



"GREAT HEADLIGHT" goes to more homes in Richmond County, and is read by more people than any other paper, of any kind published in the County, or elsewhere.

### LOCAL COLUMN.

#### Brief Items Gathered From Many Places For Busy People.

Miss Johnnie Wall has returned from Atlanta, Ga. Money is "tight," but "hog and hominy" abounds.

Mr. W. F. Lovin gave as a good shake last Monday.

Mr. W. A. Wilkes was a pleasant visitor last Monday.

Mr. J. T. McLeod was a business visitor here last Saturday.

Miss Florrie Wall is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jones, at Carthage.

We greatly regret to learn that Rev. D. C. Britt is still quite sick.

Miss Dale Shaw, who has been visiting in Charlotte, is at home again.

Miss Nellie Smith, who has been visiting at Newbern, is now at home.

We regret to learn that Dr. Hinds, of Ellerbe, is still in feeble health.

Mrs. Wood, nee Miss Nettie McAulay, is visiting her sister, Mrs. O. M. Hobbs.

Mrs. A. M. Watson, of Thomasville, Ga., is visiting her relatives in the "city."

The Headlight will take holiday next week to get in good trim for the new year.

The "Gobbler" was gobbling around town on Monday, spitting words for hours.

Misses Mamie and Annie Steele, have returned from a visit to friends in Baltimore.

The Bazaar of the King's Daughters yielded the handsome sum of \$300.00, clear of expenses.

We were glad to shake the hand of our old friend, D. A. McRae, of Mountain Creek, last Monday.

It is a pleasure to witness the pleasure the "old vets" to realize, when they get their pension warrants.

While we might desire more favorable and congenial environments, let us feel thankful for all we have.

There are many poor children who would be glad to share our Christmas charities. Let us not forget the poor.

The Headlight extends Christmas greetings to all its readers, and special acknowledgments to all its correspondents.

The Methodist parsonage presents the appearance of a nearly finished building. It is a roomy and fine looking dwelling.

We had the pleasure of a call from Mrs. Dian Smith, a few days ago. It is seldom this excellent lady gets so far from home.

Mr. J. A. Harrington, one of West Pitt's cleverest farmers, killed a large hog weighing in weight 1200 pounds. The heaviest weight ever.

The Methodist Sunday school at Ellerbe, will have an entertainment on Christmas eve night. Probably the Baptist church will have in the forenoon.

Monday's school was so crowded that Saturday, that it was a difficult matter to get walked on. "Sunday school" went off in lots, but he has nothing left for next Saturday.

The old weather, they do. all over the world. We got the same kind of advice circumstances, and we are under the same sky, but we'll be sure to give you on Thursday.

I am still at the old trade.—W. S. Fowlkes, Jeweler.

See A. Aronson's Black Thibit Men's Suits before buying elsewhere.

My guarantee means that goods will hold their own.—W. S. Fowlkes, Jeweler.

You all know me. If I cheat you, will make it good.—W. S. Fowlkes, Jeweler.

The greatest and biggest sale ever in Richmond county will be at A. Aronson's from Thursday 15th to Christmas eve.

You can get a 2 lb., box of R. J. Reynolds, 8 oz., tobacco, at W. G. Lowry's for \$1.00, regular price \$2.00. A 10c cut for 5c.

Good Madras Cloth regular 10 cent goods, guaranteed not to fade all colors, 80 inches wide, now going at 4 1/2 cents per yard.—A. Aronson.

Don't fail to read our inside pages. You will find X-mas literature galore, and a lot of good stuff that is worth a year's subscription to you.

Fire works for every body at W. G. Lowry's, Roman Candles, Sky Rockets, Torpedoes, 5 and 10c assortments, 5 and 10c packs all in abundance going cheap.

Read all of our "ads." carefully. Our advertisers want to do you right, and we want you to call on them. No use to go elsewhere, for what you want, in any kind of goods.

