

WALTER LETTER

A Chronic of a Week's Events in That Thriving Neighborhood

Mr. Lewis E. Gurley returned to Rocky Point, last week, after a visit to his mother and brothers near here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Gurley spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Gurley near Smithfield.

Mrs. D. A. Sasser returned home last Sunday from a visit to her mother, Mrs. Robt. Yelverton, near Stantonsburg.

Dr. Crawford found a lady's cape in the road one day last week, which the owner can get by calling for it, and describing.

Mrs. Henry Edgerton, from Kenly, N. C., spent last Tuesday here visiting Mrs. Ophelia Crawford and Mrs. Ed. Gurley.

Mrs. Charlie Sugg, from Georgia, is on a visit to relatives, in our community, where she has many friends who are glad to see her.

Mr. Chas. Neal, son of Mr. W. H. Neal, left last week for Rocky Point, where he goes to accept a position with a trucker of that section.

It is anything else but distressingly healthy in our community now. There is an unusual amount of sickness, but few serious cases.

Rev. A. L. Ormond, of Cary, N. C., who assisted Rev. Mr. Starling in a meeting at Kenly last week, spent Tuesday here visiting relatives.

The farmers have been wanting a good season for some time, and we all were abundantly supplied last Friday evening, when this section was visited by the heaviest rainfall we have had in quite a while.

Chopping cotton is now the order of the day, and "General Green" has marshalled his forces, and is making a steady march to the front; but with favorable weather for a few days he will be on the retreat.

There was considerable complaint in regard to a stand of cotton, but we are glad to see that it is better than first thought to be, and where it has been chopped and plowed, is looking well, considering the cool weather.

Hon. E. W. Pou, of Smithfield, will address the citizens of Boon Hill township, at Princeton, next Saturday the 26th, at 3 o'clock. Everybody is invited to hear him, and hear the amendment fully explained and discussed.

We think the bean crop in this section has a chronic case of chills; the cool weather having given them a sickly, bilious appearance, while the bugs are holding high carnival with the potatoes. Altogether, our truckers are not in it at all.

The tobacco crop is a poor stand in many places; more than half of it, in many fields having died. This will not only prevent uniform growth, but will make curing it a decided disadvantage, owing to its ripening irregularly.

The force of hands have returned and are at work on our depot, and will soon have it completed. Now when Bro. Rambler goes off on his summer cutting we are going to invite him to take the train here, so he can more fully appreciate the difference in our railroad facilities and his, and it will also be an object lesson in advocating your city's rights.

Our community was pained to hear of the death of Mrs. W. B. Cothern last Thursday night, which occurred at Mr. Lewis Hasting's place, where she had recently come, to join her husband, Mr. W. B. Cothern, who is cultivating a tobacco crop there, having moved to our community from Roxboro, N. C. She leaves a husband and four children, the youngest an infant, three months old, she was buried Saturday afternoon, at Mr. Jno. E. Smith's burying ground, our tenderest sympathy goes out for the family in their sad bereavement.

KILLICKINICK, Walter, N. C., May 23, 1900.

WHEEN NATURE

Needs assistance it may be best to render it promptly, but one should remember to use even the most perfect remedies only when needed. The best and most simple and gentle remedy is the Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

MT. OLIVE LETTER

A Week's Happenings of the Mt. Olive Section.

ARGUS BUREAU, JNO. R. SMITH, Mgr May 23, 1900.

Mr. G. A. Griswold's little son Benjamin is very ill.

The large tobacco warehouse is progressing rapidly.

Mr. Charlie O'Berry, of Dudley, was here Tuesday.

Prof. E. E. Britton, of Wilsor, was here on business Thursday.

Mr. Heary Powell, of Goldsboro, was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. Ebram Byrd, of Wallace, was visiting friends here Sunday.

Mr. M. S. Witherington, of Goldsboro, was in our town Monday.

Mr. D. E. Smith, of Goldsboro, was in town Tuesday evening.

Mr. Tom McGee, of Goldsboro, was visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Sam King, of Wilmington, is spending several days visiting friends here this week.

Mr. H. J. Elmore, of Hamlet, N. C., spent Saturday and Sunday visiting his parents at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wooten, of La Grange, were the guests of Mr. R. J. Southerland Sunday and Monday.

The many friends of Mr. Randolph Rackley, will regret to learn of his illness and wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. J. G. Martin arrived in our town Sunday from Wilson, where he had been on a delightful trip visiting his sweetheart.

Miss Allie Gregory, after an extended visit to friends and relatives at this place, returned to her home in Clinton Tuesday.

The many friends of Mr. D. N. McIntyre will be glad to know that he is slightly recovering from his recent severe illness.

Miss Gracie Smith, after a very pleasant visit to friends and relatives at this place returned to her home in Goldsboro Sunday evening.

Mr. J. E. Kelly has purchased the corner lot recently burned, from Mr. John F. Southerland and will soon commence the construction of some handsome brick stores.

B. H. HATCH BURNED OUT.

For the Second Time Within Two Years - Heavy Loss

The sincere sympathy of his hosts of friends in this city, among which the ARGUS reckons itself, are with Mr. B. H. Hatch, of Mt. Olive, who lost his new brick store and entire stock of goods by fire this morning about 4 o'clock. He had \$1,000 insurance on the store and only \$500 on stock, which amount will not cover one-half the loss.

