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A copy of a Thomasville, Georgia, paper fell under our eyes recently and we read with interest the account of a novel race witnessed by over fifty thousand people. The scene was near Los Angeles, California. The contestants were an air ship, the California Arrow, and an automobile, said to be the finest and fastest on the Pacific Coast and owned by Mr. M. T. Hancock, who, by the way, is the father of Mrs. J. C. D. McNatt, of Parkton. The air ship won the race. We respectfully call the attention of our esteemed contemporary, the Charlotte Observer, the fast friend if not liberal patron of airships, to this achievement. The owner of this swift running though beaten automobile is spoken of as a millionaire who will no doubt return to the field of contest later with his machine geared for higher speed and more prospects, at least, of victory.

Business called us to Parkton last Thursday. It was a delightful outing to us on several accounts. We enjoyed seeing many friends. But it was pleasing to us to see proofs of so much prosperity. Then, it is a growing town. The population has been doubled in a year. Three new residences were seen going up. And now the Methodists are going to place the lumber on a lot for a church in a few days. The Baptists and Presbyterians have new church houses already. The Parkton Mercantile Company, of which Mr. Taylor Fisher is president, Mr. J. G. McCormick vice-president, and Mr. J. G. Hughes, secretary and treasurer and general manager, is building an elegant business house of brick two stories high and ninety by forty feet. Mr. J. C. D. McNatt has recently assumed the management of the hotel and in connection with it the new livery stables with its full equipment. The hotel, moreover we noted, is undergoing repairs inside and outside. The mercantile firms of the town are the Parkton Mercantile Company, Mr. Neill McNeill, Mr. H. C. McMillan, and Mr. Collier Cobb.

The school is prospering under the management of Principal Dan McBryde and his corps of assistants. Mr. A. Garrie has a good trade in horses and mules and takes pleasure in showing visitors his fine stock. We, ourselves, almost envied him some of his attractive roadsters. In nothing did the town show its progressive spirit more than in fostering a large singing school. The great need in most of our churches both in town and country, is better singing by more of their congregations. The teacher is Mr. A. B. McNeill and heard unstinted praise about the work he was doing. Parkton is undoubtedly forging ahead and must be put down as one at least of the most progressive towns of our great county.

One of the cheeky and puerile contentions that has actually had serious answer by sensible men of late is that of Mr. Glenn Williams when he urged as a reason why he should be let alone that the last legislature incorporated his town, as if one legislature bound its successor to any line of action. Of course he made his increased investments at his own risk. And in doing so he only did what every other man does under like circumstances every-where. And it is scarcely less reasonable to argue as some have done, that he should have been let alone since he can go over into Virginia with his great plant and ship whisky freely into all the counties of the State. It is enough to say duty was done in stopping the business as far as it was possible under the limitations of law. Protected as now by Inter-State Commerce law, he and others can ship whisky into the State, but there is a bill in Congress in such shape that its passage is a foregone conclusion, which will prohibit this shipment of the stuff to us from the other States. By and by we shall properly restrict the evil, and the

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Lumber Bridge Locals.

Fayetteville Presbytery meets this spring 11th of April, at Carthage.

Mr. Will Graham has the handsomest pair of horses in the township. He is proud of them and has good reason to be.

The cry of chickens recently in the poultry yard of an upper-ender awoke him to find a drinking darkey in the darkness was filling his coop in his wagon with chickens awaiting out in the high way. The negro was soon in durance vile. Upon investigation it was found his little wagon had as a supplement jugs filled with whiskey fresh from Hoffman. There were 27 gallons in all. The negro and jugs were held fast. The justice of the peace in those parts took them in hand, and, naturally enough and to his credit, was no little indignant at the high handed lawlessness. In the heat of his interrogatories to the doomed darkey he asked, and you are supplying this whole country with whiskey, Parsons Law, Cross and Calligan, and all? The wretched victim and his jugs are now safely in jail as a quel.

It is probable that Rev. Dr. R. C. Reed, who has many friends in this section, will move from Columbia, S. C., to Gastonia, N. C., to take charge of the church there. He is a very able man.

Mr. J. G. McCormick is pushing to completion his handsome residence in Parkton.

