

THE MEBANE LEADER.

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

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Capt. E. S. Parker Dead.

Following an illness extending through four years, Capt. E. S. Parker passed away at his home in Graham Monday at one o'clock in the afternoon. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis which he suffered Sunday night.

Captain Parker earned his rank and title by service in the Confederate army. For many years he was the leader of the bar in Alamance and one of the leading citizens of the county. He was a man of ability and influence. His standing as a lawyer and his service to the Democratic party were recognized by election to the office of auditor.

Seventy-six years ago he was born in Cumberland county, but the years of his usefulness and his labors were spent in Graham.

Rid. 5 North East Mebane

We are having a continued dry hot spell, the corn is needing rain badly.

Mr. Frank Albright is building a handsome cottage on a lot near his brother Jean Albright's.

Mrs. J. C. York spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Joe Rice's.

Mrs. Bessie Albright continues very sick, her death is expected at any time. The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Newman is very sick.

We have about decided to call our little settlement Oak Ave. We invite the good people to come and buy, there is some pretty building lots for sale yet, it is a nice place to live.

Mrs. Joe Rice spent Monday afternoon with Mrs. C. A. Newman.

We certainly enjoyed our picnic trip to Carrs Farm Thursday. Those that went from Oaks were; Mrs. R. J. Oakley and children, Mrs. C. A. Newman and children, Miss Lillie Rice and Mr. Clarence York and children.

We would like to hear from our Eland writer, we certainly would like news from all the Routes.

Neighbor.

With the appearance of typhoid fever in our midst, it may be of interest to the general public, or some portion of it, to know that the State of North Carolina has provided for the distribution of Typhoid serum by the State. This enables every person in North Carolina to secure this antitoxin, regardless of their means. The State believes that it is good, and it has been thoroughly tried out, and adopted in the United States Army and Navy, as well as in the Armies of the great European nations, with the result that it has practically eliminated Typhoid where used. With this means of protection at hand, there is no excuse for the presence of this disease of this disease in any community.

The Houston Post tells us that five people in Texas committed suicide last Thursday. Considering the provocation, the wonder is that the daily average is not a great deal larger. In argument could hardly conceive of greater ills than those which humans are compelled to live in the Lone Star Commonwealth are called on to endure.

Says a Missouri philosopher: "If you only wear a smile the hot weather won't bother you." Still, it might be well to add the necklace of beads if you wish to avoid arrest when you appear on the streets.

Is There a Machine

Ex-Congressman Charles R. Thomas contributes an interesting paper on alleged machine politics, which charges that there is a machine and that it is in good working order. Of course, maybe there isn't such a thing but here's a former Congressman who charges it just the same; which gives it standing enough to be thought of and turned over in the minds of people, either for condemnation or exonerated by the people of the Third District, and to show the whole people how suspicion can arise when there is only the soap-box variety of primary. All this adds power to progress towards the goal of a legalized primary.—Wilmington Dispatch.

For Sale

Two desirable six room houses recently constructed within three short blocks of the center of the town. There is a bargain for you at a reasonable price. Several vacant lots for sale. Apply to John W. Nicholson

Suspension

We regret very much to announce that the Leader will be suspended for the next thirty days. The Editor has suffered much from ill health and feels that rest and recuperation is most essential. We have done our best with what strength we possessed, but we did not have the strength. We have struggled against being driven to this position, but in vain, realizing the harm to us and the town.

Respectfully,
J. O. Foy

To The Voters of Alamance County.

I hereby heartily thank you for the liberal support you have given me and announce myself again a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the County Democratic Convention.

Yours very truly,
Allen J. Thompson.

Dodging Issues and Doing Nothing.

It is such an easy matter for some men to be brave and outspoken when discussing a subject that has become popular and there can be no doubt as to which the popular side is. There are great issues constantly facing every man, and especially the editor of a newspaper. It is such an easy thing for some to be quiet in "the seven languages," while their neighbors are fighting out the battles for progress and pure government. A fellow can so easily sit upon the stool of do nothing while the real patriotic citizen hammers away to forge out the necessary form of government. If a spark flies off and stings the dodging skunk, he at once emits his only weapon of defence. It is offensive, too, to the refined, cultivated mind.—The Davidsonian.

List of Letters

Advertised for week ending July 25 1914.

