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## Accidentally Killed

Friday afternoon last, Robert D. Bateman, who made his home with William Jones and family near Yarrrell's bridge, drove over the bridge and down the road to get the mail from the box. On returning, he struck the mule which commenced to go at a rapid gait. When near the mill, Bateman reined the animal into the yard of the mill and the cart striking the logs, Bateman was thrown out and was so severely bruised that he died about four hours later.

Saturday afternoon, he was buried in the Short Cemetery near Holly Springs Church, of which he was a member. Rev. J. T. Standford, pastor of the Church, performed the funeral services.

## Farmers' Day

Saturday was Farmers' Day in Williamston and a goodly number were here throughout the day. T. B. Farker with a strong corps of assistants lectured both morning and afternoon, and at the same hours the Women's Institute was held in the Christian Church. These Institutes have become of wholesome benefit to the farm life in this section. To farm according to scientific methods is to bring from the soil the best products. The lecturers demonstrated to the mind of the man who never thought before, that seed selection, soil preparation and a proper system of fertilization will place the tiller of the soil above the level upon which he has been standing, and he will get remunerative returns for his labor. The government could do nothing better than to put into the minds and lives of the Southern farmers a knowledge of those things which Mother Nature has been holding in reserve since the world began, and which science now is appropriating to the aid of better and bigger crops.

At the same time on Saturday were held Civil Service examinations for the post office of Jamesville, Everetts, Hamilton, Hassell and Oak City. Mr. Dudley from the Department was present to conduct these examinations. There were twenty people who took the examinations, several being women. As announced before, the offices will be given irrespective of party or creed. The attainment of the coveted plums depend upon the applicants' fitness.

## In Memoriam

The death angel came to the home of Mrs. Jennie Strawbridge on Jan. 28th, 1914, and bore away her soul. She was ill only a few days. She was fifty-three years of age. She joined the Old Ford Christian Church early in life, and lived the Christian religion. She was a good woman, a good neighbor, kind and gentle to every one. She will be missed by her loved ones, her neighbors and the church.

She was the widow of the late Adam Strawbridge. She leaves three sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. The sympathy of the community goes out to them.

The body of the deceased was laid to rest Thursday afternoon, January 29th, 1914, in the family cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Standford, of the Williamston Methodist Church.

Your money buys more at McGowan's.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. P. B. Cone has returned from a visit to relatives in Middlesex and Wilson.

Misses Mary Shelburn and Ethel Skinner were here to see Paul Gilmore in "Capt. Alvarez"

Miss Gladys Hornthal came up from Plymouth Friday to attend the play and has spent several days here with relatives this week

Mrs. Edwin Smithwick, of Jamesville, has been visiting Mrs. P. H. Brown this week.

Miss Annie Fagan has been spending several days with her mother in Edenton this week.

F. F. Fagan went to Edenton Sunday.

Miss Lila Philpot is visiting her mother here.

John A. Bennett has been here from Oak City this week.

Messrs. Alonzo Hassell, C. D. Carstarphen and J. W. Watts have been in Norfolk this week on business.

Staton Ayers, of Everetts, was in town Wednesday.

J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh, has been in town this week on business.

Mrs. F. K. Hodges and Miss Eva Wolfe are visiting relatives in Florence, S. C.

## "Captain Alvarez"

Much was expected of Paul Gilmore in "Capt. Alvarez" on Friday evening last, and more was given. The staging of the play was fine, but the limited capacity of the stage here, though it compares with those in many larger towns, rendered it impossible to use successfully all the scenery brought by the company. However, the scenes were attractive and in keeping with the play. Paul Gilmore as the care-free soldier of fortune with all the confidence of a man full of rich, red American blood, showed no sign of weakness at any time, and being the favorite of the theatregoers here, won splendid approval which was evidenced in the applause. Gilmore was supported by Miss Mabel Scott, whose interpretation of "Bonita" was flawless. She has inherent talent and good looks, two things which make for success on the stage. Louis Lytton as "Don Arana," the crafty minister of the government, was strong in every act. Equally as well did "Gonzalo, Chief of the Federal Police," and "Tirso," the Castilian, sustain their roles. The play was without doubt the strongest ever presented here. It is full of life, action, love, pathos which demands talent on the part of the interpreters. Managers Martin and Fowden brought the play here at great expense, because they want the best and are giving lovers of the stage something worth while. The people should appreciate their desire to present clean, wholesome attractions. On February 20th., they will present "Bought and Paid For" which is endorsed by the best people everywhere.

Watch the other fellow, he shops at McGowan's.

