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And Right The Day Must Win, To Doubt Would be Disloyalty To Falter Would be Sin.

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LIGHTS FOR MEBANE HER STREETS BRILLI- ANTLY LIT UP.

Monday night there was an event in Mebane of unusual interest, a fact, that will be interwoven in the towns history. It was the turning on the electric light, converting a dark town, a seeming dead town, after dark, into a town of light, and life, into a town of progress, and wearing all the semblance of prosperity.

Not quite a year ago the town commissioners of Mebane made a contract with the Piedmont Railway and Electric Co. to furnish lights to Mebane. The contract called for lights in the early Fall, but unsurmountable obstacles delayed the work from time to time until Monday night May 11th, 1914.

The Leader from the earliest days of its publication persistently urged the necessity of street lights, it continued to urge them until the town was given the promise of them. But the Leader did not do it all, some good citizens gave the force of their influence to the necessity of street lights, and among them none was so active as Mr. W. E. White, a gentleman, we are glad to say will always be found aiding and urging in what is best for Mebane. This statement is made because it is true, and deserved.

In view of the fact that an unusual thing was to be done in the turning on the lights Monday night, that we should do something, and so that progressive little five wire Mrs. C. J. Kee went out among our business men and soon had pledged a sum sufficient to secure a band. The leader of the Oneida Band of Graham was phoned to and arrangement made with them to furnish the music. The boys came and they treated us all right. It was a nice gentlemanly set, and they made good music which was appreciated.

In an intermission between some of the music played, Mayor Walter S. Crawford was called on for a little speech, and responded in his usual happy style, after which Mr. June Harden of Graham was called upon, and made an interesting little talk upon the good things Mebane has and may get. Mr. W. E. White was called upon, but presume Mr. White was not in tune.

Large credit is due Mr. George Woodworth for the persistent, and earnest pushing of the mechanical work and wiring that eventually gave to us the lights.

We are told that the plant brings to us 5000 horse power of current that can be utilized at once, the safest and cheapest power possible. The putting in the electric for furnishing current is a great step onward and upward. It is hard to appreciate and properly value what it all means to Mebane. It is the sesame of progress, and prosperity, it means a bigger and better town, it means all that we could ask for.

List of Letters

Advertised for week ending May 8 1914.
1 Letter for Mrs. Mame Love.
1 Letter for Mr. Ducan McClellan
1 Letter for Mr. Will Oleny
1 Letter for Mr. B. Walker.
These letters if not called for will be sent to Dead Letter office May 23, 1914.

Respectfully,
J. T. Dick, P. M., Mebane, N. C.

ANOTHER CLEAN UP DAY A CALL TO EVERYBODY.

I, W. S. Crawford, Mayor encouraged by the splendid rally of April 2, and by the continued support of the ladies of the Civic League and many others, do hereby set aside Thursday May 14, as Clean up Day. Let everybody respond freely. There is a program elsewhere, look it up, and encourage the authorities and the Civic League by doing everything you can to make the down-town section clean and presentable. Also look to your own premises. The health officer is liable to come to inspect at any time, be ready to show him that you are not threatening the health of the whole community by your neglect. Fight all breeding places of flies and mosquitoes. Leave nothing filthy for flies to settle on or to hatch in. Your baby may be the first to be buried as a penalty for your neglect.

With our splendid lights, and better streets coming, with public squares in grass, and beautiful flowers being planted everywhere, we wish to pull off our hats and salute everybody who is helping to make this town not only the "Biggest little town on the Southern Railway" but the cleanest and prettiest town in the whole county. We can do it. We are doing it by responding to the unselfish efforts of the Civic League.

W. S. Crawford,
Mayor.

The Good Men

The men that felt that they were indebted to the Leader, and kindly paid for it. The good and true men who will do to bank upon. The following parties have paid their subscription since our last announcement.

S. L. Ray
Lambert Hargis
L. G. Wilkerson
Thomas Jeffreys
C. H. Haynes
W. P. Donnell
J. S. Cheek
P. L. Cooper
Mrs. M. A. Malone
G. H. Adams
J. V. Jones
F. M. Snipes
J. M. Workman
G. E. Newman
J. W. Simmons.
H. C. Smith.

Quarterly Conference.

The second quarterly conference of North Alamance charge for this year will be held at the Mebane M. E. church Saturday May 16th at 5-50 P. M. This will be Rev. H. M. North's first visit at Mebane as presiding Elder. He will also preach in the M. E. church on Sunday following, at 11 o'clock, the sermon will be followed by the Lords Supper. Rev. Mr. North is one of the foremost men in the Methodist church in point of ability. It is hoped that he will have a fair day and good size congregation.

