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Something Doing in Mayor's Court

Last Friday night, some one broke into the box car depot and carried away about 7 gallons of booze, and \$1.00 in cash. The burglar took the jugs from the cartoons under the stock gangway, and then hiked away. The officers procured a bloodhound from Tarboro, and the animal, evidently desiring to behold a larger river than the Tar, wandered leisurely down to the Cooperage Mill and looked at the clock to see if it had been properly punched the night previous. Then he went back down the railroad to a small sluice that runs from the river and plunged into the water. After that it was a draw from the dog's standpoint. However, the police proceeded to arrest the night watchman at the mill, one Walker, and another negro who was staying with him. They were bound over for trial Monday, but the case was dismissed. No one believed Walker guilty as the clock was reliable evidence in his favor, though the man with the booze may have gone down the railroad to the mill. Walker is sober and industrious and he could not have stolen the booze and attended to his duties at the mill during the time.

There was also a robbery at Gold point on the same night. A store was entered and a lot of dry goods and notions taken. Sheriff Crawford was informed and a negro named Crisp, who lived on the Mary Cherry farm, suspected. His house was searched and a large lot of goods found. Among them were a lot of pants and raincoats which disappeared from the Pants Factory here. These were brought to town, and turned over to the factory manager. Before the searching began, Crisp had important business calling him from home, and he left without leaving any address. As yet he has not been apprehended, though a reward of \$25 is offered for his arrest.

Ben Barnhill and William Stone were up before Mayor Godwin for an altercation over the killing of a goose. Barnhill ran into the flock of Stone near the river killing one goose and wounding another to death. Barnhill refused to pay the amount of damages demanded by Stone, and got several punches on the jaw. They were separated without further damage. The case was submitted before the Mayor.

Jim Sutton, who drives the delivery wagon for W. J. Hodges, was up this week for beating his wife on Sunday. He gave bond for appearance.

Suffering From Appendicitis

Last Friday, Editor W. C. Manning went to Wilson to be with his daughter Miss Fannie Murt Manning, a student at the A. C. College there, who was operated on for appendicitis at Wilson Sanitarium. She had been suffering several days, and acting upon the advice of the College physician, Dr. Dickinson, consented to an early operation to avoid a recurrence of the attack. The operation was a most successful one, and Miss Manning is doing as well as could be expected, and hopes to be at home in a few weeks. Friends and relatives here are pleased to learn that she is doing so well, as they awaited the outcome with anxiety. It is regretted that she will have to be absent from her classes in which she had won marked distinction.

Monday is George Washington's birthday.

The banks here will close on Monday, Washington's birthday.

FOR SALE—Two disc plows one pluto and one reversible price right. J. W. Watts.  
Williamston, N. C.

WANTED—To buy meat off rack, sate size of hogs and what is best price in first letter. J. K. Moore.  
Hobdgood, N. C.

Rev. R. B. Duckett will preach at the Baptist Church on Sunday morning and night. The public is cordially invited.

Some one at Raleigh is said to have eaten a ground hog, and that may account for the change in the beautiful weather, which prevailed Saturday and Sunday particularly.

The wife of Solomon Riddick, the pastor of the colored Missionary Baptist Church, died at her home here on Friday afternoon last. The funeral was postponed until Monday to enable relatives to reach here.

Mrs. Joanna Tetterton left Monday for Greenville, where she will remain for about five weeks. She desires to inform friends and patrons here that she will return after the expiration of her employment there.

Sunday night just after ten o'clock, the engine at the power house broke down, and for more than an hour every residence having lights, and the streets were in total darkness. As quickly as possible the break was mended, and at 12:10 the lights were on again.

FOR SALE—Jersey bull three years old weighs 1,000 pounds price \$60.00. Pure bred black Essex boar six months old \$10.00. will book orders for pigs April delivery. S. E. Hardison, Cedar Valley Farm, Williamston, N. C. R. F. D. 4

"Seven Hours in New York"

O. E. Wee's aggregation of players spent 48 hours in Williamston and presented "7 Hours in New York" on Tuesday evening at the Gaiety. When the curtain went up, the largest audience of the season greeted the first appearance of the Cabaret Girls, and strange to say, nearly everybody was in his seat on time. There were a large number of out-of-town people, the lower end of the county having the best representation. The show, while lacking some of the features of the best musical comedies, had enough of the comic situations to keep the audience in fine humor. One pleasing feature was the petiteness and attractive looks of the chorus girls. They had a freshness not always seen, but more frequently lacking in shows of this kind. But they could not sing. Their voices sounded like the wailing of a lonesome feline which had been boot-jacked from home. Perhaps, they could not help it, none of them can, but for a show with a yard-long programme, it is a decided deficiency. The wonder is that they should leave New York with such voices. But "Lincoln Penny" in pajamas with "Merrill Lee" and "Nifty," the taxi man, the two former with booze soaked memories, there was plenty of fun for the audience. The show had one quality which should recommend it anywhere, and that was its freedom from things off color.

