



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

LOCAL COLUMN.

Brief Items Gathered From Many Places For Busy People.

Mrs. Maude White is visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. J. C. Davis.

Mrs. Covington, of Texas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. P. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Whitlock spent Christmas at Mrs. Whitlock's old home.

Mrs. Claiborne Lyon and babe are visitors at the pleasant home of Mrs. J. T. Lyon.

Mrs. Ed Lyon and children are visiting her friends at Gibson station and vicinity.

We regret to learn of the illness of little Louis Weill, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Weill.

Mr. A. L. McDonald has been with his family during the holidays. Mr. Mo's old friends seem to enjoy his visit.

Mr. Hooker, an aged gentleman who lived at Midway, died very suddenly, last week. His family has our sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Lucas, of Charlotte, were visitors last week at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Guthrie.

Miss Virginia Cole, and little Misses Sue and Mary, daughters of Dr. Thomas Cole, of Mt. Olive, are here on a holiday visit.

A highly appreciated letter from Mr. W. F. Gibson, a few

Thanks for both, good friend.

We learn with sorrow, of the death of Mrs. Lockhart, wife of Hon. J. A. Lockhart, of Wadesboro. A good woman has left us.

Mr. Preston C. Covington, one of our old types, now with the Sanford Express, spent the holidays, with our Mr. Covington, his brother.

Last Saturday was the last day for the raucous, and yet it was a quiet day with no unusual evidence of a "big run" in the whiskey trade.

Miss Susie McDonald, of the faculty of the Troy High School, spent the holidays here with her family. We need Miss Sue in Richmond.

We greatly regret to learn of the death of Hon. Charlie S. McCall, of Bennettsville. He died suddenly and quite unexpectedly, last Saturday.

The "mill force" at Midway, presented their superintendent, Mr. F. T. Biggs, with a valuable Christmas present as a token of their kind feeling toward him.

We regret to learn that little Miss Jennie Watson has had a "sick Christmas." She has been quite unwell for a week past—better now, we are pleased to say.

Mr. J. L. Sinclair, of Louisburg, Miss., is here for a while with his kindred and friends. His sister came with him. The Headlight appreciates the renewal of his subscription.

Mr. McLendon, a son of Mr. J. McLendon, of Erie Mills, was a pleasant caller the day after Christmas. He left a hard silver dollar with us. It is good to have such friends.

Our "Bar men" are kicking no doubt at the closing out of their business. No better set of men ever engaged in this kind of business, and they are retiring without a murmur. Whether or not, they await a day of retribution, we cannot say. They are quiet enough now.

It gives us pleasure to hear that Rev. D. C. Britt is improving.

Miss Lillie Lyon is visiting friends at and around Gibson.

The Headlight extends New Year's greetings to all its patrons.

We regret to learn that Rev. W. R. Coppedge is quite unwell, and confined to his home.

Prof. Edwin Armistead is still with his family, but will return to duty in a few days.

FOUND—One bunch of keys. Owner can have same by giving proper description.—A. P. Frye.

Mr. W. J. Thomas, now of Charlotte, visited his relatives here last week. He has our thanks for a subscription renewal.

We are under obligations to Messrs. John Sardy Covington and Joseph Lamplly for subscription renewals last week.

We are getting up a list of names of persons who will read papers, and won't pay for them. Hope yours won't be on this list.

Most of our boys and girls who are attending schools and colleges elsewhere, have returned, and others will leave next Monday.

Mrs. Wood, nee Miss Nettie McAulay, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. M. Hobbs, has returned to her home at Raleigh.

Mr. W. A. Meeks, a nice young man, of high moral character, left last Tuesday, for Georgia, where he has accepted a business position.

Mr. J. M. McNair, a Richmond boy, now of McBees, S. C., was a pleasant holiday caller, who kindly renewed his subscription to the Headlight.

Bobt. Lyon, who came here from Tennessee, a short time ago, has returned to the drug house, at the urgent request of his former employers.

We appreciate a pleasant call from Miss Maude Williams, a most excellent Roberdel young lady, now a student at the Inglewood school, Albemarle.

Messrs. Chester and Fred McIver spent Christmas with the family. Both were pleasant visitors at our office, renewing their subscriptions to the Headlight.

Mr. G. M. Rainwater, now teaching at Hodges, S. C., has been with his friends here for several days. He was a pleasant caller last Saturday. He sent his dollar ahead.

Senator W. I. Everett, and Representative George Warburton, left for Raleigh last Tuesday. We are banking high on the services of these good men will give us in the legislature.

The sudden death of Miss Kate Laney, of Monroe, cast a gloom over her home town. She died in Baltimore, on her way home, to visit her friends and spend the holidays with them.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. Wilburn, an aged lady, the grand-mother of Mrs. Mrs. W. M. Fowkes, which occurred last Tuesday morning at the residence of Mrs. Fowkes.

