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A long time ago our school teacher was a saintly young woman of exceptionally sweet spirit and gentleness of manners. One of the sayings that she often repeated to her pupils which has clung to us with full educational effect is "Let love through all your actions run and all your words be mild." There is much more in these words than one might suppose upon a hasty reading. Love is the greatest thing in the world. It subdues what conquers everything else. No man can resist it. Women love to yield to it. Mildness of speech is subduing and refining. A soft answer turneth away wrath. Wars of words, like wars with galling guns and enfield rifles are to be eschewed. It is a bad sign to see a people thirsting for war, blood, death, so it is a bad sign to see in any man a thirsting and love for controversy and the use of bitter and ugly adjectives. To one and all it is better to heed the reiterated words of our old time school teacher, "Let love through all your actions run and all your words be mild."

The democratic spirit of all our people is to be seen in the universal gladness that the chief magistrate of the republic is to pay the State a visit. Thousands will go to the capitol to see and hear him. He is the president of all, and all hold him as such in affectionate regard. Every man worthy of the name of an American citizen belongs to his escort of honor and is his guard of defense. The great heart of the people is ready to hear his words of encouragement and to obey his commands in the defense and honor of the flag. Whether Republican or Democratic voters elected him boots little in all this. His policies and his bearing may be contrary to taste and judgment, but he is president. No weak and mean, no sordid and dishonorable man has ever been elected an American president. Never did such a great crowd attend the State fair as will be present October 19th to see and hear our national chief. Great preparations are going on for the occasion. Nothing will be left undone to show the warmth of the hospitality of the heart of the people of the South toward him. We hope the day will be clear, one of our ideal autumn days and that thousands of the young and old may have the privilege and pleasure of seeing and hearing, many for the first time, an American president. The mere sight of one for large numbers is something to go down with family pride to the unborn.

It is peculiarly gratifying to note the odium that is attached nowadays, as compared with earlier days, to drunkenness and the drinking saloon and the man or community that is in any wise in sympathy with them. We feel a sense of shame for the State that there is a community in it that would seriously agitate the question of re-opening closed whiskey saloons, and a deeper sense of shame that any community in it should be so depraved and fallen so low as to actually vote to re-open them. This is the feeling of every righteous man, every man who really loves his fellow men and would have them rescued from temptations to drunkenness here and a drunkards final doom hereafter. The great havoc of the saloon among those we love is enough to make it intensely and indescribably odious. No one can carry a benevolent impulse in his heart toward a business that has a part, however small it may be, in the ruin and degradation of those dear to us by the ties of a common brotherhood, ties of friendship, ties of blood. In the growth of the ostracism that is seen everywhere toward the saloon and drunkenness we take courage and see the breaking of the long day when such evils will be intolerable and seen no more. God speed the day. No words can tell out the horrible evil wrought by the drunkard upon his fellow men, his friends, his offspring himself.

The judge of all the earth has expressed his wrath no more fully nor hotly against any other wrong doing. God will help any drunkard to save himself with a might that is unto salvation.

The dangers incident to drinking stimulants in general are well and widely enough recognized. But the consequences do not deter. Many recklessly run the risk. The inherent evil, which has no regard of course to results, deters still less. Immense injury goes on about us as the outcome. The God of this world, the Devil, whose great work is to destroy souls, bodies, wreck fortunes, homes, families, make children orphans, wives widows with broken and bleeding hearts and stained names insidiously and ingeniously, not only attempts to make the use of them decent and respectable, but also to secrete them under the covert of apparently innocent, palatable and helpful beverages. These statements may be felt to be generalizations too broad to be practical. Well, then let us state for the good it may do and certainly ought to do a case precisely in point. Suppose it is accepted as a fact that caffeine is the stimulating constituent in coffee. And that the very injurious effect of this constituent is held in abeyance by another constituent called caffeine. Nature provides for us in a word by holding in check the destructive work of the caffeine by caffeine in our coffee. We tell here a part of the analysis of coffee. Now we are told that caffeine is used in the manufacture of coca-cola without the tempering effects of caffeine. And we are told moreover that cocaine is used also in the manufacture of coca-cola. That there is reason to think all of this is true is obvious. Men are seen enslaved by coca-cola as truly as they are by opium or whiskey. The bonds may not be so strong, but they are enslaving shackles all the same. The victim is a sufferer in mind and body and has an appetite whetted for other more intense stimulating drinks and drugs. As a lover of souls and their bodies we raise a warning voice in these words against this so called "soft drink."

