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RED SPRINGS DEPARTMENT.

RED SPRINGS, N. C.

REV. S. E. MERCER, EDITOR

We are to be envied. We have actually been fox hunting behind a fine horse in a new buggy and beside a congressman. We were in Maxton last Friday night. There was a sensation. Red Buck had come. Yes, Red Buck was really out in the country two miles distant, the guest of a gay bachelor of martial spirit. There was to be a great fox hunt next morning. He had brought with him some highlanders of Mecklenburg, descendants of the very men who had signed the famous Declaration of Independence. The name of one was Patrick O'Flanagan. We liked that name. Then he had with him also about twenty dogs. We do not know whether or not the dogs were descendants of the dogs run by the old Mecklenburg patriots or not. It all stirred our blood as a great hunt did in our youth. Ere the sun had dawned next morning we were on the way. A brighter and more lovely day we never saw. The fields were soon glistening in the morning sun. The world was beautiful and the air was crisp and bracing. We were a little too late. The dogs bounded old reynard a hundred and fifty yards from the house. In a minute he was bounding away to opposite and distant fields. The music of the pack soon died out on the morning air. Onward we sped among the hills of Scotland. In a decidedly foxy way the fugitive rushed into a wide swamp of dense growth. Here the pack went to pieces. Perhaps two or three foxes were frightened at once from their beds. When last seen Red Buck had borrowed a mule and crossed to the other side and had not been heard from in a long time. It was a strange and dense jungle. A new and hot trail had been found meantime by four dogs and away they went across the fields in an opposite direction. We were dispatched to hunt up Red Buck. We drove down to the railway track. Away in the distance we espied him. He looked like a Jap soldier. His height was about four and a half feet. His gait was that of a Muscovy duck. He had a cow horn large and long. Every now and then in base notes he would toot it. Five dogs were managing to keep up with him. We never did learn what became of the mule. We took him and his horn up in the buggy and started in the direction the running dogs had gone. By and by we halted for consultation. He soon mounted another mule with his cow horn and five dogs and started after the four running dogs, faint sounds of which it was thought were heard far away. By and by he returned, saying he did not know that country and found himself riding round and round in a circle. At length all the dogs turned up and we turned back to the hospitable home of our bachelor host. After getting back and talking it all over it was decided by Red Buck that we had killed at least two foxes. Some of the dogs had run off furiously and came back, a thing they never did without catching. Then a man had a gun at another point in the hunting grounds and the report of a gun was heard. He must have killed another fox. The dogs had been run for several days and were tired. Especially "Old Rock," who had won laurels on many a field, was much fatigued. We concluded that Red Buck is a great fox hunter. He loves the base notes of his horn, but when his clear, lusty, exciting, penetrating voice, rings out on the morning air, every dog in the pack is stirred to do his best. We felt debtors to everybody and everything for the diversion. Our health has been better ever since. If you want to have a jolly good time in a fox hunt get with Red Buck.

The effects of the decline in the price of cotton should not be felt to be so great a reverse as the faces of some indicate. Our people are nevertheless in a good condition. About half of the cotton was sold for nine and a-half cents [Continued on 8th page.]

Lumber Bridge Locals.

Mr. Duncan Malloy, of Perry, Fla., was at home during the holidays, but when he came and when he went, we have not yet been able to learn. He did not come to see us and we were too sick to go to see him if we had heard of his presence. We have not yet decided what we will do with him for not calling. It is a grave offence. Judgment is reserved.

Misses Pauline Stamps and Mary Belle Johnson were visitors at Alderman the past week.

Dr. Thomas Stamps has purchased the Rev. C. P. McGougan place about two miles out from town.

Mr. C. P. McPhail has been visiting the past week in Sampson.

Misses Lida Law and Leua Shaw returned to the College at Red Springs Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. A. L. Shaw left for his post of duty as Senator from the district of Robeson in the General Assembly Tuesday morning in good spirits.

Some of our farmers bordered close the past year on the most vicious sort of farming. They planted a rather scant crop of corn all because cotton had spurted up to twelve or more cents a pound. It is most foolish for any farmer to fall short of planting an ample corn crop.

Mr. S. F. Underwood, who has been a salesman for Mr. L. E. Hughes, at Shannan, goes to Parkton this year with the Parkton Mercantile Agency. He is a fine young man in all ways and a capital salesman. He will be missed very much at Shannan. Mr. J. F. Maxwell is to succeed him at Shannan.

