

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT AT SMALL

One of the Most Delightful Occasions in the History of the County—Mr. Daniels Makes Address.

Wednesday, April 20, will be a day long remembered by the people in the Small graded school district, the occasion being the annual commencement exercises of that flourishing and growing school. The past season has been the most successful in the history of the school, and every citizen in that community is jubilant over what has been accomplished and the bright prospects for the future. Nowhere in Eastern Carolina is there a similar institution doing more towards the cause of education. The citizenship of Small long ago realized the importance and necessity of having a school in keeping with the times. With a will and a singleness of purpose, they went to work with this aim in view and today are beholding the fruits of their toil and labor. The Small Graded School is not only a credit to that section, but to the entire county. This school is a pride to these good people and they are up with the times so far as educating their children is concerned. Miss Emily Brown is the efficient principal of the school. She is ably assisted by Mrs. Tuten and Miss Ross. No better preceptors are to be found in any school.

During the past year the number of pupils in attendance has been nearly 300.

The commencement address was delivered by E. A. Daniels, Esq., of this city. His subject was "The Development of Man." The address was made in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and was heard with profit by over 200 people from all sections of the county. Those who were present speak in the highest terms of this address. The speaker was most happy in his remarks. It was timely, ornate and thoughtful. During the day the Aurora and Small Concert Bands, under the directorship of Prof. Will E. Smith, furnished the music.

At night the commencement exercises proper took place to which a large number attended, the crowd being estimated to be 500.

The exercises consisted of singing, recitations, declamations, dialogues, etc. Every number on the program was excellently rendered, showing the fine training of the students by their teachers.

A visitor to the exercises in talking to a News representative, today, stated that he had never attended a better performance of the kind in his life. The performance did not lag in interest a single moment, but on the contrary, interest increased until the last number was finished. Small school has a bright future.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED

A Terrific Explosion Near Ensley, Alabama.

SHAFT IS NOW ON FIRE

The explosion of Mulga Coal and Iron Mine in Alabama. Shoots Flames to Great Heights in Air—Believed Eight White Men and Seventeen Negroes are Imprisoned.

Birmingham, