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NEGRO DROPS DEAD NEAR HIS HOME

Henry McPhatter, Old Colored Man Dies
Very Suddenly.

RAINS RETARD PLOWING.

Valentine Calls to Mind the
Times of Yore When Valen-
tines Were Home-made—Hard
For Correspondent to Keep Out
of Politics—Other News Notes.

Red Springs, Feb. 15.—Henry McPhatter, a negro, living in Blue Springs township, was found dead a few yards from his house last Thursday morning. It seems that the evening before he took a wheel barrow and started to get in fuel for the night, but his wife was under the impression that he had gone to a neighbors to spend the night. Next morning she found him where he had fallen, with the axe and barrow near him. He and his wife being old and decrepid, and in very needy circumstances, the commissioners at their last meeting gave them \$2 a month each. Henry was formerly a slave of the late Duncan McPhatter, and in his prime was a man of prodigious strength, probably the strongest man in the township.

The late rains will retard plowing which the farmers in this vicinity were beginning to push with 15 cent cotton zeal. It is noticeable of late that most up-to-date farmers are breaking up their land with two-horse plows. It is a little singular that before the war the exception was the rule in this respect. With the most efficient labor in the world the Southern farmer made less progress than any other people. "Hired labor is more profitable than enforced labor," would seem paradoxical to the ante-bellum farmer, yet experience and observation proves its correctness.

It is right hard for a homemaker "upper ender" to write without dabbling in county politics, but one of the Doctor's injunctions was to steer clear of such entangling and vexing questions. All right, but wait till you see the apple tree blooming and the corn and cotton poking their thin heads above mother earth, and then you'll see what you will see.

The near approach of Valentine day brings up visions of the long ago when it was one of the events of the season. Boys and girls had to make them and not buy them as they do now, and as there was no book of familiar quotations, the writer of valentines had to draw upon their own resources, but as there were plenty of words that rhymed with valentine it was not as difficult as an up-to-date boy or girl might suppose.

Red Springs is better off in the matter of preachers than many towns that boasts of their population by the thousands. There are seven resident ministers here, four Presbyterians, two Baptists and one Methodist, so you see if we are not better than other towns it is not for the lack of good examples.

Dr. Potat, of Wake Forest, lectured Friday night in the college auditorium on the Betterment of School Houses. Those who heard him, pronounced it a fine effort. On account of the short notice of his lecture the crowd in attendance was not as large as the subject and the man demanded.

Rev. R. W. Joplin, the new Presbyterian minister of this place, has made a very favorable impres-

sion on his congregation, and it is hoped he will succeed in building the church up to a high state of efficiency.

ASHPOLE NEWS LETTER.

Water in Old Field Swamp Highest It Has Been in Long Time.

Ashpole, Feb. 15.—Mr. Sandy McLeod, one of the county's finest farmers, in the Rowland neighborhood was in town a short while last Saturday returning from a bird hunt. He kindly remembered the Robesonian correspondent with a fine lot of birds for which we were sincerely grateful. He has but recently returned from a delightful duck hunt near Newbern.

Mr. Raynor, of Wilmington, Del., spent part of last week in town looking after South Eastern Lumber Co. affairs. Mr. Henry Pemberton, of Fayetteville, Kimball Piano Co. agent spent awhile here last week. He has sold several pianos here recently.

The water of Old Field swamp just in the edge of town was running over the bridges Tuesday for the first time since the dam was built.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes returned last week from a delightful visit to Jonesboro and vicinity.

We are glad to welcome back Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Reeves and little Miss Mary, who arrived from Ashville Monday night.

Never before has so much fertilizer been sold at this point. A good year will make a fine crop, but it is venturesome.

J. W. Ashley and Michael Bullock are both improving their homes greatly by painting.

Dr. Brown went to Lumberton on business last Tuesday.

PRETTY HOME WEDDING

CELEBRATED WEDNESDAY

Laurinburg Young Mans Wins Hand
and Heart of Robeson
Young Woman.

A pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Parker at Iona Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Annie Parker became the bride of Mr. John Lytch, of Laurinburg. The Rev. W. T. Walker officiated in presence of a large number relatives and friends of the young couple. The groom was attended by his best man, Mr. Marion Smith, while Miss Dora Thompson acted as maid of honor.

The ceremony was a simple but beautiful service. After the pastor had said the words that made them man and wife, the guests came forward and showered congratulations upon the young couple. A large number of presents, including many valuable and ornamental articles, were received by the bride.

The bridal party was driven from the home to Lumberton, where they took the afternoon train for Laurinburg, where Wednesday evening a reception was tendered them at the home of the groom's mother. They will reside in Laurinburg, in which town the groom is promising young business man. The bride is a young woman of lovable disposition with a large number of friends.

Millikan's Nomination.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The Senate today confirmed the following nominations:

James M. Millikan, marshal for the western district of North Carolina.