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## The Battleship Maine

Sunday, February the fifteenth, the entire country will remember that it was on that day in 1898 that the destruction of the battleship Maine was wrought in the harbor of Havana. The Spanish-American War soon followed and Cuba was freed from the tyrant's yoke. The remains of the battleship have been raised with fitting honors, and the memory of the dead within its shattered form is alive and will be kept so as the years go by. The destruction of the ship was the work of the Spaniards, whether in the employ of the government or not lessens not the crime. By its destruction, Spain lost her possessions in the Western World, and it was meet that she should. Today the scene is a little different for the United States has become the protector of the Spanish subjects in ill-fated Mexico.

## A Letter

THE ENTERPRISE,  
Williamston, N. C.,  
Mr. Editor:—

In last week's issue of your favored paper I notice a most erroneous statement in regards to the Smallpox condition in this community, which, if you will grant me the space in your columns, I shall endeavor to correct.

A few weeks ago I was called to see a negro boy who presented symptoms of Smallpox, and at the same time made a partial diagnosis of Smallpox. The undeveloped condition of the case caused me to request my colleague, Dr. Long, to see the patient, which he did making a positive diagnosis of Chickenpox. This particular patient had a most speedy recovery, and in about two weeks or ten days his father, Levi Jones, contracted the same condition, which proved to be quite a severe case of Smallpox. I immediately took Dr. Long out to see him, when he readily agreed that he had Smallpox in a most virulent form. I treated this patient, Levi Jones, and his entire family of five through their illness, and the picture exhibited by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners was a photograph of Levi Jones, my patient both pro and con, and not a patient of his. (The photograph he had taken without my consent, one of which I bought of him and also have on exhibit at my office).

Shortly after the outbreak of Smallpox, I went to Baltimore with a patient during which time Dr. Long saw a few cases of Smallpox which proved to be my patients upon my return home, as I had the unpleasant task of treating them through the balance of their illness, and so far as I can learn Dr. Long has not treated a single case through their entire illness and, in fact, I do not think there have been fifteen cases all told; who so much as consulted a physician for the condition.

The negroes have been vaccinated well especially since it was not compulsory, but upon investigation I find the figures set forth in your paper, also exaggerated.

Naturally the whites have been vaccinated and revaccinated until our race has entirely escaped the condition in this community. There seems to be a rapid decline in the number of cases now, and I trust in a short time, Smallpox will be a thing of the past with us.

Respectfully,  
Major I. Fleming, M. D.  
Hamilton, N. C.,  
Feb. 9th, 1914.

## To the Farmers of this County

Look out for the seed fakir! He has for the past few weeks been operating in the central part of the State, and has deceived and defrauded farmer after farmer, selling them ordinary seeds from \$4.00 to \$6.00 per bushel that were not worth more than from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per bushel.

Keep your eye on the fellow who comes to your house with his new kind of seed for spring or fall sowing—seed that makes miraculous yields. Ask him to show his license to sell seeds in N. C. If he cannot show the receipt of the Commissioner of Agriculture for money paid for such a license, get his name and address and send them to us at once and we will make an effort to get in touch with him. It will pay you to write the State Department of Agriculture before buying seeds from these seed peddlers.

Last year these seed fakirs did much damage in Wilkes and other counties in that section and finally the farmers cried out against their dirty business, but the cry reached us too late to do them any good—it was a case of locking the stable after the horse is stolen.

We have just received a complaint that these fakirs are in the State again, selling seeds for spring sowing at ridiculously high prices, and we are after them, but they may get you before we can get them. Therefore, be on the lookout for them.

Approved W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture  
James B. Burgess, Agronomist & Botanist, In Charge  
Seed Laboratory.

## Cases From Martin

There are several cases before the Supreme Court from Martin County this week. The case of the Va-Car. Peanut Company against the A. C. L., was argued by A. R. Dunning for the plaintiff, Roberson vs Lumber Co., by H. W. Stubbs for the plaintiff and Coltrain vs Lumber Co., was argued by Stubbs and Martin for defendant. Sullivan vs Blount by Stubbs and Newell for defendant. The attorneys left here early in the week for Raleigh.

## Birthday Party

Little Miss Gladys Bailey gave a party at her home in Robersonville, on Broad Street, Wednesday afternoon February 4th., from 3:30 to 5:30, the occasion being her ninth birthday. About thirty-five little people gathered to wish her many happy returns of the day.

Delicious refreshments were served.

## LOCAL

Tomorrow is St. Valentine's Day.

Casco Suitings, Regular 10c. values, sale price, 6c. at McGowan's.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Just a little ice from the Western blizzard came this way, and was welcomed gladly, as the warm weather was bringing forth the buds and blossoms. Farmers have been earnestly wishing for a heavy snow, and it is falling.

Saturday the Big Day at McGowan's.

