

OUR RALEIGH LETTER.

Social Equality in Convict Camps. Horrible Double Suicide at Raleigh.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Gorman News Bureau  
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There has been a good deal of unfavorable comment and criticism indulged in within the last few days concerning the alleged "social equality" between the races practiced at the convict camps in some of the counties of this State as indicated in the report of the State Board of Charities made public the latter part of last week. But inquiry seems to develop the probability that rumor has exaggerated the actual facts. So far it does not appear to have been established that white and black convicts at work on the roads have been "chained together" either day or night in any county, but it seems that in several counties the two races have been made to occupy the same building with one room as sleeping quarters—the negroes sleeping on one side of the room and the whites on the other.

Masons Meet.

The North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons will meet in annual communication here tomorrow night and will be in session till Friday of this week. Grand Secretary John C. Drewry reports that there are now over sixteen thousand Masons in the State, twelve hundred having been added during the past year, and that fifteen new lodges have been established during 1905. The Grand Lodge receipts now amount to more than twelve thousand dollars annually. Ten years ago, when Mr. Drewry was first elected Grand Secretary they amounted to four thousand. Of course Mr. Drewry will again be elected for he is without opposition and is very earnestly engaged in helping in the work of building the handsome Masonic Temple which is about to be commenced in this city. As Grand Master Liddell has served two terms he will in the regular order of succession be succeeded by Deputy Grand Master F. D. Winston, the present Lieut.-Gov. of the State.

Double Suicide.

Yesterday (Sunday) there was developed another horrible instance in Raleigh of what whiskey will do for a man who was otherwise a good and popular citizen. William H. Hood, until recently deputy register of deeds of Wake county, and whose father was register of deeds at the time of his death some four or five years ago, was found dead in bed with a disreputable woman in Raleigh's tenderloin district, locally known as East Raleigh. The woman was also dead and empty laudanum vials in the room revealed the means employed by them to commit the double suicide. Three months ago Hood was treated at an institution in this State for the drink habit. During the holidays he returned to his cups which fact is said to have caused him to lose hope for the future and on Saturday he deliberately made up his mind to put an end to his existence. According to report he revealed his intention to the woman Saturday night, whereupon the latter told him that if he was determined to kill himself she "would go along with him, wherever it led to." The woman then, it seems, left the bawdy house in which she was an inmate and accompanied Hood to the house of an old colored woman where they hired a room for the night. The finding of their dead bodies in bed yesterday about noon was the sequel of the horrible that they made and so fatally kept. Mr. Hood leaves a widowed mother, an invalid wife and one or two small children.

Wake Criminal Court.

The two-weeks term of Wake county criminal court which began here to-day will dispose of several important and sensational cases. Among the cases set for trial at this term are those against the three attendants at the Central Hospital for the Insane located at Raleigh who are charged with the killing, through alleged cruelty, of the patient Nail, from Chatham county, whose death last summer a few hours after his attempt to escape created such a sensation all over the State. Policeman Isaac W. Rogers, who shot and drove so near killing deputy U. S. Marshal John Dockery, a popular young man and son of Marshal Henry C. Dockery, and whose assault was the result of the discovery of intimacy between young Dockery and a daughter of Mr.

Rogers at a disreputable assignation house here, will also be tried, the charge being secret assault. Frank Moore, a young white man of this city, and a negro will be tried on the charge of having set fire to the plant of the Standard Oil Co in this city last May, on which occasion the night watchman was killed and the money drawer robbed, the building and thousands of gallons of oil having been consumed in the fire which followed. A large number of gambling cases are also set for trial. Judge Ward is the presiding judge.

LLEWIS N. M.

NEWS FROM RANDLEMAN.

Bank Stockholders to Meet—Mr Council Sells Out and Leaves—Mr Wall Goes to High Point—Other News.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Randleman will be held to-day. The officers and directors for the ensuing year will be elected and other business transacted.

Mr John T. Council, manager of the Randleman Bargain House, has sold his interest in the firm to Mr G. T. McAllister, of Spray. Mr Sam Swain will have charge of the business after Feb. 1st.

