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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

A Dark Afternoon—New Residences—Cold Wave Damages Fruit—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 17.—Monday afternoon will be remembered as the darkest of our remembrance, some hail and wind and a big rain.

The band received a call to furnish the music for the commencement at Four Oaks, in Johnston county, for two days and two nights this week. The boys returned home Wednesday in fine spirits and reported the best time of their lives. This scribe was there by a small majority and can testify that the above statement is true.

Mr. T. W. Thompson is fast erecting an addition to his residence; also his near neighbor Mr. J. A. Cashwell is adding to his house a room, etc. Capt. J. D. Cobb is also rushing up a new building.

Mr. Collier Cobb is in a hospital in Charlotte for treatment. We sincerely trust he may soon return greatly improved in health.

Miss Ethel Williamson and her friend Miss Lena Williamson from Smyrna spent Saturday and Sunday in Parkton.

The box supper and entertainment at the academy last Friday was a great success in every respect. The boxes sold well. The last one, which was the one prepared by Mrs. A. H. Perry—and a beauty it was—was sold as a contest for the most popular lady. Miss Fodia Todd of McMillian's was the successful number, and it sold for \$7.50. The net proceeds of the occasion was \$40.

On last Sunday night one of the strongest missionary sermons was preached by Rev. J. M. Dunaway of the Baptist church. The sermon was calculated to reform any town or community. No better preacher in this whole section, and we are all proud of him and don't care who knows it.

We fear this cold wave has killed the fruit. It's cold sure enough up here. However, Mr. J. D. Gillis says if it kills his early corn that it will come again.

The young folks of our town are planning a trip to Rex Friday night to a school concert.

Dr. Daniel Hughes left last week to visit relatives in Georgia. —Mr. Pem. McCormick returned home Saturday night from a pleasant trip down South.

We are glad to report Miss Rachel Culbreth much improved and entirely recovered from measles.

Miss Belle Tyner Has Narrow Escape—Horse Springs Over Dam With Buggy.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, Mar. 16.—While crossing the embankment below Mr. Colan Prevatt's mill last Tuesday, Miss Belle Tyner miraculously escaped a serious accident. She met Mr. Ed. Baxley on the dam just beyond the bridge where it is almost too narrow for vehicles to pass. He gave all the room possible, but her horse began to rear and run backward, refusing to pass, and deliberately sprang over the railing, barely clearing a large tree and lifting the buggy over a slender 10-foot sapling and a large stump, into the mud five feet below, rushing headlong into the run above the bridge. The water was 6 or 7 feet deep, a hole having been washed there, submerging the horse and buggy. Mr. Baxley's mule became frightened but as soon as he could quiet him he went to the rescue, and helped Miss Tyner from the buggy. She was still calmly holding the reins and unharmed, except wet. He then held the horse's head above water while she ran up the hill to Mr. Irvin Prevatt's to secure his aid in getting the horse out. By this time the buggy had sunk so that only a small part of the top was above water and other help was necessary to remove it. The front axle and the dashboard were only slightly bent, while Miss Tyner and the horse received no injury whatever.

Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Sallie Hureton and Sidney Baxley; Sallie Howell and J. D. Buoyer.

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

The millinery of Caldwell & Carlyle's store will be open on the 29th and 30th for an exhibition of the latest creations in spring head-wear for the fair sex.

A meeting of the bar of the county will be held tomorrow at 2:30 o'clock in the office of the clerk of the court to arrange the calendar for the term of court which will convene April 3.

There will be a meeting of Unity Lodge 202, K. of P., this evening at 8 o'clock in the hall in the Lumberton Cotton Mill office building. This is an important meeting and it is desired that there be a full attendance.

The Sun says that during the storm last Monday afternoon glass was broken in nearly every building in Rowland, that \$50 or more damage was done at the graded school building and that damage in the town amounted to \$400 or \$500.