Bishop Joseph B. Cheshire, of the Diocese of North Carolina, will preach in the Episcopal Church here on Monday evening, March 2nd. Bishop Strange is yet unable to do any work.

BOARDERS WANTED—Anyone wishing table board can secure same at Mrs. Ray's Boarding House on Main St. Reasonable Prices.

A beautiful line of Dress Silks, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 values, sale price, 85c. at McGowan's.

The movies continue to delight the old as well as the kiddies. Two shows each night at the Gaiety Theatre with Manning's Orchestra to enliven the house.

Get Renulac for Spring to brighten your furniture. See ad. The same goods for less money at McGowan's.

Special features at the Gaiety tonight, Saturday night and all next week. Don't fail to go and carry the children.

Ladies' Rubber Shoes, Sale price, 42c. at McGowan's.

Harrison Bros., & Company have been handling cars of goods, shingles and fertilizers which is carried right to the door of their warehouse on the spur track built for them by the A. C. L. They are able to furnish anything in the mercantile business. It is the only firm in Martin County who handles goods by the car lot right at its storage rooms.

Just received a new shipment of Dry Goods in Dress Gingham, Calicoes, Suitings and Apron Gingham in all the newest shades Come and look them over.—McGowan's Cash Store.

God willing I will preach at the home of Miss Polly Pulley on Sunday at 2 o'clock.—J. L. Chersy.

The greatest money saving event ever held in Williamston at McGowan's.

Miss Mattie Waters, while serving as saleslady at the reduction sale at McGowan's store, had the misfortune to get her right hand severely hurt by having a heavy box fall against it. Dr. York gave her immediate attention.

## Miss Frances Hardy Dies

The death of Mrs. Frances Hardy occurred at the home of her brother-in-law, James Barnhill, on February 7th, 1914, after weeks of suffering. She was a consistent member of Vernon Church near Everetts, and lived the Christian life. For several months, her health had been delicate and death was to her a relief.

Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the midst of a large number of sympathizing friends, the body was laid to rest, Rev. J. T. Standford performing the last sad rites of the Church. The interment was in the cemetery at the home.

Don't forget to ask for that 75c. umbrella—only 33c. at McGowan's.

## Died Friday Afternoon

Lucy Hyman, daughter of Jordan and Sarah Hyman, died at the home of her parents on Friday afternoon, February 6th, 1913. She was one of the most respected colored women in the town and was a member of one of the oldest colored families in the community. Lucy had been in the employ of A. R. Dunning since his residence here, and had never failed to meet every duty. She was a member of the Methodist Church and took active interest in the work of same.

Sunday afternoon, the funeral services were held at the Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Garrett, and never has there been seen a larger concourse of people assembled to pay respect to the dead in this community.

The family desire to thank friends and neighbors who so kindly aided them during the illness and at the death of the sister and daughter. These acts of kindness will not be forgotten.

## Stereoptican Lecture

Modern Sunday School Methods, Saturday night, February 21st, at the Baptist Church illustrated by Stereoptican by E. L. Middleton, Sunday School Secretary of Raleigh, N. C. On Sunday the 22nd, he will lecture at 11 A. M., 3 P. M., and 7:30 at night on Sunday School Plans, Methods with Round Table Discussions to follow. All who are interested in Sunday School work especially invited to attend.

J. D. Howell.

## Resolutions

Hall of Skewarkee Lodge No. 90, A. F. & A. M. Our Lodge is again called upon to mourn the death of one of its oldest and most faithful and devoted members.

Henry D. Cowen was born in Martin County 18th, April 1850, he died in Williamston on the 5th day of January 1914.

He was made an Entered Apprentice on the 22nd day of November 1898, passed to the degree of a Fellowcraft on the 13th day of December 1898, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on October the 24th 1899.

Bro. Cowen, while he was in health was a constant attendant at the meetings of the Lodge, always doing what he could for the advancement of Masonry, and for the betterment of the Craft.

In his daily life among his brethren, did he best teach the grand principles of our ancient Institution, for no improper motive ever influenced him in any of his dealings with his brethren.

He was modest and unassuming, always putting the interest of his brethren and friends ahead of his own.

Resolved: 1st. That Skewarkee Lodge deeply mourns the loss of Bro. Cowen, and that every member of the Lodge wear the usual badge of mourning.

2nd. That we extend to the widow and family of our deceased brother our deepest sympathy in this hour of their sore bereavement.

3rd. That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Lodge.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions, under the seal of the Lodge, be sent his widow, and that a copy be furnished THE ENTERPRISE, with the request that the same be published.

C. D. Carstarphen,  
W. J. Whitaker,  
R. J. Peel,  
Committee.

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