1 Letter for E. D. West
1 Letter for George Allen
1 Letter for Lonnie Altman
1 Letter for F. M. Forest
1 Letter for Carrie Bell Jackson

These letters if not called for will be sent to Dead Letter Office Aug. 7 1914.

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

Did it ever occur to you, kind reader how easy a matter it is to choke a man when his hands are tied; kick him when his back is turned and he is started down the hill of failure, discouragement; mistakes; to join in with the whisper and gossipmonger when an intimation of wrong-doing is given; to take advantage of the weak and unsuspecting; to prey upon the vitals of the helpless?

Did it ever occur to you, and how cheap a goat it takes to do it.

The Alabama Supreme Court is not without good precedent for its decision that an insurance company is not liable for a policy on the life of a man who was hanged. The Supreme Court of the United States, if we mistake not, so held in the McCue case.

A good many people in the United States should take notice of the fact that Gen. Huerta leaves for foreign parts with a deep-seated resentment against the Democratic party as well as the Wilson Administration. In this he is in full accord with Joe Cannon and Theodore Roosevelt.

A Georgia editor says the newspaper that pleased everybody must have been edited by Adam before he lost one of his ribs, and he might have added that the newspaper of today which succeeded in pleasing everybody wouldn't be worth anything to anybody.

The verdict of a jury in a criminal case in Arkansas has been set aside because the jurors consumed nine quarts of whiskey in arriving at a conclusion. Was the consumption considered too large or too small?

A Trenton man who insisted upon driving an automobile through the streets of that town while drunk has been given a sentence of twelve months in the work house. That ought to give him time to sober up.

LOOKOUT FOR GREENSBORO

She Determines to Head the List of "Important Cities" in North Carolina

Greensboro is going to have everything possible to make her the most progressive and up-to-date city in North Carolina. A town cannot move without the united efforts and interest of the people and a patriotic desire to make their home a place to be proud of. This is the secret why Greensboro is moving so fast, she has the right class of citizens and unitedly they are working for a bigger and better town.

The Good Road Question.

Good roads are next to good Churches in a community. To cite an instance the farm where the picnic was held last Thursday was selected principally because the road was a good. Easy traveling makes an enjoyable trip without considering the wear on the vehicles or fatigue endured by the horses. When the farmer takes a trip he usually considers the best road, and why should he not, a good road is a big inducement to travel on it. Good roads is an important question right at this time all over North Carolina. All the newspapers are telling it and everybody with any public spirit about them is talking it.

Since the highway through Orange county has been completed the people right from Mebane are travelling that road to Durham and Raleigh whereas before they were always headed the other way. There is no reason why Alamance cannot have a good road continuing the Orange highway so as the entire road can be completed to Greensboro. Of course Alamance is going to do it sometime but there is no better time than now, procrastination is not by any means beneficial. Do it now.

Helping Humanity

(Indianapolis News.)

It rarely fails that the taps of abuse are turned on full flow for Rockefeller, so it is fair play only that when he gives \$2,500,000 additional to the Institute for Medical Research, which he founded that he should have due praise. Nor will it do to say, as is so often said, "Where did he get the money?" That is another story and involves an argument not contemplated here. The simple fact remains that he has given this great sum, which, added to his previous gifts, makes a total of \$12,500,000, and makes this institution the most lavishly endowed of its kind in the world. The work that it has already done in its short life made it famous among institutions of its kind. Its discoveries have been many and great. It has added to human knowledge as to the causes and quality of diseases and to such an extent as to place it in the front rank. Here is a double advantage. It has not only extended human knowledge, but it has given American scientists an opportunity that they would not perhaps have had and by the work that they have thus had a chance to do it has reflected honor and credit on the American name.

The Curse of Karolyi

(From Leslie's Weekly)

Is Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria and Apostolic King of Hungary, whose nephew and heir was murdered at Sarajevo, June 28, under the spell of a curse? Certainly it would seem so, and it is rumored that this unhappy old man, at every new misfortune, thinks of the night when the Countess Karolyi cursed him with the curse of a mother robbed of her first-born son. It was at a brilliant ball. The Emperor was not yet 20 years old and had reigned two years, during which time butcher's work had been done in suppressing a revolution in Hungary. The Countess Karolyi's son was one of the patriots executed, and she faced the young emperor in a frenzy, crying:

"May heaven and hell blast your happiness! May your family be exterminated! May you be smitten in the persons of those you love best!"

