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A ROMANTIC COURTSHIP

To Be Followed by a Marriage To-day in Spartanburg, S. C.

There boarded No. 39, the south-bound passenger train, at Lexington this morning 'Squire William A. Heitman, who resides about two miles north of Lexington, and Rev. D. P. Tate, a Methodist minister of this city. These gentlemen are en route to Spartanburg, S. C., where 'Squire Heitman will be joined together in holy wedlock to Miss Mary Hart, an estimable lady of that city, this afternoon. Rev. Tate, as a mutual friend of the contracting parties, goes to perform the ceremony.

There is quite a romantic story in connection with this marriage. 'Squire Heitman is a widower, his wife having been dead for a number of years. His acquaintance with Miss Hart was brought about only a short time ago, Rev. Tate being the medium through which the introduction was secured and a correspondence sprung up. The parties to the marriage had not, up to to-day, seen each other but one time, and this was during the month of May when 'Squire Heitman went on an excursion to Charlotte, and there, by pre-arrangement, met the lady with whom he had been conducting a correspondence for a short time. The meeting, though of brief duration, was sufficiently long to cause mutual admiration, followed by love and a proposal which was accepted and culminates in marriage to-day at the home of the bride's brother. 'Squire and Mrs. Heitman will return to Lexington to night.

TERRIBLE WRECK YESTERDAY.

Twenty-Three Persons are Killed and Thirteen Injured

Charlottesville, Va., July 7.—Southern Railway passenger train No. 35, southbound, ran into an open switch at Rockfish depot, twenty miles south of this city at 3 o'clock this afternoon, smashing into a local freight on a siding. The passenger engine and express coaches were demolished and the baggage coach telescoped through the second class passenger car in the rear. In the latter was a party of immigrants, all of whom were killed or injured. The dead number 23 and the injured number 13. Traffic was suspended for eight hours.

Engineer Davis and Engineer McCormick, who was a passenger on the freight train, was going to Charlottesville to take a train south at that time he met his death. The engineer of the freight escaped without injury. It is estimated here that there were in all probability 120 passengers on the train, including those from Boston and intermediate stations.

W. B. Brubeck, conductor of the local freight, is reported in a critical condition. After witnessing the awful sight he is said to have become suddenly insane, and when found was five miles from the wreck.

Anti-Saloon League Organized.

At the temperance meeting in the Reformed church last Saturday, Rev. J. D. Arnold and Rev. Henry Sheets were appointed delegates to the Convention of the Anti-Saloon League to meet in Raleigh yesterday.

Before adjourning, an Anti-Saloon League was organized for Lexington. A second meeting was appointed for next Friday night, at 8:15 o'clock in the Baptist church, to hear the report of the delegates. Everyone who is interested in the cause of temperance is invited to be present.

Lawn Party at Clemmonsville.

The Dispatch is requested to announce that a lawn party for the benefit of the Moravian congregation, will be given at Clemmonsville, in the grove near Clemmons school, July 11th. If the weather is unfavorable the party will be given in Founders Hall. A cordial welcome will be given to all.

JURORS FOR AUGUST COURT.

They Were Drawn Yesterday--Commissioners Have a Busy Meet.

The board of county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday. A vast amount of routine business, bridge matters, etc., claimed the attention of the board and it was late yesterday afternoon before the business of the session was completed. The following jurors were drawn to serve at the next term of Davidson Superior Court, which convenes Monday, August 24th, with Judge Allen presiding:

FIRST WEEK—Albert Redwine, L. S. Burkhead, D. M. Hayworth, J. R. Phillips, Phillip A. Hege, Henderson N. Wilson, O. L. Davis, J. W. Williams, J. M. Myers, Peter Johnson, Z. T. Sharp, J. W. Fitzgerald, A. N. Leonard, N. W. Lanier, John Taylor, Mathew Snider, T. C. Daniel, E. D. Lanier, J. O. Harrison, J. W. Brown, D. H. Hinkle, John F. Sink, Sr., J. H. Walton, J. E. Brewer, Frank H. Clodfelter, Joe Men denhall, Walter Warner, James Hartman, George W. Greer, D. H. Cross, P. W. White, Y. S. Cecil, A. A. Burton, Felix Everhart, L. C. Snider, Albert Walser.

SECOND WEEK—A. H. Newsum, C. E. Spurgeon, Lindsay E. Ripple, J. C. Beck, J. L. Lopp, Jr., George Warford, Alex Hedrick, S. J. Davis, J. H. Daniel, W. A. Reid, R. P. L. Smith, J. C. Crissman, V. W. Siceloff, Henry Sowers, J. L. Shirley, A. A. Sink, V. F. Bodenhamer, J. H. Gobble.

