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NOTWITHSTANDING the stringency of the money market and the consequent depression of all business and agricultural interest, the prospects for our schools, from the primary to the University, having an increased attendance next session are bright. There seems to be an educational awakening throughout the State, and this has been brought about, in a large measure, by the conductors of county institutes for teachers in their public addresses. The State University and the colleges have also done a great work along this line. Presidents Winston of the University, Taylor of Wake Forest, and Crowell of Trinity, by their addresses in this county caused many a boy and young man to resolve with a fixed purpose of mind to obtain a good education, and what is true of this county in this connection, is doubtless true all over the State. Our higher institutions of learning must be supported and patronized if we ever expect to have an educated people. To have good common schools we must have efficient teachers.

Our Seaboard correspondent, in his usually pleasant manner, reminds us of the space we have been devoting to the Third party and to Col. Harrell, and says perhaps some of our readers would like to hear about something else. If he has watched our pages closely he has doubtless seen that we have been yielding much space to the discussion of the subject he writes about, though not exactly on the same line. We refer to "Prohibition" and "Anti-Whiskey." We are not specially interested in the discussion of politics at this time, but many of our correspondents and readers seem to be, and fair play has been our policy. We have regretted that it was necessary to devote so much space to Colonel Harrell, but as the doughty Colonel has shown himself to be a great enemy to all our educational institutions that he can not make subserve his private interest, and as one of the chief aims of this paper is to promote the educational interest of the State, we deemed it necessary to pay some attention to his attacks upon our institutions which are fostered by the people.

The gain of lying is nothing else but not to be trusted of any, nor to be believed when we say the truth.—Sir W. Raleigh.

PLEASANT HILL LETTER.

A VISIT TO THE SOLDIERS HOME AT RICHMOND, VA.—PERSONALS.

All the sick in Pleasant Hill are convalescent. "Childrens Day" at Spring Church the 4th Sunday in this month. Mrs. Willie Hofferbert, of Baltimore, Md., is the guest of her parents. Messrs. C. C. Daniel and T. J. L. Harris expect to visit the World's Fair ere long.

Mr. George Robinson had the misfortune to lose a horse last week; it was killed by the train.

Lola and Williard Hart, of Suffolk, Va., are spending the summer with their grandfather, Mr. J. E. Price.

Misses Ella Taylor and Rose Fargurson returned home last Wednesday, after a pleasant visit to friends in Manchester, Va.

It was the writer's pleasure (accompanied by several friends) to visit the Soldiers Home, near Richmond, Va., not long since. We were kindly met by the Superintendent, who, after chatting awhile, introduced us to a gentleman, who took us through the buildings. Every thing was in order, both indoors and out. The grounds are large and are covered with nice shade trees and flowers. When we arrived many of the "old soldiers" were scattered about under the trees. (Think there are 170 inmates there now.)

In the first building we entered, two of the rooms were filled with war relics and curiosities.

Gen. Jackson's horse, "Old Sorrel," was in one room (besides many other things); he is indeed a curiosity; one could almost imagine him alive, his appearance is so life like. A pleasant time was spent examining different articles from which we gained information which was both useful and entertaining. This building also contained a reading room for the soldiers, beside other rooms. We went from there to the Hospital which is a large, airy building. We were also kindly welcomed there.

It almost makes one's heart ache with pity to see some of the poor old soldiers so helpless. One we saw propped up in bed, was so helpless that he could not even feed himself (had been so for a long time), greeted us with a smile and seemed perfectly happy, so much for his religion. Though poor, diseased and helpless, his trust in God makes him bear his trials with patience. What a lesson we should learn from him, when we become impatient. We saw another patient, who had been helpless, for seven years, from Rheumatism, could use only one arm, from his elbow down, even the back of his head was stiff; he was indeed an object of pity. He has every care and attention, but he is to be pitied more than the other one, for no bright gleam of light from love to God finds a dwelling place in his heart to brighten his sick room, or cheer his dark hours.

We visited many other rooms, found them neat, the patients cleanly clad, and the beds as nice and white as one could wish; saw the soldiers as they went in to dinner, each with his cup, knife and fork. The dining room was clean, the tables nice, and plenty of good wholesome food served. Passed by many of the cottages, whose doors and windows being open we could see the neat appearance within; also went through the Chapel which is a nice building, saw many other nice things which space will not allow me to write about. But will say it is a day long to be remembered not only for the information we gained, but for the courtesy and kindness shown us by strangers.

Pleasant Hill, N. C., July 11, 1893.

