

The last issue of the Henderson Gold Leaf contained copies of extracts from a paper read before Henderson's Lodge No. 229, accepted Masons, by R. S. McCain, Esq., secretary of the Lodge. He having been invited to deliver an address on some plan of masonry. The paper was turned over to a committee with the request that the whole or a part be published. We give the following extracts as pertaining to Halifax county history which will, no doubt, prove interesting to our readers.

"St. John's Lodge, Wilmington, N. C., was the first Lodge in the State, as the Grand Lodge in 1791, after a full investigation of the claims of all Lodges in the State, prior to that of Wilmington at Wilmington was awarded No. 1. While I know of no earlier record than this still Masonry undoubtedly existed in the Carolina prior to this time because Gov. Martin who was an accurate historian as well as a zealous Mason, says: 'Masonry crossed the Atlantic with the first British colonist in America and the Grand Master of England appointed provisional Grand Masters who constituted regular Masonic Lodges in the new world, but the Carolinas had no provisional Grand Master until 1736 when the Earl of London appointed John Hamerton to that dignity, from this can be traced a regular succession to Joseph Monfort who was in January, 1771, appointed and commissioned Grand Master of America.'

Here is the language of the constitution: 'To all and every one of our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren, we Henry Somerset, Duke of Beauford, Marquis and Earl Wooster and Grand Master of the most ancient and honorable society of free and accepted Masons, Greeting: 'Know Ye that we of the great trust and confidence reposed in our Right Worshipful and well beloved Bro. Joseph Monfort, Esq. of Halifax, in the province of North Carolina in America, do hereby constitute and appoint him the said Joseph Monfort Provincial Grand Master of America, with full power and authority in due form to make Masons and to constitute and regulate Lodges as occasion may require, and to do and to execute all and every such acts and things appertaining to the said office as usually have been and ought to be done by a Provincial Grand Master. This was under the seal of the Grand Lodge of England and bears the date of January, 1771.

Under this authority Joseph Monfort established Lodges in the Province of North Carolina. Royal White Hart Lodge at Halifax derived its authority from this source. Thus we see in January 1771, North Carolina had the proud distinction of having the Provincial Grand Master of America, there can be no doubt but this was a great incentive to Masonry in this province and Joseph Monfort by his earnest and long and tireless efforts succeeded in awakening quite a number of the then sleeping Masons and created a new interest in the noble work.

SEVEN YEARS IN BED. "Will wonders ever cease?" inquire the friends of Mrs. L. Peace, of Lawrence, Kansas. They knew she had been unable to leave her bed in seven years on account of kidney and liver trouble, nervous prostration and general debility, but "Three bottles of Electric Bitters enabled me to walk," she writes "and in three months I felt like a new person." Women suffering from Headache, Backache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizziness will find it a priceless blessing. Try it. Satisfaction is guaranteed by W. M. Cohen, Only 50c.

WASHINGTON, of course, and particularly the Washington boarding house keepers, mourn over the fact that there is to be no extra session of Congress. But the public is satisfied.

SAVES TWO FROM DEATH. "Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Armonk, N. Y., "but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had Consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for Coughs and Colds. 50c. and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by W. M. Cohen. Trial bottles free.

MR. ANDREW CARNEGIE prophesies that the time will come when the United States will intervene to save Great Britain from being crushed by Europe. This is the line of an old prediction. Mr. Bayard had the same sort of a vision years ago.

A populist organ in South Dakota announces that if the democrats nominate David B. Hill for president neither the populists nor the democrats of South Dakota will vote for him. The announcement leaves us to infer that they also will not vote for him if he is not nominated. Thus and therefore, also consequently, things look dark for Mr. Hill in South Dakota. Mr. Hill, however, may extract comfort even if it be of the melancholy variety, from the fact that that State is hopelessly republican; that the combined populist and democratic vote in last year's election was only 41 per cent. of the whole; that Wharton Baker, Middle of the Road populist nominee for president, received only 339 votes, while Woolley, the prohibitionist, received 1,542; that out of 117 members of the legislature the republicans have a majority of 102 over the fusionists. In view of these facts the threat of the populist organ herebefore mentioned will hardly be sufficient to frighten Mr. Hill from the track if he really desires to enter the race.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burr Hamilton, said to be the last member of the seventh generation of the Burr family, who died at Bridgeport, Conn. last week, at the age of ninety, was the fifth cousin of Aaron Burr, the third Vice-President of the United States, who killed Alexander Hamilton, the lawyer and statesman, in a duel in 1804. Her death recalls the fact that, though the families of Burr and Hamilton were the most bitter enemies at the beginning of the last century, love found a way thirty-two years after the famous duel to bring the families together again by the marriage of Elizabeth Burr and Alexander Hamilton in 1836.

REV. DR. ABBOTT, of Brooklyn, N. Y., to an address a few days ago, in which he discussed the race question, incidentally with other questions, said: "The race problem is not radically different in South or North. It is substantially the same thing. The negro in the little log cabin in the South is better off than the negro in the North, in a tenement with fifty more of his kind."

THE U. S. Department of Agriculture estimates the cotton acreage planted this year at 27,532,000 acres of 8.3 per cent. over that of last year, and 10 per cent. over the acreage actually picked last year. But with the damages from rains, bad stands, etc., the crop may not be as large as that of last year.

