

PERSONAL AND NEWS NOTES

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Rev. Thomas Dixon, of New York, lectured in Weldon last Monday night on the subject of "Backbone" to a large, appreciative audience.

The celebration of the opening of the Northampton and Hertford rail road at Jackson last Wednesday was a big success and reflected credit upon the enterprising people of that good old town.

Mr. Walter F. Grubba, of Seaboard, was married to Miss Lucy M. Newsome, daughter of Mr. Willis R. Newsome, of Jackson, on the 17th inst. at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. C. W. Scarborough, of Murfreesboro, officiating.

The passenger train on the Northampton and Hertford rail road now leaves Gumberry, on the Seaboard road, upon the arrival of the train from Portsmouth and returns in time to make connection with the 3 o'clock train from Weldon to Portsmouth.

President Cleveland has nominated Wheeler H. Peckham, of New York city, to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nomination will likely provoke a bitter fight in the Senate as Mr. Peckham has long been a bitter enemy of Senator Hill and is classed by many as a Republican.

Mr. Thos. H. Hart, of Potocasi, engineer on the Potocasi and Jackson rail road, received a telegram last Tuesday calling him to the bedside of his father who is very ill at his home in Wakefield, Va. Mr. Hart left at once and Supt. E. W. Gerrish, who understands every detail of his business, is at the throttle in Mr. Hart's place.

Jackson now has four schools. Would not the prosperity of the town be promoted and the cause of education be advanced if all the schools of the town were united? It strikes us that way. Jackson is now on a boom and if its enterprising citizens want to attract people there, good, permanent schools will do much to accomplish that end.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage startled the large congregation at the Brooklyn Tabernacle last Sunday by announcing his resignation of the office as pastor of the church, which he has so faithfully served for nearly a quarter of a century. It is understood that the principal causes that led to this action on the part of Dr. Talmage.

A four year old son of Mr. Chesley W. Draper, of this place, was left in a room with its two year old brother yesterday and before any one returned he had found his father's razor and attempted to shave himself, but after cutting his ear slightly, quit, and then tried to shave his two year old brother, which resulted in his making an ugly wound on the child's face with the razor.

An article is going the rounds of the press to the effect that Mr. Don Carlos Harrell, of Drew, Bertie county, recently married his ninth wife. We wrote to our Drew

correspondent concerning the matter and he reports that the statement is untrue, and that Mr. Harrell has been married only three times. But this correction will never overtake the paragraph about the ninth marriage and it will be going the rounds of the press for year or two to come. When the publishers of the patent papers get hold of it it will be scattered all over the country and Mr. Don Carlos Harrell will be heard of far and wide.

SALT-- A car lot just in; also a large lot of SEED OATS.

J. A. Buxton & Co., Jackson, N. C., Jan. 25.

Lasker Locals.

Drummers plentiful in the village the past week.

Lasker school is well patronized and the Misses Parker are doing good work.

Three new buildings are going up in Lasker and the sound of the hammer is heard daily.

Mess Conner & Vaughan make a specialty of Drugs and Medicines and goods in that line can be found at their store at very low prices.

There was a rainbow party given at Mr. W. E. Lassiter's last Tuesday evening complimentary to Miss Pauline Weston, of Boykins, Va., who is the guest of Mrs. Lassiter.

Mr. Dudley A. Draper has opened up a photograph gallery here and is now prepared to take pictures to suit his patrons. He has a fine camera and outfit, better than is usually found in a country town.

Mess J. M. Lassiter & Co., book sellers of this place, are doing a large mail order business. They say that the advertisement in the PATRON AND GLEANER brings them orders from three hundred miles away.

Mr. W. J. Hedgepeth has moved to Rehoboth, having rented Mr. James Scull's house and mill at that place. We regret to lose him and his good wife from our village. He talks of locating here in a year or two.

Two young ladies from the vicinity of Woodland—Misses Mary L. Brown and Isabella D. Outland—made the hearts of their relatives and friends of this place glad last Saturday and Sunday by paying them a pleasant visit.

Plain English.

Having just finished our inventory we find we have several remnants of DRESS GOODS, a few lots of MEN'S and BOY'S SUITS, ODD PANTS and a large lot of CHEAP and medium OVER-COATS, which we have decided not to carry over to next season. In Plain English they will have to go regardless of price.

J. A. BUXTON & Co. Jackson, N. C., Jan. 25, 1894.

SALE POSTPONED.

Notice is hereby given that the goods in the store of J. B. Bridgers & Co., at Milwaukee, advertised to be sold on Monday, Jan. 22, 1894, has been postponed until Monday, Jan. 29, 1894.

This will be a rare opportunity to buy goods. Attend the sale.

J. A. BURGWIN, Receiver.

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J. M. LASSITER & Co., Lasker, N. C.

WINDSOR LETTER.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED AT BERTIE'S CAPITAL SINCE OUR LAST ISSUE.

Miss Minnie Askew is visiting her sister Mrs. G. T. Brett.

Miss Minnie Brown, of Murfreesboro, is visiting Mr. W. L. Privott's family.

Mess. J. B. Spivey and Son are having the awning in front of their store repainted.

Mr. John Beasley and wife, of Coleraine, were the guests of Mr. T. P. Gurley Monday.

Mr. Harry W. Lovejoy, of Pocomoke City, Md., was in town on a business trip last week.

Messrs. T. E. and W. H. Beasley, and Dan'l. Britton, of Coleraine, were in town on business Monday.

Workmen are at work shingling and otherwise altering the store to be occupied by Messrs. Brett and Peele.

A large vessel loaded with lime arrived in port Sunday morning. She is one of the largest that has been at our wharf for some time.

Mr. R. M. Woodard, who has been telegraph operator for the past six months, left today for his home in Boykins, Va. Sorry to lose you, Bob.

The old part of the footway leading to the bridge is being torn away and removed to the low place in the road just beyond Mr. F. D. Winston's.

Last Friday the 19th, Gen. Lee's birthday, was not observed by the citizens of the town in any manner, very few indeed being cognizant of the fact.

There is quite a large pile of logs on the banks of the river which has of late become the favorite resort of the couples of young people who find the greatest pleasure in walking and talking to each other.

The corn vessel which had been lying at the wharf for seven weeks and reported as having left in last week's letter, still had 100 bushels on board. We are more than pleased to know that she staid and was so long unloading.

CAROLUS. Windsor, N. C., Jan. 23, 1894.

GREAT BARGAINS.

For the next 20 days I offer for sale SHOES, CALF BOOTS and HATS at lower prices than they have ever been sold at here before. The Goods must go in order to make room for Spring Stock.

I also offer BIG DRIVES in nice DRESS GOODS. Don't fail to examine my Stock. We take pleasure in showing Goods and feel sure we can please you both in Price and Quality.

Respectfully,
JOHN BAUGHAM, Rich Square, N. C.

Garysburg Items.

Miss Eliza Purnell, of Weldon, is visiting Miss Kate Joyner.

Mrs. W. B. Arrington, who has been spending several days with friends in Norfolk, returned last Saturday.

Cards are out for the marriage of Mr. Thos. R. Ward and Miss Sarah Alice Coker, next Thursday evening at the M. E. Church, at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Harrison preached his second sermon here last Sunday, which was much enjoyed by the large congregation. Mr. Harrison has made many friends already and we wish him much success in his work during the ensuing year.

Miss Virgie Florence Suiter, the sweet and beautiful little daughter of Mr. J. L. Suiter, who has recently recovered from a severe attack of fever, was tendered a surprise party by her many little friends on last Friday night. Virgie appreciated this token of their friendship most highly and hopes the rest of the young people enjoyed it equally as much as she did. The children were profuse in their praises next day of Mrs. Suiter's kindness and her beautifully arranged table which was laden down with the goodies which they carried, and many nice things which she had prepared.

CARROL. Garysburg, N. C. Jan. 22, 1894.