A man who covers himself with costly raiment and neglects his mind, is like one who illuminates the outside of his house and sits within in the dark.

Hate enters sometimes into great souls; envy comes only from little minds.

LEWISTON NEWS.

NEW POSTMASTER—CROPS IMPROVING—PERSONAL AND NEWS ITEMS.

The improvement being made to the Williams hotel are rapidly approaching completion.

Crops are growing rapidly, though the heavy rains in some sections have injured them seriously.

Mr. Andrew F. Hancock, who has been appointed post master here, will complete his bond of \$5000.00 to-day.

The colored people had an informal meeting and speechifying here last Tuesday the 4th. Not much of a celebrate.

Slight shower this evening, proceeded by wind and dust. We learn that a heavy rain fell a few miles south of us.

Most of the sick people are improving slowly. There has been some deaths, recently, among the colored people.

Dr. E. H. Horton has taken his two little girls, who were with Mrs. Parrish, to Aulander, where he can have them near him.

Mr. Editor, I'll tell you a fact, "money is awfully scarce around here" and folks are complaining heavily.

Rev. Dr. Speight held Divine services at the Baptist Church today. He preached an able sermon to rather a large audience, considering it is Saturday.

Mr. James A. Modlin, of our town, is to be congratulated on the addition to his family of a female heir, which was ingrafted into the household Thursday, July 6.

Yesterday the mercury registered 98° in the shade, and on being exposed to the sun for five minutes mounted to 109°. This morning at sunrise it registered 90°.

The warm weather of the last few days pleases the farmers. The cotton lice are emigrating to unknown sections and a few more days of such warm weather will cause their depredations to entirely cease.

We have just learned of a very important event at the residence of Mr. Elisha Joyner. His friends have need to congratulate him on his good luck of another fine son, that will probably keep him awake nights, for the next twelve months.

The new store of Mr. T. H. Bridger is finished and Mr. Bridger has moved his goods into it. The Griffin drug store, formerly occupied by Mr. Bridger, was sold by J. B. Martin, Esq., Commissioner, last Monday and was bought by Dr. A. Capehart, of our town. L. Lewiston, N. C., July 8, 1893.

FROM WOODLAND.

MUCH SICKNESS—A PLEASANT LAWN PARTY—PERSONALS.

Miss Eva Britt, of Conway, is visiting friends in and around Woodland this week.

Some of our neighbors are mourning the loss of their truck patches, caused by mischievous stock.

There is a great deal of sickness around here, too numerous to mention, but no one seriously sick at present.

Miss Hollowel, of Wayne county, who has been visiting Mrs. Maggie P. Hollowel for the last two weeks, returned home this morning.

I would like to ask some of the readers of PATRON AND GLEANER what the word "Rush" means on an envelope; is this a new rule in etiquette?

And when a fellow's coat sleeves get too short and his best girl puts a ruffle on them unknown to him, should he tare them off and declare he knew nothing about it?

Mrs. John W. Knight, who went to Richmond about one week ago, to have an operation performed, came home last evening. The weather being so warm, the doctors thought it best for her to come home and return in safety.

A law of the Academy last evening was pleasantly and enjoyably spent with cream and cake

tables presided over by Mrs. K. P. Bryan and Mrs. Paul Harrell were well patronized and \$8.15 was realized, which is to be invested in books for the M. E. Sabbath School. The Woodland ladies can't be surpassed, as they never do things without their hearts are in the work, and their patriotism can be depended upon every time.

Old Philip, Woodland, N. C., July 12.

FROM BERTIE.

MEETING OF THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION—REV. L. M. CURTISS MAKES AN ABLE ADDRESS.

MR. EDITOR:—Our Bertie Teachers' Association met at Capehart's Church on July 4.

This gathering of our people was just immense, judged to be not less than eight hundred. We really felt surprised that so many should have left their homes and crops, from a large surrounding country, and came out; and for what? It just gave us the positive evidence that our people are waking up to the importance of a "common education." It encourages our heart and our work to see such interest manifested by our people, our country people, as they exhibited on this glorious fourth.

I believe yet, if this kind of educational work is pushed, we shall succeed in reaching that large portion of our citizens, who never even enjoy the opportunity of an educational talk. The masses in the secluded or back country, must be gotten at, and routed from their dogmatism along this line of work; and we are having much faith in these frequent gatherings for the accomplishment of such good work.

The exercises consisted in several talks, essays and recitations by our teachers and others; but the great burden of the day's work fell upon one who bore the heat thereof with manly courage, and gave us a treat of rare excellence, for an hour and a half, in a talk that was replete with thought, suggestion and counsel, that delighted the large and attentive audience, and closed with a hearty applause. I allude to the address of Rev. L. M. Curtiss, of Aulander.

