



FROM ALL AROUND MARTIN COUNTY

Items of Interest Gathered Each Week by Our Regular Correspondents

WILLIAMS

Mr. Frank Fagan is on the sick list. Julius Andrews is on the sick list at this week. Prayer meeting at Holly Springs Sunday night. Miss Emma Andrews spent Sunday with Miss Annie Anderson. Miss Louise Hopkins is very sick. We hope she will soon recover. Mr. James Riddick, who has been very ill for sometime, is improving. Miss Emma Belle Yarrell spent Sunday evening with Miss Lottie Andrews. Mrs. Lucy Andrews spent several days with Mrs. M. E. Carstarphen in Williamston last week. Miss Mary Manning spent a few days at the home of Mrs. C. M. Lanier in Williamston last week. Mr. S. F. Hardison killed one of his sheep a few days ago. Run mad, he was an ambitious animal. Mr. J. E. Moore and children are on the sick list at this writing, but we hope they will be well in a few days. Prayer meeting at the Manning school house every Sunday night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. The people seem to be in a little better heart at this writing. The

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weather is getting so they can prepare to farm a little.

Miss Martha Manning and her brother, Mr. P. R. Manning, are going to spend Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Maud Gurkin.

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JAMESVILLE

April 5, 1904.

Mr. J. L. Roberson was in town Tuesday.

Miss Lula Jones, of Dardens, was in town Tuesday.

Miss Annabelle Savage returned from Plymouth Friday.

Preaching at the M. E. Church Sunday by Rev. Mr. Rumley, of Robersonville.

Misses Dare Hassell and Anna Savage went to Williamston Monday and returned Monday evening.

Easter has come and gone and the bright Spring sunshine is here. The dove began to sing his song, "Oh, the Spring, the beautiful Spring; there is no time so beautiful as the springtime.

Mr. J. A. Davis, one of our most progressive farmers, had some misfortune to get one of his horses hurt very bad Sunday. Mr. Davis turned his horses out Sunday morning and one got out and went off. He found him Monday about one mile from home with a bad cut near his breast. It is thought it was done by a steer.

DARDENS

Mrs. Pattie Peel has moved to Plymouth.

Miss Ora Gurkin anticipates visiting (Continued on Fourth Page)

WELL IN LONDON TOWER.

Disclosure of a Secret Which Baffled the Antiquary.

For ages antiquary after antiquary found himself baffled by a simple problem at the Tower. How in the old days did the garrison get a supply of drinking water? The antiquary could show you the original fireplace at which William the Conqueror warmed his hands, could point approximately to the spot on which the murdered princes fell, he could lead you to the place where Henry VIII's queens were butchered and to the tombstone that collapsed upon their poor bones, he knew the tiny dungeon in which Sir Walter Raleigh spent twelve dreary years hidden from the light and could have led you in a twinkling to the stone dog kennel where still remains the ring to which they chained Guy Fawkes, but how these unfortunate and their janitors drank none could tell. The Thames hard by was not the source, they were sure. Organized search was vain. Then there came a thick headed, unimaginative mason, to whom his fellow the work of converting certain of the historic dungeons into storehouses for war material meant ninepence halfpenny an hour and no more.

His pick struck through the flooring of the corridor from which the prisoners used to enter their cells. Behind these latter and corresponding with the main one ran and still remains the little secret corridor along which eavesdropping officers tiptoed to listen to conversations between captives, for the purposes of evidence. A few blows from the pick brought to light the mouth of a pit. Sixty feet down was water, thirty feet of it. The mason had happened upon the historic well for which search had been made in vain for centuries. It was as perfect as on the day the Conqueror sank it. Today it still carries its thirty feet of sweet spring water, and should ever the Tower be beleaguered its garrison would still be independent of outside supply. We have our holy wells of medicinal waters. If this historic old shaft which the mason brought to light were distant 10,000 miles Londoners would make pilgrimages to drink its waters.—St. James Gazette.

Boasting It Out

Jabe Rogers prided himself on his knowledge of arithmetic, as he frequently remarked he was "born with a head for figures."

"Look here, Jabe," said an exasperated neighbor, "how much longer do you think I'm going to pasture your calf for nothing? I don't believe you've got a cent to your name."

"I have," said Jabe easily. "I'm the owner of two dollars and thirty-seven cents in cash besides my vegetable garden."

"Well, I shan't take out my pay in turpentine this year," said the neighbor testily. "You owe me \$6 on that calf. I'll call her mine, and that'll wipe off the debt."

"She's worth more'n \$6, and you know it," said Jabe. "But I tell you what I'll do. You pasture her a month longer, and then I'll make out a paper saying she's yours. That'll be fair all around."

Power of the Imagination.