Mr. A. Worth Shaw returned to Davidson last Monday night.

Miss Lester Lancaster returned to the Baptist University in Raleigh Tuesday morning.

Rev. C. P. McGougan, after spending several days among kindred and friends, returned to his home in Pinna, Ga., last Monday.

Miss Annie Johnson boarded the cars Tuesday morning on her way back to the University of North Carolina where she is pursuing her studies this year.

We were sick just before and at Christmas and many items of news were lost. The people came and went and did this and that without the story of it reaching our ears.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. W. Cobb continues sick.

Mrs. J. A. P. Conoly is at last adjusted in all particulars to her new domicile and is now entirely ready to give to all comers a good meal and a comfortable lodging.

Resolutions of Respect.

Whereas, God saw fit to remove from us to Heaven, our dear sister Miss Laura Etta Prevatt, we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who always welcomes the faithful.

We feel that our loss is her eternal gain therefore be it,

Resolved 1st. That while yielding in humble submission to one who death all things right, we can but lament the death of one who, by her kindness and loyalty had impressed us as a true follower of Christ.

2d. That as a member of Clybournville Baptist Church she was earnest and enthusiastic, a devoted member whose place will not be easily filled, and whose presence will long be missed.

3rd. That she who has passed from our membership to join the redeemed, should inspire us to greater and more active life in Christ's kingdom here.

4th. That we extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family and pray that they may be resigned to the will of our Heavenly Father.

5th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and a copy be spread on the minutes of our Church.

Done by order of Conference October 7th, 1904.

Miss Soonie Prevatt,
Miss Irene Prevatt,
Miss Dovie Prevatt,
Miss Edna Prevatt,

Read and approved in Conference Nov. 12, 1904.
North Carolina Baptist and Biblical Recorder please copy.

Mrs. Mary Ann Caldwell has been quite unwell for several days past.

Port Arthur Fallen.

The people of St. Petersburg have received with composure the news, known to the rest of the world a day earlier, of the fall of Port Arthur. The event had been anticipated and under official direction the minds of the population were prepared to receive with resignation the announcement of the fact by the publication of dispatches forwarded last week by General Stoessel describing the straits to which the garrison had been reduced.

The expectation in some quarters that the surrender of the fortress would follow at the capital by anti war demonstration has not been realized. So far as there has been any expression of feeling, it has been for carrying on the war with all the vigor possible. The Japanese Det will formally express thanks of the nation to General Nogi for his conduct of the siege.

Among Russian officials there is a feeling that any proposals of peace that may be made must be with the fact in view that in order that peace must be lasting Japan must recognize Russia's right to free transit of its ships through the waters of the Far East. High Japanese officials declare that there is no probability of advances coming from their government looking toward peace negotiations. In official quarters in St. Petersburg, it is said that no tender of good offices from a third party would be accepted and that any proposal for peace must come from Japan direct.

The text of the articles of capitulation of the Port Arthur garrison signed by the commissioners representing General Stoessel and General Nogi has been made public. All Russian soldiers, marines and civil officials of the garrison and harbor are made prisoners; all forts, batteries, vessels, ammunition, etc., are transferred to the Japanese in the condition in which they existed at noon of January 3, violation of this clause to operate as an annulment of the negotiations, giving the Japanese army warrant to take free action; the Russian military and naval authorities underground and submarine mines, a list of military officers, of ships, and the number of their crews and of civilians of both sexes, and all public positions pending arrangement for their transference. Officers of the army and navy are permitted to retain their swords and such of their personal property as is directly necessary for the maintenance of life and with one servant each may, upon signing their parole, not to take arms during the continuance of the war return to Russia. Non-commissioned officers and privates will be held as prisoners. For the benefit of the sick and wounded Russian the sanitary corps and the accounts belonging to the Russian army and navy will be required to serve under the Japanese sanitary corps and accountants for which period of time as may be deemed necessary.

For an A. & M. School.

