

THE MEBANE LEADER.

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

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Messrs George Holt and Walter Malone spent Tuesday in Durham on business.

Rev. W. F. Kennett the new pastor of the Protestant church is domiciled in his new home here and taken up his work. His son Mr. Paul Kennett will preach in the protestant church Sunday.

Two more days only of the great reduction sale at the Mebane Supply Co's store. You want to get in the push and buy things while they are cheap, and then if you are a debtor to the concern for past indulgences get in the push and pay up.

Messrs Nelson and Ray expresses for their friends and customers the wish of a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. This firm carries a very well selected general line of dry goods and groceries. See them.

Mr. Tom Pender is with Mr. J. S. Clark clothier and will be with him during the holidays. Mr. Clark directs your attention to his change of ad in this weeks Leader. He has many nice and useful things for the holidays be sure and see him.

Rev. Donnell Quite Sick

Rev. W. P. Donnell, a colored Presbyterian preacher and principal of the colored graded school a mile West of Mebane, has been very sick for the last week in fact at times his life has been despaired of. Rev. Donnell is an excellent member of his race and has so conducted himself since coming to this section as to win and retain the respect of both his white and colored friends.

The Mebane Graded School Closes for The Fall Term Very Successful

The Mebane Graded school closed for the holidays last Wednesday and the following teachers have left for their homes for the vacation. Supt. Deese Monroe, Miss Hoover Monroe, Miss Henderson Davidson, Miss Shelum Ansonville, Miss Bell University, Miss Watkins Henderson, Miss Steele of Columbia S. C. will remain in the city.

The school has been a great success this fall and every body seems well pleased. The play that was given last night was a credit to the school and community.

Read Your Insurance Policies.

Before attempting any hasty or ill-advised decoration which may cause fire, examine your insurance contracts and see if the policies contain anything like this:

"This entire policy, unless otherwise provided by agreement endorsed hereon or added hereto, shall be void," etc., "if the hazard be increased by any means within the control or knowledge of the insured."

If you burn, you want your indemnity: do nothing, therefore, to impair your contract.

MEBANE METHODIST CHURCH, SOUTH.

Services each Sunday night at 7-30. First Sunday morning 11. Prayer meeting, Wednesday night 7-30. Sunday school every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. R. G. L. Edwards Pastor. Walter Lynch, Supt. S. C.

Eliland Items

Mr. Jack Baity has returned from an Eastern trip.

Miss Annie Jordan spent Sunday with her cousin Miss Esther Jordan in Hillsboro.

Mr. H. D. Brown returned from Greensboro Saturday afternoon where he had been a juror in the Federal court.

Mrs. Tom Squires of Cheeks Crossing spent two days last week with her mother Mrs. Boggs.

Mr. Gus Durham of Durham visited his daughter Mrs. Ed Murray last Sunday.

Mr. C. L. Boggs spent Friday afternoon in Hillsboro on business.

Mr. Harry Fitzpatrick left Tuesday morning for Danville for a few days stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boggs of Orange Grove spent Sunday with their parents Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Brown in Efland.

Mr. Dan Riley of Hillsboro spent Saturday with his aunt Mrs. J. R. Riley.

The faithful old horse "Dan" belonging to Mr. Baity breathed his last Monday morning. "Dan" was about 27 years of age and had worked faithfully for his master. Some days ago Dan got down. He was tenderly cared for by Mr. Baity and after learning there was no hopes of saving him Mr. Baity walked down to Hillsboro and brought a bottle of chloroform and ended poor old Dan's sufferings. This proves that John Baity has a good heart and some humanity about him. For which he deserves great credit it is a great pity there are not more of Mr. Baity's Calibre there would be less suffering among poor dumb animals.

Mr. Editor:- Here is wishing you a merry Xmas and big visit from "Santa Claus" I am looking for the "old Gentleman" and a big full stocking. Hope however my fond hopes will not be doomed to disappointment. A merry merry Christmas and a happy New Year to the Editor and all the Leader readers is the wish of "Patz"

Must Win the Girl

I write to you to say that last year you made a great mistake, and I hope it wont happen again this Christmas.