Frontier Life on the Plains. No. 2.

[For the Patron and Gleaner.]

The readers of the PATRON AND GLEANER, after reading my article in the issue of January 4, 1894, will certainly think the first settlers on the plains had a very poor house to live in; and so they do, but they usually build a house according to the means they bring with them.

Some will have a small window in one or both sides and perhaps one in the back end, and some will have a floor in, but this is a luxury that most of the first settlers could not afford, as lumber costs a good deal and had to be hauled a long ways.

A sod house is a much more desirable place to live in than a dug out. These are usually built wholly above ground and can have as many doors and windows in as the owner may desire.

A piece of prairie is broke in the ordinary way near to where the house is to be built. The sods are cut with a spade and only the best sods are taken. The wall will usually be thirty inches thick at the bottom and eighteen or twenty inches thick at the top. If the settler is poor and a long way from lumber, his sod house will not be much better inside than a dugout; but if he has plenty of money he may have a shingle roof on his building and a floor in it; he may also have built a large room so that he can partition it off into several rooms with boards; he may also trim the walls nicely and then plaster them, for plaster will stick to sod nearly as good as to laths. He may also have a ceiling over his head. A sod house is the cheapest warm house that can be made on the plains, and they can be made very comfortable too.

A sod house will not stand very good if it is made high, consequently they are always low houses, and if put up good may stand eight or ten years, but five or six years is usually the life of a sod house. I am told that William McLeighan, Member of Congress from this district lived in a sod house a few years ago. I am not sure but that he lived in one when he was first elected, three years ago last November.

Sod houses are getting pretty scarce in the central part of Nebraska and Kansas, although there are a few scattering ones yet. I know of some families still living in them on land that is worth nearly if not quite \$20.00 per acre.

We have a sod hen house, 12 ft. by 20 with a partition of boards; it is covered with straw, and we think it is the best hen house that can be made for the money.

In parts of the West where stone is plenty the settlers build stone houses. These were laid up in mud and covered with dirt or clay and were called "doabys."

There are now many nice stone houses in some parts of the West, some are hard lime stone, but most of them are either sand stone or magnetia lime stone; both of the latter are easily dressed as they are not very hard.

There is sometimes a red streak in the middle of the magnetia limestone that makes a building red and white streaked.

There are a good many stone fences where stone is abundant, but wire is now taking the place of all other kinds of fencing on account of its cheapness.

Some of the first settlers would make bog pastures by digging a ditch, then building a sod wall on the outside; they did not last very long and were only used where there was no stone.

RICHARD COOPER. Fairfield, Clay Co., Nebraska.

NOTICE.

There will be a meeting of Peoples Party voters of Northampton county at Jackson on Monday, February 5, 1894, for the purpose of organizing a County political club. All who desire to attend are invited.

H. E. PEELE, Ch. Peoples Party Ex. Com.

Harris' Shop Notes.

Quite a large crowd at church Sunday.

Mr. J. C. Parker has returned from Portsmouth.

Mrs. J. T. Parker is on a visit to her son, in Weldon.

Several visitors in the neighborhood Sunday, too numerous to mention.

Mr. L. S. Hargrave has moved to the place lately occupied by Mr. B. F. Harris.

Miss Nellie Martin and Mr Henry Harris were the guests of Miss Hettie Whitehead on Sunday.

Misses Ada and Emma Reid were visitors in the neighborhood Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Mattie Darden, of Southampton, is the much esteemed guest of Misses May and Fennie Harris.

The young men have organized their Wednesday night prayer meeting again; we wish them much success.

There was an entertainment given at Mr. T. J. Taylor's last Friday night. Several of the young people attended and expressed themselves as having quite a jolly time.

We have preaching Saturday and Sunday by our new pastor, Rev. A. J. Parker; there is no doubt but that he will be much loved by the people of Meherrin charge. We also had with us Rev. Mr. Ashburn; he was met with a cordial welcome and we hope to have him with us often.

TRIXY. Harris' Shop, N. C., Jan. 22.

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