"I never was more firmly convinced of the power of imagination," said a man, "than I was by something that happened to me on the occasion of a visit to a friend. It had been an extremely hot day, and when I went to bed at night the heat seemed almost insupportable. It seemed to me that if I should open the door from my room into the hall it would make a little circulation and make the air more comfortable, and I felt safe in doing this because I am an early riser, and I knew I could get the door shut before anybody was stirring in the morning. So I opened the door, with the pleasant result that I had anticipated, and when I went to close it in the morning I found that I had opened not the door into the hall, but the door into a closet."

The Tapping of the Death Watch.

The so-called death watch, dreaded by the superstitious, is a small beetle which has a very powerful joint in its neck and calls its mate by tapping with its head on the wall or on any surface where it may happen to be located. The noise is similar to that which may be produced by tapping with the finger nails on a table, and the insect can frequently be made to answer such taps.

Justly Condemned.

"What an unfortunate contretemps that was of Mrs. Goldthwaite's at the Rockingham last night," said Mrs. Oldcastle. "I know it," replied her hostess. "I was telling Josiah on the way home that I was surprised that a woman who's the mother of grown-up daughters should do such a thing, and with her long neck too."—Chicago Record-Herald.

ANIMALS ABOARD SHIP.

They Get Seasick, Though Not Just the Way Human Beings Do.

"Speaking of animals getting sick at sea," said a man who has had some experience with the dumb brutes on the briny deep, "I can tell you that they do get sick, and sometimes they get very sick too. Of course, they do not manifest the sickness in the way that human beings show it and for reasons which will suggest themselves on a moment's reflection. But they nevertheless get quite as sick as members of the human family. Seasickness in human beings will manifest itself in violent vomiting. A seasick person cannot retain anything in the stomach. The old rule that whatever goes up must come down is in the case of pronounced seasickness reversed. Whatever goes down must come up. But when we come to reckon with horses and cows we find a different condition to deal with. Horses and cows never vomit. They cannot. So here right at the beginning of the matter we find a reason for difference in the way this peculiar sickness shows itself in man and beast.

"I have had more experience with horses than with any other kind of dumb animal, and consequently know more about the way the horse suffers during seasickness. It is a rather curious and rather interesting fact that the horse is more violently attacked in the feet than in any other portion of the body. I have seen the feet of horses at sea swell until they could scarcely stand on them. Of course, the stomach of the animal is affected to some extent, but this is not so serious a matter as the attack in the feet. The effect of these attacks is sometimes of a lasting kind, and the usefulness of horses is seriously impaired.

"The fact that seasickness attacks the horse in the feet is mainly due to the peculiar influence a vessel's motion has on the kidneys of the animal. At any rate, this is the generally accepted view of the matter. We cannot say definitely just why horses get knobby feet at sea, but the popular view of horsemen who have studied the matter is as stated. As to cows, I do not know a great deal about them, but I understand the chief trouble with them at sea is that they lose their taste for food and quit eating."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Japanese Gardens.

Very many Japanese houses have beautiful gardens. The Japanese excel in gardening, and even in Tokyo, where space is very valuable, they contrive to have some picturesque adjunct. Over a bamboo trellis, for instance, will hang the marvelously picturesque Japanese gourd, which forms a favorite subject for the decoration of metal work, especially the antimony metal work thinly allovered with which the Japanese flood the western market. These gourds, with a pinch in the middle like a lady's waist, when dried and hollowed out are fitted with stoppers for pilgrims' water bottles and are very frequently exported. If he can do nothing more every Japanese who can afford it will have his row of earthenware jars containing dwarfed blossoming fruit trees or tiny Japanese firs, which are made to grow smaller as they grow older.

Good Advice.

A venerable professor of a noted medical college was addressing the graduating class. "Gentlemen," he said, "you are going out into the world of action. You will likely follow in some degree the example of those who have preceded you. Among other things you may marry. Let me entreat you to be kind to your wives. Be patient with them. Do not fret under petty domestic trials. When one of you asks your wife to go driving do not worry if she is not ready at the appointed time. Have a treatise on your specialty always with you. Read it while you wait, and? Assure you, gentlemen," and the professor's kindly smile seemed to show a trace of irony, "you will be astonished at the vast amount of information you will acquire in this way."

Felt No Need of It.

An aeronaut at a county fair had made rather an unlucky ascension. His balloon had gone high enough, but the wind had carried him a mile or two farther away than he anticipated, and the car in descending had become entangled in the top of a tree in a village street and spilled him out. He struck the ground with some violence. A crowd quickly gathered about his prostrate form. "Stand back and give him air!" exclaimed three or four at once. The aeronaut was not seriously hurt. He raised himself feebly to a sitting posture. "Air?" he echoed in a tone of deep disgust. "Don't you think I've had air enough in the last ten minutes?"

FROM THE CAPITOL OF OUR STATE

News of Interest to the Cotton Growing Farmers of North Carolina

April 5, 1904.