GOVERNOR GLENN MAKES HIS REPORT

Very Few in Hospitals That do Not Belong to the Indigent Class.

CONDITIONS ARE FIRST CLASS

Personal Maintenance to the Amount of \$800—It is a Burning Shame That Some are Forced to Remain in Jail—Acknowledges Help of Physicians.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 13.—Governor Glenn today made public his report as to the State hospitals for the white insane. He states that his expectation was that 15 patients at Raleigh and 50 to 40 at Morganton would not be found belonging to the indigent class. A personal examination showed private maintenance to amount to \$800 per year; also that private hospitals take none afflicted epilepsy, homicidal or suicidal mania, unless paid for largely in excess of the regular rates. He found in Raleigh two patients who could pay the necessary amount. One was removed, and the other was waiting for a place. Morganton had two patients who could be cared for elsewhere, and they will be removed. One at Raleigh and three at Morganton are over 21 and indigent, but their parents are able to take care of them, and they were notified that they be removed at once.

From a close study of the conditions of indigency, he found that the private asylums would not keep them. He characterizes as a burning shame their remaining in jail. By law all are removed able to pay in private hospitals, allowing the utterly indigent and those partially able, to remain in hospitals.

He reports the conditions first-class in cleanliness, care, and wholesome food; that clothing is suitable, attendants kind, for the contrary means dismissal. He states that from six hundred to a thousand men and women in the State should be cared for in hospitals. He will urge legislative action to this end, and advocates the Colorado plan. He acknowledges the cheerful, hearty cooperation of Doctors Murphy and McKee, the board of directors and the board of internal improvements. He requests citizens and newspapers to make complaints to him for correction, and asks that they will not allege that people are improperly retained through favoritism, unless the names are given.

A SETTLEMENT REACHED.

Employees of 16 Operations Will Resume Work Today.

DuBois, Pa., Feb. 15.—At mass meetings held today the terms of settlement reached by officials of the United Mine Workers and General Manager L. W. Robinson, of the Buffalo, Rochester and Pittsburg coal interests were ratified and the employes of sixteen operations of the company will resume work tomorrow.

Miss Alice Twenty-Two.

Washington, Feb. 12.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt entertained a large party of friends at the White House tonight to celebrate Miss Alice Roosevelt's twenty-second birthday. Many of Miss Roosevelt's younger friends attended, and Mr. Longworth was able to be present.

Following the dinner there was a musicale.

MAXTON NEWS NOTES.

Mr. McKinnon Leaves For Northern Markets—Personal.

Maxton, Feb. 15.—Mr. McKay McKinnon, manager of the McKinnon Currie Co., left Monday night for the Northern markets to purchase more stock for his company. They have already sold several cars this year and the prospects for business in their line seems brighter than ever before.

We are glad to report that the condition of Mr. A. A. McLean, the County Treasurer, who has been sick for some time, is very much improved.

Don Hector McLean and wife of Laurinburg, were in town Tuesday.

Mr. H. B. Person, of Baltimore, was in town a few days last week. Mr. Pearson is a melon man and has been here for several seasons.

Mr. S. B. McLean went to Lumberton Monday on legal business.

Mr. J. D. Fitch, of Monroe, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. Leon T. Cook went to Pates on business Monday.

Miss Cammie McCaskill left last Friday for Cheraw, S. C., where she is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Kinsey.

Mr. Dock Harding, of Laurinburg, was in town Saturday.

Important Meeting Tonight.

An important meeting of the Board of Trade and Finance will be held in the court house this (Thursday) night at 7:30 o'clock. Very important matters will claim the attention of the meeting. A large crowd of citizens should be present and participate in the discussions.

BIG INCREASE IN VALUE MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS

Notwithstanding a Decrease of Six Per cent in Number of Manufacturing Establishments

Washington, February 15.—Notwithstanding a decrease of nearly six per cent, in the number of manufacturing establishments in North Carolina for the year ending December 31, 1904, as compared with 1900, the value of products increased sixty seven per cent in the same period of time, according to a preliminary summary of statistics for that state issued by the census bureau today. The summary excludes the neighborhood industries and hand trades and shows that during the year 1904, there were in operation 30,272 establishments with a capital invested of \$141,000,639. The number of salaried officials, clerks, etc., employed was 4,062, drawing salaries amounting to \$8,579,371. The average number of wage earners is given as 85,339 and the wages paid as \$21,375,264. Value of products, including custom work and repairing \$142,520,776, as against \$84,274,083 for 1900.

The five principal industries are given as cotton goods, flour and grist mill products, furniture, lumber and tobacco.

Entertainment This Evening.

The Parkton High School will give a concert Friday evening, Feb. 16th, at 8 o'clock. The proceeds will go for a library and general improvement of the school. The entertainment is given under the auspices of the Betterment Association of Robeson county. The public is cordially invited and the school promises to do its best to entertain the audience.

