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News-Observer Contest.

We note the News-Observer contest that is now on, is creating right such interest in this county, and as item of interest we give below the names of the leading "candidates" Franklin, that have been put in nomination, together with the number of votes they had received up to the 17th.

LOUISBURG.

Lil High,	36,640
Oliver Bryant,	33,290
John Mills,	32,960
Martha Harris,	28,680
H. D. Egerton,	27,580

FRANKLINTON.

Green Morris,	28,420
Martha T. Harris,	26,690
Mabel Vann,	26,680

YOUNGVILLE.

Ella Harris,	45,430
J. T. Wilson,	19,690
V. Bobbitt,	19,690

(Some kind friends have complimented the editor of the Times by stating their votes for him, which he very greatly appreciates, but as he is not a candidate in this "particular" he would be glad for those who feel a disposition to vote for him, to cast their votes for some of the ladies who are candidates; as in such contests we feel that they are more entitled to win than the men. In only in such contests, you know, they are allowed to vote, in these parts.)

School Association.

The greatest Sunday School meeting of the year will take place in Concord, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 6-9, in the First Presbyterian church. The entertainment will be free and anyone interested in Sunday School work may attend.

The music will be in charge of Messrs. Tullar and Meredith of New York City, both of whom are known and loved in our state. It will be worth a trip to Concord just to be in the song service of the Convention. The railroads have given reduced rates. The tickets will be sold on the Certificate plan and the rate will be one and one-third fare, plus 25c for the round trip.

The representative of the International Association in the Convention this year will be Rev. Franklin McElfresh, D. D. Ph. D. of Chicago, teacher training Superintendent. Mr. McElfresh is a strong, original, thoughtful and pleasing speaker. He is equal to any demand that may be made on him in presenting the Sunday School work.

The program has been prepared with great care. Among the subjects to be discussed are: "The Scope of Teacher Training," "The Week-Day of the Sunday School," "The Passion for Service," "The Child and the Sunday School," "The Country Sunday School," "The Organized Class," "The Evangelistic Mission of the Sunday School," and others of interest to Sunday School workers.

The afternoons will be given to conference work on the Organized Adult Class, Elementary, Home Department, Teacher Training, County Officers, Superintendents, Barosa. This is an interdenominational Sunday School Convention and every Sunday School in the State should have a representative in Concord. Anyone wishing to attend should send their name to Mr. B. E. Harris, Concord, and entertainment will be provided.

Be What you Will to Be. Ella Wheeler Wilcox was surely a good woman, as the following sentiments expressed by her will testify: If you desire to be anything in character disposition or conduct be it. Say to yourself each day—I am brave, cheerful, joy, usefulness, kindness. Sit in your room alone a few

moments morning and night, inhale deep, slow breaths, and make these assertions. Then go forth every day determined to look for the agreeable trait in everyone you meet—for the pleasing or pathetic quality, and, for a chance to add a little to the world's store of happiness by some kind act.

Think of yourself as necessary to the world—say: "There is need of me or I would not be," and then look for the opportunity to prove the fact. You will find it.

There is need of each one of us every hour in the twenty-four, so help brighten the world for others less fortunate than ourselves. Your great trouble seems to be that you dwell too much on thoughts of yourself and your troubles and think too little of other people about you.

Think of yourself just as you would like to be, and insist mentally that you are that. Never mind if no change seems to come at once. Keep on insisting, and by and by the results will appear.

And all the time watch for opportunities to do kind acts. It is wonderful what an interest we will find in people whom we can benefit.

A Religious Service.

At the residence of Mrs. Jennie Yates March 22nd, at 7 o'clock p. m., Mr. W. H. Bundy, of Brooklyn, N. Y., will talk on "God's Missionary Work," having recently returned from a missionary tour of the Orient. All who are interested in scripture studies are most cordially invited.

Attention Company.

The members of Louisa Rifles, Co. D., are hereby ordered to report at their Armory, promptly at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Friday March 26th, for inspection. Capt. Huguett, of the U. S. Army, will be present to inspect the Company, and every member will be expected to report in full uniform.

J. B. THOMAS, Captain.

Saw Stamp Walk off.