In re Col. "Phrederick."

This item is clipped from last week's issue of the Campbell County Clarion, published at Lynch Station, Va.:

Colonel Phrederick H. Stith, of Lexington, N. C., who is largely engaged in mining in North Carolina and Virginia, gave The Clarion a call this week. He has been looking about this section with a critical eye, and making inquiries and investigation thoroughly; and expresses himself pleased with what he has found out. He is a stylish, affable gentleman; full of reminiscences and amusing anecdotes. We hope the colonel may find the ore here in well paying commercial quantity that he is in quest of, which would lead to many more agreeable visits and profitable investment. The colonel is of that class of prospecting "immigrants" to whom we can heartily extend "the glad hand." "The world is theirs who take it." Come in, gentlemen of capital and intelligence, and take some of it right here. Col. Stith left Tuesday afternoon for Baltimore, to transact business in connection with prospective mining operations.

Annual Picnic.

The fourteenth annual Baptist Sunday School and Orphanage Picnic will be held at Mocksville, N. C., Thursday, July 30th. There will be an address by Dr. Henry W. Battle, of Greensboro, and others. Dinner will be served, music by a band, entertainment by a chapter of orphans with a lawn party at night. Reduced rates on railroads from Lexington, Thomasville, Salisbury, Mooresville, Statesville and all intermediate points. Proceeds for benefit of Thomasville Orphanage. Everybody invited.

Many Did Not List.

Despite the fact that the tax payers have known ever since they became of tax paying age, many did not list during the month of June. Those who failed by reason of sickness or non-residence may be put upon the delinquent list and saved prosecution. But those who do not, will be chased by the solicitor. And the sum of \$75 will be imposed upon those who have violated the law thus.

On last Saturday Mr. J. W. Gregory, our marble and granite dealer, erected two beautiful granite monuments at Pilgrim, one for Mrs. W. Lucy Leonard, the other for Mrs. B. E. Leonard. The monuments are of dark Quincy and Barrie granite.

COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE.

It Will be Held in Lexington July 20th to 24th.

A County Teachers' Institute for white teachers will be held in Lexington for five days, July 20th-24th.

Prof. Alex. Graham one of the leading educators of the State will conduct the Institute. Prof. P. L. Ledford, county superintendent, notifies and warns all teachers who expect to teach in the public schools of Davidson county this year to attend the session continuously as required in Section 26 of the new school law. Failure to attend unless providentially hindered will debar teachers from teaching in the public schools of the state for one year. The board of education of Davidson county will insist on strict compliance with the requirements of the law.

Prominent educators will be present Friday the last day of the Institute and deliver addresses.

Visitors will be welcome at any time during the session. Committees especially and the public generally are cordially invited to attend Friday.

THIRTY-NINE NEW PENSIONS.

Board Recommends This Number--Fifty Applications Were Presented.

The Davidson county pension board was in session Monday and Tuesday and examined the applications of fifty old Confederate veterans for pensions. The board consists of Messrs. C. M. Thompson, C. G. Harris, S. J. Finch and Clerk of the Superior Court H. T. Phillips, who is secretary. Mr. Finch was unable to be present at the meeting on account of illness.

Of the fifty applicants, the board passed 39, and will recommend these for pensions to the State board.

There are at present about 220 persons on the pension roll from Davidson—100 male soldiers and 120 widows.

The board will meet again on Monday, July 20th, for the purpose of revising and purging the present roll.

FIERCE RACE RIOTS.

Evansville, Ind., July 6.—This city, with seventy thousand population, is in the hands of race rioting mobs, the whites being gathered about the jail, where thirst for revenge may result in the indiscriminate slaughter of all negro prisoners in cells. The blacks who are in possession of the rest of the city are seeking stores and residences, intimidating occupants of dwellings and shooting promiscuously. It is known that two negro men and a negro woman have been killed outright and many have been seriously wounded. The frenzy of the people was excited by the shooting of a white boy named Logan Saturday by a negro. At daylight this morning three hundred armed white men started for a powder magazine to secure explosives with which they declare they will dynamite the entire negro colony of Baptist Town, a suburb of the city. Troops are hurrying to the scene.

At Concentrated Lye.

Mr. Grant Motsinger, of Bethany, was carried to the Insane Hospital at Morganton by Sheriff T. S. F. Dorsett Saturday morning. Mr. Motsinger is the victim of a hallucination that he is being constantly pursued by enemies and this idea has caused him to make several attempts to take his own life recently. Only last week he secured possession of three boxes of concentrated lye and had eaten a considerable amount of the lye from one of the boxes before he was discovered. His throat and mouth were terribly burned by the stuff, but it didn't prove fatal. He seems sane enough at times, but is subject to these fits of depression.