Santa Klaus is here in all his splendor and grandeur. He has something for every child, man and woman. He is anxious to serve all who call on him at W. G. Lowry's.

The aged and infirm, white and colored, at the County Home, will enjoy a good Christmas dinner. They have generally been looked after. Let us not forget them this time.

Mr. John G. Terry was here last Monday, on a business visit, and this time, he was going—towards home. He had "Gobbler" with him,—or "Gobbler" had him—couldn't tell which.

The slump in cotton is playing havoc with debt-paying, and without an early change there will be great business depression throughout the South. It wasn't caused by Parker's election.

Monday, the third of January, will be the day for the County Commissioners to meet. A superintendent for the County Home, and other important business will engage their attention.

During December, I will keep the gallery open until ten o'clock each evening, to accommodate those who can't find time to have their pictures taken during the day.—J. E. Spencer, Photographer.

Our good old friend, Mr. J. W. Bennett, now of Hyde county, is still with us. We are under obligations to him for a very pleasant visit. He will continue to read the Headlight in his far-away home.

Miss Callie Covington entertained the Twentieth Century Club a few nights ago. Miss Leba Terry received a handsome handkerchief as a prize for answering different questions, and Miss Pattie McRae received the consolation prize.

New Goods, all solid gold, if guaranteed, or money refunded.—W. S. Fowlkes, Jeweler.

Queen City Hotel, Charlotte, N.C. Traveling men looking for a good hotel at moderate prices would do well to give us a trial. The Queen City Hotel is up-to-date; all outside rooms with modern conveniences.

### A BEAUTIFUL DOUBLE MARRIAGE.

At the Elegant Home of Dr. J. H. Williamson.

Wednesday, the 21st, at 5 o'clock, P. M., was the appointed time. The contracting parties were Mr. Rufus F. House, of Coneto, N. C., and Miss Erma Lide, of Alabama, and Mr. Wesley L. Pegues, of Marlboro, S. C., and Miss Carrie May Lide, of Ala.

The officiating minister was Rev. J. S. Dill, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, Bowling Green, Ky.

Misses Jennie and Lizzie Crossland received the guests, in a very handsome manner, and introduced them to the strangers.

At about 4:30, the guests began to arrive, and though but few persons were invited, outside the family and immediate neighborhood, there was a well-filled room present. At 5:30 the massive curtains across the entrance hall to Dr. J. H. Williamson's elegant residence, were drawn aside, presenting to the guest a beautiful sight—the officiating clergyman and the contracting parties, standing under a mistletoe bower. Immediately the ceremony began, and was pronounced in a most impressive and attractive manner. Both brides were attired in handsome trailing habit, and after the conclusion of the festivities, the bridal parties left for a visit to the "Land of Flowers," expecting to visit Jacksonville, St. Augustine, &c.

The Headlight's best wishes will follow these excellent young people throughout life's journey.

THE DINNER.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., the family dinner was announced. The guests were the two expectant grooms, Misses Jennie and Lizzie Crossland, Capt. W. I. Everett and this editor. We have never seen a better dinner, anywhere, and we know of at least two who enjoyed it—one, was this editor, and the other was a gentleman of about the same age—but we won't call his name.

Meacham-Terry.

At 8 o'clock, P. M., last Wednesday, the 21st, instant, Miss Lina Meacham and Mr. M. E. Terry were happily united in marriage, at the bride's residence. Rev. T. S. Wright was the officiating minister. The attendants were, Miss Brant Meacham with Mr. Walter H. Terry and Miss Ida Terry with Mr. J. N. Meacham.

We have received this marriage report as we go to press, or we would have more to say of this happy event.

The Headlight's very best wishes will ever be with its young friends whose lives, we trust have been happily linked together.

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, N. C. [For Richmond and Scotland Co. Branch.]

The Annual Meeting of the said branch will be held in the Court House at Laurinburg, first Monday in January, 1905, at 11 a. m. All the members of the Association are requested to attend and hear the reports and learn the working of the important institution—elect officers, &c. The storms of present year caused unusual losses, but all losses have been promptly paid and the status of the Co. is very good.