Annual County Commencement

Martin County

Williamston, N. C., March 19th., 1915

- 10:00 A. M. Parade of Schools.
- 10:30 A. M. Preliminary Contests in Recitation and Declamation.
- 10:30 A. M. Annual Address.
- 12:30 P. M. Basket Dinner.
- 1:30 P. M. Athletic Contest.
- 3:00 P. M. Trial Contests in Declamation and Recitation.
- 4:00 P. M. Awarding Prizes and Medals to Successful Contestants and Presentation of Diplomas to Graduates of County Schools.

WILLIAMSTON  
Enrollment 250

Each School Shall Carry a Banner and March in Parade

Declamations by boys and Recitations by girls shall be limited to five minutes each.

One boy and one girl shall be selected from each school to contest in the County Commencement for the medals.

All contestants must meet at 10:30 on the day of the Commencement for the preliminary contests.

Any boy or girl up to and including the 7th. grade and who shall have attended his school for 2 months continuous session previous to the commencement shall be eligible to all contests.

Athletic contests shall consist of 100 yard dash, running broad jump, standing broad jump, running high jump and standing high jump.

One boy from each school shall be selected by the school to contest in each event.

To the teacher who mounts and brings the best display or exhibit of work done by her school, shall be awarded a prize. This may include any drawing, composition work, or school activities of any kind.

Bear Grass Items

Orphius Cowing, son of Mr. and Mrs. Church Cowing, was taken to a hospital in Washington for treatment last Wednesday. He seems to be doing nicely.

Javin Rogers was in Washington Saturday on business.

Miss Jessie Griffin and Leon Stalls, of Williamston, called on Miss Ruth Boyette Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Redmond Harrison spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. C. H. Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Cowing spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Roebuck.

Ira Rogerson, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving very fast.

Bennett Rogerson, of Williamston, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rogerson.

Norwood Thomas has returned from a visit to Bertie.

Miss Bessie Taylor and brother, of Robersonville, spent Sunday in the home of W. A. Bailey.

Levi Harrison, of Williamston, was called to the bedside of his aunt, Miss Kittie Harrison, who is very ill.

New Baptist Minister

The call extended to Rev. Mr. Burrell, of Richmond, by the congregation of the Baptist Church here, has been accepted, and Mr. Burrell will begin his services on March 1st. He will not bring his family until June, as his children are in school in that city.

Look Ahead!

The present moment is the worst; the lenient hand of Time is daily and hourly either lightening the burden, or making us insensible to the weight.—Robert Burns.

Man of His Word.

"Is Biggins a man of his word?" "Unfortunately so. Whenever he sings 'Landlord, Fill the Flowing Bowl!' or 'I Won't Go Home 'Till Morning!' he absolutely insists on making good."

were in Washington Monday on business.

Mrs. W. S. Ayers spent Tuesday with her sister, Mrs. A. B. Ayers.

Misses Leon and Lindie Harrison spent Saturday night with Miss Annie Roberson.

Quite a crowd of people from Bear Grass attended services at Rose of Sharon Sunday.

PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Whitley left Monday for Washington, where they will make their home.

Mrs. Charles B. Baker is here from Norfolk to visit her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ellington have been here from Kinston this week.

W. C. Manning went to Raleigh Wednesday an business.

LeRoy Adnerson has returned to Poughkeepsie to resume his Studies.

Mrs. John D. Biggs was in Greenville last week to the funeral of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Albion Dunn.

Julius S. Peel, who accompanied his father to Florida, has returned.

Miss Martha Lilley was here from Jamesville Tuesday to attend the show.

Mrs. W. F. Hinkle and little son are here from Charlotte visiting friends.

Misses Mayo and Annie Lamb left Friday to visit relatives in Wilson.

