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REV. F. R. LAW. EDITOR.

To Col. E. F. McRae we would say. It has been some time since we ourselves had noted our invertebrate, caused by the haste with which we had to read and write at the time, to the second ginney at Shannon. When we discovered the omission we thought of making a correction at once, but we resolved before doing so upon a further investigation of the work done at the other ginning of the township in order to find and purge out all errors, and found that they had ginned so much more than we had heard our original figures appeared to be about correct, so for the public good we decided to suffer the penalty of our inadvertence rather than pose again in what some sensitive people might regard a bearish role. We have never "garbled," dear sir, we are happy to say anything in our life. We are, moreover, incapable of so opprobrious a thing. And we are pleased to say it has always been our purpose to handle only facts as facts so do not be deceived by such abilities as we possess. We have ever been slow, too, to accuse and impute sinister motives to others. In writing about the doings of our fellows and Christian gentlemen we carefully exclude an acerb spirit and avoid painstakingly any bit of cavalierly manners. If it is expected that we make reply in the unkind spirit, to put it mildly, which apparently animates the critique then we beg to be excused. For thereby we would forfeit our own self-respect. We must let our light shine. We are living epistles of Christ. And we should never forget that love rejoiceth not in iniquity. With these disclaimers we now turn away toward other endeavors and service for good only and to all till our own end, not far distant, shall come.

The many generalizations of a generation of which President Alderman is a fair representative about the literary culture and leadership in the past in contrast with the present in the South are all heard, we dare say, by thoughtful men with grains of allowance. If the men of to-day that are figuring like Pelion above Ossa are scarce that class was scarcer in years long ago. Life in our olden days was not lived with the rush of to-day. There was more time for research and study and building speeches with grace and strength of form and clearness of polished finish. If the men of former time who have left for us what some call masterpieces of oratory had lived among the rushing, bubbling, conflicting forces of our era their addresses and attainments would very probably fall below the extemporizations and achievements of a very large number of the men in public life in the South at this time. There has been a wide-spread uplift. Night brings out the stars. The occasion, whatever it be, has a man for it. When the hour comes the man is ready. When leadership is needed we have to day in North Carolina a Vance, in Georgia a Ben Hill and so on.

We have sounded the alarm before and do it again. The legislature will imperil the domination of the Democratic party if it is lavish in the taxation it imposes. Our people are in no condition to be patient with it. It is the simple view of the people we would chronicle. Every cause before the legislature for help is meritorious. It may be the people could pay all the taxes needed to give all that is asked without hurt. But are they willing? That is the question. Robeson county can stand dry years, but strangely enough to a highlander, it cannot stand a wet year. If 1905 should be a repetition of 1901 with a road tax and other taxes and much indebtedness for supplies and fertilizers the consequences would be deplorable. The only way our several state institutions can be advanced by needed help as is contended in the

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LAURINBURG.

Exchange.
Miss Clarkie McLean, of Maxton, spent a few days this week with Miss Clare Coble.
Miss Marcilla Calhoun, of Clio, S. C., is visiting her cousin, Miss Christian McCormac.
Miss Edna Bine, of the Southern Presbyterian College, is on the sick list at her father's home.
Mr. Will McCormac, of Floral College, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is out of danger and is rapidly convalescing.
We regret to learn that Mrs. A. P. McKinnon, of Parkton, N. C., formerly of Laurinburg, was quite ill a few days ago. No particulars in the last day or two.
Our former townsman, Mr. Jno. D. Cameron, of Rockingham, was united in marriage to Mrs. Folkes the widow of the late Dr. Will Fowlkes, of Rockingham last Sunday afternoon.
Mr. J. T. Fields has purchased the drug store and business of his brother, Mr. W. L. Fields. Mr. W. L. Fields has not yet decided what business he will enter.
Mr. Will McKinnon, who has been for some years crippled in his right knee, while out hunting last Saturday, slipped and re-sprained his crippled knee and has been confined to his room since.

Fayetteville.