The Baltimore American tells us that "the dancing of bathers on the beach in scant attire has shocked popular sensibilities to the point of protest," but why should dancers be required or expected to wear more when performing on the beach than when in the public ballroom?

"MY NEXT BOMB I'LL BURST IN SOME POLICE COURT."

"And I Hope It Will Be This One," Cries Annie Bell as London Judge Commits Her.

"The next bomb I explode will be in some police court, and I hope it will be this one!"

This was the parting shot at the Magistrate at Westminster London by Annie Bell, a militant suffragette, as she committed her for trial on the double charge of attempting to destroy on May 10 the Metropolitan Tabernacle in South London and on July 12 the old church of St. John the Evangelist.

Miss Bell enlivened the sitting of the court by singing the "Marseillaise," shouting and struggling with court attendants. She chaffed the Magistrate on the futility of sending her to prison, saying:

"If I have been there ten times I have never yet served my sentence."

She added: "The blowing up of a church does not count—not even if it is blown out of creation."

Miss Bell should be sent on a prison ship to Siberia. That is all we would do with her.

Lightning Rods

(Wall Street Journal.)

Reappearance of the lightning rod agent can soon be expected. According to a bulletin of the Ontario Department of Agriculture, thirteen years of investigations demonstrate that lightning rods are now 94.1 per cent. efficient in the province. In the state of Iowa they are 98.1 per cent. efficient and in Michigan 99.9 per cent.

Total lightning claims paid by insurance companies on rodded buildings in Iowa during eight years was only \$4,454, while on unrodded buildings, which were of the same number, they paid \$341,065. In Ontario, out of every 200 farm buildings insured, 42 are rodded. Yet out of every 200 struck by lightning in 1912 only three were rodded buildings.

But don't let the agent put up rods that run through glass insulators. According to the Ontario bulletin they should be in metallic connection with the building and no insulators should be used.

The Pernicious Pie

"Is Pie Vanishing?" asks the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Yes; not in the sense you mean, but down what the children call "the red lane." The consumption of fruit pastry is ever on the increase in the cities of the south where, year by year, larger numbers of the people eat in so-called cheap restaurants. The pie of commerce,—a minimum of canned apple or peach to a maximum of dough—is a very different proposition to the homemade article which our grandmothers trained the Dinahs and Dulcies to make. They were concoctions as delicious as digestible, the flaky pastry overflowing with the juices of ripe products of the orchard or garden, the combination melting in one's mouth, without mastication. The present generation of Virginians is addicted to an article that their ancestresses would not have allowed to be served at their tables,—a tough, leathery, tasteless thing not deserving the name under which it masquerades on the lunch counter; its appeal to the customer being neither through the eye or palate, but consisting in the fact that a generous slice may be had for five cents. To the nicer tables of former days it would have seemed dear at any price.—Va. Pilot.

The reluctance of women voters in Kansas to register is reported to have diminished since the Attorney-General rendered an opinion that they are not required to tell their age. Male voters may not care for the privilege, but is it accorded them under conditions of "equal" political rights in Kansas?

Senor Moheno's latest exhibition of good manners in his reference to Secretary of State Bryan as "a clown in a country circus," from which those who are familiar with the cartoons of our jingoes will be able to determine the kind of American newspapers which are appreciatively read in Huertista circles in Mexico.

AUSTRIA ANXIOUS TO FIGHT

Gave Servian Minister His Passports and Sent Him Home.

Developments appear to furnish new proof that Austria is determined to make war on Serbia. The possibilities of a general European war seem greater than ever have confronted the present generation.

The Servian reply to the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum was an acceptance of almost all the imperious demands, except that Austrian officials shall participate in the investigation and fix the responsibility for the anti-Austrian propaganda. Servia proposed an appeal to the Powers at The Hague for the settlement of that feature.

Notwithstanding this humiliating surrender, which was more than Europe expected of the proud little Nation, the Austrian Government gave the Servian Minister his passports, which may be construed as a virtual declaration of war.

Austria and Servia.

