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

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A bit chilly Tuesday morning but we are hardly looking for snow.

The many friends of Hon. T. M. Cheek regret very much that his condition does not improve.

Mr. J. W. Carter and Will Morgan were business visitors in Greensboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Wharton of Greensboro visited Mrs. Mary White and daughters Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Nicks who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Henry Smith for several weeks left Monday for home.

The friends of Miss Lilly Miles of Corbett who was painfully hurt in an automobile last week will be glad to know she is better.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers of Greensboro is visiting Mrs. Mary White.

Mrs. Mary White has given the lot for the erection of a Christian church. The lot is situated next to the vacant lot upon which so long stood the Presbyterian church.

Dr. J. D. Huffam, one of Mebane's highly esteemed citizen, returned Tuesday from a visit of several days from the eastern part of the State, Warsaw and Goldsboro, N. C.

Go to Nelson-Ray and Co. if you want to be sure to find it, in dry goods, groceries etc. full store of notions, novelties in ladies dress goods, shoes etc.

Well you have traded there and all ways been satisfied. Keep it up. Go to the old reliable H. E. Wilkerson and Co. Nice line ladies dress goods, shoes etc. See them.

Have you shedded your winter togery? If not it is a good time to do so and replace them with something nice at J. C. Clarks. Every thing to dress you up well. Dont fail to see him.

The children from the M. P. Orphanage at High Point gave an excellent entertainment in the M. P. Church Monday night to a large and appreciative audience.

We wish to direct your attention to the change of advertisement of H. E. Wilkerson Co. They would be glad to have you inspect stock. Lots of things you need, and all sold reasonable.

Mrs. Shakespear Harris brought to the Leader office for the editor and printers Tuesday evening a basket heaping full of the finest strawberries we have seen this season. It was very kind of Mrs. Harris and we assure her we are grateful thank her for this thoughtfulness of the people, who toil to make the Leader worth while in Mebane.

The So. Railway section master has put at either crossing east and west of the depot a lot of broken rock ballast between their rails. As it is, it is quite rough on vehicles in crossing, can not our town official have some sand, or cinders put on it as a binder, and to level it up, to make it better for travel. Now won't you?

Thieves Break Through

A thief or thieves broke into the Mebane depot Monday night and stole three quarts of whiskey. We learn that nothing else was molested. It seems that the time has come when a man will go as far to get a quart of whiskey as in time past he would to get money. The thirst must be awful.

The Lord is faithful, who shall stablsh you, and keep you from evil.—Thessalonians.

At Dr. Hurdles Dental Office.

Dr. S. Rapport, of Durham, will be at Mebane, at Dr. Hurdle's Dental Office, Wednesday, May 26th for the purpose of examining eyes and fitting glasses. If you are in need of glasses for the good of your eyes don't fail to see the Dr. on that day. Consultation Free.

Hawfields Happenings

There was an all day service at Hawfields Sunday. The sermon at 11 o'clock was by the pastor Rev. J. W. Goodman which was followed by the Communion service. Dinner was served in the grove from 1 to 2. Dr. T. M. McConnell of Graham came out in the afternoon and preached very acceptably to the young people.

Mrs. Moore and little daughter of Graham are visiting Mrs. Moore's parents, Mr. and W. A. Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Tyson and children spent Sunday with Mr. J. D. Gibson, Mrs. Tyson and the children are remaining over for a few days.

Messrs Joe Holt, Rastus Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Mose Wilkerson and Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wilkerson were noted among the many visitors Sunday.

Mr. Will Smith and family of Ossipee were the guests of Miss Lenora Stewart Sunday. Herbert Turner, who has been a student in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Richmond the past year is at home for a few days.

The Hawfields High School Board met Saturday night, and among other things done, they elected a former principal, Mr. B. M. Rogers as the principal for the coming year and also took steps to secure boarding places for quite a number of pupils who are understood to be desirous of attending this school the next session. The outlook for another successful year seems unusually bright.

Countryman.

A Belgian Singer

Mrs. Singleton has received a letter from Emma Van de Zande the great Belgian singer. Below we append a short sketch from her letter. The lady in question will likely sing in the Mebane graded school auditorium next Wednesday the 26th day of May.

"I have a medal of the Royal Society of Harmony of Brussels and have sung in the best classical concerts of Europe. The following letter has been received by one of the ladies of the town. The kind hearts of the Mebane people will be touched and should see come to our town a large audience will greet her I am sure.