A young man at one of the many Keeley cure places, so runs the story who had been seeing bugs, snakes, monkeys, etc., for three or four weeks before going there was assured by the physician in charge that he was all right after a few days treatment and could return to his home in a few days. "Can I go in two weeks doctor?" he asked.

"Yes, and you can write your people that you are already normal." He wrote at once but in trying to place a stamp on his letter the former slipped from his hand and fell under the table with the moist adhesive side covering a cork-reach. Seeing his stamp run off and up the side of a wall the young man said to himself, "Two weeks, thunder, if I get away from here in two years I will be doing well."

A Pretty Home Wedding.

On March 10th, at 7:30 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Fannie J. Leonard, Rev. J. W. Sledge officiating there was a very pretty marriage, when Mr. W. I. Parrish led to Hymen's altar Miss Ella Will-light.

The parlor had been very tastily and beautifully decorated. This with the presence of the many attendant handsome young men and beautiful young women presented a most charming scene, as the contracting parties said the vows which make them man and wife.

Immediately after the ceremony was performed, the party repaired to the home of Mr. W. A. Parrish, father of the groom, where light refreshments were served and a most pleasant evening spent. The writer and their host of friends wish there most estimable young people a long life of conjugal bliss and happiness.

T. H. E.

A WOMAN'S ESSAY ON MAN.

Evidently Man is a Strange Animal.

A boy can sit still on a sled six inches square, tied to a sleigh moving eight miles an hour; but could not sit still on a sofa five minutes for a dollar. A man will sit on an inch edge of a board and talk politics for three hours; put him in a church pew for 40 minutes, he gets nervous, twists and turns, and goes to sleep. A man will punch his cheeks with filthy tobacco, juice runs down to his chin, feels good, but a hair in the butter kills him. He stays out till midnight, wife don't know where he is, comes home when he pleases, but if a meal is not ready just on time, pouts, frowns and says unpretty things. Evidently man is a strange animal. Gets full, beastly drunk, imagines he's rich, a great man, bets on the losing horse, goes broke, quarrels, fights, lands in jail, eyes dressed for Easter, face frescoed and morals depraved, yet he is "Lord of all creation and monarch of all he surveys." Strange animal, this man.—Ex.

SPREAD OF THE SUICIDE TERROR.

As the Charlotte News well says, fifty years ago a suicide was seldom heard of. During the past men's several dozen cases of self-destruction have been recorded in daily press dispatches. A study for the sociologist new and at the same time grave and vexatious. In this day and generation we live rapidly. Frenzied bustle is the characteristic of the American. The nervous, rapid gait, distinguished from the sensuous languor of the old world stamps the man American if no other evidence of recognition is offered. We live much much faster than our ancestors lived, see more, absorb more information, accomplish more in an hour, rest less, think faster, enjoy the rapid panorama of passing daily events with an infinitely more accelerated sense of appreciation than did our fathers—perhaps we live too fast.

To treat the question in all of its phases would require much time and space.

Wondrous creation is the human mind. The helpless thing in the padded ward of the asylum, writhing shrieking in the throes of disordered fancy, then lapsing into mirthless laughter at the very fertility of his own protest—the insane man, devoid of reason, is a fearful example of the depths possible to be reached by the human mind. The poet is lifted into fields Elysian and writes of ideas undreamed of by the average man. Another example of the possible attainments of the human mind. In a fit of mental deviation brought on, perhaps by the too strenuous task of contemplating the unpleasant, a man ends his life. Those of us whose minds are trained to follow the beaten paths of conservative thought cannot understand the state of mental distortion which puts our fellowman in the madman's cell, lifts another to the Olympian heights, or drives still another to self-destruction.

We do know, however, that to a large extent all of us have control over our fancies, over our thoughts, and can in a large degree steer the mysterious bark of Reason.

Melancholia is a disease that grows by continuous brooding over the dark side of life. Normally most of us are cheerful of mind, philosophic in the face of disappointment or sorrow, and so long as we are master of our will we remain so.