Mr. Molsinger is about thirty-seven years of age. He is an excellent citizen and is from a highly respected family.

DRANK AN OUNCE OF LAUDANUM.

Wesley Fouts Tries to Shuffe Off This Mortal Coil by the Laudanum Route.

Wesley Fouts, a white man living about six miles north of Lexington, on Jake Yokely's farm, attempted to commit suicide Sunday afternoon. He drank an ounce of laudanum and was in a precarious condition when discovered. A Lexington physician was promptly summoned and heroic measures resorted to to save the man's life. After several hours hard work the physician succeeded in relieving Wesley of his overdose of "painless death" and now pronounces him out of danger, for the present at least, or until he tries some other and surer plan.

Fouts says he is tired of living. His mind is thought to be unbalanced.

PROF. LEDFORD IS RE-ELECTED.

Meeting of the County Board of Education.

The county Board of Education of Davidson county met in Lexington July 6th. The members of the old board, viz: W. S. Owen, J. C. Skeen, and S. W. Finch, having been appointed by the Legislature for the ensuing two years, qualified and organized by electing W. S. Owen Chairman. P. L. Ledford was then re-elected County Superintendent of Schools and at once qualified. The organization being complete the regular work of the session commenced. The Superintendent read a comprehensive report of the condition of the school houses and school furniture and of the progress made in the schools of the county for the scholastic year, ending June 30, 1903. On motion the report was received. The Treasurer's books were examined, found correct and approved. The annual reports of County Superintendent and Treasurer to the State Superintendent were examined, approved and ordered to be recorded and forwarded. Committees were appointed for the various districts of the county and the Superintendent ordered to notify committees and mail them a circular letter of instruction. A maximum salary was fixed for each school of the county and positive orders given to the Treasurer not to pay any teacher a higher salary than the maximum fixed for the district in which the teacher is employed, but committees may employ teachers at a salary below the maximum.

Arrangements are being made for the consolidation of districts in several townships and for building new school houses.

A special meeting of the Board will be called in the near future to effect the consolidation of these districts and parties concerned will be invited to attend.

Subscriptions.

Below will be found the names of parties from whom we have received remittances for subscriptions since our last issue:

Mrs. E. A. Younts, Madison L. Shoaf, W. C. Hedrick, H. Helmstetter, Mrs. David Smith, Hiram Burkhardt, Mrs. P. D. Leonard, Burt Wright, C. H. Beck, J. H. Feezor, R. H. Leonard, L. E. Peace, J. W. Black, Mrs. J. H. Koons, T. R. Anderson, G. W. Santsing, N. P. Varner, J. A. Lindsay, A. F. Kanoy, J. A. Boggs, L. E. Thomas, P. A. Frank, E. A. Cain, A. A. Hinkle, J. R. Regan, Jno. T. Lowe, E. H. Sullivan, G. C. Hall, C. C. Hinkle, C. F. Ward, Isaiah Miller, Miss Talu Robbins, Mrs. Fannie Goss.

Changes at the Depot.

Mr. John L. Gallimore, for over five years assistant depot agent at this place, resigned his position on Friday of last week, and on Monday morning went to work as book-keeper for the Elk Furniture Co. Mr. Gallimore made a capable and courteous official and will be greatly missed around the depot. He is succeeded at the station by a Mr. Hassell.

THE BRUTE IS LYNCHED.

Citizens of Union County Hang a Negro for the Nameless Crime.

Monroe, N. C., July 3.—John Osborne, the negro who brutally assaulted, outraged and robbed Mrs. Lizzie Wentz, an aged widow who lives alone ten miles west of Monroe, last Monday morning, was captured near Indian Trail, in this county, yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. His captors immediately took him before Esquire Brown at that point, who gave him a hearing, committing him for trial. He was then started to the county jail at this point, in charge of a deputy. When about two miles of the journey was covered the deputy was accosted by a body of men and his prisoner was demanded. There was nothing to do but turn him over to them. This morning, not 500 yards from this point, the lifeless body of John Osborne was found dangling from an oak tree, which was self-explanatory; he had been lynched, thus paying the penalty of his crime. Mrs. Wentz, the victim of this crime, is a most highly respected lady.

This negro had a bad record, having been tried only a few years ago for a similar crime committed upon the person of Mrs. Hargett, who lives in the neighborhood of Mrs. Wentz, but owing to the fact that the evidence was only circumstantial he was acquitted. He was also suspected of having assaulted Mrs. Jane Flow in this county near Mint Hill about three years ago, but there was no direct evidence to convict him.

This is the only lynching that has occurred in this county in eighteen years. It is deplored, but under the circumstances it is not an easy matter to say what other course could be pursued.

FOUR KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.