A letter was received from Buie, R. F. D. 1, the other day for publication signed "Me and Him," but as there was nothing to indicate who "Me and Him" is it found its way into the waste basket. If next time "Me and Him" will add a line giving his name his communication will meet with better luck.

The loss on the Presbyterian church building, carpet and furniture from the recent fire that destroyed Mr. W. I. Linkhaw's stables has been settled at \$400. This leaves for settlement only the damage to the pipe organ, which will be appraised by two experts, who are expected here Saturday for that purpose.

In a news item in regard to the new law firm of McLean, Varsar & McLean of Lumberton the Laurinburg Exchange has the following: Mr. J. Dixon McLean, who becomes the junior member of the new firm, is one of the many Laurinburg young men who have made good in other communities. He is a finely-bred young man of many attractive personal traits and of fine intellect. He graduated from the law department of the University of North Carolina a little more than a year ago. His many friends in Laurinburg will be pleased to learn of his connection with this strong firm of lawyers.

Schedule Change on V. & C. S. To Elizabethtown.

Beginning Wednesday of this week a change of schedule will go into effect on the Elizabethtown branch of the Virginia & Carolina Southern that will enable the people of Elizabethtown to leave that town early in the morning, as at present, and spend the entire day in near-by towns, returning home at night. Train No. 7, which now leaves St. Paul at 2:30 p. m., arriving at Elizabethtown at 4:30 p. m., will, beginning Wednesday, wait for the evening passenger train from Lumberton and will arrive at Elizabethtown about 11 o'clock—the exact schedule has not yet been arranged. This will be a great convenience to the Elizabethtown people.

Quarterly Meeting of Farmers' Union.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Farmers' County Union was held in the court house Thursday. The meeting was well attended and much business was disposed of, though there was not much of a public nature. A committee of eight—Messrs. N. T. Andrews, D. H. Britt, F. W. Walters, N. A. Townsend, Alex Alford, J. E. Carlyle, F. A. Bond and Senator W. S. Cobb—was appointed to meet with the board of education on the first Monday in April in the interest of the farm life school. It was ordered that the union have 300 copies of the farm life school law printed and that the copies be distributed among the local unions over the county and to the public school teachers.

Col. S. J. and Capt. J. D. Cobb, of Parkton, are Lumberton visitors today. Capt. Cobb is one of the magistrates appointed by the recent Legislature and he came to Lumberton today to qualify.

RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

A Recital by Conservatory Pupils—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 18.—Miss Morris of Baltimore, the popular and efficient milliner of Mrs. Nellie Shooter, will be here again this season. Miss Santer, of New York, has arrived to take charge of the new millinery department of Covington Bright. Dr. C. G. Vardell has returned from a profitable business trip in the interest of the college. —Mr. Malcolm Ruple, of Davidson, is spending some time here with relatives.

The regular fortnightly recital was given in the college auditorium Friday afternoon by the pupils of the conservatory. The programme was good and the girls all played well.

Dr. Bird, of Jacksonville, Fla., spent several days of last week here visiting his sister Mrs. Kay—Mrs. Council is spending a few days in Parkton. —Misses Vera and Margaret Blue, of Aberdeen, are visiting their aunt Mrs. Nellie Shooter. —Miss Louise Purcell is spending several weeks in Richmond, Va., with her sister Mrs. Smith. —Mr. Eager, manager of the celebrated Eager Tours to the Old World, was a visitor in Red Springs Friday. He came to consult with Mr. A. T. McCallum, who is going abroad next summer. —Dr. Thomas West, resident surgeon of St. Luke's hospital, Fayetteville, spent a day of this week in town on professional business. —Mr. Clyde McCallum, of Norfolk, Va., spent Sunday in Red Springs. —Mrs. James McNeill, of Fayetteville, visited Mrs. D. P. McEachern for several days.

Information Wanted as to Whereabouts of Onslow Regan.