MR. W. E. MYKES, of the Geological Survey, says the secret of the bad effect of the recent floods in Western North Carolina lies in the deforestation of the mountain section. The country is being stripped of trees, and Mr. Mykes says that the cutting away of the timber is entirely responsible for the serious flood.

BRINKLEYVILLE ITEMS. Personals and Other News Notes From the Upper Section.

Miss Nellie Harrison and Ann Wilcox have returned home from college. They graduated with the highest honors. Miss Harrison at Red Springs and Miss Wilcox at Oxford. We are glad to have these sweet violets in our midst again for they are charming and accomplished young ladies.

Mr. Jesse Vinson, of Richmond, Va., and Mr. Eddie Hunter, of Durham, have returned to their places of business after spending a pleasant week with their parents at this place. They are two noble young men, and couldn't be otherwise, as they are "chips of the old block."

Mr. Joe Norman, son of Register Deeds J. H. Norman, spent several days here last week.

Rev. Mr. Whitaker, president of the Methodist Protestant Conference, preached here the first Sunday. He is a congenial man and a most excellent preacher.

Miss Lila Partin, visited the family of Mr. J. H. Norman, at Halifax, last week.

Our Sunday school continues to grow in numbers. Miss Nannie Hunter is organist. She is a most accomplished young lady and an excellent performer.

Mr. J. F. Davis, our young and promising lawyer has completed a handsome law office.

Mr. S. S. Norman, one of our oldest citizens, a most excellent gentleman, who has been in feeble health for some time is rapidly improving.

It is a treat to look at Col. S. B. Hunter's creek low grounds corn. When he gets low spirited he saddles up his fine black Hamiltonian, gallops down to his fields and is all smiles when he returns.

JOHN T. BISHOP. There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure.

FROM MURPHY TO MANTEDO

News Notes as Called from Our Staff Exchange. The Southern Hardware Jobbers' association met in annual session at Asheville last week. The North Carolina secretary of State refuses to grant a charter for a Christian Science college. The admission of Hickory refused to grant applications for liquor licenses by a vote of 4 to 2. The annual Association of Letter Carriers in North Carolina will meet in Asheville July 4th. Snow Hill votes July 2nd on the question of issuing \$10,000 in bonds to the Great Eastern railroad. Charlotte News: Simon Miller, school, was instantly killed near Pineville by Jim Horton, also school.

The State text book commission adopts the history of the negro race, by E. A. Johnson, of Raleigh, as a text book for negro schools. At Trinity College, last week, the degree of L. L. D. was conferred upon Senator F. M. Simmons and Governor C. B. Aycock. The University of North Carolina is preparing to strengthen its studies. It adds two professors and six assistant professors and instructors. Secretary Dixon of the State board of public charities, says this year's inspection of the penal and charitable institutions is very close.

The major and commissioners of Beaufort have issued an appeal for aid to rebuild their town which was destroyed by a storm May 20th.

The board of agriculture has established 120 free scholarships at the A. & M. College, those being restricted exclusively to agricultural students.

According to Jim Boyd, of the Federal court, illicit distilling in the mountain section of North Carolina is but a form of immigration and keeps out capital.

Catawba county has advanced the price of marriage license from \$2 to \$3. That's two much increase unless the girls are fifty per cent. smarter than last year.

Louisburg Times: The recent frost destroyed about 50,000 newly made brick for Mr. George W. Ford. They were in the brick yard on the south side of the street.

The Raleigh auditorium company will buy the Academy of Music in that city and a building adjoining and enlarge the academy into an auditorium that will seat 3,000.

Charter has voted by a majority of 61 to issue \$100,000 of bonds—\$25,000 for graded streets, the remainder for sewerage, water works and street improvements.

Asheville charged the new gas company with two per cent. gross receipts for a franchise in that city. Cities have been together in the free in giving away valuable franchises.

Charlotte Observer: In retiring from the presidency of Davidson college, Dr. J. B. Shearer does not give up his work there, as some think, but will remain as vice-president and professor.

The attendance upon the State Agricultural and Mechanical college was satisfactory. There were 302 matriculates for the last year, representing 85 of the 97 counties and five other States.

Charlotte has adopted as ordinance repairing barrooms to close at 9 p. m., and not allowing the use of screens, blinds, curtains or anything that will obstruct a full view of the interior of the barroom on any side or back entrances.

The State board of education is called to elect a state board of public school examiners. The latter will have charge of the negro normal schools and will also elect teachers for them. The present board of examiners is composed of M. C. S. Noble, Rev. A. N. Campbell and L. L. Hobbs.

Engineer Fred Brown was killed on the Nashville branch of the Atlantic Coast Line one day last week. The boiler of his engine exploded and the head of the engine was blown off and he was otherwise fearfully lacerated. The fireman and a brakeman were also fearfully injured.

In an address at the Woman's Missionary Conference in Asheville, Dr. Young J. Allen, the accomplished Methodist missionary, said that missionaries were responsible for the troubles in China only in so far as they had made the Chinese dissatisfied with present conditions, and instilled into them a desire for something better.

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