

LOCAL BRIEFS. Easter Sunday will come this year on the third Sunday in April.

Miss Lula Pope, of Newsum, Va., arrived yesterday on a visit to her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Walter K. Parker.

Wilson votes on the first Monday in April on the question of "dispensary" or "no dispensary." Both sides are confident of success.

Two equines will be elevated to the rank of Knight at the meeting of Ruffin Lodge K. of P. next Friday night.

Mr. Leonard Edward, who runs the sales stables for his father Mr. Asher Edwards, in this city, sold to Mr. G. M. Houston, of Charlotte, a pair of mules for \$825.

Less than a month remains of the time designated by the State Corporation Commission in which the several railroads coming into Goldsboro are to locate the Union Passenger Depot ordered by the Commission for this city.

The political cauldron is beginning to bubble early this year. A large number of candidates for county offices are in the field.

Mr. H. H. Hobbs, of the firm of Hobbs & Pike, is the happiest man in town. He has just received from Duplin county a fine 6 year old mare horse, a present from his father-in-law, that is indeed a beauty, and is greatly admired by all who have seen him.

The inexorable law of supply and demand can not be successfully combated. It is for the farmers themselves, to say whether they will grow the market by overproduction and bring about low prices, or plant only a moderate amount of cotton and insure living prices for the same.

Miss Alice Carson, the milliner, who has been on an extended trip to northern centers of fashion making purchase of spring millinery for her popular store here, has returned to the city.

His hosts of friends in this city and throughout this section will be deeply pained to learn of the serious and critical illness of Mr. John B. Ezum, at his home at Fremont. We all wish him a safe and speedy recovery.

Mr. James Carlen, of New York, a practical plumber and steam fitter, of 19 years experience, has taken a permanent position with the John Slaughter Company in this city, and will move his family here in an early day.

A charter has been granted the Bank of LaGrange, to conduct a commercial business with \$10,000 paid in capital stock and \$100,000 authorized. The incorporators are Messrs Geo. A. Norwood, Jr., who will be president, and Mr. W. H. Winstead, of this city, John F. and O. Taylor, Simeon Wooten and Alex Sutton, of LaGrange. The new bank will open up for business in about a week or ten days, and its success is assured.

The twenty-third annual State-Sunday School Convention will be held this year in Charlotte, April 3, 4 and 5. The Sunday School workers of that progressive city are making great preparations for the event. The session will be held in the second Presbyterian church, which is one of the largest in the city.

At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held in this city Monday, Mr. Carl E. Stouffer, proprietor of the Goldsboro Underwriting Co., was unanimously elected County Coroner, to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Thos H. Hill, deceased.

Some one stole a number of pistols from the show case of the Yelveton Hardware Co., sometime Saturday night, and so far no clue has been found leading to the capture of the guilty parties. This is the second time their store has been robbed in the past few months.

Our people in general are greatly pleased with the service given the Goldsboro Transfer Company and in consequence they are receiving a very liberal patronage. Herebefore our citizens had to run all over town whenever they had need for a dry, and then sometimes could not find one, whereas now you simply have to phone 123 and they do the rest, and always do it promptly and well.

One of our police officers arrested a young colored man Sunday night for being drunk and disorderly in the northern part of the city, and locked him up. When the man went down below to look after his prisoner Monday morning, preparatory to bringing him out for trial, he discovered that his prisoner was blind as a bat. He was promptly discharged and the Mayor and his way.

Mr. L. N. Grant, of this city, whose confirmation as postmaster for this place has been held up in the Senate for some time, was in Washington yesterday and called on the President for the purpose of thanking him for his appointment, and also had a lengthy conversation with the Chief Executive in reference to Republican politics in North Carolina, which the President said had given him no little concern.

Mr. Hugh M. Humphreys, the popular and aggressive representative of that substantial old line life insurance company, the National, of Montpelier, Vt., has returned from Washington, D. C., where he has been attending a meeting of the executive committee of his company, of which he has the distinction of being a member.

DISTRICT MEETING K. OF P. HELD IN THAT CITY LAST NIGHT.

A Partial Description of the Trip—the Arrival in Wilson.—The Grand Reception Accorded the Visiting Knights.—The Lodge in Session and the Sumptuous Spread at the Banquet Hall—Hospitality of the Wilson People.

Being a member of Ruffin Lodge No. 6, K. of P.—an honored distinction of which we feel prouder now than ever before—and accepting courtesies at the hands of our lodge enjoyed by reporters of all well-regulated newspapers, numbered among which is the vigilant eye of the ARGUS which we have the privilege to represent, we feel it therefore incumbent upon us to give a report of the District Meeting Knights of Pythias, which was held in our progressive sister town Wilson, last night.