"I will sing as many songs as you want me and give a short lecture on Belgium before, during and since the war. I appreciate so much that Mrs. ——— and the other Americans do for me. Everything is so different here in this country and I get very lonely as we have had so much trouble on account of the war.

Yours very sincerely
Emma Van de Zande

It is very probable that Mebane is to have the opportunity of hearing the noted Belgian singer, Madam Van de Zande who through the illfortunes of war has been compelled to leave her native land. Bereft of relatives, friends and fortune, she and her husband have sought refuge in the "Old North State" whose doors have always stood open to the distressed and oppressed.

Big Berry Shipments To Northern Markets

One hundred and eight carloads of strawberries were iced at Rocky Mt. one night last week and passed through to northern markets. This brings the total number of strawberry cars to pass that point this season up to 500, and railroad officials have completed arrangements for the handling of heavy shipments, which they are expecting within the next few days.

In accordance with a recent order of the United States Department of Agriculture, a report of the number of strawberry cars that are handled by the Atlantic Coast Line, is being forwarded daily to the Bureau of Marketing in Washington. This order applies to all railroads and figures are compiled for the benefit of trucks, who, upon application to the bureau, may have information as to where the strawberries are shipped. This information is said to be of inestimable value to the truckers and the new arrangement of the federal department is meeting with favor among truckers in the Chatham section.

Mrs. Laura Fowler Dead

Mrs. Laura Fowler widow of the late Capt. Tom Fowler and one of the cultured and attractive women of Spencer died Saturday morning after a short illness at the home of her son, Capt. T. P. Fowler in Spencer.

Mrs. Fowler moved to Spencer from Mebane several years ago and had made her home in that town. She was quiet and unassuming in manner, but intensely devoted to the cause of righteousness and to the large number of friends among whom she lived while a multitude of friends and acquaintances mourn her departure yet we all feel that our temporary loss is surely her gain and we look forward in happy anticipation of meeting again in the sweet by and by. After a short service in the Baptist church the remains were taken to Mebane where they were tenderly laid to rest beside those of her husband to await the resurrection morn. She is survived by a daughter Mrs. Joe Freeman of Spencer and two sons, Capt. Tom Fowler of Spencer, and Bert Fowler of Greensboro. To them and all who mourn with them is extended the heartfelt sympathy of an host of sorrowing friends who share with them in their bereavement, May the Heavenly Father give to them all the needed consolation and strength to bear their sorrow for His names sake.

Reciprocity Evening

A most delightful and profitable program has been arranged for this occasion, by the Committee appointed from the Magazine Club, Benefit Book Club, Civic Association, and Chautauqua Study Class.

Thursday, May 20th (the anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence) is the time chosen for this occasion, since our own Revolutionary anniversary May 16th (the date of the Battle of Alamance) falls on Sunday this year and could not be considered. The exercise will be held at the Graded School Auditorium beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend and it is hoped that quite a large number will be with us and there by add inspiration to the occasion.

There will be no refreshments served not on account of lack of hospitality or lack of ability in the hospitality Committee, for these ladies showed wonderful ability along these lines, but after considering the matter it was decided it would be too much of a tax on the physical strength of our committees. This word of explanation is added because we are not willing that there should be any misunderstanding or misrepresenting our refreshment Committee, knowing that the Mebane people live on the "fat of the land" every day we felt that we were doing nothing amiss in leaving off the refreshment feature this time.

Mesdames Ralph Vincent, W. O. Warren, and J. R. Singleton (the executive com.) wish to express their deep appreciation of the cheerful and efficient aid rendered them by the committees and other members of the Associations and clubs. Once again we invite you to come and be with us on this our Reciprocity Evening.

Judge Carter's Candidacy

Judge Frank Carter, of Asheville, last Saturday announced his candidacy for Attorney General and his announcement was carried in full by several of the State dailies Sunday. Judge Carter has proven himself one of the most able and fearless Judges ever on the bench in North Carolina and has always endeavored to enforce the law without fear or favor against the rich and powerful as well as the poor and helpless. For so doing he has, of course, been cursed and vilified in certain quarters, but that should be considered a badge of honor for him, and all people who believe in an honest, decent and just enforcement of the law should rally to his support and help to land him in the Attorney General's office where he can be of incalculable benefit to the people of the State.

Of course the Charlotte Observer and other papers of that like are readily attempting to sneer at and belittle his candidacy and are doing all they can to muddy the waters and thus mislead the people, but this, too, was to be expected by Judge Carter (or any other honest, clean, fearless man) and should be chalked up as another badge of honor for the Judge.