Our people are felicitating themselves at the crossing of Raft Swamp, on the Red Springs road near Shannon, is to be made entirely safe and easy under the skilled hand of Robt Lancaster and his "chain gang." This crossing has never before received the attention it needed. It will be a great comfort to a large volume of travel.

Blessings brighten or they take their flight. Dr. Thomas Stamps, who rarely leaves his field of practice, was called to Greensboro, professionally, for three days the past week and during that brief time, there were occasions for the calling to our midst Drs. Northrop, McKenzie and McMillan. It is easy to see that the prolonged absence of a physician might be felt to be a calamity.

Mr. Edward Currie is yet in Florida. There is talk of issuing papers of requisition for him if he does not come quickly.

It all goes to ground the view that if there is not a reduction of acreage and fertilizers according to the agreement of the Cotton Growers' Association, the farmers will find themselves at the close of this year in a sure enough deplorable condition as to prices of their cotton if they should make a good crop.

Mrs. Maggie Moody and son, of Liberty, Georgia, are visiting at Mr. J. G. Hughes. Mrs. Moody is Mrs. Hughes' sister.

The Masons of Parkton are resolved to organize a lodge in town at an early day.

Dr. J. C. McKenzie says our article in a recent issue about talking hit him hard and he is going to profit by it and abate his lifelong evil in himself. Now, there it is. The Dr. has the reputation of being an exceptionally prudent man with his tongue. The very fellows who needed the article most, we daresay, failed to see they needed it at all. So it often happens that our efforts to do good go for almost naught, for they are heeded only by those who have already little or no need to do it.

The Mount Airy News says: Tuesday morning a citizen mentioned the fact that some miscreant had taken his overshoes during the night. Another citizen said his were stolen too, and by noon the fact developed that as many as 20 pairs of overshoes were stolen from porches during the night. Two ducks were taken from another citizen, a clothes line was robbed and a cow milked in another part of town.

Mr. John Watson, who has been in Florida for some time, prospecting, has returned.

NOTES OF INTEREST.

Governor Glenn and his staff will attend President Roosevelt's inauguration to-morrow. Several military companies from this State will be in the company.

Governor Glenn issued a pardon last week for Jas. T. Wilson, serving a five-year term in Iredell for assault. But it came too late. Wilson died the day before the pardon reached him.

An autopsy on Cadet Midshipman S. Westray Battle, of North Carolina, who died suddenly while falling into tanks at the United States Naval Academy a few days ago, shows that death was due to excessive fatigue.

Milton W. Arrowood, of North Carolina, who disappeared several weeks ago from the Battleship Kearsage, on which he was serving his final course, is now under arrest. He will probably be tried by court martial for desertion.

Revenue officers seized 3,800 gallons of whiskey at Roxboro some days ago.

Nathan Bullard was accidentally killed at his saw mill at Roseboro some days ago by a splinter which flew from the saw and went into his eye and brain.

Rev. Dr. McKelway, [of Charlotte, was one of the principal speakers at a meeting of the child labor committee in New York some days ago. His subject was, "Child Labor Situation in Southern States."

Grand Chancellor W. E. Robertson, of the Knights of Pythias, has set aside Thursday, March 9th, as the night on which special meetings will be held by the one hundred and twenty lodges throughout North Carolina.

Trinity College had a debate with Randolph Macon College on Wednesday night of last week. This is the second contest in argument between these two colleges, in each of which Randolph Macon has been successful. Trinity's standard-bearers were Messrs. B. S. Womble and C. J. Harrell.

Walter Partridge, colored, who criminally assaulted Mrs. Hanes, a white woman in Cumberland county, a few weeks ago, was convicted in Cumberland Superior Court last week and sentenced to be hanged April 6th.

John Moore is in jail in Wilkesboro charged with killing his five-year-old daughter. He went home with liquor, gave the child some and afterwards beat and knocked her about. Next morning the child died, whether from the beating or the liquor is not stated.

In Anson County Superior Court the other day a white man who had killed a negro was acquitted, and when the verdict was returned, Judge Ward, who was presiding, said: "Gentlemen, the facts in the case were for you to decide, but I think you have made a very great mistake."