We learn that there were 22 applications for Superintendent of the County Home. We are not surprised at all. We venture to predict that the man who gets it, will have no picnic, all the time.

Master Covington, an excellent old-time colored farmer, killed four hogs a few days ago aggregating 1040 pounds in weight—making an average of 260 1/2 pounds. He brought us a watermelon which he had saved for us. We cut it yesterday, and divided with friends who happened to be present—it was out of season, but good of its kind.

Mr. J. B. Caudle and family left for Charlotte, their future home, on yesterday. We dislike to see these good people leave our town, but if their interests can be promoted by the move, we can enter no protest.

Rev. J. A. Baldwin, principal of the Piedmont Industrial School spent last week with the home people at Covington. He kindly called on us on his return. He is doing excellent work and his prospects are growing brighter.

A new Rural Free Delivery mail route is to be opened about the 17th instant. It will extend from Rockingham, by Roberdel No. 2.

Mr. Daniel Watson killed some fine porkers last week, some of them weighing near 800 pounds.

We are in receipt of a very nice letter from Miss Fannie M. Covington, of Zero, Miss., and it was the bearer of a subscription renewal. This letter is greatly appreciated. Miss Fannie is well, and favorably known to many of the Richmond people.

School Girls and Boys.

The following school girls spent their X-mas holidays at home: Misses Mattie Brigman, Mossie Long, Mary Ledbetter, Ina Weill, Lila Stansill, Emily Hall, Mae Hinson, Ida Williams, Pearl Stewart, Ina Pool, Nancy Fairly. The boys are, Lindo Brigman, Charlie Weill, Furman Reynolds, and perhaps others we cannot now remember. We were glad to have these clever young people, with us.

County Commissioners Meeting.

The Board of County Commissioners met last Monday, and besides transacting the usual business, issued the following licenses for distilling grain:

At Hoffman, N. F. Love, S. M. Pankey, James Tyner, and C. F. Cheeks.

To retail spirituous and malt liquors, Z. F. Long, and James Blue, at Hoffman.

E. A. Lackey, O. E. Lackey, Hamlet Whiskey Company, A. K. Atkinson, and Auman Bros., at Hamlet.

Mr. J. P. Hadley, of Steele's township, was elected superintendent of the County Home.

The attorney to the Commissioners was instructed to take the necessary steps to get a bill through the legislature, to enable the County Commissioners of Richmond county to issue bonds to the amount of \$25 000.00, to pay the County's indebtedness.

Prof. W. L. Cridlebaugh.

Prof. Cridlebaugh, the excellent and popular principal of the Roberdel school, has been elected superintendent of the Hamlet Graded School. While we condole with our Roberdel friends in their loss, we extend hearty congratulations to Hamlet, in its great gain.

As a skilled teacher, and an "all-around" gentleman, he has no superior in the county.

It was quite proper however, that the Professor should not go alone, believing as he did, that it was not well for man to live alone, and his selection of a life-mate in the person of the beautiful and accomplished, Miss Nannie Michaux, who was associated with him for several years, as assistant teacher, fully equipped him for the work upon which he was to enter. Their happy marriage occurred last week. The Headlight extends sincere congratulations, and best wishes for the present and future happiness of these excellent young people.

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

THE COUNTY

Interesting Dots From Our Faithful Correspondents

Gibsons Mills

Mr. R. B. Terry, of High Point, N. C., spent a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Terry last week.

Miss Ina Shankle, of Norwood, visited friends in this section a few days ago.

Miss Ida Terry and Brother visited Misses Carrie and Mary Thomas, Sunday.

Messrs. Irvin and Roberdel Lovin, of Red Springs, came up to spend the holidays with friends and relatives in this section.

Miss Eugenia Saunders visited friends in our town a few days last week.

Miss Sellie Thomas, of East Dufham, came Friday night to begin her school Monday, near the home of C. B. Terry.

Miss Nannie Terry left Tuesday to visit her uncle near Rockingham, for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Terry will leave this week for Robeson county, where they will make their future home.

Mr. L. R. Terry will leave in a few days for Jackson Springs, to assist in Jackson Springs High School.

Fee Dee

Mrs. E. T. Covington fell out of the door and hurt her arm a few days ago.

Mr. Robert L. Little has gone to Marshville to visit his parents.

Messrs. Nash and Holmes have returned home after visiting friends at this place.

Mrs. Abbie Walden, of Norfolk, is visiting her parents Mr. Mrs. B. F. Harris, of this place.

Mrs. Kate Jones and Mr. Hugh McLean, of Florida, are visiting their parents at this place.

Rev. W. T. Rainwater looked very natural on the streets one day last week, from Hoffman.

Mrs. Fanny Sikes and children are visiting her parents at this place, Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Davis.

Mr. Jim Braswell, of Pelkton, is visiting his children at this place.

