

The Alfordville School Break-

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Written for The Courant
The Alfordville School closed Friday night, April the fifth, which was rather soon but not soon either owing to the large number of students. We were not expecting everything to be in apple-pie order but to our delight it was and everything went as smoothly as the rippling waters of a brook. We had only had a week's drilling and at one time we were disheartened for fear of procrastinating but at the end of the week every one knew his part so well that there was no need of any more practicing.

Friday morning we occupied all our time in decorating and putting everything in its proper place and in the afternoon we practiced on the stage, which was beautifully decorated with dog-wood and holly.

We congratulate our good teachers on their artistic tastes and talented minds. And also the pupils for they too have genius and crafty minds. Now we hope we pleased every one not by our funny costumes but by our good common sense and knowledge for we were "scooted" (as Mr. Shooks said) in the right direction and we owe our teachers many thanks which we are ready and willing to offer without hesitating.

The following is the programme:

□ The fairy dance—Children's chorus.

Duet—Shepherds Song—Misses McGirt and Evans.

Song—Pearl Evans.

Duet—Come to the dance Carl, Bracy and Miss Evans.

Duet—Double quick, Misses McCallum and McLean.

The bonny blue flag—Boy's chorus.

Duet—On the promenade Misses Lorene and Mary McLean.

Duet—Spanish dance—Misses M. Thompson and Evans.

Floral Drill.

Duet—Golden Sunbeams—Misses Sinclair and Evans.

Song—Pearl Evans.

Duet—Gailey Chanting Waltz, Misses Alford and Sinclair.

Dialogue—At the Village School.

Duet—The Brooks lullaby, Misses Bullock and Alford.

Duet—Children's Roll, Misses Bracy and Gaiton.

Recitation—Our sisters.

Duet—Jolly friends, Misses Alford and Bullock.

Dialogue—Coon creek courtship, Sion Alford and Ben Bracey.

Duet—Bicycle waltz, Annie and Ethel Bullock.

Song—Grand mother Brown, Katie Barnard and B. Bullock.

Duet—Little curly headed marc, Esther and Belle Bullock.

Song—Pearl Evans.

Song—The old step stone, School chorus.

Naomi McLean.

Alfordville, N. C., Apr. 10, '07.

A Singular Performance.

Charlotte Observer.

One of the most extraordinary performances on record was that at Chattanooga, Tenn., Wednesday night of Col. John Temple Graves, "the Melodeon of Georgia." The occasion was a dinner in honor of Col. Wm. J. Bryan, and Col. Graves, resisting all entreaties to eliminate a shocking proposition from his speech, and afterwards declining to speak and then consenting, under Mr. Bryan's insistence,

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arose in the guest's presence and declaring all sorts of admiration of him, urged him to present Mr. Roosevelt to the next national Democratic convention and ask it to make him its nominee for President. The suggestions sounds as if the speaker might have gone daft. With a florid tribute to the President he declares that no one but he could complete the work he had begun and argued passionately that it is the duty of the Democratic party to nominate him for re-election. The telegraphic report does not say so but it can be imagined that a great silence fell upon the diners.

What did the man mean? It is known that he is not specially enamored of Col. Bryan and this may have been intended to sidetrack him. He is a Hearst man, and while it is hardly fair to mention motives or suggest bad faith in this connection, it is difficult to judge whether he was talking at Chattanooga in the interest of Hearst or the President. Whether the one or the other, a greater absurdity than this speech was never perpetrated. The projecting of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt upon the Democratic party as its candidate for President does not sound like an emanation from a sane man.

The famine in China.

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There are to-day in China fifteen million human beings heathen they may be—but human still, dying of hunger and diseases because of a famine in China. Great rains ruined the crops and these fifteen million people are dying like sheep. The whole world has been called upon for relief—those on the scene say it is impossible to describe the suffering—and we, as a nation should speedily send millions to the relief of the sufferers.

But because it is so far away; because the Chinaman is not of our kind there seems to be little response to the wild call for help. Fifteen millions of people are a great many—more than one can comprehend—but every little will help in the matter of purchasing food, and those who can afford, and who cannot, should send something—if only a few dimes.

Hard on New Wife.

"The sexton of a quaint old English church," said the traveler, "showed me through the building one afternoon, and as we were departing, pointed to the Bible on the lectern and smiled.

"A queer thing happened last Sunday in connection with that Bible," he said. "We had a strange minister preaching here, and when he opened the book he came upon a notice and read it out with all due solemnity. It was a request for the congregation's sympathy and prayers for John Q. Griggs, who had been deeply afflicted by the loss of his wife."

"The sexton paused and chuckled softly.

"You see sir," he said, "our regular minister had been using that paper as a book-marker more than a year, and John Q. Griggs, in a natty grey suit, sat in front with the new wife he had taken just a week before."

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