Protracted Meeting

There is an interesting protracted meeting now being conducted in the M. P. church. Rev. Mr. Whitaker took charge of this meeting at the Monday night services. So far the meetings are well attended, and promises much. Rev. Mr. Swain feels very hopeful about the meetings.

Civic Beauty

(Clarksville Leaf Chronicle.)
Many towns have increased their taxable property by the simple and inexpensive expedient of cleaning out unsightly buildings around the railroad station and planting trees and shrubbery. Thus beauty has its distinct commercial value. A street with trees and flowers makes every house more salable at higher prices. Other things being equal, prospective residents will pay more money to live in a town where a consistent attempt is made toward beautifying the place.

Efland Items.

Mrs. Tom Squires from near Mebane visited her brother Mr. John B. Baity and family last Sunday.

Little Miss Lucile Rivins of Hillsboro is spending some time with her grand parents Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown in Efland

T. R. Fitzpatrick of Raleigh spent Saturday night and Sunday at home with his family and returned to his work Sunday night

Mr. Rober Teer of Hillsboro and Miss Peal Tapp, also Mr. Robert Sharpe and Miss Wellie Strowd attended Jethro Almond Show last Wednesday night at West Hillsboro

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson of Mebane visited Mrs. Thompsons brother Mr. Robert Sharpe and family last Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Longwell Jr. of Danyille, Va., spent last week with their aunts Mrs. C. L. Smith and Mrs. D. Johnson

Mr. John Miller and son Master Claud from near Mebane spent Sunday with his sister Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

What seems to be the greatest excitement now is the awful wreck which occurred about two miles east of Efland and one hundred yards West of West Eno Bridge about 10:30 o'clock Friday night last. There was no traffic from the time the wreck happened until 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening. There was piled up in every direction and shape twenty three loaded box cars, also oil tanks and coal cars etc, and about fifty yards of track torn up. But the saddest part was those poor unfortunate boys that were stealing a ride that lost their lives, poor boys they were hurled into eternity without a moments warning, and the awful groans and anguish of the ones that were not killed that were pinioned under the car loads of lumber was heart rending to hear. Two were killed outright and four badly crippled, one has died since which makes three killed and one escaped unharmed which is a miracle, and report says there is yet one missing as there were said to be eight on the train. Poor boys were out for a good time and had no thought of death. Our heart aches for the heart broken mothers of those boys that were returned to them mangled corpses. It surely should be a great warning to all boys who heat rides on freight trains. The writer viewed the brain of one of the dead boys also his hat and another cap and necktie, and their lives blood which dyed the lumber that crushed and mangled their bodies. It is estimated that more than two thousand people visited the wreck Saturday and Sunday. It was an awful destruction of goods besides the horrible deaths of the boys and the crippled ones. Dr. Morefield was called from Hillsboro to dress the wounds of the crippled ones. We learn that the dead ones names are; Griffin and Stevens of Graham and Prince of Haw River. We did not learn all the names of the wounded ones nor the one that escaped unhurt. The train men all escaped uninjured.

Mr. Milton Smith Section Boss from Mebane met with a very bad accident while helping superintend the moving of the debris at the wreck Monday, a piece of timber fell across his lower limbs almost crushing the bones. Dr. Thompson of Mebane was called down on the 11 o'clock train and dressed the wounds.

Mr. Low Thompson went down to Raleigh Saturday to spend the day with his wife who is still in the Rex Hospital.

Little Gilbert Smith who has been very ill from a wound on his hand caused by a cat bite is reported better.

Mr. Robert Sharpe, Sr., who has been on the sick list for some time does not improve.

Well Mr. Editor we think most every body in the State and lots of others visited the awful wreck Saturday and Sunday. The wrecking train crew has been there at work three days and it looks like it will take a long time to remove all the wreckage. We heard a R. R. man say he had been at work on the railroad for seventeen years and that was the worst wreck he ever seen.

Sewing Wanted

Mrs. S. H. Walker has opened up a sewing department over A. P. Long's store. Work guaranteed.

"Science," says a contemporary, "reveals the fact that women are generally knock-kneed," thereby robbing the slit skirt and hobble of their just dues.

HISTORY IS FILLED WITH THE HORRORS

Score of Towns Have Been Destroyed and Hundred of Thousands Killed.

Etna, which was the "mountain of fire" of the Saracens, is a volcano in the northeast of Sicily, near the coast, and within a short distance of Catania. The base of the mountain covers an area of almost ninety miles in circumference. It is nearly encircled by the rivers Alcantera and Simeto, the sea marking its limits on the east.