Judge Carter is all right, and what is needed in North Carolina is more Judges just like him. We hope he'll win in a walk.—Spencer Crescent.

Lost

Lost or stolen one bee gum made out of whole plank, five pieces sawed uneven at bottom, white paint scattered on planks. Reward for information that will lead to its recovery.
Carr M. Hughes.

Mebane Shuts Gibsonville Out.

Mebane and Gibsonville played one of the best games ever last Saturday that has probably ever been played on the Mebane diamond. There was not a score made until the seventh inning when Mebane made three runs. Both teams played good ball from the beginning to the finish; but we must say and it from an important standpoint that the home team just outclassed the visitors. Gibsonville just simply could not see the balls that Doc High twirled over the base. Time after time the visitors swung in the air only to regain consciousness and look and observe the fast high ball in his hand ready to hurl it back again. Every player on the Mebane team played good ball, but one of the best catches that is possible for a player to "make" was made by Buck Malone and his catch, suffice it to say, was the only thing that kept Gibsonville from scoring. Dr. J. Mell Thompson got three hits, really he looked like the old "Bull" Thompson of University and eastern Carolina fame. Rube Howard made two hits and he too sustained his old fame. Gaston made one clean hit, thus sustaining his record as a man that can see the ball and puts them where he wants them. Sykes, Dennis and Wilson each made a hit and clearly demonstrated that they too could split the pill. We believe that we can say it and say it unreservedly that Mebane will have the best amateur team in the State.

Batteries for Mebane High and Dennis. Batteries for Gibsonville, Christopher and Flynn.

Who Can Explain It?

Who can explain why about forty-five chickens out of every fifty have to cross the roads in front of automobiles? All automobile drivers know that when a chicken sees an automobile coming it has business on the other side of the road immediately. A chicken cannot wait for a car to pass but must cross over just in front of it.—Smithfield Herald.

Chapel Hill Letter

The spelling test conducted by Prof' W. Walker, State inspector of high schools, was participated in by 179 high school and 6,513 boys and girls. One hundred and fifty schools rendered reports of the results of the test in which fifty words in common use were submitted as the efficiency basis. The number of trials in the test was 325, 650, and of that number there were 98,102 failures. The average grade attained by the State was 96.87 per cent.

The honor roll consisted of twenty pupils who made perfect grades. The boys and girls and the schools they represented thus accredited are: Flora Canady, of the Benson School; Nellie Fleming, Boonville; Lillie Aiken and Jennie Bloom, Durham, Godera Pope, Ellen Maulsby and Mary Clark, Fayetteville; Rowena Evans, Henderson; Charles Blackburn, Kernersville; Marguerite Sullivan, Sallie Hoover and Floyd Mace, Lincolnton; Fannie Green, Lowe's Grove; Kathryn Humphrey, Philadelphia; Granberry Tucker, Plymouth; Annabel Spencer, Seven Springs; May Blanton, Shelby; Lillie Eye, Startown; Mamie Dell, Wadesboro; Icie Buchanan, Webster. Of the individual schools, Kittrell headed the honor roll with a percentage grade of 89.88. Coolee high school was a close second.

The list of words submitted were: Wednesday, preparation, Connecticut, religious, separate, laboratory, neutre, twelfth, cylinder, yield, lose, relieve, which, foreign, conceivable, achievement, benefited, changeable, plentiful, grieved, pitiable, breadth, recommend, descendant, accommodate, occurrence, referred, government, business, precede, embarrass, until, receive, absence, appreciate, receipt, February, prejudice, license, ridiculous, privileges parallel, whether, pursue, meant, courageous, necessary, convenient, precocious, consensus.

The word "consensus" was misspelled a greater number of times than any other submitted. "Wednesday" and "which" were spelled correctly a greater number of times than any other in the test list, the latter being spelled correctly 6,174 times out of 6,513 chances.

The results proved in a substantial way that girls are better spellers than boys. The number of cases in which girls made the highest grades was 93; while only 39 times did the boys score in this particular. The number of cases in which boys made the lowest grade was 90; the girls made the lowest grade in 42 cases.

Love all trust a few, do wrong to none.—Shakespeare.

RUSH POWDER ORDER

Dupont Company Stops Work on Foreign Contract for Uncle Sam's

(Washburn, Wis., Dispatch.)
The Dupont Powder Company has stopped the manufacture of powder for a foreign contract at its great plant in the wilderness 12 miles from here, and has begun to fill a big contract for Uncle Sam.