Mr. Henry Smith returned home to day after looking after his best girl for several days.

Mr. E. T. Covington is the lucky man. After all the rest failed he caught the wild hog which has a brand in its right ear and Mr. Z. F. Long's name is on the brand.

I thing Christmas closed with a whole lot of young folks buggy riding.

Old Santa Claus' family went a horseback riding and pleased her children by riding them on a wagon.

Patty.

The Lumberton Argus, booms our preacher, Ex-Sheriff, in glowing terms, and compliments our "gentle, rich bachelors, Messrs. W. F. L. Steele and W. D. Moore," by saying, "some young ladies of the town are missing much by allowing these gentlemen to remain bachelors." Bro. Peterson knows a good thing when he sees it.

Mrs. A. L. Walsh.

The subject of this brief tribute was the widow of this editor's brother, the late Addison L. Walsh. She had just entered her 50th year. Her Maiden name was Susan Annus Hennegan, a daughter of General Hennegan, of Mecklenburg county, N. C. The writer first knew her as she entered upon womanhood, and from that period to the time of her demise, she lived a noble Christian life, and a consistent member of the Methodist church. Her early married life was spent in Charlotte, but later, her husband entered business in Chester, and the family removed to that place. She left three daughters, noble children, all grown. Two of these married, and moved to other points,—there were Carrie and Viola, but Bessie accepted a business position, and remained with, and cared for her mother with peculiar and unabated devotion.

Mrs. Walsh was fully prepared for the summons to a sweeter life where pleasures never end, storm clouds never come, and death is never known. She was ready to depart, for while passing at the "brink of the river," she had the 23rd psalm read to her, feeling that "the dark valley of the shadow of death" had been lighted by the presence of her Saviour. She was especially partial to those

good old hymns, "Asleep in Jesus" and "I Would Not Live Always." She had flowers through life and in death her casket and grave were covered with them. This was the last tribute loving daughters and friends could offer.

She sleeps in Jesus. May the comforting grace of the Father's love soothe the sorrows of the bereaved, and bind the broken hearts, and may the family have a happy reunion in heaven, where sorrows never come, and loved ones never part.

There is something about Patrick & Co. we can't understand. They continue to sell lots of furniture, no matter how hard the times. It must be they sell cheaper and better goods than other people—they have just sold a large bill and shipped it to Red Springs.

Important Notice.

A few petitions have not yet been returned. We will thank our friends to mail them at once. Any person who has not had an opportunity to sign a petition will please communicate with us. If any person can use a petition to advantage we will be glad to mail one. This 3rd day of Jan. 1905. Ex. Com. Anti-Saloon League.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
Cures Colds, Prevents Pneumonia

BLEWITT FALLS TO BE DEVELOPED.

This Wonderful Waterpower to be Harnessed

The preparatory work for beginning this grand work has been consummated by the purchase of all the lands on both sides of the river which are desired for privileges necessary to complete and operate, at the Blewitt Falls, eight miles north of Rockingham one of the grandest and most powerful electric plants south of the great Niagara Falls. The lands purchased on the east side of the Great Pee Dee or those of the Ingrams, Capt. Everett, Hinson and Coley and Mrs. H. C. Watson. On the west side, the lands of the Walls, Spencers, Major W. A. Smith, and Mrs. J. G. Boylin, the aggregate of which amounts to about \$120 000.00 The purchases have been made, money paid and deeds recorded.

The property was purchased by the Hugh McRae Co., and the development is assured, work to commence at an early date. In the consummation of these purchases, perhaps no person is entitled to as much credit as Mr. H. C. Watson. By his shrewd manipulations and untiring efforts to keep the "ball in motion," the culmination has been reached. On last Friday, when the Company declined to take up the option quoted by Mr. Watson, offering to pay only \$24 000, instead of \$27,000, Mr. Watson's friends urged him to accept, but he stood firm to

the last, his great name never weakening until finally, he compromised on \$25 000.00. A few more Henry Watson's to develop Richmond's resources, would make her blossom like the rose.

But what does this gigantic enterprise promise to Richmond, and to Rockingham, particularly?

For the county, it promises a large addition to her revenue, and a wonderful development of the farming lands along the river, even throughout the county. To Rockingham, and its environments, it promises a vast amount of electric power to run its factories, and many enterprises not yet contemplated. Then too, it may lead to the construction of a railroad from the Falls to Rockingham, which, no doubt, will be extended South, to Gibson, to connect with the A. C. L., to Charleston, and from the Falls, North, to Norwood, thereby opening an outlet from the mountains to the sea. With these things done, we will find before their consummation, Rockingham's business and its population, doubled. We can reasonably expect these things to follow, and yet, possibilities of wider range, and far greater magnitude, will invite the investment of idle capital. We could mention some of these, but our time is up, and our space exhausted.