History records about eighty eruptions of this mountain, the earliest being in the year 476 B. C., the more remarkable ones of later years being those 1169, when Catania was in greater part destroyed, 1527, 1669, 1693, 1792, 1812, 1819, 1832, 1843, 1852, 1865, 1879, 1886, and 1892. In the last named eruption a new crater was opened near Monte Gemellaro.

At the foot of the cone of Mount Etna, 9,652 feet above the sea, is the Casa Etna, or observatory, affording accommodation to tourists. Considerable snow rests throughout the year on the summit of the volcano, the slopes of which, to a great altitude, are covered with pine chestnut, beech and oak.

MODERN CATANIA A MODEL TOWN.

Catania, on the east coast of Sicily, thirty-one miles northwest of Syracuse is the capital of the province of the same name and attractively situated at the foot of Mount Etna in a productive district. It is a handsomely located city, rather majestic in its appearance, and has wide streets paved with lava.

Many of the buildings are constructed of the same material, magnesian limestone and marble being used to add to their attractiveness. The cathedral, part of which dates from the Norman times, and the Church of San Carcera are among its most interesting buildings. The Belini gardens are among the attractions of the town.

A Philadelphia woman is asking for divorce because her husband made her swallow a teaspoonful of tabasco sauce. Enough, we should say, to make any woman hot.

It reminds us of the girl who told her suitor she never could abide bow-legged men, but if she had to marry one she'd as soon take him as any.

It is to be observed that the Ohio woman who confesses to having started the Chicago fire of '71 did not advance her claim to distinction until after Mrs. O'Leary's cow had passed to new fields and pastures green.

Important.

Committees appointed from Junior Civic League for clean up day, Thursday morning at 9 o'clock sharp.

Two ladies from the main league will be in charge of each committee of boys to direct the work of cleaning. These ladies are respectfully urged to be in their places at the appointed time. Of course the boys can be depended upon to be on hand and to do the work.

Committee for Main Street North of Railroad.

Mrs. J. S. White and Miss Gertrude Chandler in charge.

Ralph Stuart, William Anthony, Glenn Clark, Geitner White, Brodie Murdock and Tyson Smith.

Committee for Clay Street

Miss Jennie White and Mrs. J. T. Shaw in charge.

Theron Wilkerson, Hurley Riggs, Murray Vincent, Edgar Ferrell, Jack Long and Charley Smith.

Committee for Railway Station and Square.

Mrs. W. A. Murray and Miss Alice Fowler in charge.

Thomas Mebane, Alfred Mebane, Paul Fowler, Johnnie Dollar, Jimmie Dollar, Homer Fitch and Wayne Smith.

Committee for Fourth and Main Streets South of Railroad.

Mrs. C. J. Kee and Miss Lillie Fowler in charge.

William Ham, Clay Wilson, Jarrie Stuart, Robt Dick, William Ferrell, James Long and Durant Newman.

THREE WHITE MEN WERE KILLED NEAR HILLSBORO.

Another Sustained Injury - Men Were Riding on Freight Train When Derailment Occurred.

Three white men were killed on another sustained an injured back when 22 cars of eastbound freight No. 174 were derailed one mile west of Hillsboro Friday night last at 10:30 o'clock. All four of the men were said to have been trespassers on the train. Reports from Hillsboro failed to give the names of those killed or of the injured man.

Engineer Holden and Conductor Waddell and the entire train crew escaped injury. Trains Nos. 111 and 112 were transferred at the place where the 22 derailed cars blocked the track.

A scientist claims that it is unhealthy to wear clothes, but the statistics, we think, will show that the widows outnumber the widowers in almost every community in the land.

Reidsville Plant Robert Harris and Bro. is Burned

Fire was discovered in the top story of the large tobacco manufacturing plant of Robert Harris & Bro. of Reidsville Friday morning last. The fire department responded promptly, but, owing to the big start the flames had gained before discovered, it was impossible to save the building. Some tobacco and the office fixtures were saved. The plant was completely destroyed including about 150,000 pounds of leaf and Manufactured tobacco. The total loss will probably reach \$70,000, only partially covered by insurance.

The firm had lately been reorganized by Richmond and Reidsville capitalists and just getting under good headway. Among the products of the firm is the well-known "Pride of Reidsville" brand of smoking tobacco. The company has made arrangements with J. H. Burton & Bro. to occupy part of this firm's large factory temporarily until new buildings can be erected.

Are Urged to Unite Efforts to Clean Up.

The Greensboro News say:

Mrs. Mary T. Petty, chairman of the civic department of the Woman's club, yesterday issued the following announcement regarding the clean-up campaign which is to be conducted next week:

"For any town or city to do some one thing at the same time for the common good, is a strong help forward community welfare. Indeed, we all know that a clean town means for its inhabitants more enjoyments, better health and more valuable investment for property holders.