Recently a young lady of Chicago committed suicide and left a note explaining her reasons. She loved music and art. With limited means she was unable to enjoy that which her soul craved, and because of the deprivation she resolved to end an existence that she fancied was un-

pleasant. She had allowed her mind to follow a false course. Had she stepped to think of the myriad blessings she enjoyed daily she would have decided that after all there was something to live for. In a city like Chicago even the poorest may satiate a desire for such enjoyments as her soul craved.

"In life worth living" is no doubt a question we all sometimes ask ourselves. Few of us make the journey through life without reaching periods when existence seems valueless—when the roseate hue is blended into a cheerless drab—when all seems futile.

A second thought will reveal the fact that most of our ills are fancied—that after all there are countless reasons why we should bear with patience the load that oftentimes seems too heavy.

What better motto than: "We live for those who love us, For those whose hearts are true. For the heavens that smile above us, For the good that we can do."

All of us have friends—the richest boon humanity may boast of. Every one, no matter how lowly, has more or less influence, and wields that influence either for good or evil. Each one has opportunity to accomplish much good.

Grief is a burden which may be borne easily if once the bearer gets the right viewpoint. After all, one's fate rests chiefly in his own hands. His life may be shaped along paths that are pleasant, or his pathway beset with worry and care.

It is a case of will power and the man who is master of his own mind will never find existence worthless or trouble sufficient to make evil worse by a rash act.

Some North.

Mr. R. Z. Egerton is in the Northern markets this week buying the spring and summer stock for the "Emporium of Fashion." Just before leaving he informed the editor that it was his purpose to include in his purchases everything in the dry goods and millinery line that is needed by the folks.

Gatesville Items.

The Gatesville school closed Friday the 12th and an entertainment was given, which consisted of dialogues, recitations, tableaux, drills, marches and songs. All present seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

Miss Mary Mitchell will leave Sunday for her home in Louisa after teaching this school for four months. All are very sorry to see her leave.

Miss Ethel Collier, Miss Anna Upchurch and little Essie Gray Matthews, from Spring Home, Miss Sallie Bridges and Miss Blonnie Wheelless, from Castalia High School were visitors of Misses Mary Mitchell and Etta Wheelless this week. Miss Fannie Wheelless was there also.

Mr. Willoughby Bowden, an old man was run over by Mr. Frank Parham Friday night on his way from the entertainment and badly hurt.

Miss Geneva Hines is at her home on a short vacation, after teaching in Nash county four months. She will return in a few days to teach three or four weeks longer. All will be glad to welcome her home to stay.

A Card of thanks.

To our much loved friends of Louisa: This card is to thank you for your abundant kindness to us and ours during our recent affliction.

Our little son could stay but three short weeks, but in that time he bound us in love as with cords of steel, both to you and himself.

"It is well with the child," may it be with us all when we cross the bar.

Most sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Swartz.

Personal Mention.

Mr. L. P. Hicks spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Attorney General Bickett spent Saturday and Sunday at his home here.

Mr. Chas. M. Wilson and wife, of Johnston, were visitors here during the past week.

Messrs. J. C. Kittrell and B. H. Perry, two prominent lawyers of Henderson, were in Louisa on professional business last Monday.

Justice's Court.

An affray between W. I. Privett and Clem Pearce, two white men from Dunns township which occurred several days ago, brought quite a large number of citizens of that township to the trial, which took place yesterday, in two sections, before Justices O. L. Ellis and B. B. Massenburg.

W. H. Yarborough, Jr., and B. T. Holden appeared for Pearce and W. M. Person for Privett. After hearing the evidence, both defendants were bound over to the next term of Franklin Superior Court, it having been proven that a deadly weapon was used. The defendants gave bond.

He Believed in Colds.

While waiting for the speaker at a public meeting a pale little man in the audience seemed very nervous. He glanced over his shoulder from time to time and squirmed and shifted about in his seat. At last, unable to stand it any longer, he arose and demanded, in a high, penetrating voice, "Is there a Christian Scientist in this room?"

A woman at the other side of the hall got up and said, "I am a Christian Scientist." "Well then, madam," requested the little man, "would you mind changing seats with me? I'm sitting in a draft."

Words of Sympathy.