Thomas Munday, 23 years old, attempted to commit suicide in Winston by jumping from the third story of a tobacco factory, but his injuries were not of consequence. Love affair the cause. He had tried the laudanum route on a previous occasion, but the doctors pumped the drug out of him. The Statesville Landmark suggests he try a gun next time. Yes, and let it be an unloaded pistol in the hands of a small boy. It will certainly do the work.

Col. E. F. McRie, of Maxton, was among the visitors here Saturday.

Dr. N. A. Thompson spent several days here last week.

Cotton Movement to Prove a Failure?

According to the reports of some of the newspapers the movement among the farmers of the South to hold their cotton for 10 cents and to diminish the acreage this year 25 per cent. is about to prove a failure. They say that while a large number of farmers are disposed to accept such an agreement and to observe it loyally, others are quietly selling with each little rise in the market. This is said to be proved by the steady volume of receipts. It has been predicted that this movement would drop to pieces for lack of concerted action. Each farmer, believing that his neighbors will reduce the acreage, will probably plant a large crop with the hope of big profits. Should this be done all over the cotton belt there will probably be another large cotton crop made. Another big crop added to the surplus now on hand and still in the hands of the farmers would certainly mean prices too low to justify the farmers in raising cotton at all. Were these conditions to obtain cotton would probably drop down to 4 or 5 cents per pound.—Sanford Express.

Smyrna Items.

Mr. E. S. Wishart, of Lumberton spent last Sunday with his parents.

Quite a number of our Sunday school scholars attended the Sunday school quarterly at Oakton Sunday.

Miss Nolia Thompson spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandmother, Mrs. Marys McIntyre. We are sorry to hear she was taken worse Friday. Hope she will soon recover.

We are very glad to know that Mrs. A. S. Wishart is very much improved.

Prof. George Warwick's school will close on Friday night March 10, 1905, with a public entertainment. A big time is expected.

The rabbits have been right numerous, but we think the range is some what broken.

Messrs. E. E. Watson and F. A. Wishart went out hunting and killed 15 last Thursday.

Mr. G. B. Wishart is well pleased with his disc cultivator.

Mr. and Mrs. John Herring spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allen.

We learn that Mr. Sid Thompson is to erect a new residence near Smyrna church.

We are sorry to report that Mr. John Warwick has the mumps.

The Bardenville School, Mr. Geo. Warwick [teacher], will close Friday night, the 1st. The programme of closing exercises will consist of dialogues, recitations, etc. Mr. Warwick is one of the county's best teachers and his school closings are always entertaining and enjoyable.

Squire Ed. Tyson married three couples Sunday as follows: Quit Meares and Cornelia Taylor; and two colored couples, all of Wisharts township. The first named couple was married at the residence of Mr. Stephen Taylor, the father of the bride, where a big dinner was served.

Mr. C. E. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse which, was burned last week, arrived here from Danville Saturday for the purpose of having insurance adjusted.

We are glad to learn that the Bank of Fayetteville will probably be reopened soon for business. This is one of the oldest institutions of this section of the State and our people should regret to see it discontinued.

Raeford Items.

Mr. J. W. Johnson is still unable to be at his office, having been ill for several days.

Mrs. W. B. McLaughlin, we are glad to report, is improving, but still in a hospital at Charlotte.

Mrs. F. Katie Walker is North, supplying herself with millinery. Her many friends are glad to know she is with the Moore Supply House this year.

Many of our people are in Washington, having gone to be present at the inauguration of the President.

Mr. D. P. McCrary, of Ashboro, spent some time in town recently.

March has entered as a benediction, following the recent cold waves, snow, ice and rain, casting over the earth its bright welcome happy rays of sunshine. Even March, this time, is more than welcome.

Business has taken on new life, machinery has again its old time music, the farmers are now pruning their trees, repairing fences, lining up things generally for the pitching of their various crops, having ground their tools, implements and mental capacities to the most active, keeneast point. May they sow and reap as never before.

Our section has more new lands thrown open to cultivation than ever before, and hundreds of acres of its best soil yet lies waiting for the grubbing hoe and plow shares.

