrifice. Apply to A. M. COOK, Mebane, N. C.

The Single-Barreled Man.

The ruling of Attorney General McReynolds that an official in the service of the federal government has no right to be riding about on a pass which he may hold as a railroad servant, or to hold office under a railroad is in line with the equities of the case. When a man accepts an office under the government he comes under the literal injunction about serving two masters. Uncle Sam thinks a man should be satisfied with one office. When he employs an official he employs him for his whole time and is in the habit of demanding it. The single-office ruling is not born of selfishness, but with an eye to efficiency of service. - Charlotte Observer.

Beef at Five Cents

(Knoxville Sentinel.)
Chief Rommel, of the United States bureau of animal husbandry, says the south can produce beef at five cents a pound or less. With prime cattle selling on the hoof for nearly ten cents a pound the invitation to southern farmers to breed beef cattle would seem to be sufficiently pressing.

As She Goes Marching on.

At a railway station platform in London the other day a woman of 24 advanced upon an aged, feeble man and beat him with a dog whip. The man was walking along with his wife. The assailant approached from behind and her weapon was so heavy and her arm so sure that at the first blow the old man fell to the ground.

The assault was political. The woman did not know the man; in fact, she mistook him for another. The political organization with which this thug-woman is affiliated were "jubilent" when news of the affair reached them. One of the leaders declared the act to be "magnificent."

It was not an isolated affair—merely an item. We are living, we are moving, in a most eventful time, as the starry goddess of reform goes marching on. The day of the ideal must surely be just beyond the horizon. - Greensboro News.

A Question of Men.

The time of year has arrived when one hears the voter say he has voted for a lawyer to go to the legislature his last time yet when the election draws near he walks up and votes for the nominee. The question has two sides to it, if not more. Too many lawyers or too many laymen spoil the broth. It is not a question of profession, but of men. The right kind of men should be sent to the general assembly, whether they are lawyers or farmers. - Greensboro Record.

What Farmers Did

Up in Chatfield, Minn, says an exchange a group of progressive farmers did so well with a co-operative creamery that when \$2,000 of dividends had been accumulated, instead of "blowing" or banking the money they decided to do something for the benefit of the women.

They knew the women had helped a lot to make the dairy a success and they wanted to show their appreciation in the way they liked best.

So they voted to build an addition to the creamery and put in the fixtures for a first class steam laundry. Today this "co-op" wash house does over 5,000 family washings a week at an average cost of 85 cents, while Ma sits in the parlor and reads the magazines. Winston Sentinel.

A Stock Boom on Booze.

(Washington Post.)
Herace White of New York, who was chairman of the Hughes commission and investigated the stock exchange of that strite a few years ago, yesterday denied before the senate committee on banking and currency, that there exists at present stock manipulation as that term ordinarily is used.

"Manipulation of stocks in the sense that word is used," said Mr. White "is very rare." He created something of a commotion when he declared that the boom some time ago in Rock Island was due, not to premeditated manipulation but to the drunkenness of a great New York financier.

"One of the richest men in New York," said Mr. White, "went to a banquet one night and got drunk. While in that condition he met and ordered his broker to buy 40,000 shares of Rock Island. This was done. The stock went up 50 points and then fell back. The man furnished the money himself without borrowing a cent and he still has that stock."

The Luck of The Sea

New York Tribune.
If any one is inclined to wonder at the fatalism which inhabits seafaring folk, the lot of the Fabre liner Roma might be cited as an item in explanation. Here a ship with over 600 men, women and children aboard, strike bottom on a forlorn coast in blizzard weather. The chances of sudden destruction are too ugly and numerous to mention. Yet by a sudden shift in the wind and with every hazard favoring, the ship pulls free and makes port with hardly a scum started. Such an utterly providential escape from the jaws of disaster is anything but frequent at sea. Day by day, sailormen come and go just such occasions where the last ingenuity of man is a rope flapping in the wind and the lig hand of the sea crushes as it wills. When the perfect bulkhead has been built above an impenetrable double bottom in a ship armed with the last inflexible contraptions, the luck of the sea will still remain the master of us all.