Whiteville.

Reporter.

Miss Hester Bigge, of Wilmington, spent Sunday in Whiteville with Mrs. E. S. Lewis.

X. W. McDiarmid, Wilmington, representing the Wilmington Star, has been in town several days this week in the interest of that splendid paper.

A series of meetings began Monday night at Pleasant Plains Baptist church six miles below Vine-land. The meeting is being conducted by Rev. Porter, assisted by Rev. Pitman, of Lumberton. The song services are being conducted by J. J. Sasser, of Whiteville.

We are glad to see that many of our farmers are holding their cotton for the minimum price made by the Southern Cotton Association at the recent meeting held in Asheville. Some little cotton is being sold to settle fertilizer bills, but the bulk of the crop is being held. Many say they are going to hold for 12-12 cents.

List of Letters

Remaining in the Lumberton, N. C., postoffice, Oct. 2, 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:

George Benson, William Carter, John Davis, Elias W. Davis, Miss Maurtha Deanny, Ben Elond, Miss Rebecca Cooper, Caswell Haddock R. M. Houston, Louisa Love, Perry B. Johnson, Miss Minni Lasone Hall McDaniel, J. B. McNeill J. P. Poteat R. C. Rozier Lawrence Scott.

R. M. Norment, Postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Ashley and little child, of Red Springs, spent Saturday in town.

Love Blossoming Too Late.

There is a great host of weary men and women toiling on through life toward the grave, who most sorely need, just now, the cheering words and helpful ministries which we can give. The incense is gathering to scatter about their coffins; but why should it not be scattered in the hard paths on which their feet to-day are treading? The kind words are lying in men's hearts unexpressed, trembling on their tongues unvoiced, which will be spoken by and by, when these weary ones are sleeping, but why should not they be spoken now when they are needed so much and when their accents would give such cheer and hope? The flowers are growing to strew on their graves but why not cut them now to brighten dreary lives and dark paths?

Many a good man goes through life, plain, plodding, living obscurely, yet living a true Christian life, doing many a quiet kindness to his neighbors and friends, yet seldom hearing a word of commendation or praise. The vases filled with the incense of affection are kept sealed. The flowers are not cut from the stems. One day you stand by his coffin and there are enough kind things said to have brightened every hour of his life, if only they had been said at the right time. There are enough flowers piled upon his casket to have kept his chamber filled with fragrance all through his years, if only they had been sent day by day. How his heavy heart would have thanked God if, in the midst of his toils, burdens and struggles, he could have heard a few of the words of affection and approval that are now wasted on ears that hear them not. How much happier he would have been in his weary days if he had known how many generous friends he had. But, poor man! he had to die before the appreciation could express itself. Then the gentle words spoken over his cold form he could not hear. The love blossomed out too late.—J. R. Miller.

Fire at Bennettsville.

The business block west of the public square, with the exception of the Planters Bank Building, at Bennettsville, S. C., was consumed by fire Friday night. The fire started by the explosion of a gas brazier in a bicycle shop, and the loss aggregates about \$100,000. The buildings burned including the postoffice, which was a wooden building, a large brick building occupied by Mr. W. P. Breeden as a harness and buggy store, and stables, the Excelsior Hardware Company and Weatherly's dry goods store. The entire loss is about half covered by insurance.

Cotton Growers' Association.

A meeting of the township branches of the Cotton Growers' Association is called to meet Saturday, October 7th, at which meeting each township will elect three delegates to the County Association, which will meet on Wednesday, October 11th. County papers please copy.

J. A. McALLISTER, Secretary.

Large Cotton Mill at Raeford.

We learn that the citizens of Raeford are now organizing a company for the erection of a big cotton mill with a capital stock of \$125,000. Already \$80,000 of the stock has been taken.