The majority of those who read these letters are farmers and land owners directly interested in agricultural pursuits, largely cotton growing. I am, therefore going to talk to you a little while to-day on that subject, and give you the benefit of some information that has come into my possession through personal observation and conversation with well informed farmers and cotton manufacturers.

In the first place, there is going to be more cotton grown in North Carolina this year than many years past—the natural result of the high prices secured for the last crop. The statement has been freely made in certain quarters that this would be impossible "because there is no reserve force of labor available" to cultivate a larger crop. But, to some extent at least, that statement is not true.

One of the principal causes of the growing scarcity of farm labor in this and several other Southern States of recent years has been the rapid growth of the cotton manufacturing industry. Thousands of small farmers and farm hands have left the farms and gone to work in the mills. Last year there was 50,000 operatives employed in the North Carolina cotton mills, and the great majority of them were drawn from the farms. Most of them left the farms when the price of cotton was low that there was little or no profit to be made in growing it.

Now the conditions are reversed. A number of the mills have temporarily discontinued operations and thrown out of work hundreds and hundreds of operatives, while others are running on short time, thereby curtailing the wages of the employees. I am informed that a very large proportion of the mill hands that have been affected by these conditions have returned to the farms. And not only is, but a considerable number who had regular work in mills, including even a number of overseers, have voluntarily taken up farming again. One of these said to me to-day: "We may not get sixteen cents for our cotton this year, but I will be satisfied if we realize twelve cents for it. In fact, there's money in cotton at ten cents, and I think we will be pretty certain to get as much as that for this year's crop; and as far as I am personally concerned, I do not intend to desert the farm again as long as cotton brings ten cents or more."

It is no uncommon thing to see cotton growers buying additional stock. I have seen dozens of them come into Raleigh during the last three months, bringing loads of cotton and carrying back one to three extra mules or horses to work an increased acreage with this year. With the present outlook, cotton growing farmers can afford to pay better prices for labor and therefore be better able to secure it.

The general opinion seems to be that our farmers are not acting unwisely in increasing their cotton acreage, for it is generally conceded that, owing to the short crops of the two last seasons, cotton is pretty certain to bring a good price again next season. It may not reach 15 or 16 cents, but it will bring enough to make its cultivation profitable.

Well, the trial of McBee and Finch on the charge of conspiracy, will not occur this week, Judge Brown having granted a continuance. But the defendants had a day in court Saturday and their counsel took advantage of it by making some serious charges against the management of the A. & N. C. Railroad and the Atlantic Hotel at Morehead (which the railroad bought a year or so ago) in their argument before the court, and through the filing of affidavits.

Judge Brown reserved his decision on the motions to quash the bill of indictment and for a removal of the case to the Federal court. He will probably file his decision with the Clerk of the Superior Court here to-day or to-morrow. The answer to these affidavits and the report of the committee appointed by the Governor to examine into "the moral, physical and financial condition" of the road are awaited with much interest.

It looks now to be more than ever probable that the Democrats of the South will "get together" on the presidential nominee question by uniting on Judge Parker. If he secures the delegation from New York they will be almost certain to do so, in which case his nomination will be assured.

In the gubernatorial race Maj. Stedman apparently continues to lead, and visitors from various sections say he is still growing in favor all over the State. He has a very large number of friends in every locality and they are devoted to his interests and they are doing all they can to effect his nomination, and many of them say they are confident of success.

I have heretofore alluded to the strength that Lieut.-Gov. Turner is developing. If the reports that reach here are true the claim of his friends, that he will receive the second highest vote on the first ballot in the convention, appears likely to prove true. He is unquestionably a strong candidate, and he too seems to be gaining strength every day. For instance, the Morganton News Herald of last week, in a column editorial commending his candidacy says "he will no doubt get at least a majority of the votes of Burke county" in the convention. Mr. Glenn is now making an active personal campaign, and also has many admirers.

The friends of Mr. Irwin C. Avery, for the past several years city editor of the Charlotte Observer, are greatly shocked and grieved to learn of his sudden death in his room at Charlotte Saturday night. He had been suffering from insomnia, and his death was caused by an overdose of the medicine prescribed to make him sleep. He was not only a fine reporter, but a fluent and strong writer also, possessing literary ability of a high order; and was a most excellent and companionable gentleman. He was a son of Judge A. C. Avery, and only 35 years of age.

If the cotton growers of this State will write to Mr. Gerald McCarthy, State Biologist, Raleigh, N. C., they will receive valuable information in regard to the marketing of cotton-root-bark. At present it is bringing 15 to 20 cents a pound in New York, and Mr. McCarthy says he will agree to find a sale for all good cotton-root-bark. It can be made a source of considerable revenue to farmers, instead of being wasted and left to decay in the fields.

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