A Peculiar Accident Results From a Storm in Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, July 4.—During the progress of a terrible rain-storm to-day four persons were killed.

All the victims, except one were of the same family. A large American flag suspended from a grocery store at Forbes and Oakland avenues became soaked with the rain and the high wind blew it against an electric light wire, which was carrying 2,000 volts. The wire snapped under the pressure and fell into the street, one end lodging in a pool of water, charging it to a high degree. The first one to fall a victim to the wire was Joseph Wise, who was running for shelter from the rain. In crossing the street he stepped into the pool of water and fell as if he had been shot. His death was instantaneous.

Shortly after this the Statti family came along in a surrey. There were seven persons in the vehicle, and the driver was hurrying all he could to reach a place of shelter from the storm. As he approached the broken wire hundreds of people tried to warn him of the danger, but could not make him understand until too late. He tried to pull from the wire, but one of the horses stepped into the highly charged pool of water and fell paralyzed. The occupants of the surrey immediately began to jump and the fou. who leaped from the side opposite the wire escaped injury. But the three on the other side, in their excitement, fell on the wire and were shocked to death almost instantly.

New Lumber Company.

The Finger Lumber Co., of Lexington, was incorporated by the secretary of State on Saturday of last week. The company has an authorized capital stock of \$10,000, which may be increased to \$50,000. The incorporators are Messrs. H. K. Finger, W. A. Anthony, E. J. Buchanan and D. F. Conrad, of Lexington. This is the second company of the kind organized in Lexington. The new company has purchased seven thousand acres of uncleared timbered land near Old Fort, and will establish saw mills by which to cut and market this timber.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. B. F. Lee, of Spencer, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Annie Miller, of Cotton Grove, is visiting Miss Lena Grimes.

Mr. H. Gould Welborn, of Spartanburg, S. C., was a visitor here Sunday.

Mr. R. L. Burkhead spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Raleigh.

Miss Pearl Hall left Saturday for Burlington to visit relatives. She will return today.

Mr. J. H. Curry, accompanied by Mayor J. Q. Little, of Gaffney, S. C., spent Saturday and Sunday in Lexington.

Hon. Zeb V. Waiser returned from Morehead City Friday, where he has been attending the State Bar Association.

Misses Edith Greer and May Thompson went to Concord Saturday and are visiting Misses Grace and Sadie Fisher.

Mrs. Jno. H. Long, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. E. McCrary, left Thursday for her home at Mt. Pleasant.

Mrs. A. B. Willis, and mother, Mrs. Oakes, who have been visiting in Mocksville for several weeks, returned home Sunday night.

Mrs. J. F. Ward and Miss Myrtle Cornatzer left yesterday morning for Moores Springs. They will be gone for several weeks.

Assistant Postmaster G. W. Miller and family are spending the week with friends and relatives at his old home near Hanners.

McMrs. C. M. Thompson and C. A. Hunt, Sr., attended a reunion of Confederates which fought in the great battle of Gettysburg, last week.

Mr. Jule C. Smith and children spent Sunday in Winston-Salem. Mr. Smith's baby, which has been seriously ill for several weeks, is much improved.

Mrs. W. G. Upchurch, nee Miss Pearl Hankins, and little son, Bruce, of Raleigh, arrived last week and are visiting the family of Mr. Jno. K. Hankins.

Mr. R. C. Springs, of Charlotte, spent Wednesday here with his sister, Mrs. S. W. Finch and left Thursday for Washington, N. C., to visit his father.

Mr. N. H. Slaughter, proprietor of the Hotel March, and Chief-of-Police R. F. Heitman leave to-morrow night for Wrightsville, where they will spend several days.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Smith and Miss Roxie Sheets, who have been attending the mid-summer meeting of the Baptists at Jackson Springs, returned home last Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Virginia Arnold, of Washington, D. C., and her cousins, the Misses Luck, of Houston, Va., arrived Saturday and are spending some time with Miss Arnold's father, Rev. J. D. Arnold.

Mr. C. C. Leonard, who has been employed in the undertaking establishment of J. W. McCrary for the past ten years, has moved to his father's farm, near Pilgrim. He was compelled to make the change on account of ill health.

Miss Ellie Robertson, of Key-ville, Va., spent Friday here with her aunt, Mrs. W. B. Tucker, and left Saturday for Knoxville, Tenn., where she will visit relatives for some time. Miss Robertson is pleasantly remembered here, her parents having resided here several years ago.

Mr. H. B. Varner left Sunday night for Omaha, Nebraska, to attend the National Editorial Association, which convenes in that city to-day. From Omaha Mr. Varner will probably go to Salt Lake City, Utah, to accompany Mrs. Varner home. She has been visiting her mother in that place for the past six weeks.