Observer.
Miss Dixie Poe has returned to Red Springs, after spending a few days at her home on Haymount.
Mr. Willie McDiarmid, of Raeford, is in the city to-day.
Mr. Arthur Williams spent yesterday in the city and returned to Rennert this morning.
Mrs. Richard Meade and children, who have been the guests of Mrs. A. H. Stocumb, returned to Richmond today.
Messrs. Junius S. Williams and Isaac Smith, of Linden, passed through the city today.
Mrs. R. L. Ryburn has gone to Raeford to join her husband, who is a member of the Legislature.

Tried for Murder.

The Fayetteville Observer of the 10th says: Alex Watson, John Watson, Frazier Gilchrist, George McArthur and Alex Graham were tried this morning before C. P. Overby, justice of the peace, for the murder of Aba Dollison, near Raeford, on January 27th.
Dollison was shot while at a negro festival, and these five men were charged with being implicated in the murder. They were arrested by Deputy Sheriff G. D. Andrews, of Raeford, and brought here for trial, and all were discharged with the exception of Alex Graham, who was bound over to court.
Compulsory education has met its death in the senate, the principal reason against it being that it is undemocratic. This being the case we have strong hopes that such a law will be enacted in the next year or two, for the "undemocratic" excuse is too thin says the Marion, S. C. Star.
The Red Springs Citizen says that "We are soon to have close connections with the fast through trains at Buies and Pembroke. Mr. B. W. Townsend has purchased an automobile for that purpose. This will be a great accommodation to the traveling public as well as our home people, and we hope Mr. Townsend will be generously patronized in his undertaking to give them better and quicker transportation than we now have."
Mrs. Mattie Jones' little son has been ill for some time.

Buies Items.

Quite a number of our folks went to Lumberton Monday on business.
Mr. S. B. Williams is putting up a saw mill within a mile of this place.
There is going to be a hot supper at Buies Friday night the 17th for the benefit of the Methodist church. Everybody is invited. Come boys and bring your girls.
Mr. J. F. Ollaphant, former section master at this place, now in charge of the extra force arrived here yesterday with private cars to extend the A. C. L. pass track 1,000 feet.
Misses Belle McQueen and Adette Phillips were in Red Springs Tuesday shopping.
Mr. W. R. McNeill went to Maxton yesterday on business.
Mr. and Mrs. Foster Campbell, of Tolarville, spent last night and to-day with home folks.
We expect two more Rural Routes from Buies in the near future.
Mr. Chas. C. Baxley went to Lumberton to-day on business.
Mr. J. A. Townsend, R. D. C., has carried the mail every day regardless of the snow.
The farmers are hauling guano away from here regardless of the bad weather and low price of cotton singing "Bear me away on my snowy wings to my Immortal home." We hope the price of cotton will be better in the fall so we farmers can sing the same tune.

Cotton Growers Association.

The Convention of the Cotton Growers was called at twelve o'clock Saturday by Chairman J. A. McAllister. The roll of townships was called; fourteen responding. On motion Mr. J. E. Carlyle was elected secretary. On motion one man from each township was appointed to see that their townships were organized and a delegation appointed to the county meeting at Lumberton on the 16th.
Alfordville, not represented.
Back Swamp, W. P. Barker.
Bluffs Springs, not represented.
Britts, J. L. Stone.
Howellville, C. H. Lewis.
Lumber Bridge, W. H. Graham.
Lumberton, G. B. McLeod.
Maxton, Ed. McRae.
Raft Swamp, John Provatt.
Red Springs, not represented.
Saddle Tree, D. J. Humphrey.
St. Pauls, George Howard.
Sterlings, not represented.
Smith's, not represented.
Thompsons, L. R. Hamer.
White House, G. D. Floyd.
Wisharts, J. M. Smith.
It is the desire of the Convention that all the townships get together and organize and send the delegates to the meeting at Lumberton on Thursday the 16th. If any township fail to organize, it is hoped that they will have a representative present. We hope a full representation from every township in the township in the county will be present at the meeting on the 16th, as we feel sure that much depends on the result of this meeting.
J. A. McAllister, Chairman.
J. E. Carlyle, Secretary.

Depot Completed—Come to Alabama.

The new A & R. depot is completed and the officers are moving into their new quarters. This is one of the neatest depot buildings in this section of the State.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Lament left this week for Florida, Ala., which place they will make their future home. Our town regrets to lose these excellent people and wish them much success in their new home.—Raeford Chronicle.
Mrs. Jane Edmund is very sick with grip.