Messrs. Caldwell & Carlyle have a change of ad on the second page of this paper. See what they have to say. Don't forget that their millinery opening will begin Thursday and will last throughout the week.

Ashpole News Letter

J. B. Lewis, commonly called the King of Black Ankle, is very sick at his home just over Ashpole swamp. In fact his life is despaired of. He is a man of great influence.

The new Fall Millinery is creating quite an enthusiasm among the ladies. E. W. Floyd has the only stock in town and his trimmer, Miss Cash, came from Baltimore to take charge last week. She has all the latest styles and fancies and will try to please all.

Notice from Sheriff McLeod that he will be here Thursday, the fifth, to collect taxes is being posted. We trust our people will be ready for him, and with cotton over ten cents, it seems they might be so.

A very enjoyable ice cream party was held at Baltimore public school house last Wednesday night. In a voting contest for the prettiest young lady, the one who took the cake was Miss Eva Ashley, of Ashpole.

We are glad to report Dr. J. B. in better health.

The Methodist church is much improved in looks by the recent work done to it. The congregation will be ever grateful to pastor Ashby for his faithful earnest efforts to get it completed. They are also thankful for the kindness shown by the Presbyterian in allowing the use of their church during the season of remodeling their own.

Miss Mary Ivey left Friday for Dillon, S. C. to visit her son, W. S. Ivey.

The best score made at the Gun Club last week was 17, made by Mr. Roy Williams.

Concert at Baptist Church.

A most enjoyable entertainment was given by the young people of the Baptist church Sunday night. The program, consisting of recitations, songs, was excellently rendered. The church was packed before services begun, for it is a well known fact that when anything is gotten up by these young people it is always a success, and gives enjoyment to all who attend.

Lumberton Cotton Mill opened a public school at the mill yesterday morning for the benefit of children of the families operating in the mills. Miss Gladys Barnes will be in charge and there will be no fee for tuition. By the way, we might remark that the operatives in this mill appear well satisfied with their environments and such manifestations of interest, as the above, on the part of the mill owners will contribute much to their pleasure as well as being of vast benefit. This action deserves commendation.

We learn from Mr. A. O. Osborne that his daughter, Miss Pauline, has entered Greenville Female College, of South Carolina, and that Mrs. Osborne is not expected to return for some time yet. This will be heard of with regret by her numerous friends here, who were looking forward to her early return.

Rev. J. W. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, regular pastor of Clyburnville, will commence a series of meetings there Saturday. Rev. J. T. Edmundson, of Raleigh will arrive Sunday to assist him. A cordial invitation is extended all to attend.

Mr. E. J. Waits, of Marion, S. C., has purchased the art studio of Mr. C. L. Hyatt, and has opened up for business. He comes well recommended and asks the patronage of our people in this issue of the paper.

Miss Anna McLeod returned Saturday afternoon from a visit at Dillon and Rowland.

To Meet October 14th.

Secretary Parker calls the various county associations to meet not later than October 14th, and read the address of President Harvie Jordan, which has just been issued. At these meetings will also be emphasized the importance of keeping the faith with the great movement, and holding cotton for 11 cents. A copy of the address accompanies each letter.

The address by President Jordan is to the cotton planters, merchants and bankers. The following, being the closing paragraphs, is taken from it:

"The Southern Cotton Association must be maintained and financed by the farmers of the South. Its power to protect the interest of the producers is recognized and feared by all the leading speculative and cotton interests of America and Europe. If we go down in defeat the enemy will be merciless and it will take twenty years for the South to recover again. Stand by the association and thereby protect your individual interests. The South is both mentally and financially able to manage and protect her interests from the dominating and devastating hands of her enemies.

"Last January the price of cotton was depressed to six cents per pound and the Southern Cotton Association was organized at the New Orleans convention, January 26, 1904, to bring about harmony among the producers, merchants and bankers so as to advance the price to ten cents per pound. The world knows that through this powerful organization the price of spot cotton was advanced to ten cents in the South on July 3rd, just five months later. Not only this but the assistance given the 'Bear' operators by certain officials in the United States Department of Agriculture was exposed through the efforts of the association and the rascals were promptly turned out. This work has already saved millions of dollars to the South and will continue to do so if fostered and maintained by the people. If the South could advance the price of a 14,000,000 bale crop from 6 cents to 10 cents, clearly it would require but little co-operative effort to secure not less than eleven cents for a 10,000,000 bale crop."