It may seem like bullying in a country the size of Austria-Hungary to threaten one the size of Servia, but when the small country is a hotbed of assassination—of assassination already carried out against the late Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife through a plot of National dimensions—the case takes on a different look. Moreover, the small country continually foments all sorts of anti-Austrian intrigues. Servia, always itself governed largely by assassination and now ruled over by a family whose title rests upon assassination, is one of the toughest customers among the Nations of the earth. To Austria it presents the menace of the copperhead snake. There is nothing brave about shooting a copperhead, but neither is there anything of which the shooter need be ashamed.—Charlotte Observer.

The Unwritten Law

(Boston Herald.)

The sooner people stop talking about the unwritten law, the sooner people will stop fancying that such a thing exists. Americans have only a written law. It reads the same whatever the circumstances. For its plain writing mankind has paid an appalling price in pain and blood; none of us understand what it has cost the race to get its laws written down for all to read. And we have but one law. Other peoples have had civil law and canon law; they have had nominal laws of their own making and the real laws made by stronger kings. But Americans have only the one law, written in the same words for all.

From Draco's time to the present no system of law has been all it should be. But the way to make law better is not to shadow it with a vague lawlessness miscalled unwritten law. If our laws are too rigorous, if they regard too little the extenuating circumstances, if they lag too far behind our growing moral sense, let us change them to meet our actual needs. For every appeal to unwritten law speaks the same antisocial impulse as the blind whip of the night rider and the hasty fagot of the lyncher.

Proved His Claims.

She looked at him doubtfully after the proposal. "The man I marry," she said, "must be both brave and brainy." "Well," he declared, "I think I can lay just claim to being both." "I admit you are brave," she responded, "for you saved my life when our boat upset the other day; but that wasn't brainy, was it?" "It certainly was," he retorted. "I upset the boat on purpose."—Exchange.

Honest Confession

We understand that a joint stock company is being talked of for the purpose of publishing a first-class, up to date newspaper at Hillsboro. We have been publishing a weekly paper in Orange county for over thirty-six years,—two years and five months at Chapel Hill and the balance of the time at Hillsboro—yet we have never felt that we were giving our patrons more than a third-class paper. May be others can do better than we have done.—Orange County Observer.

IRISH ARE KILLED IN DUBLIN STREET

Four Dead and Others of Nationalists Are Expected to Die.

Three men and one woman are dead and more than 60 persons are in the hospital, wounded, as the result of a battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers firing into a mob in the streets of Dublin. Seven of the wounded are expected to die. Among them are three women and a boy of 10.

The affray was the result of a gun-running exploit of the Nationalist volunteers, aided by a mob composed largely of women and youths. A consignment of rifles said to number 10,000, was landed Saturday night at Howth, nine miles from Dublin, from a private yacht. The Nationalist volunteers cut the telegraph wires and stopped travel on the Dublin roads and according to reports, sent away most of the rifles, together with 70,000 rounds of ammunition in motor cars.

Militancy and Matrimony

We thank one of our kind lady friends for sending us the following selection for publication. Read it, you will be interested:

The militant movement in England has been explained by a physician who has written on the subject, as due to the fact that there are a million unmarried women in that country. He has concluded that the lack of the husband is the reason for the demand for the vote.

In the light of such logic, Mrs. Archibald Colquhoun's findings in a recent article in an English magazine are of added interest. Mrs. Colquhoun has discovered official figures which show that England has also the unmarried man. For the ages between 15 and 35, she says, are comparatively few more single women than single men. "A superfluous woman therefore," she writes, "is superfluous not because there is no man to marry her, but because she does not fit herself to become a wife. We are breeding teachers, typists, and government clerks, and we want mothers, wives, and cooks. Unless middle class young women are prepared to make marriage economically possible for young men, they will be condemned in increasing numbers to celibacy, not because there are not enough young men, but because men will increasingly learn to do without marriage."

Now there is still another deduction to be drawn from the facts in the case. If young women are turning in such large numbers to other occupations than that of marriage, isn't it because they are offered better terms in the new employment than in the old? And isn't the onus of the situation possibly the other way round rather than as Mrs. Colquhoun puts it? Perhaps until middle class and all young British men are prepared to make the terms of the marriage contracts more attractive to the young women who are at last economically independent, they, the young men, will be condemned in increasing numbers to celibacy, not because there are not enough young women, but because young women are increasingly learning to do without marriage in the form of servitude in which their mothers knew it. The woman who has found work for real wages is loath to give it up for work in any man's home so long as the present autocracy of marriage allows him to dictate absolutely the disposal of the family income.

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