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REV. P. R. LAW, EDITOR.

It takes two at least to keep up a quarrel. Certainly the quarrels that attract most are between two or more. Nobody cares about the quarrels one has with himself. Some people love strife. There is no way to please them so well as to strive with them. The thing that stings to the quick and gives most poignant pain is take no notice of them. It is pitiable to see the pain of it, but the nobler thing to do with the querulous is to disregard their banter to a war of words. He who halts and takes up the glove but shows, however clear his disclaimers, an over-weening fondness for the contention. Such contests bode only evil. God men and true are soon tired of it. The thing is distasteful. We naturally shun the fellow who is ready to raise an issue and induce a controversy as we walk around a decomposing dead animal. It is in the paths of peace we prosper most and are happiest. The better folk are these walks.

There are no things infinitely more, about the Bible, to interest than about any other book. It is pre-eminently the Book. Said one when dying, there is but one book. The word Bible is from the Greek word "Biblos" and the original root designates the inner bark of the linden tree. Our word "book" is from the Anglo-Saxon "booc" or "buch," since the Saxons wrote on beechen boards. The book was divided into chapters by Hugo de Sancto Caro about 1250 A. D. It was divided into verses between 1550 A. D. and 1675 A. D. There are 190 references in the New Testament to the five books of Moses; 101 references to the book of Psalms; 104 references to the book of Isaiah and 30 references to the minor prophets. There are in the New Testament 639 references in all to the Old Testament for all of the gospels and all but three of the Epistles contain quotations from or references to the Old Testament in some shape. In the four Gospels there are 191 references; 52 in the Acts; 67 in Romans and so on.

The publication of the story of child life with a turkey on the White House grounds by a Boston paper is well characterized as an outrageous piece of journalism. It turns out that there has gone forth an order to cut the name of this journal from the list to which the weather reports are finished from Washington. We do not know whether this order is issued on account of the aforesaid publication or not. We find occasion in view of it all, together with comments thereon by the press, to say we have no words strong enough to deprive the manifest tendency of newspapers in either acrid or jocular language to write that which is well fitted to belittle the high officials of the government. It is not only the coarse and grovelling taste that it displays that makes it despicable, but also more significantly it strikes at the fountain head of good government and law and decency in the State and nation. It betrays the presence of that evil which constitutes the greatest menace to our institutions, a lack of reverence for government stations and government officials. We cannot afford to see their majesty and standing undermined.

The late fall in the price of cotton is as interesting a subject of study as it is an important one. The decline, which had been anticipated by a bearish pulse, came sharply upon the publication of the government report that over 12,000,000 bales had been made. There is a great deal of cotton yet unsold in the country. And it is held to a greater or less degree by a large majority of the farmers. That there should be such a condition as makes the holding possible is a most encouraging state of affairs. The people are beyond doubt in a better financial condition.

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Lumber Bridge Locals.

Rev. J. W. Cobb has been preaching at Tolarsville this week.

The Lumber Bridge Light Infantry expect to have target practice tomorrow.

Miss Lena Shaw, of the college at Red Springs spent Sunday and Monday at home.

The protracted meeting to be held this week at Shannon was deferred to a later date.

Mr. Roy Bullard killed a 11-months-old pig last week which weighed 317 pounds. Pretty good.

We were in error we learned saying that Mr. Duncan Gradin expected to move to Florida after Christmas.

Mr. Evander's new residence is nearing completion and the wedding bells are about to ring out on the night air.

Mr. M. L. Marley has ginned to date 464 bales of cotton. Mr. E. J. Graham 280 bales and Mr. D. Z. McGowan 250 bales, which goes to show that more cotton was made in this community than was made last year. The two gins at Shannon expect to have ginned when they have finished 1000 bales.

Let everybody who expects to criticize the new road law which is to be formulated go to Lumberton 15th of the month. Let those who do not go say nothing about its defects after it is adopted. In a word now is the opportunity to speak out. It is a fair proposition the warm friends of better roads are giving to everybody. It is clearly a fixed purpose to please everybody, if possible, build good roads, and do so at the least cost, and as quickly as possible. It is in all ways a praiseworthy undertaking in which all our people should be deeply interested. All are cordially and warmly invited to the meeting. We have expressed our views frankly about the fundamentals of the law we need.

