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Local News Items

Hon. J. T. Legrand left Tuesday for Jackson Springs.

Dr. A. C. Everett, of Pegasus spent Friday in Rockingham.

B. F. Reynolds, of Ellerbe high school was in town Saturday.

Editor Maxwell has moved into his new residence, just completed.

Daniel Gray is building again upon the site of his former residence.

Miss Capel, of Troy is visiting the Misses Monroe, of Rockingham.

The Headlight is glad to see Mr. Fulford Jr. on the streets again.

Prof. W. L. Cridlebaugh, of Ellerbe high school, spent Saturday here.

J. A. McAuley has moved into the residence vacated by Mr. Maxwell.

Leak S. Covington, of Lumberton spent Sunday with his family in town.

Albert Barrett has just been informed on the wire that his mother is dying.

Dr. and Mrs. Campbell, of Wadesboro are visiting W. F. Long and family.

Will Land, of Hamlet attended the "Cheerful Liar" entertainment Thursday night.

H. C. Watson lingers in Georgia, where he made a business trip some time ago.

The Well Bros. are disposing ice cream and all kinds of cool drinks right along.

D. F. O'Brien, of Hamlet was a visitor at the Headlight office last Monday morning.

John Wright took in the S. C. Confederate Reunion at Columbia S. C. last week.

Will Well, the bustling commercial salesman, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents.

Misses Fattie McEae and Johnnie Wall, spent Saturday and Sunday with friends in Marlboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wall and daughters, attended the "Cheerful Liar" entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Whitlock were present Friday evening at the "Cheerful Liar" entertainment.

Miss Allen Smithman, and Clyde Capel, of Troy made a pleasant visit to C. B. Monroe's last week.

Dr. E. S. Davis is preparing to build another store upon the site where the other was burned down.

The genial Capt. J. C. Marshall spent Monday in town plying his business and entertaining friends.

M. L. Hinson has purchased the interest of J. H. Lewis, in the livery business of Lewis & Hinson.

Dr. and Mrs. Garrett, of Roberdel attended the "Cheerful Liar" entertainment Thursday night.

The little child of T. W. McGirt and wife died last week. The Headlight's sympathy is with the bereaved.

Capt. and the Misses Crowland were here Friday night, attending the "Cheerful Liar" entertainment.

The Headlight learns with pleasure that Mr. Tillman Dunn, who has been quite sick is improving slowly.

The publishers of the Headlight are under obligations to Rev. W. C. Webb for a lot of choice tomato plants.

East Rockingham is building rapidly on the new street, and later, will be the handsomest section of the town.

Mrs. Dr. Fowlkes is painting and otherwise improving the house she recently purchased of J. A. McAuley.

The Hinson beef market is now open at the stand in Hinson's brick row, and beef or ice will be the order of the day.

Leak Patrick, the hustling agent of the McEivoe marble works, was out last week and returned with several orders.

W. V. Meltzer, the principle of Covington Academy passed through Rockingham last week on his way to his home.

Work on the Methodist church goes busily on, and we trust it will not be long until we shall hear of a church dedication.

Editor Maxwell, who went to Washington last week to buy material for enlarging his job office, returned Sunday morning.

J. C. Dushery has returned from Nashville Tenn., where he went to take several U. S. prisoners to the penitentiary.

Mrs. W. C. Leak has returned from Spartanburg, S. C. where she has been to visit friends and attend the Grand Music festival.

Y. M. Hogan has purchased the Amy Aldred residence on Fifth Avenue.

John, and James McDuffie, of Laurinburg passed through Rockingham last week to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. A. G. Nicholson.

C. B. Terry of Gibson's mill was in town several days ago. He is one of Rockingham's best farmers, also one of the Headlight's best friends.

M. L. Hinson has sold his residence in East Rockingham, and has moved his mother into the Harrison building which Mr. Hinson recently purchased.

The Headlight learns with great pleasure that Dr. W. H. Steele continues to improve, and trusts that he will soon be able to resume his professional duties.

Hon. Hector McLean, agent for the People's Mutual Benefit Association of North Carolina, will be in Rockingham during court week, to issue policies to all persons desiring them.

W. R. Terry Esq. long known to the people of the county, has resumed the practice of law, and has his office at Hamlet. He will give special attention to writing deeds, mortgages, etc., and collection of claims.

Rev. C. L. Greaves' services are in demand as a speaker, and deservedly so. He delivers within the next few days literary addresses at McFarlan, Poikton and Ellerbe Springs, pausing in the mean time to marry a couple in Chatham county. Congratulations Bro. Freeman.

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The Cheerful Liar.

This farce comedy, as rendered by distinguished home talent at Rockingham, on the 9th instant, gives it rank among the best comedies of modern writers. This company made its debut on the evening above stated, in the court house, and was greeted by an overflowing house; and if we can form any estimate of the appreciation of the audience by the enthusiastic and prolonged applause which was so frequently indulged in, we would say that the exercises must have been unusually entertaining.