Near me lives a pizen mean boy. He is cross-eyed. We are both in love with the same girl.

Last year you left us each a sled. You meant to leave him one with a broken runner, but you got 'em mixed up and left it for me, while he got the jim-dandy.

What was the consequence, Mister Claus? It was that he could slide the girl that we both loved, and I couldn't and she went dead back on me and broke my heart.

They say you are a man that loves a good boy.

I am as soft and sweet and nice as maple lasses. I bring in the coal. I mind the baby, I attend Sunday school. I never fight unless the other boy is the smallest or has a sore hand.

I must win that girl back or commit suicide. Bring me a pair of skates and I can do it. Don't go back on me. A human life is in the balance.

The city tax books which have just been completed and are ready to be turned over to the city collector of taxes show a gain of \$1,303,764 in the taxable values for the city over the values of last year. The total amount on which taxes will be paid this year is \$20,638,217.—Durham Herald

Washington News Letter

After a sharp two hour debate, in which came some pretty severe language was employed in criticism of President Wilson's proposal to put a tax on gasoline, automobile, bank checks, pig iron, and fabricated steel products, as a means of raising money to expand the army and navy the House Democratic caucus voted to support an extension of the emergency war revenue act, which, under present law, will expire on December 31, for a period of one year thereafter. Only two of the 150 Democrats who attended the caucus declined to be bound by its rules.

It is the general expectation that the bill for the extension of the revenue law will be passed by the House without serious opposition. It is the understanding that Senate will concur, an agreement having been reached with the Senate Republicans for action in time to permit Congress to adjourn for the holidays Saturday or Monday.

Judging by the rumors current in hotel lobbies where members of the Republican National Committee, now meeting in Washington, are stopping, there is no doubt of the stress and widespread sentiment among the party leaders in favor of the nomination of Justice Hughes for President.

That, to gether with the spirit of confidence in a Republican victory, is the most notable feature of the gathering. So pronounced has the Hughes talk become that some of the old-time leaders who personally are opposed to the Hughes suggestion, are admitting that sentiment in the committee seems to indicate that it may be difficult to prevent a complete swing to Hughes.

Formal notice of the nullification by Gen. Carranza of "all acts, contracts and concessions" of the Huerta and conventionist governments in Mexico has been received by Elisco Arredondo recently appointed Ambassador from Mexico to the United States. The order, which is effective immediately, notifies individuals and corporations holding concessions granted by Huerta and conventionist government officials that it will be necessary for them to make new applications, exactly as though no such concessions had been attempted to be given.

Holiday Season Precautions

FIRE PREVENTION. Knowing the chief cause of fires it is a simple matter to eliminate them. As these causes multiply in the season of Christmas shopping, so should the activities of those who seek to avoid them be multiplied. Disposal of waste paper and care of packing materials should be watched constantly. Electrical work should be properly inspected. General utility work should be carefully supervised. Decorations and displays should be minimum combustibility and should not serve to increase the congestion of the store. Christmas greens, paper, tinsel, cotton' or any inflammable material for decorations, should be tabooed. The effects that these things produce can be imitated by materials that do not burn. Do not fail to watch for smokers. Prominent warnings against smoking should be posted throughout stores.

Gives Up Command of the Army and Will leave At Once

General Francisco Villa is fleeing Mexico. His revolution is ended. The warfare which has torn Mexico apart for more than three years is over.

General Villa is on his way to the border. He will cross into the United States and has announced his intention of taking up a residence in the United States or Cuba.

General Villa in a signed statement to the News Service gives his reasons for discontinuing the revolution.

Congressman Kitchin made a strong stand for a place in the public limelight got it for a few day and in so doing did himself and his party more harm than he imagines. Kitchin seems to be a dissenter He dissents on many President Wilson's plans when he knows full well that the chief executive of the nation should have the United support of every true Democrat Kitchin has already done harm enough and we trust that from now on he will take a back seat and stay seated.—New Bern Sun.