The adjourned meeting of Presbytery at Sanford last Thursday adopted the report of the committee in the matter of the establishing the Elise High School. Its control was committed to nine trustees. Rev. Messrs. W. F. Than, J. K. Roberts and M. D. McNeill and Messrs. N. J. Carter, W. G. Carter, J. R. McQueen, W. J. Page, Harry S. Jones and Dr. G. McLeod. Rev. N. D. A. Brown was admitted to membership upon examination from Tuscaloosa Presbytery. The following church groups were formed: 1. Pee Dee, Wadesville, Sharon, Mt. Carmel, Elterbe Springs and the mission point, Biscoe. 2. Bethesda, Jackson Springs, Rockingham and Marks Creek Presbytery adjourned to meet at Carthage 11th of April, 1905.

Commissioners Meeting.

The regular meeting of the board of county commissioners of Robeson county was held in the courthouse on Monday, December 5th, with the following present: Messrs. R. D. Caldwell, chairman, M. L. Marley, A. R. McEachern and J. W. Carter, E. C. Nye. The minutes were read and approved, after which a large number were added to the pension list. The time of the board was occupied in auditing bills, issuing rebates, pauper vouchers and etc. The business was dispatched speedily in order that the new board might be sworn in. At the conclusion of their work all of the old board retired except Mr. J. W. Carter, who alone was re-elected.

It has been officially announced that the Russian battleship Poltava, has been sunk at Port Arthur, and the Retzuan seriously damaged as the result of the Japanese bombardment. After having captured two hundred and three McTear Hill, the Japanese have captured and occupied on Tuesday, Alaaka Hill, another place of importance in the vicinity of Port Arthur.

Pembroke Items.

We are glad to welcome to our little town Dr. Crumpler who for sometime has practiced at Kingsdale and wish him success and a large practice.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunkin entertained a number of friends from Red Springs Lumberton and the country around at their home near Pembroke Wednesday night. The evening was a pleasant one and was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Wearn the A. L. Express Agent has moved his family here and will remain as guests at the Thaggard House through the winter.

Dr. Tom Norman has brought his family down. Hope they will like their new home and wish him much success in his work here.

Miss L. L. and N. N. Lawler attended the entertainment at Mr. Dunkin's Wednesday night.

Mrs. Pate was away a few days last week. She returned last Friday.

Mr. D. K. Gregory of Lumberton was here Sunday.

Messrs. Froesland, Smith and Thompson of Rowland were in town yesterday.

Mr. C. C. Lawler made a flying trip to Maxton Thursday.

Hon. G. B. Patterson of Maxton, was here Saturday.

Court Proceedings.

The following cases have been disposed of during the present term of Robeson Superior Court before His Honor G. W. Ward, Judge presiding.

H. L. Stephen vs. Penny Stephens, divorce. Verdict for defendant.

Thura Lowrie vs. Eliza Lowrie, divorce. Judgment for Plaintiff.

Mattie McDaniel vs. John C. McDaniel, divorce. Judgment for plaintiff.

Enoch Taylor vs. Alice Taylor, Divorce. Judgment for plaintiff.

Luther Bracy vs. J. W. D. McLean, Civil administration for Relief. Non Suit.

Southern Saw Mills and Lumber Company vs. J. D. Biggs. Judgment.

Catharine Cashwell vs. J. J. Cashwell. Dismissed.

A. L. & W. F. Bullock vs. H. B. Easterling. Judgment.

McLean Bros. vs. Western Union Telegraph Company. Judgment.

Kelly McRimmon vs. Nancy McRimmon, divorce. Judgment for Plaintiff.

J. A. Barker vs. W. W. Prevatt. Judgment.

R. R. Barnes vs. W. B. Sellars. Verdict set aside.

Chas. Livingston vs. S. H. Keffer. Verdict of \$275.

National Cash Register Company vs. Red Springs Grocery Company.

At the time of going to press the hearing of the last case had not been concluded.

Mr. Frank Gough informs us that three railroad lines will offer rates to Cuba and that each road is allowed to carry only so many passengers. The allotment of the Seaboard Air Line is forty. Mr. Gough will take pleasure in giving any information in addition to that which appears in the advertisement in this issue.

At time of going to press the condition of Captain W. H. Norman was unimproved. His large number of friends wish for him speedy recovery to health.

Mr. A. T. Parmele, who has been confined to his room by sickness for several weeks past, is slowly improving, although as yet unable to leave his room.

Parkton News.