A special to The Observer from Wilmington says: The board of aldermen tonight appropriated \$2,000 per year toward the establishment and maintenance of an agricultural and mechanical school in this city, provided a like amount is appropriated for the same purpose by the county of New Hanover, which is regarded as a certainty. Following the appropriation by the aldermen, an offer was read from Mr. Hugh McRae, head of the business house of Hugh McRae & Co., of this city, offering to give personally \$1,000 per year for ten years toward the support of the institution. The appropriation tonight was upon the strength of the recent increase of the liquor license in Wilmington, by which it is expected to raise a considerable excess of revenue. The board was addressed tonight upon the establishment of the school by State Horticulturalist Harold Hume, who is here to look over this section with a view of selecting a location for the proposed truck farm.

Mr. W. J. Prevatt has just received a large new stock of mowing, and other goods. Watch for his change of ad.

Bynum Arrested.

A special from Norfolk says: Raymond D. Bynum, the slayer of J. H. Alford, at Raleigh, and for whose capture the Governor of North Carolina had offered a reward of \$300 was arrested between eight and nine o'clock last night at the home of his sister, Mrs. R. E. Barnes, at Sunbury. This is a small place in Fates county, and the capture was made by Sheriff R. O. Riddick of that county.

Details of the arrest are meagre. It is known, however, that when Sheriff Riddick learned of the presence of Bynum at the home of Mrs. Barnes plans were rapidly matured, a posse set out for the place, and on arrival there quickly surrounded the house.

The moment Bynum became aware of the presence he made a desperate break for liberty, dashing out the back door. He, however, ran straight into the arms of one of the posse and was at once secured.

A search of his person revealed two facts: First, that he was unarmed, and second, that he wore the garments of a laborer as a disguise.

His mother was with him in his sister's home when the officers arrived to make the capture.

Honor for Dr. Venable.

Chapel Hill, Jan. 4.—Dr. F. P. Venable was elected president of the American Chemical Society at its meeting just held in Philadelphia. This is the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon an American chemist, and it comes as a fitting recognition of Dr. Venable's great and continued service in his chosen field. No Southern man has ever been before elected president of the society. The State and the whole South should feel glad of this honor conferred upon Dr. Venable. The American Society is one of the great scientific organizations of the world. The membership is 2,900, being equal to that of the English Chemical Society and surpassed only by the German Chemical Society and the Society of Chemical Industry.

Pointed Paragraphs.

This ice is the undertaker's friend.

But few men are able to appreciate a good joke—on themselves. Some girls are shy about marrying men who are shy of money.

Never judge a man's knowledge by the fool things he says when in love.

When a man is intoxicated with love it is up to him to sign the matrimonial pledge.

Nature never makes a mistake, but she sometimes leaves a joy for the dressmaker to finish.

Starving dogs are always grateful to those who feed them. It is often otherwise with starving men.

At the age of fifteen a boy usually quits running errands. He doesn't begin until after he is married.

After getting a new dress made a woman always wonders how much of the material the dressmaker benevolently assimilated.

An old bachelor says that men and women who have sense enough to remain single ought to make sensible husbands and wives.

Messrs. Fuller Bros. now have on hand the largest line of mules and horses they have ever had on this market. They have purchased the stock of buggies, wagons, etc., of Messrs. O. C. Norment and Co., and will continue carry up-to-date vehicles for farm and general use. See their change of ad.

A Proposed Sanitarium.

For some time a sanitarium here has been talked of. Recently the discussion has been revived. It is generally conceded by the resident physicians that such an enterprise would be a profitable one and of course this the strongest incentive for people to embark in any enterprise. There are other reasons than this though why it should be established. It is needed. Those who are afflicted and who need such treatment and attention as can only be secured in a well equipped hospital have to leave the county in order to avail themselves of such opportunities. In addition to the usual charges for operation and treatment they have to bear the expense and inconvenience of a rail road trip and in many instances this, they are physically and financially unable to do. Besides it is frequently the case that immediate treatment is necessary and the delay occasioned by the necessary distance which must be traveled frequently results fatally to the patient. Our town is eminently suitable as a location for such an institution. It has as pure water as can be found anywhere, it has a complete system of water works and sewerage, electric lights and the climatic conditions are also desirable. There is no reason why a stock company should not at once be formed which shall establish this institution in our midst.

Dowager Empress Converted.