The manner in which each member of the company executed his or her part, in the different scenes, showed remarkable discernment in the allotment of the different characters to the parties who represented them. Every member of the company acted his or her part with distinguished ability, and the concurrent judgement of the audience was that, though amateurs, they are entitled to rank as professionals.

The exercises were opened by little Miss Jennie Watson, about eight years of age, who sang beautifully, a beautiful solo—"When the Sun Went Down." This was followed by the appearance of the "County Constable"—P. C. Whitlock, in a manner which could not be excelled. Then came "Hastings Russell, J. P."—Settle Dockery, in his own inimitable style, with all the dignity which characterized a justice of the peace in ante-bellum days. His personal appearance, in his judicial garb, was impressive and unique, and in every way, worthy of the occasion; and which his cheerfulness was notable at times, his serenity was disturbed several times by intense anxiety and occasional disappointments. Mr. Dockery fully sustained his reputation as possessing remarkable stage talent. "Randolph Dearborn,"—A. McN. Page, in his first appearance in this line at Rockingham, made for himself quite a reputation.

"Gen. Boomer,"—Major Edwin Sully, the very man, and the only man for the place, easily distinguished himself, and won laurels which no other could have so successfully achieved. "Rev. Ezra Stiggins,"—Thos. C. Leak, Jr. This character was presented by Mr. Leak most successfully—here again the question is asked, who could have represented the PARSON in a more dignified and becoming manner? "Flora Boomer" was most excellently represented by the beautiful and charming Miss Edwina Armistead—she was stage born—built for the business. "Birdie Sweetlove," by Miss Mattie Johnson, the accomplished president of the "Old Maid's Society," was truly a success—a decided success. The "Hoosier school marm" was represented by Miss Pattie LeGrand, whose gifts in this direction eminently fit her for any position in such scenes. Aggregating the different actors and actresses, we do not hesitate to say that they make a combination which should draw full houses in any town or city which they might be induced to visit, and we suggest that this company make engagements with several towns on the C. C. railroad.

And now we ask who could have more beautifully and elegantly rendered the popular solos so excellently sung by Mesdames Ledbetter and Everett with the organ accompaniment under the skillful touch of Johnnie Armistead's fingers? Well done—a magnificent entertainment was the unanimous verdict of the large, intelligent audience.

Take The Headlight.

Ellerbe Springs High School.

The closing exercises of this popular school will occur on Friday, the 24th instant, with the following programme:

Exercises: Friday, May 24th, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Annual Address: Friday, May 24th, 2:30 o'clock, p. m., by Rev. C. L. Greaves, of Rockingham.

Reception: Friday, May 24th, 8:30 o'clock, p. m.

MARSHALS.

Chief, J. R. Bennett, J. B. Reynolds, J. C. Watson, Paul Bennett, P. B. Broeden.

Everybody invited. A good time may be expected, as this school always has excellent entertainments. The address by Mr. Greaves, we can assure you in advance, will be strictly up-to-date in every respect.

Mrs. A. G. Nicholson.

Mrs. Nicholson passed quietly away last Monday at 8 o'clock a. m., and now her silent dust reposes in the Green Lake cemetery to await the resurrection morn. She was a good woman, a devoted wife and a most affectionate mother. She leaves a heart-broken husband and two little children, one only a week old. At such a seemingly cruel separation the heart grows sick and sad until we remember that God doeth all things well. His ways are inscrutable and we shudder as we see our loved ones nearing the other shore, and yet:

Jesus can make a dying bed Soft as downy pillows are.

Death is but the portal to endless life, a life of joy or a life of sorrow. Death that also always well, where death and sorrow never come and where family re-unions never end.

Protracted Meeting.

Rev. F. M. Shumacher, pastor of the Methodist church commenced a meeting last night, which will continue for some days. To night Rev. Walter I. Herbert will be here, and will preach from day to day during the continuance of the meeting. Mr. Herbert is an excellent preacher, and a noted revivalist. He is in the regular work, and is a member of the S. C. conference. Let everybody hear him.

CIVIL CALENDAR

For May Term, 1901.

MONDAY, MAY, 27, 1901.

188. J. W. Covington vs. J. M. Mines.

189. Flora McLean vs. W. W. Bullard.

190. W. J. Whitaker vs. Henry H. Covington.

191. W. P. Shankle vs. Green Whitley.

192. G. A. Whitley vs. W. F. Shankle.

193. W. F. Shankle vs. G. A. Whitley.

194. R. B. Lovin admr. of Daniel Gilles, deceased, vs. J. H. Gilles.

195. S. M. Joyner vs. A. A. Joyner.

TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1901.