"Therefore, let us clean up next week. Killing flies comes under this, and so long as we have the cause for flies we will have flies. Let each housekeeper in our city, both white and colored, take a few moments each day and hunt down and kill all flies in her house. Three minutes given each day will do wonders in keeping them from breeding more. Now is the spring is the time to fight. So all our swatting is in vain unless we do that swatting soon, in May time and in early June.

"Let us all pull together for a clean town, free from flies. Kill before they lay eggs in some corner to give us trouble later. I wish, as chairman of the civic department of the woman's club, to endorse all Mr. Wharton has said and done and to assure the health department we are doing all we can to help in the work."

Health Notes For Mebane.

Now is the time to clean up Mebane. Don't fail to have the Lawn mower sharpened for clean up day. Have a new rake.

Get a can of paint and paint.

The esteemed Louisville Courier-Journal tells of a typewriter that may be carried in the pocket, but we have heard of men who prefer one that will sit on the knee.

Chapel Hill News.

Ex-President Kemp P. Battle has added another bit of historical material to his storehouse of University of North Carolina history. He has unearthed

the name of the benefactor who persuaded the seven donors to make a gift of the original thousand acres of land for the University site. James Hogg, a native of Scotland, was the public-spirited man who used his influence with the landlords to donate the site, originally called New Hope Chapel Hill. Mr. Hogg emigrated to North Carolina in 1774 and located in Fayetteville as a merchant. Later he purchased the plantation now known as Gen. J. S. Carr's Oconeechee farm and called it Poplar Hill. James Hogg was a leader in his day-politician, trustee of the University, and among the number that selected the site for the state educational institution. Dr. Battle relates the story that Mr. Hogg's aversion for his own name—which signified a year-old sheep rather than a swine-led him to induce the General Assembly to change his name to that of his wife before marriage—Alves.

A portrait of Dr. Eben Alexander, who was for 25 years professor of Greek in the University and for eleven years dean of the school of liberal arts, has been painted and will be placed in the University library. The portrait was painted by Lloyd Branson, of Knoxville, Tenn., and the funds covering the expense of the picture were provided by classmates of Dr. Alexander of Yale University, alumni of the University of North Carolina and friends of the Greek professor. The endowment fund from which funds were drawn for the portrait was established for the promotion of Greek literature, languages, manners and customs. The committee actively in charge of establishing the fund consists of Acting President E. K. Graham, Dr. L. R. Wilson, librarian of the University, and Professor W. S. Bernard, of the Greek department. The intimate friendship existing between Mr. Branson, who painted the portrait and Dr. Alexander made possible for the painter to outline many characteristics representative of the strong personality of the former University professor. Sons of Carolina and old friends of Dean Alexander instantly recognize the striking likeness between the portrait and their once teacher and friend.

Recently there has sprung into existence at the State University a Jewish organization, by name The Menorah Movement, decreasing as its purpose the study and advancement of Jewish culture and ideals. It is a nation-organization having branch organizations in most of the American colleges and universities. Henry Hurwitz, of Harvard University, in a speech before the University of North Carolina branch this week asserted that Menorah was the symbol of Hebrew enlightenment and that the movement was an open forum for discussion of Jewish problems. Professor H. H. Williams, professor of philosophy in the University made a brief talk at this meeting and paid a tribute to the Hebrew people when he said that the Jews were the only race of people to contribute three great men to world history. Then, too, the professor of philosophy said that the Hebrews had made another notable contribution when they unfolded a system whereby religion could be properly related.

Crime, Courts, and Juries.

In one day two criminal cases of country-wide notoriety took new turns. One was that of Lieutenant Becker, once convicted of having hired four gunmen, since executed, to kill a gambler who had threatened to "squel" concerning the way of the police with crime.

The other was the refusal of a Georgia judge to entertain a motion for a new trial for newly discovered evidence in the case of Frank, of Atlanta, convicted of having brutally murdered one of his helpless girl employees.

Frank, by some sort of legerdemain of law, will have the opportunity to appeal again to the Supreme Court, after it has refused to intervene, because of the refusal of a particular judge to say that his new evidence was competent to found a new trial.

Becker, even if convicted once more, may go the long route through the death house, into the Court of Appeals, and back again—possibly—for another trial.

If they keep it up long enough, the witnesses will die, and crime will go unpunished. That is the long and short of it.

It must be said, however, that New York seems to have the edge on the country in the matter of the juries selected to try, on the evidence, the cases of these criminals who have the money to spin the baffling spider-web of defense in which to entrap justice. —Raleigh Times.