The Robesonian has received the following from Prof. Hamilton, of the department of history at the university:

"The University of North Carolina, at the coming commencement, will confer the degree of A. B. as of their class upon all students of the university who, during the period from 1861 to 1865, withdrew to enter military or naval service in the civil war. Among the students who withdrew at this time was Onslow Regan, of Robeson county. Letters sent to him there have been returned, and we are unable to communicate with him. It occurred to me that the request through the press, for information in regard to him, might lead to a discovery of his whereabouts. May I ask that you will make this request?"

If any Robesonian readers can give the information desired it will be appreciated if they will write to Prof. Hamilton at once.

Foley's Honey and Tar is the best cough remedy I ever used as it quickly stopped a severe cough that had long troubled me," says J. W. Kuhn, Princeton, Nebr. Just so quickly and surely it acts in all cases of coughs, colds, lagrippe and lung trouble. Refuse substitutes. J. D. McMillan & Son.

A GOOD PLAY.

"A Country Minister," Presented by the Waverly Book Club of Fairmont, Delights a Lumberton Audience.

"A Country Minister," presented at the opera house Friday evening by the Waverly Book Club of Fairmont, was all right. It is a pity the audience was not larger. Those who stayed away missed a treat. Every one of the cast interpreted her or his part with a degree of correctness that won hearty approval. The cast of characters was as follows:

- CAST OF CHARACTERS.
- Ralph Underwood, a young minister
 - Mr. Ernest Jones, gentlemanly villian
 - Gregory Heath, partner of Heath in crime
 - Jud Pardoe, partner of Heath in crime
 - Mr. Tom Baker
 - Timothy Hodd, bachelor, suitor for Miss Judkins
 - Mr. E. Fisher, Deacon Potter, widower three times, Hodd's rival
 - Mr. D. W. Galloway, William Henry and Tom Sparrow, in love with Roxy
 - Mr. P. R. Floyd, Mr. James Galloway, Mr. Filkins, policeman
 - Mr. Wade Ashley, Helen Burleigh, an heiress
 - Miss Agnes Ashley, Jerusha Jane Judkins, postmistress
 - Miss Fannie Belle Taylor, Roxy, a fresh air kid from the Bowersy
 - Miss Mattie Jones, Granny Grimes, an old hag
 - Miss Crissie Floyd, Fanny, a maid
 - Miss Flora Gibson.

"A Country Minister" is a comedy in five acts. The curtain rises on a scene in Judkins' yard and postoffice. Mr. E. Fisher, as Timothy Hodd, is sitting solitary on a box, whittling, looking to a t-y the part for which he was cast; and he fitted into the part as the paper fits the wall. Miss Fannie Belle Taylor, as Jerusha, switches in calling for "Roxy," the eternal sulphite. Voice, manner, side-curl and all, she was the last word as the always-nervously-switching-around old maid who can afford to be uppish because she has two lovers. Timothy, who never overlooks any chances to press his suit in his awkward shady-side-of-forty bachelor way, essays to make love. Jerusha hands him a line of talk that would make a less ardent lover move to another county. Enter the villian—the gentlemanly villian, if you please—in the person of Mr. Knight Cashwell. His fierce mustache and goatee, the cold glint in his eye, his walk and all were enough to make the most unsuspecting of mortals feel sure that his daily walk and conversation was murder and arson, natless he was suitor for the hand of a gentle heiress who was all grace and refinement and charm and honor—after her money, the scamp. Such is life.

Next appears Ralph Underwood, the young minister—see above—quiet of dress, manner and voice. Then "Roxy" appears—bless her breezy heart, one falls in love with her on the spot.