VALENTINE AGAIN COMES AND GOES

Children Have Merry Time on Valentine Wednesday Night.

THE WOLF WAS LAUNCHED

Unexpected Six and a Half Entertained—New Paper Makes Quite a Hit—Many Comic Valentines Sent—Cupid Also has His Inning.

Valentine was generally observed in Lumberton and the occasion passed off pleasantly. The boys and girls on both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings made tours of the city, singing and laughing in childish glee. They called at the houses of Lumberton people, knocked on the door or jumped upon the porch, but when one peeped through the window they were scampering away.

Of course Valentines, comic and otherwise, were sent. The usual colored, exaggerated pictures, with rhymes of many kinds were received—some of them hitting the mark, others falling far distant. Valentine is also cupid's favorite season and many cards not so humorous were sent.

The time was one interesting and pleasant, Valentine is not observed so much now as it once was, but yet there are many who cling to the old ideals, who have not forgotten the pleasures of life in a mad rush for money and power.

The Unexpected Six and a Half entertained Tuesday evening, the occasion being the "Launching of the Wolf," a new paper for Lumberton. A menu in which prunes had a prominent part was served the guests. Those present were: Miss Jessie Fuller with Mr. C. H. Morrow, Miss Nettie Beverly with Mr. E. J. Britt, Miss Cornie Clegg, of Greensboro, with Mr. J. G. McCormick and Miss Ila Humphrey with Mr. Charles A. Hines; Mr. J. P. Stansel received the guests and had present three members of the Flying Squadron. Misses Lina Gough, Ruth Whaley and Lillian Proctor.

The members of the Flying Squadron sang a number musical selections, and a recitation by Miss Lina Gough was also greatly enjoyed. After refreshments had been served, a pack of "Wolves" was turned loose among the young people and the reading of the paper was by no means the least important feature of the evening.

The Unexpected Six and a Half is a club composed of a number of young men still living in single blessedness. They issued a publication entitled "The Wolf" and filled it full of local news, written to suit themselves.

Proper Jim Crow Idea.

Asheville is just now full of Jim Crow street car talk. The New Orleans idea is the best solution of the question we know of. A portable screen of wire netting, about the size of The Chronicle opened wide, easily adjusted to the backs of the seats. The darkies sit behind these screens and the white folks in front. The screens can be moved to the front or rear according to the number of colored passengers. There is no immovable partition and no hauling of waste space when there happens to be no colored passengers. It is the proper Jim Crow idea.—Charlotte Chronicle.

BAD WRECK ON SOUTHERN.

Five Men Dead as Result of Open Switch.

There was a bad wreck on the Southern Railway Sunday morning, on the line between Winston and Greensboro, at Pomona, the extensive nurseries of J. Van Lindley. Passenger train No. 84, north-bound, came into collision with a switch engine. The accident was caused by the passenger train running into an open switch of a cross over from one to the other of the double tracks, and the switch engine was on the parallel track, awaiting for No. 84 to pass. The following official report was sent from Greensboro to Washington:

Early news was received here at the offices of the company in this city states that four employes were killed, as follows.

Owen Norven, engineer train No. 84.

Yard Engineer Sellers.

Yard Conductor Newman.

Fireman Johnson.

Fireman Sparger, of train No. 84, and W. M. Bailey, an outsider,

who were on the switch engine, were badly injured. No passengers were injured.

[Bailey's death occurred after this report had been given out by the railroad company.]

After Fifty Three Years.

For the first time in fifty three years Dr. Vample and Mrs. Beckwith, mother of Dr. Beckwith, saw each other Wednesday afternoon. They were acquainted years ago when both were living in Smithfield, N. C., but had drifted to other towns. Both now reside in Lumberton.

WORK ON RAILROAD IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

President Mills Goes North to Buy
Equipment for Raleigh and
Southern Road.

President John A. Mills, of the Raleigh & Southport, remarked some time ago that he thought trains over his road would be running into Fayetteville by the middle of April—possibly sooner.

Yesterday, it was learned that work on this line had progressed so far that its president would next week leave for the North to purchase equipment for the passenger service. It is known that this train is to be of the vestibule type, and that it will be one of the hand-somest ever pulled out of Fayetteville. Quick transit and elegantly appointed coaches will serve largely to increase travel between the Capital City and the long-felt want of an early morning train out of Fayetteville is now destined soon to be realized.—News and Observer.

Beavers Is Guilty.

Washington, Feb. 13.—George W. Beavers, the former chief of the Salaries and Allowance Division of the Postoffice Department, today pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with conspiracy to defraud the government in connection with the sale of time-recording clocks to the Postoffice Department. He was immediately sentenced to two years in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., where August W. Machen, Dr. George E. Lorenz and the two Groff brothers already are confined.

Dr. Lyman Abbott will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the Harvard senior class on June 17.