THE HEADLIGHT.

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GRADED SCLOOL.

It is believed by many persons that a vote for the "graded school" includes a vote for "electric lights."

I am assured by Senator Morrison that this is not the case. You can vote for both, or you can vote FOR one and AGAINST the other. Other objections have been urged against the graded school bill. One of these is that, the selection of trustees or directors, is not strongly representative: that some names mentioned, should not have been placed there, and some which are not included, should have been included. Another objection urged, is that, the board fills all vacancies, and elects its new members, thus perpetuating itself, if so inclined. In answer to both objections, we would say that, the bill introduced for Rockingham is similar to all, or nearly every bill introduced in the legislature for other towns. Again, that, any and all objectionable features can easily be removed at the next term of the legislature, on petition, by suitable amendments.

Not being a citizen of the town it may appear delicate in our pressing this matter upon the people. We do not do this as editor, but as County Supt. of Schools. As such, it is our duty to do everything in our power to advance the educational interests of every section of the county, and [illegible] us to the [illegible] regardless of popularity, or the voice of public opinion. Then we say, let us take the school upon the terms upon which it is offered, and trust to the next legislature to make such amendments to the act as may be most acceptable to the majority of our people.

The question is, do the people want a graded school? If so, let them waive, for the present, all objections, and vote for the school, and have their objections removed later. It is a sad reflection on our county town, that we have not had a first-class graded school years ago, and now that the opportunity is presented, it should not be allowed to go by default on account of personal prejudice or adverse environments.

The gist of the matter is this: Is a graded school wanted? If so, you can get it,—will you take it. Failing to accept the opportunity, you may regret it. Think before you act.

What we have said about the graded school at Rockingham, is intended to apply with equal force to Hamlet,—or any other section of the county.

Hamlet is rapidly assuming the proportions of a large town, and it is eminently proper that all her environments be such as are best calculated to give her rank among our foremost cities, not the least of which is, a first-class graded school.

J.H. Walsh, C. S. S.

Butt's Panorama.

Arthur Butt is a born artist and in his line has excelled every competitor. Such has been the demand for admittance to his exhibitions that he has found it necessary to provide himself with a large tent.

He will give exhibitions in Rockingham on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, for the benefit of our excellent band. The tent will be pitched in the Academy grove. Let every body come out and see the sights. Such an opportunity may never again be offered. Tickets 5 cents for children, and 10 cts for adults.

From Our Country Correspondents.

Upper Wolf Pit.

The health of our community is unusually good for this season.

Messrs. T. Berry Liles and Vernon gardner spent last Sunday at Hamlet.

B. S. Ledbetter has had a large barn erected on his plantation near here.

Jas. B. Liles and wife, of Hamlet, were visiting his mother in this section last Sunday.

Our farmers are done planting corn and are ready to plant cotton but the weather seems prohibitory.

Rev. C. C. Sells will preach at Mispah the third Sunday morning in April instead of the second Sunday evening.

There seems to be great attraction at Steele's Mill for some of our country boys. Tom Boggan will tell you all about it.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. S. Dockery is orator of the occasion at the concert Thursday night. We are expecting an intellectual treat.

It was the writer's pleasure to listen to a most excellent sermon delivered by Rev. Mr. Leak at Hamlet last Sunday morning. One of Mr. Leak's chief characteristics is that of intense earnestne .

Mr. Editor it must be very gratifying to you to have so many nice things said about your paper. We could have added our enlogy, but in our unassuming, undemonstrative way we count ourselves one of your most appreciative readers.

We notice that Mr. W. A. Graham president of the Cotton Grower's Protective Association, requests the farmers of the cotton growing counties of this State to assemble at the court house in their respective counties and consult as to the cotton acreage for this year. Now, while we have always advocated greater co-operative efforts among the farmers, upon other lines, we really believe such association has a tendancy to increase rather than deminish the acreage. Most farmers are selfish enough to think that such meetings will influence other [illegible] to plant less, hence he will plant more and reap the benefit.

Monster.

Ellerbe.

Most of the peaches are safe yet.

Mr. Breeden, of Ledbetter's, is attending school here.

Dr. Hiatt and family have arrived from Atlanta.

S. D. Townsend had a short call from la grippe last week.

There was a party at Daniel McRae's last Saturday night.

Miss Mary Chappell and W. Broadaway were married on Wednesday last.

Furman Reynolds has charge of the school while Professor Cridlebaugh is absent.

Miss Neelie Garrett has returned home from Georgia where she was visiting her sister, Mrs. Burroughs.

Prof. Cridlebaugh and Will Smith went to Greensboro last Saturday, having been summoned as witnesses in court. H.

Jackson Springs.

Mr. J. W. Boroughs has been confined to his bed for sometime with measles.

The ladies of this place are soliciting funds to purchase an organ for the Presbyterian church.

There was a social gathering last Friday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hinson, which was greatly enjoyed by the young people.

The heavy rains of last Tuesday caused a big washout in the railroad across Jackson creek swamp. Hands were soon put to work and the train is now running as usual.

The A. & A. R. R. Co. run excursions twice a week from Pinehurst to Jackson Springs for the benefit of the northern visitors who desire to visit the Springs.

Mr. Bain and his large force of hands are busily engaged in constructing the addition to the hotel at this place. The new building is 36 by 100 feet and three stories high with a basement. They hope to have the building completed sometime in may.