We feel inadequate to the task, especially in the limited space accorded us, to give the occasion justice, therefore we will have to content ourselves with a short summary of the events, which we herewith give in our own way and as the different scenes indelibly impressed themselves on our vivid imagination, so here goes:

As heretofore announced, Ruffin Lodge No. 6, of this city—one of the finest—chartered a special train for the benefit of its members on account of the above occasion, and they were joined here by the Newbern and Kingston lodges, who came in on a special over the A. & N. C. road, and about 5:50 we were off on our journey, inspired in the very incipency of our trip by the smiles, waves and good wishes of our wives, sweethearts and daughters, the fairest and sweetest in all our blessed Southland.

This ended the programme of the evening and we all repaired to the depot and returned home, arriving here about 3 o'clock.

Taken altogether it was one of the most orderly crowds we ever saw, and not an incident to mar the pleasure of any one.

Wilson is alight, her people are hospitable, kind-hearted, courteous and know how to entertain visitors and make them feel at perfect ease, doubly welcome and at home—in a word, the best town in the State—outside of Goldsboro—and our people whose pleasure it was to enjoy their hospitality will ever remember them pleasantly. G. W. BROWN.

Arriving at Wilson we were met at the train by a Reception Committee from Contentnea Lodge No. 87, of that city, one of the most flourishing in the State, and a delegation of private citizens, and we were at once made to feel at home and in the hands of our friends, presented with beautiful badges, banquet cards, and were given the freedom of the city.

The delegation then, headed by Kinston's superb K. of P. band—and we drive a digressing peg right here to say that the Kinston and Newbern boys are as clever, jovial, and gentlemanly set of fellows as we ever met—marched down main street and then broke ranks.

By this time the supper hour had arrived, and the boys began to hunt around for shelter out of the rain. Some went to hotels, some to cafes, while others "saved themselves" for the banquet—and well they did.

After supper the boys began to "stir about", and to our utter astonishment, money was not recognized in Wilson stores and was of no more value in purchasing power than Confederate currency. Call for a cigar or a cold drink, etc., and try to pay for same was offering insult. The ARGUS man managed to spend 30 cents, but if they find it out we may expect a check for the amount on the next train.

At 8 o'clock the delegation assembled at their splendid lodge room, and the meeting called to order by Chancellor Commander of Wilson lodge, the Master at Arus reported that the William Goat had been carried and rubbed down and with a satisfied air the lodge proceeded to business.

Maj. W. T. Hollowell, of this city, Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, was unanimously chosen to act as secretary of the meeting, a fact which gave every Goldsboro Knight just cause for pride, and the Pythian band rendered a beautiful selection, which thrilled our soul with deepest and unutterable emotion, and then the lodges of the district were called in order and old Ruffin headed the list, and our townsman Mr. C. G. Smith made the report in his usual happy style, while Messrs. W. T. Harrison and U. M. Gilhkin, with up-turned heads and with the air of a king listened.

After a number of appropriate speeches the lodges proceeded to initiate a candidate in the 3rd rank, which work was done in a most admirable way by a team from Rocky Mount, assisted by Mr. Harry Baker of this city, and what they did for that poor fellow—my, my—how we want to tell it.

At a few minutes to 12 o'clock the meeting adjourned, and—now we're coming to it—the assemblage repaired to the Banquet Hall, headed by this aforesaid band of sweetest music.

On arriving at the banquet hall a scene of equisite beauty and grandeur met our every gaze: The spacious hall was artistically decorated from ceiling to circumference, with hunting, flags, running vines and other decorative articles, arranged and planned as only the deft hand of woman

can arrange and her imagination conceive, and amid myriads of beautiful lights of various colors, the immense throng, numbering between five and six hundred, were comfortably seated around the tables, in picnic style, the tables numbering seven and about 125 feet in length, heavily laden, everything good, and a superb string band to furnish music while we satisfied the inner man, and the beautiful faces of fair young women to inspire the speakers to flights of eloquence.

The dishes were served in courses, and between each course the audience was regaled with a speech from some member on the programme, Mr. H. G. Connor, Jr., acting as Toast Master. The address of welcome was delivered by Mr. G. P. Dickinson, of Contentnea Lodge No. 87, Wilson, and indeed did he in truth make every one feel a thousand times welcome. The response was made by Dr. Harper, of Kinston, who spoke for Mr. J. L. Flanning, of Greenville, who was detained at home by sickness. Dr. Harper made a very favorable impression and is a pleasing speaker.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Grand Chancellor A. S. Barnard, of Asheville, who as an orator has few equals. His address last night was clothed in beautiful language and was a gem of deepest thought.

The next and last number on the programme was "Our Wives and Sweethearts," by our townsman and talented young Mayor, Mr. Geo. E. Hood. As soon as the name of Hood was mentioned, he received an outburst of applause, and as soon as this subsided he arose and delivered a magnificent address, which was well received, short but to the point, and full of humorous saying.

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