But one must hasten on, else this will be as long as the play. In the second act, scene same as the first, the villian steals a registered letter for Miss Burleigh—the devil—no, steals for his own sinister purposes a registered letter intended for Miss Burleigh. Miss Burleigh comes for the letter herself, finds Roxy, who had been left by Jerusha in charge of the postoffice, out, and takes a stroll in the orchard with the minister. Enter villian No. 2. The plot thickens. Pardoe, who has just escaped after serving part of a term in the penitentiary, recognizes his partner in crime, Heath. Pardoe is as "mild-mannered a man as ever scuttled ship or cut a throat." He sees Roxy. Ah, me long-lost child. Fact. Roxy turns out to be the daughter of Pardoe and her mother was Miss Burleigh's sister. Pardoe and Heath steal Roxy and take her to New York, to Granny Grimes' garret. Miss Burleigh and the minister also go to New York. Heath and Pardoe plan to rob Miss Burleigh in the "dead vast and middle of the night." The minister gains access to the garret in disguise and rescues Roxy. Then he blocks Heath's game all around and has him arrested dramatically in Miss Burleigh's home. Only before that Roxy had told her aunt Helen and the minister to their faces that he loved her and she loved him and both admitted the soft impeachment and tilted over into each other's arms and everybody was as happy as could be.

The play wound up in Jerusha's sitting room three months later, when Mr. and Mrs. Underwood and Roxy returned. Deacon Potter, three times a widower, Hodd's rival for Jerusha's favor—Hodd called him an old Brigham Young—was all to the good. Mr. D. W. Galloway did himself proud in that part. And Mr. P. R. Floyd and Mr. Jas. Galloway as William Henry and Tom Sparrow respectively, youths in love with the adorable Roxy, were likewise all to the good.

And so were they all. It is to be hoped that this is not the last time the Waverly Book Club will give a Lumberton audience an evening of pure delight.

—Mr. Earl Carter of Maxton, formerly with the Pope Drug Co. here, began work Thursday at the Lumberton drug store. Manager Sledge says that business has increased so much since their piano contest began a short while ago that it was necessary to employ another man.

Among The Sick.

Rev. S. J. McConnell, who has been confined at his home on Second street with malarial fever for the past week, continues very sick. His son Mr. E. H. McConnell of Sumter, S. C., arrived last night and will be with his parents for a few days.

Mrs. Sarah N. Dick has been sick at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper, on Water street, since last Wednesday with grip. Her condition was considered somewhat improved this morning.

Dr. N. A. Thompson returned yesterday from New York, where he went to be present Saturday morning at an operation for appendicitis performed on Miss Nellie McNeill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben McNeill, of Barker's, at the Woman's hospital, where she is taking a post graduate course as a trained nurse. Miss McNeill was in the first class that graduated at the Thompson hospital here. She was getting along nicely when Dr. Thompson left New York Saturday afternoon. He and Mr. E. D. McNeill left here Thursday evening and stopped in Baltimore to see the latter's wife, who recently underwent an operation at Dr. Howard Kelly's private sanatorium, and Mr. McNeill remained with Mrs. McNeill until Saturday night, when he joined Dr. Thompson on the return trip. Mrs. McNeill is getting along nicely and it is thought that she will be able to return home in 2 or 3 weeks.

Mrs. Richard Humphrey, of Saddle Tree, is very ill and has been for a week or so. Her son, Dr. David A. Humphrey, of High Springs, Fla., came home Thursday to be with her. It has been only about three or four weeks since Mrs. Humphrey returned from a trip to Florida, where she spent some time on a visit to her son.

Henry Blount at the Opera House This Evening and Tomorrow Evening.

Henry Blount of Wilson, the happy phrase-maker, the dazzling builder with words, will lecture at the opera house this evening and tomorrow evening. Those who take advantage of the opportunity to hear him will not only be given a treat but will be helping a good cause, for he comes at the invitation of class No. 2 of the Methodist Sunday-school and a per cent of the proceeds will be given for the new Methodist church.

Seats are now on sale at the McMillan drug store, admission 25, 35 and 50 cents.

Ho, all ye good people! forget not that there will be an old-time fiddlers' convention at the opera house Friday evening of this week. A glance at an advertisement elsewhere in this paper will put one wise as to prizes, etc.

TEST OF FIRE ALARM.

Another test of the new fire alarm system will be made tomorrow at noon. The whistle will indicate the ward and the box from which the alarm is turned in.

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