Should it ever be his good fortune to talk on the educational line in Northampton, I bid everybody go and hear him; it will do them good. We had a full day's exercise, with a bountiful dinner, good singing and an enthusiastic crowd. What more could we wish, than to put education with all its attending blessings upon the thoughtful minds of our people. The day was delightful neither too hot nor too cold.

The bundle of PATRON AND GLEANERS sent us by the editor were distributed among the audience, and when giving out the last one, we told them that plenty more could be had simply by subscribing and paying 75cts each. R. W. ASKEW.

DID YOU KNOW IT?

Just received by us and for sale cheap. FRUIT JARS, quarts and half gallons. TURNIP SEEDS, The best varieties. Call Soon.

J. A. Buxton & Co. Jackson, N. C., July 13, '93.

Closing Out All Spring and Summer Hats at Cost.

Goods Will Positively be Sold as Represented.

I will sell all Hats of any kind and style at Cost for the next 30 days.

Come and secure a bargain while they are being offered. Now is your time to get a pretty New Hat for the protracted meetings.

A large lot of White Goods, Laces, Edgings, Embroideries, &c., and many pretty articles for the ladies will be sold low down.

My stock is new and well assorted. Come soon and give me a trial, and I am sure you will be pleased and profited by so doing.

Mrs. L. L. Moore, Murfreesboro, N. C. 13-14

RICH SQUARE LOCALS.

DEATHS OF MISS LULA VANN AND MR. BARBER'S CHILD—OTHER DEATHS EXPECTED.

The excessive rains have damaged the crops in this vicinity.

Mrs. M. P. Allen is extremely ill, and her death is hourly expected. We earnestly hope that she may be spared to her family and friends, but at present there seems to be no possible chance of her recovery.

Mr. W. W. Selden has been very sick with kidney colic for a week, but is able to be out today. He will leave for Littleton tomorrow morning to recuperate, and get the benefit of the panacea water.

Miss Helen Sessoms received a telegram yesterday morning stating that her brother had been seriously and probably fatally wounded. The injury was caused by the accidental fire of a rifle. Mr. Buxton, his wife and Miss Helen left at once; but we have not yet heard from them, or the particulars of the shooting.

We have the benefit of the weather reports now. The local forecasts are telegraphed from Raleigh, and the flags are hoisted daily. Our people have not yet learned to have much confidence in the reports. It will no doubt be a great convenience to us, when we learn to rightly appreciate it.

There is a gloom over our whole community; so many of our best citizens are being taken from us. Several are drinking the famous Panacea water as a preventive of this disease and some are going to the springs till the epidemic subsides. No local cause can be found for such a malignant form of dysentery that is prevailing here.

Since our last writing death has been abroad in our midst. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barber was called from time to eternity the first of last week, and Friday evening about 10 o'clock Miss Lula Vann breathed her last after nearly two weeks of disease and suffering. Miss Lula was a charming young lady, and had a wide circle of friends. She received every possible attention, but the disease was of such a malignant nature she sank in spite of all that could be done. RICH SQUARE, N. C., July 12, '93.

[Later—Mrs. Allen died last evening at 7 o'clock.—Ed.]

An Inquiry.

[For the Patron and Gleaner.] For many months your correspondents have been absorbed by the Third party and by Col. E. G. Harrell. Possibly there are some of your readers that would like to read about something else. A few days ago, a gentleman submitted a question to me, which I want to submit to your readers.

All the churches of this section have for some time been expelling every member who engaged in the liquor business. Their reason for doing this was, that selling liquor as a beverage was not only in opposition to the command of Christ, but that its whole tendency was to impede and stop the progress of Christianity, and that no man could be a Christian and a liquor seller at the same time.

My inquiry is this: Does not the man who advocates the sale of liquor as a beverage, and assists in establishing the liquor business for the money benefit that he hopes to get from it, act from the same motive as the liquor seller? Does he not possess the same nature? Ought he or his brethren to refuse church membership to the liquor seller?

Has the man who drinks liquor as a beverage and supports the business by his patronage a right to vote to expel from his church the man who sells it to him? Are they not "hale fellows well met" six days in the week? Ought they not to be so on the seventh? Will not the spirits that are similar and the natures that are congenial here be so hereafter?

This inquiry is submitted to all church members, and especially to those who sympathize with, or openly assist others in establishing the liquor business. H. T. W. Seaboard, N. C.