Rev Amos Gregson, of Rock Hill, S. C., is here on a visit to his old home. His many friends are glad to welcome him.

Miss Louise Foushee, who has been the guest of Miss Ferree for the past week, returned to her home in Greensboro Monday.

Mr Edgar Wall, who has filled a position as salesman with the Naomi Falls Store Co for the past year, has accepted a similar position with Ullard, of High Point.

Miss Mary P. Blount returned Saturday, having spent the holidays with her relatives at Washington, N. C.

Mr R. P. Dicks, of the Hunter Mfg & Com Co, of Greensboro is at home for a few days.

Mr Charles Beasley left Monday to accept the position of cashier of the Bank of Chapel Hill.

Mrs P. A. Mendenhall, of Asheboro, is here on a visit to friends.

Miss Ella Hayes has returned from Greensboro, having acted as bridesmaid at the Ray-Terrell marriage.

Medical Society.

The Randolph County Medical Society met in the Court House on Tuesday of this week. Dr Henly read an interesting paper on the old physicians of the County, giving many interesting matters connected with the lives of a number of the old physicians. Drs Sumner and McFadyen were appointed to represent the medical society at the good roads meeting at Randleman on next Saturday night.

Amount of Tobacco Consumed.

Of all the tobacco consumed in the civilized world statistics show that the United States burns up more than two-thirds, a total estimated at 450,000,000 pounds. The per capita consumption is 5.4 pounds, which is exceeded by the natives of Belgium, who use 6.21 pounds per annum each. Germany, with 201,783,000, and Russia, with 150,244,000, were the only other countries last year that consumed more than 100,000,000 pounds of tobacco. Belgium shows the highest per capita; the United States is second; Russia's is but 1.1 pounds, and Italy's is even lower, with 1.05 pounds.

Personals.

N. A. Kline, of Liberty, spent Wednesday in Asheboro.

W. M. Ellison and A. C. Pickett, of Liberty, were visitors here Wednesday.

Rev. U. W. Robinson will preach at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. O. R. Cox and son Master Clyde, of Cedar Falls, spent Wednesday in Asheboro.

Dr. Hunter has returned from Charlotte where he has been with Mr. Leo Barker to see an eye specialist.

E. W. Walker, who has been one of the largest pork raisers in Tabernacle township, killed 20 pigs that weighed 5694. Fifteen of them averaged 311 pounds.

Mr. H. B. Martin, a young man of ten years' experience on daily and weekly newspapers, has accepted a position on the Courier and will take charge of the business and act as circulation manager of the Courier for the present. Mr. Martin comes to us with a fine record and highly recommended.

FRANKLINVILLE ITEMS.

Franklinville Mfg. Co. Putting in New Machinery—Fish Stories, Etc.

Dr. Turrentine our presiding elder filled his appointment at the M. E. church Sunday and preached an able sermon to an appreciative audience.

Mr. Sidney Mauer, of Thomasville, is visiting his children in the city this week.

Mrs. Caroline Craven has gone to Greensboro to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. O. T. Leonard.

Mr. J. R. Lutterloh, of Rowland, came up last week to spend a few days with relatives and friends. We are always glad to welcome Mr. Lutterloh to our city.

Miss Mary Dockery has resigned her position with the Franklinville Mfg. Co. and has gone to White Oak to accept a similar position.

Mr. Lonnie and Masters Clarence Welch and Lewis Hayes spent Saturday evening and Sunday in Randleman.

Mr. Geo. W. Mullinix, machine erector for Saco & Pettie Machine Shops, of Biddeford, Maine, is placing some new spinning frames for the Franklinville Mfg. Co. this week which will be ready to start in a few days.

Mrs. Sarah A. Craven has been on the sick list for some time but is reported better.

Messrs. Marion Burk and B. H. Cheek attended the breaking of the dam at Marleys Mill last week and report a splendid time and that there were over three hundred people present who came from High Point, Liberty, Staley, Pittsboro and the surrounding community. Several amused themselves fishing and shooting. The largest carp caught weighed 27 1/2 lbs. John Williams and B. H. Cheek caught with three draws of seine 134 of lbs fish. Burk and Cheek with one draw caught two carp weighing 40 lbs.