Immediate Withdrawal of Boy-Ed is Demanded

"Immediate withdrawal of Captain Karl Boy-Ed and Captain Franz von Papen respectively naval and military attaches of the German embassy at Washington, has been requested by the state department. In making formal announcement of this action late today, Secretary Lansing said the attaches had rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government by improper activities in connection with naval and military matters."

The Government did not ask the withdrawal of these men a moment too soon, in fact six months earlier would have been better. Captain Boy-Ed should have been kicked out without the ceremony of a request. His very presence is an insufferable insult to this nation. It is said Boy-Ed's mother's was a Turk and his father a German, if this does not make a bad mixture then we do not know where you will go to find it.

There never was better advice given than to tell people to pay their debts from a civic standpoint. The world does not enter in a very high regard for any man who avoids or evades paying his honest obligations, while occasionally there arises conditions that render impossible for men to meet their honest obligation—but they are so rare that an ordinary citizen can figure it out with ordinary accuracy. The average debt dodger will save by moving.

The Family Tree.

No worthy, ambition young man of this age need give himself much concern about his ancestral tree. That part of the world that is worth while doesn't give a rap where you came from just so you yourself made good. What the world wants to know, first of all, is, who are you, what are you and what can you do and do well.—Henderson Dispatch.

I do not think we have any right to think of Heaven for others, much less of Heaven for ourselves, in the world to come, until we are wholly determined to make this world a Heaven for our fellow-men, and are hoping, believing, loving and working for that, and for its realization not in a thousand or a million years, but in nearer and nearer future.—Stafford A. Brooks.

There is one way to make a white Christmas even though there may be not a flake of snow in sight—Let the whiteness be in your heart, Put aside All thoughts of guile Forget all big or little bitterness you may be entertaining against some other person. Cast out all envy, all covetousness, all unkindness. Enleave to harbor in your heart only such thoughts and feelings as the Nazarene knew when he dwelt by Galilee. Cultivate human brotherhood. Practice Christian charity Look beyond and above your workaday horizon, Get out of yourself Get into the heart of others.

Germany takes pride in the fact that over \$2,613,000,000 has been paid by subscribers to the third German war loan. Russia congratulates itself that the new \$500,000,000 loan is a great success and that subscriptions have been larger and more numerous than was expected. Canada is jubilant because the domestic war loan has been increased from \$50,000,000 to \$100,000,000 on account of the rush of subscriptions. All are exhausting their resources at top speed, but the more they borrow the more they boast of their strength.

Catch This Thief!

The express office at this place was robbed last night. Nineteen quarts of liquor, a watch and a suit of clothes were taken. Entrance was made through the door by breaking the glass A Greek restaurant next door was also entered and a quarter of a dollar in cash and several packages of candy were taken.—Lumbarton special to Charlotte Observer.

ELEVEN LIVES LOST.

That Was the Toll of The Gridiron During The Past Season.

Eleven lives were nipped out on the gridiron this season. The boys ranged in age from 11 to 21 years, and were either killed outright while playing football suffered injuries that resulted in death. Many others were so badly hurt they will be marked or cripple for life.

None of the deaths this season occurred to members of the big, well-trained college elevens. In most cases the players were members of high school, amateur or independent teams where there is little or no system of physical training.

Hazing Agam.

Mr. L. N. Payne writes a letter to the Statesville Lanmark, giving in detail some hazing methods still in vogue at the A. & M. College, Raleigh N. C. Let us quote:

A few things done by the hazers during the present term are: Water thrown on a student while in bed; beds thoroughly wet before student retires at night; tar put in bed, making it necessary, at least in one case to cut covering to get it off; students are made to bend over a chair and be strapped with a leather strap; a part of the hair is cut from the top of head, making it necessary for student to have the head clipped. In one case a razor was used and a part of head shaved. The razor in this particular case belonged to the student who was hazed and was carried off by the hazers, presumably to shave some other freshman.