Well Mr. Editor, we come again, after two weeks silence you must never give us out. There are so many changes to be made in and around our flourishing little town I hardly know where to begin.

Brick are being placed on the lot to build a large company store right away. The style of the firm will be Parkton Mercantile and Supply Co., with an incorporated stock of several thousand.

Mr. Oha Johnson, the section master, is having a neat little cottage built.

Rev. Russ Cashwell has sold his farm near town and will build and move his family to town.

Mr. Noah Cashwell has sold his farm also, but has not yet decided where he will locate.

Mr. Bob Conner, who lives near here, will move to Parkton and will be manager of Mr. Henry McMillan's dry goods store.

Dr. Frank D. Castlebury, of Lumberton, has been here for the past two weeks practicing his profession.

Miss Janie McLean, of Maxton, is the music teacher in our high school here.

Mr. W. E. Musselwhite, who has been critically ill, is reported some better.

Some of our young people attended a party at Mr. McThee's near St. Pauls given in honor of Miss McMillan, of Georgia. They report a fine time.

Capt. Osborne, of Lumberton, spent several days in our town in the interest of the Fidelity Mutual Insurance Co.

Mr. W. F. Biddell lost a good horse last week.

We are to have a new firm, Cobb & Cobb. They will occupy the new Perry store.

The contract has been let for the building of the M. E. church here, and work will soon begin.

Mrs. Dobbin McNatt spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Lock Shaw, of St. Pauls.

Mr. John Malloy is contemplating a trip to Maxton soon. Well, Xmas is almost in sight and the children's hearts are rejoicing. "PARKTONIAN."

To Ask Pardon for James Wilcox.

A special from Elizabeth City says that notice has been published to the effect that an application for the pardon of James Wilcox will be made according to the rules laid down for the application for pardons. The application is in the form of a petition to Governor Glenn, and it is now being circulated in this city in an energetic manner, and it is expected that it will be quite freely signed. As only the required number of signatures have been secured it will be forwarded at once to Raleigh, where it will receive the attention of the governor, and the results will be awaited with keen interest by all alike.

"Every one throughout the county remembers the celebrated Wilcox-Crosey trials, and no criminal ever tried in the courts of North Carolina was creative of as much interest. James Wilcox, for whom the pardon will be asked was arrested and tried, charged with the murder of his sweetheart, Nellie Maude Crosey. He was tried in the superior court here and convicted of murder in the first degree, the trial being one of the most sensational ever witnessed in this city. An appeal was taken to the supreme court and a new trial was granted on the ground that the public demonstration was calculated to influence the jury. A change of venue was also granted, and the next trial was held in Hertford and again Wilcox was found guilty and sentenced to thirty years in the penitentiary. He has now been there about two years, and report has it that he has made a model prisoner.

"The circulated petition for his pardon claims that all the evidence was purely circumstantial and that nothing was proved against him."

The Young Matron's Club.

One of the most recherche entertainments of the season was the reception Thursday afternoon when Mrs. George B. McLeod was "At Home" to the young Matron's Club from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

The guests were received in the hall by Miss Irene McLeon, a bewitching fairy in white and passed into the sitting room by Mrs. E. K. Proctor, Jr. They were received at the parlor door by their charming hostess and presented to the guests of honor, Mesdames Frank A. Bond and Joseph A. Brown. After the guests had assembled each was presented with a booklet daintily hand-painted in holly design, and bearing the words "An Afternoon with Kate." This was tied with baby ribbons, red, green and white, the club colors, as was also the tiny pencil accompanying each booklet. The secret of this "Afternoon with Kate" was discovered when the booklet was opened, and it was found that the answer to each question within ended in "Kate," and the guests were soon to learn that "Kate is very frail" (delicate), that "Kate loves to teach" (educate)—in fact they learned "all about Kate."

Mrs. Alf H. McLeod and Miss Winnie Rowland tied for the blue ribbon, both having guessed twenty-one correct answers to the twenty-four questions presented. After the ribbons had been gracefully presented to the fortunate ones by the hostess, the company was ushered into the attractively decorated dining room, which had been transformed into a bower of beauty by handsome ferns, potted plants and tall vases of flowers, the center piece being a rich floral pyramid in red, white and green. The club colors were also carried out in the dainty hand-painted place cards. After an elegant repast the guests bade their gracious hostess a reluctant adieu, yeting the afternoon a most delightful affair.