B. A. Critcher spent Sunday in Wilson.

Misses Isabelle Morton and Mildred Purvis with Dr. Manning and Jodie Woolard were here from Robersonville to attend the show Tuesday night.

Mrs. Julius H. Purvis is spending the week in town with her daughter, Mrs. Leslie Fowden.

Mrs. J. E. Smithwick spent several days in town last week.

Mrs. T. B. Slade with a party of friends attended the Booster Festival last week.

Incentive to Better Work.

Emerson says: "Every day is a doomsday." If we realized this, we would take each day and try its worth as it came to us. Then we would do better work tomorrow.—Maltbie D. Babcock.

Vinegar in Ink.

Very often ink gets stringy or oily. This is caused by the action of the air. A few drops of vinegar put into the ink will make it usable again, but the better plan is to keep the ink bottle covered.

Twentieth Century Book Club

Mrs. Hoyt delightfully entertained the Twentieth Century Book Club, Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 10. After the usual business matters had been discussed Miss Penelope Biggs read a sketch of Chatterton, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., read a selection, "Essay on Man," by Pope. Mrs. Rome Biggs read "The Universal Prayer." During the social session two courses of refreshments were served.

Another interesting meeting of the Twentieth Century Book Club was held with Mrs. J. T. Jerome Monday, Feb. 15, William Wordsworth was the topic for discussion. In absence of Miss Lamb, Mrs. A. D. Mizell read her paper, "Life of Wordsworth". Quite a charming feature of the program was the Quartette, "Sweet and Low", sung by Mesdames Carrie Biggs Williams, Wheeler Martin, Jr., J. S. Rhodes, and Miss Annie Mizell. Mrs. Warren Biggs then read Wordsworth's "We are Seven", followed by "Letter to Pope" which was read by Mrs. C. B. Hassell.

Delightful refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Miss Delha Lanier and Mrs. Harry Tilden.

Sold Wednesday

Burton Bros., Realty Co., who had carefully advertised the sale of the Ellington property, conducted the sale on Wednesday, beginning at 10:30. They had attractive music by the Coble band, of Kinston, and a good crowd followed the sales with interest. The property on the river, containing one-third of an acre was sold to Dr. Knight for \$350; William Stone purchased the "old hotel lot" for \$555, the house being sold to J. R. Robertson for \$50. Thus passed the oldest house, perhaps, in the town, known to the early settlers as the "Yellow Tavern," which was built by Mr. Yellowly, one of the pioneers of this section. The lots in the rear—the gully land—were sold at a good profit. The two brick stores now occupied by Cook Grocery Co., and B. S. Courtney, were bid off by W. J. Hodges and J. R. Robertson for \$3,000 each. Mrs. Ellington, however, refused to sanction this sale, as she desired a larger sum for them, so the property is still in her possession. This is the second sale conducted here by the Burtons—that of Sycamore Park having occurred several years ago.

The Booster Festival

Williamston has had its first Booster Festival, or small Chautauqua and enjoyed every programme, though the number purchasing tickets was not as large as desired. This was in part due to the short time taken in boosting the attractions. Taken as a whole, the programme was most enjoyable and instructive, and furnished a saner and more refined amusement than that which usually is found in vaudeville, musical-comedy, etc., for which the town is surfeited through the show seasons. For that very reason, it was fortunate to have the Festival here at this time. It furnished a restful period in the amusement line. The Festival Committee composed of many of the prominent business men in the town, richly deserve the thanks and commendation of the people for their efforts in bringing the Chautauqua to Williamston. Whatever were their duties, they can know that they were instrumental in bringing real artists here for the enjoyment of those desiring the uplifting things in amusement.

The principal attractions of the Festival were the Lyric Glee Club and the La Dell Concert Co., the members of which were trained in their several lines. Miss Thom, soloist, was a favorite and received many encores. Miss La Dell as entertainer has not been surpassed before a Williamston audience and Blanche Deering as pianist and violinist, gave great pleasure. The Glee Club composed of four artists never had a dull moment, and the pianist was wonderful in his interpretation of classical selections playing one entirely with his left hand.

Messrs. Sears and Bible delivered interesting lectures, and Hal Merton astonished everyone with his magical illusions. It may be truly said that the Festival was as advertised, and the people should feel a certain degree of satisfaction in having had it here, perhaps, to be the beginning of other and larger amusements.

Dr. J. H. Saunders was called to Kinston Tuesday.