Fork Creek.

Miss Lela Sewall has commenced her school at Cross Roads where her sister had been teaching before Christmas. We wish her much success.

Mr. Walter Albright, from near Patterson's Quarters, has moved to the Spencer place near Yow's Mills.

Mr. Elmer Yow, who has been in school at Why Not, for some time came home Christmas and will spend a few weeks with his parents near Yow's Mill.

Mr. R. L. Albright and O. D. Lawrence have about completed the bridge across Fork Creek near Albright's store.

Mr. George Henry Bean, from near Mitchellfield, who is in the saw mill business has located near here.

Getting Under Way.

After much time and trouble our new press is at work. There has been much delay, but we are running off this issue at the rate of 1500 papers an hour. It will easily turn them off twice as fast. After this issue we hope to be on time each week. The folder is not yet in operation but will when properly adjusted do good work. There is much work in getting all the machinery to work.

Copper Mine.

Mr. W. L. Thurber and his brother, Mr. A. J. Thurber, who recently came in from Kentucky, have purchased the Asheboro Copper Mine. They are working a large force of hands day and night. There is a large vein of silver between two large copper veins. The showing is very fine and the owners are greatly encouraged.

Farmers' Insurance Company.

The annual meeting of the Randolph County Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Association will be in Asheboro on the first Monday in February. Mr. O. R. Cox is president and Seth W. Laughlin Secretary and W. J. Teague is the County Agent.

Mr. Wm. Hally, who left this county some twenty years or more ago, going to Indian Territory is visiting in this section. Mr. Hally engaged in merchandising and became wealthy and prosperous. After accumulating considerable property, Mr. Hally's business was burned out and he lost nearly all his accumulations by a disastrous fire.

The County Road Force is at work on a bad piece of road near Mr. Thos. Reddings, two miles west of Asheboro on the Salisbury road.

NEWS FROM RALPH.

Reorganization of Sunday School—The Doings of the People at Ralph.

Several of Mr. and Mrs. Alson Humble's friends gave them a nice pounding Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Cox, of High Point, are visiting Mr. Cox's father, Mr. A. C. Cox.

Mr. William Hatley, of Indian Territory, is visiting in and around here this week.

Mr. Alson Humble has moved in his new dwelling house.

Mr. J. L. Henry has killed one hundred and forty squirrels in the past two months. Who can beat that?

Mr. and Mrs. John Humble, of Asheboro, visited Mr. Humble's father Saturday night.

Mr. Grover Scott passed through here Sunday on his way to High Point.

The Sunday school at Brower's Chapel was reorganized last Sunday. Mr. Carson Wittingham was re-elected Superintendent and Miss Ida Henley Secretary.

Mrs. Casey Brown and children spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Ira Brown's, of Brown.

Rain seems to be plentiful now. Richland creek was the highest last Wednesday it has been in twenty years.

LIBERTY LETTER.

Visitors from the West—Mrs Barlow Visits Her Old Home—Church Services, Etc.

The train on December 21st was pretty well loaded with Indiana people when it reached Liberty. They scattered in different directions and some are starting back every few days.

Mr. Alfred Hinshaw left here January 2nd for his home in Lamong, Indiana.

Mr. Josab Staggs and wife will shortly start for their home in Horton, Indiana. They visited the former's mother, Mrs. J. Staggs, who is 81 years old and very feeble.

Mrs. Barlow's family will remain here till some time in February. Mrs. Barlow was born in Randolph county and left for the West when three years old. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fogleman who have died since removing to the West. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow accompanied by their two daughters visited old Rocky River church where Mrs. Barlow's mother was a member for fifty years and was the only member for twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow live in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Rev. John Hackney preached at Mt. Pleasant Baptist church last Sunday.

Mr. Herndon preached at Pleasant Hill Christian church last Sunday.

NEWS FROM STAR.