196. J. H. Gilles vs. R. B. Lovin, admr. of Daniel Gilles, deceased.

197. John W. Covington vs. John G. McCaskill, et al.

198. Bernard Winfield, trustee, et al. vs. John G. Dean.

199. M. E. Mills and wife, and N. H. Shepherd vs. Harrison Shepherd, W. S. Crump, Ex'r et al.

200. A. D. Williams vs. J. A. McNair.

201. Luke Gibson vs. H. H. Covington et al.

202. P. R. Cameron vs. John Leach.

WEDNESDAY, MAY, 29, 1901.

203. Lowdermilk Bros. vs. W. S. Crump Ex. of R. Bowden, deceased.

204. Dave Covington vs. Phillis Covington.

205. Willie B. Knight vs. R & A A I R Co.

206. Claude Sandford vs. J. T. West.

207. Lucy Caroline Curry, admr. vs. C O B Co.

208. Alfred Lowdermilk vs. B. B. Lowdermilk Ex. and guardian.

THURSDAY, MAY 30, 1901.

209. Annie J. Casary vs. Robert Casary.

210. D. B. Cameron & Bros. vs. E. G. Gibson & J. T. John, Jr.

211. Della Ann Ingle vs. C C R R Co.

212. J. S. Boggan vs. C C R R Co.

213. Robert Ellerbe vs. Allos Ellerbe.

Hamlet Department.

The new mayor and commissioners were sworn in Wednesday.

Mr. Rob a contractor of Hamlet has gone to Jacksonville Fla.

H. F. Wade and E. B. Saunders, of Rockingham was here Thursday.

Contractor J. H. Nalls visited his parents in Chatham county Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a shower of hail fell in Hamlet Friday evening. No damage was done we think.

Walter Parsons, Senator Morrison, John Smith, J. F. Cameron T. B. Covington of Rockingham were here Wednesday.

O. T. Goodwin one of Hamlet's oldest and most prosperous merchants, is having himself a beautiful residence erected.

Luther Smith had the misfortune to loose a fine milk cow Saturday. She tangled her self in the rope fell and broke her neck.

T. H. Brooks and family left Saturday for Lumberton, where Mr. Brooks has accepted a position with the Carolina and Northern railroad.

Dilla Brooks was tried in Justice Freeman's court Thursday, for assisting her husband in escaping from the guard house, and in default of \$200.00 justifiable bond, was sent up to jail to await court. Parties all colored.

Luck & Askingson is the name of a new liquor firm that will open up in Hamlet this week. That will make Hamlet five barrooms, one distillery nearly ready to operate. Miss Carrie Nation might do a smashing business here for a while.

President John Skelton Williams, vice president J. M. Barr, Supt. second division J. M. Turner, William Moncre and train master, C. H. Hix of the S. A. L. were in Hamlet Friday morning on a tour of inspection of the S. A. L. system.

In the municipal court before Mayor Freeman, Hattie Springs and another colored dame was up for fighting. Both were women of low repute. Mayor Freeman promptly placed them in the guard house with a fine. Thus ended one day of court proceedings in Hamlet.

Mac. McLean had Walter Tyson on a warrant before Squire Neill McDonald, for stealing his purse with 9.00 in money. The evidence was such that would not convict and Tyson was set free, and the plaintiff McLean was taxed with the cost. Attorney J. W. Legrand of Rockingham appeared for the defendants in both the above cases.

A Card of Thanks.

To the kind friends, who so thoughtfully ministered to my dear wife during her illness, and extended unbounded kindness to my family since her death, I return my most grateful acknowledgments.

A. G. Nicholson.

Afflicted Family.

We learn with great sorrow and heartfelt sympathy, of the sad condition of Mr. W. S. Crump and family. He and one or two members of the family are now quite ill.

We sincerely hope that the angel of mercy will hover over his household, and that those members now ill, will soon be restored to health.

A Picnic.

On Easter Monday, as we had holiday we decided to have a picnic. Every one waited anxiously for the day to come. We were all up bright and early to prepare for our day in the woods, among the beautiful rocks and ferns. We started about ten o'clock and arrived at the place where we were to have our picnic, about eleven o'clock.

We had a very pretty place near Steeles mill called "The Rocks. All around on the largest rocks you could see happy groups of boys and girls, chatting and having a good time. We had fresh mineral and spring water which we enjoyed very much.

About one o'clock we were called to dinner, out in a shady spot in the cool woods. Every one enjoyed and ate heartily of the delightful lunch of which we had an abundance. We then strolled leisurely around, some to get water others to gather pretty wild flowers, a few fished and boat riding would have been enjoyed, but our chaperons didn't think that best, as it was dangerous.

About three o'clock we all gathered together and decided to take a walk. We went up the branch a short distance and got our last drink of spring water then returned to start home, as it was getting late. We had some trouble with our horse as he was inclined to remain a while longer, we had to stop when he thought best, and remain about a half hour before we started again. We got home about seven o'clock and found all waiting for us to hear about the glorious Easter picnic.

Ina May Weill.

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