"Let the people know the truth, know the power of their strength and then let them act promptly and the victory for higher prices will soon be won, then their great staple will be selling at its real value to the world."—Raleigh News and Observer.

In and Around Barkers.

The quarterly conference will meet at Barkers' church Saturday and Sunday. The missionary exercises will take place Sunday afternoon.

The school at Barkers is in a very flourishing condition at present. Friday, closed the first month's work. Those who are in school are doing splendid work and new pupils coming in every week.

Rev. W. B. Loving and Mr. Wm. Barfield christened "Billie's" new buggy Thursday afternoon with a drive to Saddle Tree.

The Farmer's Alliance met at Barkers' academy Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Cobb filled his regular appointment at Ten Mile Sunday.

The Humphrey-Powers Literary Society of Barkers will give a free entertainment Friday night, October 13th, after which refreshments will be served for the benefit of the reading room. N. M.

Rev. Mr. Hays who has been assisting Mr. Weiss in a meeting at the Gospel Tabernacle left yesterday for a few days' trip to Wilmington.

Red Springs.

Mr. B. J. Bostick left Wednesday morning for Fayetteville, where he enters the Highsmith hospital for treatment. His friends here wish for him a speedy restoration to health.

Mr. A. T. McCallum this week purchased from Mr. Martin McKinnon three store lots on Main street, adjoining the Robeson Mercantile Company's store.

Rev. R. D. Cross closed a very interesting series of revival meetings at Lumber Bridge last week. He was assisted by Rev. C. H. Durham, of Lumberton. There were six accessions to the church.

As a cotton picker Mr. W. A. Brown takes the palm. Last week he picked from the stalk in one day 504 pounds of Texas Wood Cotton. Mr. Brown challenges any white man in the county, and says when anybody breaks this record he will be heard from again.

Mr. Geo. H. Wiggins has purchased from Mr. H. B. Ashley the Smith place, about two and a half miles from town. It is rumored that Mr. Ashley will build on his farm about a mile above Red Springs. Mr. Wiggins will take possession of the Smith property at an early date as possible.

Several negro freight handlers have been arrested in Fayetteville charged with robbing cars in transit to various points on this division of the A. C. L. Some of those arrested had in their possession hats, clothing, shoes, tobacco, whiskey, meat and other articles, which is alleged were stolen from the A. C. L. It is stated that the authorities have been on the lookout for some time, and have at last got hold of the guilty parties.

Quarantine Will be Raised.

The president of the State Board of Health of Louisiana says that it is his opinion that the quarantine against passengers may be safely raised after the 15th of this month. The relatively small number of new foci now appearing is regarded as one of the best signs of the certain decline of the fever.

Mr. H. C. Rancke, of Rockingham, spent Sunday at home.

Messrs. Fred Roberts and W. J. Britt spent Sunday at Tolarsville.

The millinery sale of Mrs. Peterson and Miss Breece commences today.

Mrs. Emma McNeill is spending some time visiting relatives at Ashpole.

Dr. B. F. McMillan of Red Springs spent yesterday here on business.

Mr. Phillip Reamond left yesterday for Goldsboro, where he has taken a position as drug clerk.

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, have an attractive ad. in this issue of the paper.

An effort is being made to have the county commissioners agree to have the sidewalk surrounding the court house paved.

Mr. W. P. Barker, of Back Swamp, has purchased the residence of Mr. Dan McNeill in North Lumberton.

A fine of \$1.00 will be charged anyone who is guilty of spitting on the paved sidewalks. So be careful and save your dollars.

On account of an invitation from the Baptist church to attend their Special Exercises, there were no services in the Methodist church Sunday night.

The commissioners of Robeson county, met in regular session at the court house yesterday. A report of the proceedings will appear in Friday's issue.

John Love, who escaped from the chain-gang in July, was arrested by a policeman in Dillon, S. C., Saturday. Deputy Sheriff Barker brought him here Saturday and lodged him in jail. He was sentenced to the roads for twelve months.