This was disclosed during a visit yesterday of Washburn residents to Madison to fight against the proposed enlargement of the plant here. They were met by representatives of the company.

Under the plea that America needs the power, they will end their opposition to the plant provided it be brought no nearer to the city proper.

Fighting per se is not wrong. Fighting from the wrong motive is another matter. But as the policeman stands behind the court decision, so does the possible resort to force stand behind a Nation in its assertion of its just rights. The man who would not resent the direct impeachment of his veracity would command little respect as a citizen. Where does he draw the line? What would he do in the face of an attack upon his wife's honor?

In "Measure for Measure," where the condemned brother can only be reprieved at the price of his sister's honor, the prisoner pleads to her, "Death is a fearful thing," to which she responds, "And shamed life a hateful." None of us who has arrived at years of discretion will deny that there are worse things in life than death. A shameful and contemptible peace is a viler thing than war.

Honor Roll.

It gives us pleasure to be able to publish as large a list on our honor roll as appears below. They are all good citizens, and believe in treating Mebane's paper right. They have all paid their subscription since the last published list. Health and prosperity to all of you friends.

- C. C. Smith,
- L. F. Wilkerson,
- Geo. E. Holt,
- H. C. Smith,
- G. W. Lasley,
- W. P. Warren,
- Miss E. E. Bell,
- J. P. Teer,
- W. A. Rudd,
- S. W. Patton,
- A. P. Long,
- W. P. Domell,
- J. M. Rimmer,
- W. W. Corbett,
- A. N. Scott,
- Charles Grant,
- J. E. Vincent,
- W. T. Riggs,
- W. Y. Malone,
- E. W. Wilkerson,
- P. Dixon,
- Charles Dillard,
- A. B. Fitch,
- J. S. Lasley,
- B. Goodman,
- J. W. Montgomery,
- J. H. Bridges,
- W. C. Wilkerson,
- F. W. White,
- J. W. Simmons,
- Ralph Vincent,
- L. Puryear,
- L. R. Rice,
- Miss Ollie Douglas,
- G. F. Dillard,
- W. T. Bobbitt,
- J. C. Smith

What Happens When The Editor Is Snubbed

Don't blame the editor for not mentioning all the parties and social affairs that take place, consider the fact that some one must hand us the news in order for it to appear in the Review. Having always been ignored in the matter of invitations to these events the editor does not feel that he is under any obligations to seek details of social affairs of which his knowledge is but unconfirmed hearsay.—Alba (Mich) Review.

Mans persisting in doing something that he has no right in law or morals too often causes and npleasantsness that could and should be avoided.

Do not be troubled that you have not great virtues. God made a million spears of grass where he made one tree.—Beecher.

NOT ALL IN LINE

Some Towns Have Not Yet Caught The Civic Spirit

The State Board of Health puts the private housekeeper and the municipal housekeeper in the same class. A town that does not clean up is no better than a slovenly housewife. Both are inexcusable. In a bulletin just issued the board gives this gentle reminder:

"The State Board of Health has its eyes on a number of towns and communities throughout the state that have not, up to the present time, held an annual clean-up week. Whether they intend to or not is not known. But it is known that if clean-up weeks are to be productive of the greatest good, that the sooner they are observed from now the more good they will accomplish.

"It was with a feeling of pride, no doubt, that the Governor of North Carolina, in vicwing the matter of clean-up week, deemed it unnecessary to issue a Clean-up Week proclamation. Governors of other states have taken this means by way of suggesting to the people the importance of guarding against disease by promoting cleanly and sanitary home conditions. But there is no doubt but that North Carolina's Governor felt that the pride and the intelligence of North Carolina's citizens needed not this injunction to make them clean up their homes, neighborhoods and towns. He took this as a matter of course. Whether or not the Governor placed too high an estimate on the people's pride and breath intelligence remains yet to be seen.

Some towns and communities have only a few days of grace in which to prove themselves. Towns and neighborhoods that have no clean-up days are held in a high esteem as housekeepers who have no house cleanings. They are in the same class."

The Mebane Supply Company is offering to the trade a very superior make of agricultural implements. Regular labor savers. See them.

If you have not planted your tobacco yet, be sure and get one of the famous machines for setting out the plants at Tyson-Molone Hdw. Co.