McCue Confessed on Scaffold.

A Charlottesville dispatch of Friday says:
Former Mayor J. Samuel McCue was hanged here at 7:30 o'clock this morning for the murder of his wife.
He made complete confession on the scaffold, admitting that he killed his wife, being compelled to commit the deed by an evil power which he could not overcome.
On the night of September 4th last, Mrs. Fannie M. McCue was shot and killed in her home at Charlottesville. She had just returned from church with her husband, and had begun to disrobe for bed. At the time of the murder the only persons in the house were the former mayor and a negro stable boy named Perry.
When others reached the house McCue was bleeding from a wound on the face and Mrs. McCue's body was in the bath tub.
McCue claimed he and his wife were assaulted with a baseball bat by an intruder; that he had been knocked unconscious and on recovering had found his wife's body. No arrests were made until later in the week, though the evidence at the coroner's inquest all pointed to the husband as the guilty one.
A bloody shirt of McCue was found under the bath tub and physicians who examined the wound on the face, said the wound would not have stunned a child.
McCue was arrested on the night of September 7th. He was indicted on September 19th. He was accused and arraigned September 22nd, but delays occurred until October 18th, when the trial was finally commenced. The verdict of guilty was brought in on November 5th.
He left a statement declaring himself the slayer of his wife. This statement was left in the hands of Rev. G. L. Patrie, H. B. Lee and John B. Turpin, his spiritual advisers, and read as follows:
"J. Samuel McCue this morning stated in our presence and requested us to make it public that he did not wish to leave this world with any suspicion resting on any human being other than himself. That he alone is responsible for the deed, impelled to it by an evil power beyond his control, and that he recognized his sentence as just."
McCue met his death bravely and calmly.
Nineteen minutes after the drop fell he was pronounced dead. The neck was not broken, but death was due to strangulation. The body was sent to Brookville, where it will be interred by his parents.
McCue's last night was one of distress. He was extremely nervous and repeatedly asked for his children. Despite his earnest pleadings that he be allowed to have them with him in the night, his relatives denied him this.
Twenty-five persons viewed the execution. None of McCue's relatives were there.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Lumberton, N. C., postoffice, Feb. 13, 1905
If not called for in one week will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C. Parties calling will please say advertised:
Mrs. Easter James Bethes, Mrs. Mary Blue, William Bullard, Master Norman Badger Blount, W. A. Fisher, Mrs. Maud Hardin, Charlie Ingram, Miss Anna Johnson, Inman Mitchell, T. B. McLean, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Miss Louisa Pitman, Mrs. Valira Walters.
R. M. Norment, Postmaster.
Mr. E. O. Edmund has been unable to attend to his duties in the post office this week on account of sickness.

Whiteville.

News.
Our townsman, Mr. J. I. Williamson, has accepted the position as broker in Whiteville and vicinity for the well known firm of Corbett & Co. wholesale grocers, of Wilmington.
Mrs. A. G. Hall, of Wilmington, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Dupree, returned to her home Saturday. She was accompanied by her little grand daughter, Bessie Dupree.
A negro, whose name we failed to learn, was found dead on the streets of Chadbourn this morning. The cause of the death is known; though it is supposed that he was drunk and died from the effects of the cold.
Mrs. J. I. Williamson left last Thursday for Pollard, Ala., to visit her sons, Messrs. J. Carl and Charlie Williamson.
Mr. Homer L. Lyon and wife have been in Bladen county for more than a week visiting relatives of Mrs. Lyon.
There is a rumor afloat to the effect that the present legislature will be asked to pass a bill incorporating a \$10,000 Brandy distilling company to be located at some point in Columbus county. The News man heard yesterday that the bill had already gone up and an effort would be made to pass it. Just where it is proposed to locate the infernal machine we have not yet learned. The good people of Columbus county do not want such an agent of the devil establish in their midst, and there is no reason to fear that such a bill will pass the present legislature.

Red Springs.