Raeford, now is entirely surrounded by a stock law. The fence will be constructed this spring. Same goes north and north east of the town from 7 to 10 miles, the west and south being Robeson territory, has been under stock law for some time. Wire fence will be used and order has been given the American Steel and Wire Company. Same is more durable, less danger being destroyed by fire and less expensive, considering the work.

Rev. S. E. Mercer and family spent this week over here, visiting his congregation and friends.

The First Baptist Church is completed and one service has been held therein. It is a lovely structure and much praise is due the congregation who have labored so faithfully for its success and beauty.

Kuropatkin is Routed.

Berlin, March 4.—A dispatch to The Tageblatt from St. Petersburg says: "General Kuropatkin, in a telegram which arrived here at 7 o'clock last evening, said 280,000 Japanese had broken through the Russian left wing and that it was cut off from the remainder of the army."

At 10 o'clock came another dispatch from General Kuropatkin, which read: "The Japanese are marching on Mukden. My position is extremely dangerous."

In government circles here there is a conviction that General Kuropatkin has been fully beaten, that part of his army has been dispersed and that the railroad north of Mukden will be cut.

New Chwang, March 4, 7 p. m., via Tien Tsin.—According to the latest reports received here, the Russians are burning Mukden station and their stores preparatory to a retreat. There are persistent reports that the Russian left has been successful, but that their right is panic-stricken.

One hundred Japanese cavalry arrived from the north this afternoon. They exchanged shots with Russian scouts in the outskirts of the town.

Two hundred Cossacks are three miles east moving north.

The Japanese are scouring the country side.

St. Pauls Items.

Miss Sallie McNeill, of Mt. Tabor, spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Miss Agnes Evans.

Mrs. John McArthur is visiting relatives and friends at Bennettsville, S. C.

Mr. Ed. McCormick, of Parkton, visited his home folks Sunday.

Miss Roena Alford returned home Sunday, after an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. M. T. McGowan, near Red Springs.

Miss Ala McNeill, of Mt. Tabor, is visiting Mrs. Wm. McCormick.

Miss Janie McGowan spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents near Red Springs.

Miss Maud Stewart, who has been visiting her uncle, Mr. John McArthur returned to her home at Johns Station last Saturday.

The school gave an entertainment last Friday night, which consisted of music by the music class and several recitations by some of the pupils. It was enjoyed very much by all who attended. After the entertainment we had a spelling match between Centerville and St. Pauls school, to which we are glad to say, St. Pauls won.

At the Opera House.

Beginning this (Monday) evening at 8:30 o'clock, the New York Moving Picture Company will begin a two nights engagement at the opera house. Among the many pictures to be shown will be 24 scenes from "Ben Hur," "The Bold Bank Robbery," "The St. Louis Fair," "Child Kidnapped," "A Frenchman in search of an American Wife," "Holy City," "Joseph sold by his Brothers," and other scenes to please you. The prices of admission will be 15, 25 and 35 cents. Reserve seats are being sold at Rozier's Drug Store.

Don't judge a man by his failures in life, for many a man fails because he is too honest to succeed.

Marietta Items.

Our obliging friend, Hon. Judge Lewis, was a business visitor here on Monday of this week.

We are very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. J. E. Smith.

We are having some beautiful spring days, which all the farmers are glad to see.

A good many of the young people from here attended the concert at Barneville, the 22nd and report a big time.

Misses Viola Watson and Beulah Oliver spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Rowland.

Some young people from near Barneville were visiting in our community Saturday and Sunday. We are told that they walked the railroad over here.

The farmers of our section, who have hauled their guano, are now plowing, although some are still hauling guano. They seem to be expecting a good crop this year.

The public school here closed last Friday, but we will have a short term of private schools, at close of which we will have a concert. We are hoping to have a nice time.

Marietta is rather quiet in the building line, but as far as work is concerned, it is second to no other town of its age.

Why doesn't the county tax "Old Bachelors" and give the money to the schools? It would either put the bachelors to work (what at?) or help the schools.

Some of our farmers who have strawberry farms report small berries now, and are expecting to be eating strawberries soon.