Someone tried to kidnap Dr. Hurdle last night, and he slipped out, and turned loose a double barrel load of bird shot down the stair way. It is thought there is not enough Dr. Hurdles to go around among the ladies, and they would have this one stolen and shut up while there was a chance.

Stand by Your President

"Stand by your President," said Mr. Taft. "His task is a hard one. Give him your confidence, sympathy and support, for so you lighten his burden and strengthen his power to enforce on other powers respect for your rights. His influence in behalf of your welfare depends on the unity which you hold up the hands that are laboring to ward off the dangers that beset you. Your honor is safe with him. You must trust to him for guidance as he looks to you for the loyal backing which is at once his due and his need."

The Commander of That Submarine.

Who is the commander of the German submarine that sent a torpedo on its death-dealing journey against the hull of the Lusitania? If he is a man possessed with the humane spirit in any degree, he will be miserable the balance of his days when he thinks of his awful murderous deed. If he is a German machine—a part and parcel of the hateful militarism of his country—does not matter with him. He has only added one more outrage against civilization that only ages can blot out.—Smithfield Herald.

Thanks

We take this method of expressing to the good people of Hawfields, Mebane and surrounding country our appreciation of their kindness shown to us during my serious illness.

Sincerely,
Mrs. H. D. Scarbpro

HEIFER KNOCKS TWO FREIGHT CARS FROM COAST LINE TRACK

Enraged Beast Ran Out Of Woods And "Butted" Into Fast Moving Freight Causing Derailment

"Being run into and turned over by a heifer which dashed down out of the woods" is the unheard of explanation of the overturning of two empty box cars of an Atlantic Coast Line freight train on the Kinston branch one day last week. The accident occurred at a point a quarter of a mile north of Whitehurst and, according to the statement of the train crew who saw the enraged animal dash out of the woods and thence against the train with its head, the derailment [was directly due to the blow from the heifer aided by the fact that the train was moving at a fair rate of speed. The car that was struck spun over on its side as did another empty car before the train could be brought to a standstill.

The derailment occurred near mid-way the train, which was in the major part composed of empties.

Washington News

The most impressive fact about the national crisis growing out of the Lusitania, as it has developed in Washington, was the increased frankness with which the Germans made situation was discussed and the general adoption of plain language and blunt words which a few days ago Washington would have hesitated to utter.

Following the receipt of the destruction of the Lusitania the President with drew into the quiet of his study, where, unmoved by clamor and unswayed by public emotions, he gave his untrammelled attention to the solution on the problems confronting the nation and the proper handling of which he is preeminently responsible. His remarks at Philadelphia last Monday night, before 4,000 newly naturalized citizens of the United States, that a man may be too proud to fight and that a nation may be so right that it need not use force to convince others that it is right were interpreted here as evidence of the President's determination to do everything reasonable possible to avoid war with Germany.

It is asserted in some quarters that it would be well for the President to call Congress in extraordinary session, as soon as the present excitement has subsided, and ask it to consider the one great question that has loomed up—the question of national defense. That the country would applaud the President and Congress if such a step were taken, there can be little doubt.

While official Washington is thus in a turmoil over the sinking of the Lusitania, Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, called at the State Department and expressed to Secretary Bryan "his deep regret that the events of the war had led to the loss of so many American lives." The German government has also officially expressed its deepest sympathy at the loss of lives on board the Lusitania, declaring that "the responsibility rests however, with the British government, which, through its plan of starving the civilian population of Germany, has forced Germany to resort to retaliatory measures."

There is good reason to believe that the Atlantic Fleet will not be sent through the Panama Canal to Pacific waters in July as at present planned by the Secretary of the Navy. When the announcement is made that the fleet cannot undertake the Pacific journey, physical difficulties in the canal will doubtless be cited as the change of program. Officials will not admit it but there is reason to believe that the strategists of the navy insists that at this juncture in the world's affairs it would be unwise to leave the Atlantic coast unprotected. The strategists are not figuring on war, possibly, as a matter of precaution it is said they have advised that the fleet be retained in Atlantic waters.

Confederate Officer

Dies at Washington

W. W. Kirkland, a brigadier general in the Confederate army, died at Washington, D. C. last Wednesday, age, 82.

He was a native of Hillsboro, N. C., and graduated at West Point in 1852. He served as aide to General Hardee and was promoted for bravery at the battle of Winchester. Burial took place at Shepherdstown, W. Va.

They are born along by the violence of their rage, and think it is a waste of time to ask who are guilty.—Lucan