What message does our heavenly Father design to send by a little pilgrim of three weeks journey? We may not know His design, but we do know that the little messenger touched new strings in the parental hearts and in passing on to the mansions above has drawn together in tenderest sympathies love of our community for the stricken ones. Brother Swope and his good wife have endeared themselves to our people so that their burdens and heart-aches become ours. We do deeply sympathize with them in being called to give up their tender babe. The Father makes no mistakes and we commend them to His abounding grace.

F. A. BARNOR.

Go little flower and mature on our loving Saviour's breast, Fold your tiny pinions and in His bosom rest.

Your loving mission was soon ended, Your stay with us was brief, Your message of love and joy blended with our tears of parting grief, We give you back little flower to be transplanted above.

We would not hold you back from His paradise of love, So many precious flowers in that garden you will see.

For our Saviour said of children "Let the little ones come unto me." We will try to heed the message, your little life would bring, And be more earnest workers in the service of our King.

Poultry Hints.

When lice come into the henhouse profit goes out.

It cost more to keep a poor hen than it does a good one. More worry, more vexation, more dissatisfaction.

About the first thing you had better do when there is anything the matter with your hens is to look for lice.

Apply kerosene to the roosts with a cloth or a swab every two weeks during warm weather to kill the red spider lice.

Respect the hen. She may suckle

foolishly sometimes, but she adds much to the comfort and prosperity of the farm home.

Keep the poultry house clean and neat and your efforts will be amply rewarded by the egg basket and kind words from your friends.

Test the eggs on the seventh day, and remove the infertiles, also those containing dead germs. Test again on the fourteenth day and remove all but those holding live chickens.

After the chicks are three weeks old, there is very little danger of overfeeding. Then if other conditions are right, the more they eat of a variety of feed, the faster they grow.

Next to pure air, water is the cheapest thing we can supply our poultry. Do not forget that it must be given in order to get eggs. Reduce the quantity and the egg yield will go with it.

Franklinton Items.

(Came in after the Franklinton Department went to press.)

Miss Penelope Davis, of Raleigh, who has been visiting at Hon. T. W. Bickett's in Louisa spent Friday night at Mr. B. W. Ballard's.

Mr. Kimbro Jones, of Raleigh, was in town this week.

Misses Nana Ballard and Nellie Joyner went to Warrington Tuesday to spend several days.

Mrs. Elias Carr, of Tarboro, and Mrs. Marmaduke J. Hawkins, of Ridgeway, were visitors at Mrs. B. W. Ballard's this week.

Miss Mattie Ballard spent last Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. C. H. Blackall, in Kittrell.

Messrs. Edwards, Bullock, Ballard and Harris, of Franklinton, and J. J. Barrow, of Louisa, were in Henderson Monday night to attend a special convention of Henderson Chapter, No. 54. There was work in the Royal Arch degree. The Chapter was inspected by High Priest Braswell, of Enfield. The Henderson people treated their visitors royally. Companions Gary and Cheek will probably remember this occasion a great many years.

We regret that one of our much esteemed citizens, Capt. D. T. Ward, has been confined at his home with muscular rheumatism. He and his wife have the sympathy of the Franklinton people.

We are glad to know that Mr. Lawrence Moyer is getting on so nicely and is able to sit up a short time during the day.

The attention of the readers of the Times is directed to the new advertisement of the B. W. Ballard Company, which will be found in the Franklinton department. They advertise many useful implements for the farm, also a number of the most popular brands of fertilizers, as well as many excellent brands of flour, molasses, etc. And remember that this firm will sell you anything in their line for cash or on time.

SAME FOR THE LAWYER.

Some of the lawyers for the defense in the trial of the Coopers and Sharp seem to think that any man, especially if he belongs to the "blue-blood" families of Tennessee, is justified in shooting to death an editor who has severely criticised his conduct. If that be so what about the punishment that should be meted out to lawyers who vilify and slander witnesses on the other side and who attempt to break down a respectable woman's testimony by ridiculing her in his speech to the jury? A lawyer who will denounce an opposing witness because he cannot break down his evidence on cross examination, or will attempt to bring ridicule upon a woman—not daring to denounce her—should have as much and as more protection than the Cooper lawyers would give the editor, who, they say, unjustly and too severely criticised a man's public acts and private character.—Wilmington Star.

Them's our sentiments.