Jan. M. Wright, Sec. & Treas. W. H. Murphy, Pres.

A Safe Investment.

A limited number of shares in the Richmond Mercantile Company, Rockingham, can be had by calling on

Y. M. BOGGAN, Mgr.

### Rockingham When We Came Here and Rockingham Now.

We pitched our tent in the good old town of Rockingham, November 4th 1895, and that week our first issue of The Rocket appeared. Without attempting to give a complete history of the town during the interval mentioned, we will say that the town has grown slowly, but steadily, making quite a contrast between its appearance then, and now. The same applies to its population, and its business facilities, and the amount of business done. Since our residence here, a large number of handsome dwellings, and cosy cottages have been erected, and the population has almost doubled. Many of the finest buildings in the central portion of the town have been consumed by fire, but on their ruined sites, more magnificent structures have been reared, and never has the business portion of the town presented a better appearance than now. The new Methodist church is a capacious and handsome edifice. The Graded School building is an honor to the town. All the churches are nice buildings, good enough for any town.

One of the great improvements is the electric-light system, and this makes us feel more sensibly, the lack of good water, and enough of it for all purposes, especially for protection from the fire-fend. But what would we do with the water without a fire engine and, strong, willing, capable men, to work it.

Then, we need a public library. These latter things were not here when we came, nor are they here yet. We had one bank then, but now, we have three. We had five factories then, now we have seven. We had no hardware store then, now, we have one of the most complete in this section of the State. We had two livery stables then, now we have four. The last big thing for the town is the bottling works. Another big thing is the harness emporium of E. S. Davis & Son. These gentlemen also conduct a tan yard and a roller factory. We have 36 stores, 2 drug stores, 2 shoe shops, 1 bakery, 3 wood shops, 1 general repair shop, 4 blacksmith shops, 2 watchmaker & jeweler shops, 3 beef markets, 3 dentists, 6 doctors, 7 attorneys, 4 churches with regular services, 1 photographer, 2 weekly newspapers, 4 saloons 3 banks. If we've overlooked any of our possessions, we hope someone will call our attention to the missing link. Now if we haven't got everything a first-class town ought to have let us know what is lacking and we'll go for it, instant.

Rockingham has been

blessed during these years with good general health, and freedom from epidemics.

The people are as good as you will find anywhere, and are fast becoming progressive. But amid all our pleasures, prosperity and happiness, most of us have been forced to part with loved ones. Many who were in the vigor of life when we came to Rockingham, have crossed the great river. Some of these were our oldest citizens, but others left us in the middle of life, and still others, just blooming into young manhood and womanhood. The first funeral we attended was that of the venerable Robt L. Steele, a gentleman we had long known and loved, and whose memory we still cherish. Other deaths followed, one by one, until in the interval alluded to, almost fifty persons above the age of 12 years, have passed into the spirit land. Before another decade shall have rolled by, who of us will be here to make the count—not many, not many.

We have endeavored, as best we could, and entirely from memory, to name those over 12 years who have died here, or brought here for interment, since November 1st, 1895, and herewith publish the list.

Names of persons of and around Rockingham, who have died since Nov. 1st, 1895.

This includes some who died elsewhere, but are buried here:

Robt. L. Steele, Mrs. Stewart, Rev. T. W. Guthrie, Mrs. M. J. Ledbetter, Rev. Ledbetter, Mr. G. S. Steele, H. C. Wall, T. J. West, Dr. W. M. Rowles, Mrs. T. C. Leak, Alex. Stewart, A. M. McAulay, Rev. J. T. Lyon, Mrs. J. C. Caudle, Mrs. Dargan Liles, Mrs. Dr. W. L. Steele, O. L. Kinney, J. T. LeGrand, James LeGrand, Jr., Miss Rebecca LeGrand, John L. Walsh, Mrs. Walter L. Steele, Sr., Joseph Napier, Thos. J. Steele, Mrs. L. C. Sharp, Mr. Gatlin, Mrs. J. F. Hamer, James Hamer, W. P. Stansell, Claude Sandford, Miss Aetna Evans, Miss Ledbetter, Mrs. Dr. Campbell, Mrs. D. F. O'Brien, Mrs. Armistead, Mrs. Cole, J. C. Ellerbe, Mrs. E. M. Tomlinson, Mr. Bolton, Mrs. M. T. Hinson, Julian Hinson, Mrs. Sarah Terry, Mr. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. J. T. Newberry, Mrs. Wilburn, Mrs. W. G. Northam, Mr. Lineberry, Mrs. A. M. Long, A. B. Shaw, Dr. J. M. Stansell, Miss Nan Smith, Mrs. Flowers, Mrs. C. G. Covington, Mrs. J. W. Covington, Alfred Terry, Mrs. J. D. Porter, J. D. Porter, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, A. C. Benton, Miss Carrie King, W. W. Napier.

DOG LOST.

Hound, body black, gray face, neck and breast, blue speckled tan legs, tip of tail white. Medium size. Reward for information as to whereabouts.

Darby H. Covington. Rockingham, N. C.

3 Crown Raisins For 10 Cents per Pound.

Through a mistake in orders we are overstocked with fine raisins, and are closing them out at 10c per pound. They won't last long at that price—come quick if you want some.

J. B. SMITH & SON.

### RESOLUTIONS BY ROCKINGHAM LODGE, I. O. O. F.

Rockingham Lodge, No. 173. To the Officers and Members: The committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions of respect to our Brother, Rev. T. S. Wright, beg to submit the following:

Whereas the Lodge has heard with profound sorrow of the bereavement of our Brother Wright's family in the death of members of their family, therefore, be it

Resolved: That we tender our Brother in this hour of affliction our heart-felt sympathy, and the assurance of our fraternal love.

2nd. That the Secretary enter these Resolutions on the minutes and deliver a copy of same to our dear Brother's Family.

3rd. That a copy be sent to the weekly papers of our city with request to publish.

Respectfully submitted:

D. S. Pool, W. P. Webb, H. L. Guthrie, Com.

Resolutions adopted by Rockingham Lodge, No. 173, I. O. O. F. Whereas God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to allow the Death-Angel to visit the happy home of our esteemed Brother W. N. Everett and remove from this earth his sweet, obedient and dutiful little daughter Frances therefore be it resolved:

1st. That while we deeply sympathize with our Brother and his family in their sad bereavement, we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, believing that our kind Heavenly Father, deathly with his creatures in love, and that with the child is now far better, and her happy spirit is now joining in the halcyons with the redeemed around the great white throne in heaven.

2nd. That we extend to Brother Everett that condolence emanating from a truly fraternal Brotherhood.

3rd. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Lodge; that a copy be sent to the bereave family, and that a copy be sent the local papers with request to publish.

Submitted.

H. L. Guthrie, W. P. Webb, D. S. Pool, Com.

NOTICE.

I have taken up two cows—one black with white streak on back, no horns, and has bell on, the other a red heifer, marked with smooth crop in right ear and hole in left ear. Owner please call, pay damages and get them.

J. T. LOWE, 4 miles east of Rockingham.

There's Money In It.

Yes its money to you to buy your wagons repaired at the proper time, and its a money to you to have it done well and quickly. We keep all kinds of materials on hand, from a small bolt to a big bolt, also spokes, rims, axles, springs, and all other parts of buggies and wagons.

Our Patent Tire Shrinker. If one of the greatest inventions of the age, it does its work in a few minutes, without, and more satisfactorily than the old way. If you'll let us we'll save you money.

Bring us your horse, if you want him shod right.

W. R. SIKES & CO. POLEY'S HONEY AND TAR. Bring me your tobacco tags. Will pay highest prices for them. W. G. Lowry.