Ten Days' Holiness Meeting—Death of Two People—Mrs Owen Sick.

We are having rain after the fine weather, and it is feared it may interfere with the ten days' Holiness Meeting which is expected to be held here.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Monroe Thursday night and took away their only son, Vance, who was stricken four weeks ago of typhoid fever. The family have our sympathy. Mr. Saunders Ingram died here the latter part of December.

Mrs. W. B. Owen is very sick.

Clubbing Offer.

In sending out statements to subscribers before Christmas we agreed to send other papers with the Courier to those who would pay up and in advance provided payment was made by Dec. 29th. It may be impossible to send The National Fruit Grower and The Central West to those making remittance after Dec. 29th.

Under our contract we do not get this clubbing offer with these two papers after Jan. 1st, 1906. We have made an effort to get our entire list up, but in event we fail, we will send in their place The Metropolitan and Rural Home one year free.

Good Roads Association.

The people of Randleman and vicinity will meet on Saturday night of this week in Randleman to organize a good road association. We hope this movement will lead to an organization of a Good Roads County Association. Among the leaders in the movement are Dr. McFadyen and Mr. J. L. Fields.

Mr. D. M. Hollady spent Sunday with his family in Asheboro.

Ramseur Items.

Mrs. Arthur Marsh, of High Point, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Covington.

Miss Daile Whitehead, who has so ably assisted Prof. McCanness during the past session of Ramseur High School, left for her home in Scotland Neck on Monday last. During her stay among us she made many friends who will gladly welcome her back to Ramseur.

Messrs. Clyde Causey of Liberty and Wm. Roach of Greensboro, attended the meeting of the Masonic Lodge here on Saturday night last.

Mr. Edward Johnson and Miss Minnie Bowden, both of Ramseur, were happily married on Jan. 7th. May their lives be full of happiness.

Mrs. Margaret Crutcheff, of Cedar Falls, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Foust.

Mr. Home, of Roanoke, Va., spent Sunday at Hotel Ramseur.

Mr. Geo. H. Lambert, who has been at the Greensboro Hospital for treatment returned home last week. We are glad to know he is greatly improved in health.

Mr. Rankin Burgess, one of our best farmers, killed the champion hog of the season. His best and biggest weighed 501 lbs. He killed 2143 lbs of pork.

Mr. W. F. Johnson has a brand new girl in his home.

Mr. E. C. Watkins left Saturday for Grand Rapids, Mich., to attend a big meeting of furniture dealers and manufacturers.

Rev. Dr. S. B. Turrentine filled the pulpit of the M. E. Church last Sunday night, preaching a most powerful sermon. Quarterly conference was held on Monday. We are happy to note that our attendance upon the various churches is always good. We also have four good Sabbath schools in town and the great blessings they confer upon our children is untold.

Rev. J. W. Patton, of Elon College, filled his pulpit in the Christian church last Sabbath morning and evening preaching most excellent and helpful sermons.

Mrs. J. O. Redding Entertains.

The Randolph Book Club was entertained on last Friday by Mrs. J. O. Redding who had arranged a very unique and original entertainment besides the regular program which consisted of current events. In response to call of roll, a paper on Tennyson by Mrs. Herbert Moffitt and one on Institutions of Learning of England prepared by Mrs. W. A. Underwood. After the regular program Mrs. Redding passed papers on which were written questions to be answered with words beginning with "Miss" such as a religious Miss? Ans—Missionary—Several were successful and Miss Laura Stimson won the prize by drawing the "winning straw". A delicious salad course was served followed by mint candies.

Catesville (Randleman) Items.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Allred have returned to Spray after spending some time with their parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allred Jr.

Sam J. Henley returned home Christmas after spending several months in the Western states.

Miss Suda Coble and Herbert Hinshaw spent Christmas in High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Owen and children were at Liberty last week with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen of High Point visited relatives in this section last week.

Mr. J. M. Laughlin spent Christmas at Haw River visiting relatives.

Mr. T. F. Millikan and wife spent a few days recently at Cooleemee, with Mr. and Mrs. Caswell Patterson reporting a nice time.