Messrs. A. Mc. N. Currie, E. A. Currie, J. B. Clark and J. M. Graham attended Moore Superior court last week. C.

Roberdel.

Quarterly meeting at Ledbetters next Sunday.

The wise farmer has plenty of work planned for a rainy day.

Miss Susie Cole, of Charlotte, is visiting Miss Ruth McKinnon.

Failures should be teachers, they show what is necessary to avoid.

Miss Mamie Childress, of Charlotte, remains the guest of relatives.

Old time methods are slow coaches in comparison with present facilities.

G. B. Goodman is improving the looks of his premises by putting a new roof on his dwelling.

Good Friday wrs generally observed by the people of our village, nearly all having put out their gardens.

Our clever weaving overseer, D. M. Nordon, is visiting Bessimer City cotton mills and other points in this State.

We are glad to note that Dr. Frank Garrett will move our village some time soon. We wish for him much success.

The young people of this village had a fine time Saturday evening at the home of Jas. Gay, Sr., at candy pulling. They had a sticky time, and a sweet time, too.

Nearly all of the operatives have moved away from Ledbetter cotton mill. We are glad that most of them have found work at Stleele's mill and other places.

Rev. E. C. Sells preached a very fine sermon on Easter Sunday. His text was, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,"—15th verse 16th chapter of St. Mark.

Easter Sunday,—celebrating the stone rolled away,—was greatly enjoyed by the young children; and many grown-up and gray-headed children "smole a smile" when the large dishes of eggs were passed around. But, seriously, more should be seen in celebrating Easter than the simple loading up on hard-boiled eggs. On that morning the Scripture prophesy was fulfilled: "He is risen;" therefore, all he said is proved true; therefore, he has power over all enemies; therefore He lives to fulfill all His promises; therefore the grave is robbed of its victory; therefore, we shall rise again. As those women came early, so ought the children of men come early in life to the service of the master, for "the master has need of them." As difficulties come in our way, we should press on like the women, instead of stopping to reason, and we shall find as they did, that the stone has been rolled away before we approached it.

Bostick's Mills.

The farmers of this section are planting some cotton.

There was a party on Saturday night at D. A. McRae's.

Miss Mary McRae who has been sick with grippe, is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene LeGrand visited at S. C. Chappell's on Saturday and Sunday.

At the residence of Mrs. Chappell, last Wednesday afternoon, W. I. Broadaway was united in matrimony to Miss Mary Chappell.

Rev. Lawhon will preach at Sharon church first Sunday in May. We hope to see more people attend church and Sunday school than heretofore.

Malee.

The measles are still calling occasionally. Suppose they will be calling around sometime yet.

Some of our neighbors have been gardening this week. We are just a little fearful Jack frost will come yet and nip the young plants but we risk it.

From the way the farmers are hauling guano up the road they will surely reduce the price of cotton next fall, if it be a favorable year for the staple.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Baldwin visited J. W. Lentz and family this week and gladdened the hearts of the little children to have grandpa grandma to spend a night with them.

The recent rains have caused the farmers to stop their plows for a few days, and the streams have overflowed the bottom lands and gave some more work to do where they had planted early corn.

Pee Dee.

Gaston Carr has returned from Hope mills.

Miss Blanche Morton, of Malee, is visiting Miss Mollie Poplin.

James Covington, of Mississippi, is visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Ella McCaskill who has been quite sick for the last few weeks, is up again.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hart, died last week, we are very sorry to state.

Miss Barbara Batton, of Montgomery county is visiting relatives and friends in the village.

G. A. Whitley has gone into the saw mill business, and if you place an order in his hands it will be filled promptly.

Something like Cholera has been raging around here for the past few weeks killing our hogs by the score. Some one please suggest a remedy.

Little Frahk Meacham, who cut his leg so severely with an axe some months ago, is up again. The operation performed on him by Dr. Will Steele, was said to be the finest ever performed in the county.

Capel's Mills.

We have a good deal of measles in upper Richmond.

The bobbing factory at this place is running on full time.

There is a man in this neighborhood who expects to hit the grit soon.

Daniel Parsons has been suffering from rheumatism for some time.

Mrs. S. F. Key, who has been sick for the past three months, is somewhat better.

We understand that we are in Steele's township on the west side of big Mountain creek. Well let ti be so.

We se a change in the free schools in Richmond county. We thought the law was good enough as it was.

When Thursday comes we expect to see the Headlight rolling in, and we are glad to get it for we can get the news from most of the post offices in the county.

The farmers are preparing to plant more 10 cent cotton, but it may be 5 cents yet. Lets make our meat and bread at home and then what cotton we can.

Gibson's Mills.

W. C. Hicks and daughter, Miss Mamie, visited C. B. Terry Saturday and Sunday.

Col. Mart Chance of Beaver Dam, is reported to have suffered badly by the heavy reins of last week.

The county commissioners have ordered and election to be held at Gibson's Mills on the first Monday in May, to vote on stock law or no stock law fence. Let every voter, every body cast a vote for the stock law. Remember you have to register or you cannot vote.

Tray Gibson, a 12 year old boy and son of Robert T. Gibson, was accidently killed at the Ida cotton mill in Scotland county on last Thursday while swinging in a belt that was on idle pully; the belt moving on main driving pully, the boy was thrown up against the wall of the building, breaking his arms, legs and crushing his head. His remains were brought up on Friday and buried at Old Hickory cemetery.

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Quite heavy rains fell in this community the past week.

Take The Headlight.