Citizen.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pearsall have moved into the beautiful and elegant residence recently completed by Mr. Martin McKinnon.
We are pleased to note the recovery of Mr. A. W. McLean, of Lumberton. He has undergone a severe spell of sickness that at times was a source of alarm to his numerous friends in this section.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee are of the new residents of Red Springs that our people gladly welcome. For the present they are making their home at Mrs. J. D. Buie's.
The "Mrs. Wiggs" entertainment, recently given in the opera house of this place, may be repeated in Lumberton at no distant day. If so, we advise everybody over there to attend.
Don't abuse the weather. It is entirely reasonable. This is the season for ice and snow, and it is healthy to have plenty of it. Keep your blood circulating and your conscience clear, and never mind the weather, so the wind don't blow.
Mr. John T. Powell shelled an ear of corn the other day the grains of which weighed a pound and a half. Thirty-eight ears of corn to the bushel is pretty good, and we advise our friend Powell to reduce his cotton acreage largely and put corn on the land.
The Robeson Mercantile Company has added a dress-making department to their otherwise extensive business. Two large rooms, elegantly and tastefully fitted up-stairs, with Miss Susie McNair in charge, await the pleasure of the ladies on and after Monday next. Entrance to these rooms can be made through the store or by the stairs on the outside.
Mrs. Everly, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Reynolds, returning to her home near Laurinburg Saturday. Mrs. Everly won many friends during her visit of two months here, and her departure is regretted.

Czar Favors a Congress.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 11.—"I am not opposed to a Zemsky Seabor. On the contrary, I believe it is necessary."
In these words Emperor Nicholas, whose word is law, personally declared himself in favor of a land Congress and expressed the conviction that the time had come to prepare to give the people a voice in government. The Emperor's words were spoken in the course of a conversation with Count Leo De Oavitch Tolstoi, son of the famous author, and fully confirm the interview with Grand Duke Vladimir on January 31, in which the Grand Duke expressly declared that his august nephew was in favor of a Zemsky Seabor.
Speaking in excellent English, Count Tolstoi said: "I am glad to state the broad lines of my conversation with the sovereign. His majesty summoned me after having received a memorial which I addressed to the throne exposing the present situation in the country and humbly expressing the opinion that the interests of monarch and nation called for the removal of the wall raised up by the bureaucracy between, the urgent need for devising means for enabling the sovereign to hear the voice of the people, and recommending the convocation of a Zemsky Seabor. His majesty assured me that personally he was not opposed to its convocation, but on the contrary believed it necessary. The whole question now is greatly simplified and resolves itself to a discussion of what is the most opportune moment."
"I am not at liberty to relate the Emperor's views on the subject, but you may announce to the American people that the delay will be only such as is strictly necessary for the introduction of the innovation of such magnitude. The great thing is that the Emperor is in favor of the Zemsky Seabor. This dispels obtaining curdery abroad and at home that the sovereign mistrusts the people and is absolutely opposed to the idea of a representative national assembly. These legends have caused immense harm and have shown suspicion and discontent among the people, leading to unrest and agitation and aggravating labor movements, whereas if Russians only understood the situation they would abstain from rendering the task of the reformer well-nigh impossible."
"None the less, I am optimistic, and believe we will succeed, after all, in bringing the war to a satisfactory conclusion. Then everything will resume its natural course, and reforms, including national representation, will be introduced on a sound basis."

Ashpole Items.

We neglected to note last week the presence in our town of the popular County School Superintendent, Prof. J. B. Poole. He came to look after our school, which he found full to overflowing.
Mr. ——— Mason, traveling representative of the Charlotte Observer, visited our town Thursday intent on getting more subscribers to that most excellent paper.
The firm of Floyd and Pitman have removed to the brick store on Centre Street belonging to Mr. H. S. Floyd senior member of the firm.
Last Sunday was so very disagreeable there were no services held at either church.
We have had the worst weather of the winter and all who can do so are staying at home, making news items hard to gather.
Mr. Artemus McLean, of Purvis, spent Wednesday here with his son, J. D. McLean.
Mrs. Graves Grimley has returned from Shelby leaving her brother and sister-in-law much improved.
Drs. Herndon and Gibbon, Dentists of Laurinburg, are now located in Red Springs.