Mr. Payne says that the above can be easily verified and to their credit the better class of students do not engage in this demoralizing sport. Continuing he says:

The burning question is: Shall we continue to appropriate money from our public fund to educate the worst element of our future citizens, while the better class must either take the treatment these inferiors, morally, see fit to give them, or stay at home and help make the money to pay for the college bills? Father and mother, is your boy a Freshman? Ask him if he has been hazed

NEW PHOTOS OF PLANETS.

Scientist Uses Yellow, Violet and Red Rays With Strange Results.

(Baltimore Dispatch.)

Using the 60 inch telescope at Mount Wilson observatory at Pasadena, Cal., the largest of its kind in the world, Dr. Robert Wood, professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University has obtained remarkable results in photographing the moon Saturn and Jupiter by yellow light and ultra violet and infra red rays. The planets showed remarkable differences when photographed by the different lights. On Saturn a broad dark belt about the equator was plainly visible on the proofs of the ultra violet photographs but totally lacking on the others. The polar caps and the rings of the planet also showed differences.

The change in appearance was caused Dr. Wood says by some material in the planet's atmosphere either finely divided dust or some absorbing gas opaque to the ultra violet rays but transparent to the ordinary yellow ones. Jupiter showed even more marked differences than Saturn, the marked being very much more complicated and intricate.

When I was at home, I was in a better place; but travellers must be content.—"As You Like It."

BRYAN AND BAILEY LIE

President of Aero Club Denies "Commoner" Charges and Uses Ugly Language.

(The New York Sun)

The Aero Club of America put William J. Bryan and Congressman Bailey of Pennsylvania in an Ananias club of its own, alleging they asserted in The Commoner for November that the Aero Club and other defense organizations maintain a lobby for the dissemination of misinformation concerning the defenseless condition of the United States. Alan R. Hawley, president of the club, made the following statement:

"If William Jennings Bryan and Congressman Bailey of Pennsylvania have made such a statement as has been brought to our attention, in plain Anglo-Saxon they are deliberate liars and I wish to brand them as such.

LEGAL AND INDEFENSIBLE

A Wanton Slaughter

The text of the American note regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, made public Saturday night, reveals a formal demand by the United States for prompt denouncement of the "illegal and indefensible" act; for punishment of the submarine commander and for reparation by the payment of indemnity for the killing and injuring of American citizens.

These demands follow a statement informing Austria-Hungary that "the good relations of the two countries must rest upon a common regard for war and humanity." The note arraigns the shelling and torpedoing of the liner as "inhumane," "barbarous" and a "wanton slaughter" of "helpless men, women and children."

The shortage of gasoline in this country is due primarily to a falling off in the production of crude oil, but the increasing use of gasoline caused by the growing use of automobiles, especially the big commercial trucks, is a big factor.

In the last fiscal year the United States consumed approximately 13,000,000 barrels of gasoline, as compared with 10,000,000 barrels in 1914.

Besides this millions of barrels of gasoline have been exported to Europe since the beginning of the war. Increased exportation plays a big part in the threatened famine.

Our War College figures that by employing most of the German steam tonnage afloat the Berlin General Staff could land 387,000 men in this country 15.8 days. It doesn't allow for the months it would take to assemble this shipping from the ends of the earth, German trade meanwhile going to smash. Possibly a War College does not feel obliged to apply the rule of common sense to its estimates.

Those who complain that the democratic Tariff has not reduced the cost of living either overlook or ignore two very important facts: First, that the democratic Tariff has not because of the abnormal conditions brought about by the European war, been given a chance to demonstrate what it would or would not accomplish in lowering the prices of the necessities of life. Second that the cost of living in these United States is today not as high as it would almost certainly have been had the Payne Aldrich schedules of impost duties been continued in force and effect.