Those fortunate enough to enjoy Mrs. McLeod's hospitality were:

Mesdames R. C. Lawrence, E. K. Proctor, Jr., A. W. McLean, Irvin Jenkins, Ira B. Townsend, Frank A. Bond, Joseph A. Brown, Alf H. McLeod, C. B. Skipper, T. W. Hutchinson, Misses Nell Smyre, Winnie Rowland, Kate Russ and Irene McLeod.

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Baptists in Elizabeth City.

The Wilmington Star of yesterday says: The Baptist State Convention assembled last night at Elizabeth City with opening sermon by Rev. J. W. Lynch, of Wake Forest. Rev. R. H. Marsh, D. D., of Oxford, will preside over the sessions, which promise to be well attended and fruitful of much good. During the convention the report of the State boards will show that the Baptists have raised \$111,000 for all purposes against \$97,000 during 1903, a gain of \$14,000. Some of the most notable objects and amounts are \$25,000 for State missions against \$26,000 last year; \$18,500 for foreign missions against \$17,000 for the previous year; \$8,600 for home missions against \$7,500 last year; \$27,000 for the Thomasville Orphanage, an increase of \$2,000. There are 126 missionaries in the State and there are reported 2,000 conversions under their ministry. Baptists during the year received about ten thousand accessions to the churches, a net gain of 5,000 in membership.

In an article regarding the Jewish Synagogue in our last issue we referred to Mr. M. B. Shochett as a Rabbi. We were in error in this. He was prepared for this office and while he in the rabbi performs the functions of the office, he has never been ordained.

RED SPRINGS DEPARTMENT.

RED SPRINGS, N. C.

REV. S. E. MERCER, EDITOR.

Yesterday in Henderson while the Conference was in session it was quietly whispered about in the Conference room that Mr. Bass, a young druggist, brother to Dr. Bass, also nephew of the late Dr. Bass who was murdered by Dr. Baker of the same town—had committed suicide by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. He leaves a young wife and the agony of despair, also an orphan child. This leads us to reflect on the growing tendency to run away from the obligations and responsibilities of life through the door of self-murder. Financial trouble was given as the cause for the tragic culmination of this young man's life, but no cause or combination of causes can justify a man in such a step, and a man who tries to run away from duties and obligations by that means, displays the consummation of cowardice. There is no act of cowardice in human conduct that approaches it, it is solitary and is the superlative degree of weakness.

There is not a scintilla of manhood in it. Such an act mingles gall with the bitterness of despair that fills the hearts of all whom it concerns, and leaves them to bear unassisted the deepest sorrow that can possibly come into their lives. Then too, it is impossible for a man to eliminate his own consciousness. A man is a personality whose existence is entirely independent of his body and is in no way conditioned upon the life of the body. A man may separate the body from the ego but he has destroyed none of the essential qualities that constitute the personality. He can not escape the unpleasant things that enter his consciousness by the elimination of the body. On the other hand, he intensifies his sufferings in the stead of effecting his emancipation. It is a law of God as well as psychological truth that death does not destroy any of the essential organic qualities of the man. We need some teaching and preaching along this time.

To give advice is a very serious and risky business and yet so many people venture to give it on the most awful and sacred affairs of life without properly weighing the effect their words may have.

So often we hear people say "If I were you I would do thus and so" when from an ethical standpoint the quality of the advice is very destructive. There are times when men are so praised between contending forces that just one word may determine their destiny. It is said that Aaron Burr when a young man at College was very seriously considering the subject of becoming a Christian. Under deep conviction he went to the College President who was a cold-hearted critical scholar. He said "young man, dismiss this whole matter, it is fox-fire." Aaron Burr did dismiss his religious impression and we all know the result.

North Carolina Day.

The majority of public schools throughout the State will hold appropriate exercises on the 23rd of this month, North Carolina Day. The 23rd comes on Friday last before Christmas and being the school day before the holidays, is most suitable. The day will be generally observed by the public schools in Robeson and the teachers are now making preparation for public entertainments on that day. Our popular Superintendent J. R. Poole has sent out letters to the teachers of the different schools urging them to have suitable exercises on that day.

We are glad to learn that Miss Pennie Williams has almost entirely recovered from an attack of typhoid fever. She with Mrs. Amanda Bennett, and Miss Mary Bennett, leave Sunday for their future home at Fair Bluff.