This is the second time within two years that Mr. Hatch has had his store and stock of goods completely destroyed by fire. The first time he had no insurance because of the high rate which prevailed at that time. Not only did he lose his stock of goods, but he owed a few hundred dollars for them. He went to work and paid up every dollar and built a new brick store and filled it with brand new goods. The present disaster will fall heavily on him, but the firm resolution to succeed and indomitable energy which caused him to stem the tide of adversity then, will in the end surmount the present obstacle and he will come again. In this dark hour of financial trouble, however, he will not be lacking for friends.

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Mrs. Craft's head does not trouble her any more and she feels better than she has for three years.

Mrs. Lydia Craft, of Larwood, Linn Co., Oreg., writes: "I was sick for a long time with female trouble but paid little attention to it until last winter; I miscarried and this left me in a very weak condition. I grew very nervous and despondent. I had such a disagreeable feeling in my head; my head hurt me all the time. I had bearing down pains and my back hurt me all the time. I could not do any work and could not sleep. I tried some patent medicine but got no relief. I went to see the best doctor in Lebanon. He said I had inflammation of the female organs. I wrote to Dr. Pierce, and in due time received an encouraging letter, advising me to take his 'Fruit of Life' and 'Golden Medical Discovery.' They helped me steadily. I could see that I was gaining. When I wrote to you I weighed eighty-seven pounds, I now weigh ninety-nine. I can eat anything I want to, my appetite is good. I can work all day and not feel tired at night. I have no more bearing-down pains."



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AMENDMENT DISCUSSED.

Mr. H. B. Parker Makes Some Pertinent Points in Its Behalf.

Ed. ARGUS:—In my rambles around the country I have found quite a number who have never read the proposed Constitutional Amendment, and therefore do not know its exact meaning. They are unable to answer any enquiry about it to those who wish to know its full scope. This condition of affairs prompts me to write this. During the last Legislature every white man in the State was demanding some law to get the negro out of politics. The Legislature then proposed the 4th Section of the Constitutional Amendment which is as follows: "Sec. 4. Every person presenting himself for registration shall be able to read and write any section of the Constitution in the English language; and before he shall be entitled to vote, he shall have paid, on or before the first day of March of the year in which he proposes to vote, his poll-tax as prescribed by law, for the previous year. Poll-taxes shall be a lien only on assessed property and no process shall issue to enforce the collection of the same except against assessed property."

You will see that this will exclude all illiterate negroes, but at the same time it would exclude all white men who were unfortunate in youth and did not have an opportunity to attend school; but knowing that all white men are capable of self government by inheritance because their forefathers demonstrated the same when they wrested from King John at Runnymede, the Magna Carta, the greatest protection to personal freedom and civil liberty ever possessed by any people, and have ever since maintained their fitness for self-government. Having won their independence from England in the Revolutionary war, and established a government unsurpassed by any in the world. The Legislature then submitted the 5th Section, which is as follows:

"Sec. 5. No male person who was on January 1, 1867, or at any time prior thereto, entitled to vote under the laws of any State in the United States wherein he then resided, and no lineal descendant of any such person shall be denied the right to register and vote at any election in this State by reason of his failure to possess the educational qualification prescribed in section four of this article; Provided, he shall have registered in accordance with the terms of this section prior to December 1, 1908. The General Assembly shall provide for a permanent record of all persons who

register under this section on or before November first, one thousand and nine hundred and eight; and all such persons shall be entitled to register and vote in all elections by the people of this State, unless disqualified under section two of this article; Provided, such person shall have paid their poll tax as required by law."

This, you will see, does not deny any white man the right to vote, who could vote in any State prior to 1867, or whose father or whose grandfather could vote prior thereto, because he cannot read and write, and a permanent Register will be provided of all who register prior to November 1st, 1908, and they will never have to register again. This will include all boys who are now 13 years old, but all boys who are 12 years old and younger will be required to read and write any section of the Constitution in English before they can register, upon their arrival of 21 years of age.

This may seem to some a hardship, but life is a hardship, and to know how to read and write in this age is essential to obtain a livelihood and to compete with the world. And this much stimulus to an education is surely needed in our State, but some say, the negro boy will burn lightwood knots and live on potatoes in order to learn to read and write. Well, what if they do? Can you blame them for it? Will they be any worse citizens because of their self-denial? Can you blame the Democratic party for allowing them to vote on the same conditions with the white boys who become of age after 1908? No; but rather blame the carpet-bag rule, who passed the 15th Amendment, which prevented us from "disfranchising anyone on account of race color or previous condition of servitude." Yes, blame the north and the Republican party for disfranchising every white man in North Carolina, who ever held any office in the confederate government, from magistrates to our beloved governor Vance, (45,000 of them), and permitting the most ignorant negro to vote for the 15th amendment, and then sent out votes to Charleston, S. C., to be counted by military office-holders, and after three weeks notified us that the Amendment was carried. We have never known by what majority and have never believed that there was any.

If the proposed Amendment does not go as far as you like, remember, it goes as far as it can, and by it 70,000 negroes will not be able to vote in 1902, and they will find that the best and wisest thing for them is to submit to live under the white man's government without attempting to interfere in the least. It was the crime of the 19th century to give them the right to vote without any educational qualifications, and we of this generation have had to suffer for the wrongs committed by those revengeful Yankees who designed to place the negro in political equality with their former masters for the purpose of humiliating them, and I am glad of the opportunity to cast a ballot in condemnation of their action, and I hope every white man will study the proposed amendment and try to enlighten his enquiring friend, and to correct any erroneous statement with which the Republicans are endeavoring to poison the minds of the people. And remember that the great Democratic party will not permit any white man to be disfranchised.

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