Sioux City, Iowa, Jan. 4.—That the Dowager Empress of China has been converted to Christianity and Christian science through the influence of Minister Conger and his wife is the claim made by relatives of the minister, who recently received letters from him direct from Peking. Minister Conger believes this means the beginning of the opening of China to Western civilization and that the Flowering Kingdom's future will be much the same as that of Japan.

Mrs. B. Godwin continues quite ill.

Miss Dora Smith leaves Sunday for a visit to relatives in Wilmington.

We are glad to report that Miss Minnie Lennon continues to improve.

Mr. D. P. McMillan, of Raeford, left this week for South Bend, Indiana.

Rev. A. B. Crumpler will conduct services in the Gospel Tabernacle Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lawrence returned some days ago from Wake Forest, where she has been on a visit.

Mr. George Bullard, who holds a position in Virginia, visited his relatives here recently.

Mr. E. J. Britt left Tuesday for Raleigh to attend the Legislature which opened Wednesday.

We regret to report little Lillian, daughter of Mr. S. McIntyre, quite sick with pneumonia.

Mr. H. B. Robinson moved last Monday into the cottage he recently purchased from Mr. A. E. Spivey, in the Northeast part of town.

Our popular merchant, Mr. W. O. Thompson, has a change of advertisement in this issue. He has on hand a nice and attractive line of goods which it will be to your interest to see. Lace curtains for 49 cents; Natural Leaf Tobacco at 35 cents, Shoes, etc.

Editor McKenzie, of the Maxton Scottish Chief, is stationery clerk in the Senate. He is a true Democrat with a life long record for faithfulness, an ex-confederate soldier and the recognition given him is worthily bestowed.—Post.

One Negro Kills Another.

At Ashpole Wednesday, Albert Edmund, colored killed another negro, Henderson Martin, the result of a dispute over some hogs belonging to Edmund which Martin had penned, and wouldn't turn over to him until Edmund paid for the damage the hogs had done to some of Martin's property. This caused a dispute, and Edmund shot Martin and killed him almost instantly. Edmund escaped to South Carolina, but was captured during that day and was taken back to Ashpole, to be present at the inquest, after which he was brought here to jail Wednesday night.

The Texas courts hold, under an old law of the State, that a farmer has no right to burn his cotton. The case came up originally on the conduct of a farmer who hauled a load of corn to a Texas town and the market price was so low that he dumped it into the river. The old claim that a man "may do what he will with his own" was long ago exploded. The Texas law just adverted to proceeds, no doubt, upon the ground that there are cases in which a man should be protected from himself.—Charlotte Observer.

Mr. W. F. Rowland has moved his family from the A. P. Caldwell cottage to the dwelling until recently occupied by Mr. J. P. Ashley in South-East Lumberton. Mr. and Mrs. Ashley will board at Mr. Rowland's. Mr. Dan W. Bullock, register of deeds, has moved his family into the residence formerly occupied by Mr. Rowland.

Mr. Tom S. Grayard, who holds a position as salesman for Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle, has purchased a lot from Mr. J. A. McAllister in North Lumberton, just beyond the residence of Mr. Thomas Kinlaw, and is having material hauled preparatory to erecting a residence.

Mr. A. E. White advertises in this issue a car load of mules which arrived today. The mules have been selected by Mr. White, personally, and will doubtless be satisfactory in price and class. He has also an ever increasing stock of buggies, wagons, harness, etc.

We are requested to announce that there will be preaching at the court house Sunday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. J. B. Bridgers. The service is undenominational. A cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend.

Gilbert Walden, cowboy, orator, rough rider, dialect humorist, etc., assisted in songs and music by Miss Elma Laredo, gave an entertainment in the opera house last night.

Mr. L. H. Caldwell is having his private office enlarged which will add much to its convenience. Some changes have been made in the different departments; the department of which Mr. Redmond is over-seer, has been moved one door further down.

Mrs. A. O. Osborne is expected to arrive Monday from Brunswick, Ga., where she has been on an extended visit to her daughter, Miss Morgan.

Messrs. Casper Smith, of Trinity Park High School, and Fred Singletary, returned Tuesday after spending several days at home.

Mrs. J. P. McNeill returned Wednesday evening from Marrietta, where she has been on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Oliver.

Mr. Loyd Townsend spent Wednesday near Barkers, hunting. It is capital weather for such sport. He reports a fine time.

Mr. John Ward, of Rowland, made us a call while here on business yesterday.