Difficult Common English Words.

Three hundred and fifty public school teachers in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, are said to have failed to spell one or more of the common English words: Auxiliary, Tennessee, Beefsteak, proceed, supersede, precede, picnic, sieve, seize, siege, cylinder, succotash, and desiccated.

A small boy in a language class in the Asheboro Graded School paid a compliment to the Courier when he read the following sentence that he had prepared himself: "The Asheboro Courier is the largest paper published".

Mr. J. M. Way went to Raleigh Tuesday to attend the annual session of the grand lodge of masons at Raleigh. Mr. Way goes as a representative of Hanks lodge at Franklinville.

ASHEBORO GRADED SCHOOL.

Enrollment Reached 300 Pupils. Average Attendance 225.

The enrollment in the graded school during the first four months reached the 300 mark—or more than 80 per cent of the total school population. Despite the measles and other hindrances the average daily attendance for the four months was 225—or 75 per cent of the total enrollment. Both the enrollments and the daily attendance are far above the average, and indicate that the people of Asheboro are alive to the importance of educating their children.

The mid-year examinations showed that thorough work is being done in all the grades. If the attendance continues regular promotions at the end of the year will be larger than ever before.

The honor rolls of the different grades for the fourth month are given below.

FIRST GRADE.

Jewel Glasgow, Etta Glasgow, Lena Williams, Gusta Humble, Ethel Presnell, Claudius Crater, Lura Jones, Ernest Spencer, Rush Lassiter, Lela Aiken, Ursley Williams.

SECOND GRADE.

Jessie Wood, Mabel Spoon, Gertrude Aiken, Arthur Presnell, Jessie Ward, Clara Presnell, Emma Graves.

THIRD GRADE.

Everette Newby, Lucy Aiken, Fred McPherson, Fanny Newby, Nellie Spoon, Lummy Cox, Carl Auman, Ila Aiken, Sirona Croker, Lillian Hendricks.

FOURTH GRADE.

Pearl Kivett, Maude Hall, Eulah Glasgow, Mildred Birkhead, Clyde Aiken.

FIFTH GRADE.

Ethel Free, Beulah Laughlin, Mattie Kivett, Garland Pritchard, Duke Smith.

SIXTH GRADE.

Idyl Free, Emile Presnell, Lucile Rush, Mamie Morris, Sue Hoover.

SEVENTH GRADE.

Lollie Jones, Wayland Hayes, Jim Davis, Lela Hall, Grace Wood, Clarence Hughes.

EIGHTH GRADE.

Ella Morris, Blanche Spoon, Grady Miller, John Sexton, Daniel Sharpe, Sam Spencer.

NINTH GRADE.

Blanche Coffin, Marietta Betts,

The Asheboro Chair Company.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders of the Asheboro Chair Co. was on Wednesday of this week. There was a good showing in the business and a dividend of 10 per cent was declared. A profit of nearly twice that amount having been made during the year. Checks will be mailed in a few days to the stockholders for the dividend that was declared.

It was decided to increase the output of the factory and to enlarge the plant. There will be an increase of the capital stock from fifteen thousand dollars to seventy thousand dollars. The present stockholders will be given the opportunity of subscribing for this stock before the books are opened to other persons. The first to apply will be given preference. It is believed that the stock will all be taken within the next ten or twenty days. Those of the stock holders who wish to increase their shares can if they prefer make payment on the additional shares taken of twenty five per cent at intervals of a month or two between the payments.

Jno. H. Plowman, an ex-distiller and a well known violator of the liquor laws, shot and killed in Yadkin county on Tuesday of this week a man by the name of Swain. It is said that the trouble was an old one about some liquor trouble. Plowman has been indicted for beating his wife.

There will be a meeting of the temperance forces at the Asheboro Academy on Friday night of this week. There is a determined effort to resort to every lawful means to prevent the sale of intoxicating liquors of all kinds. All friends of law and order and sobriety and good government are requested to attend.

Col. T. J. Dula, a prominent republican lawyer, of Wilkesboro, died yesterday.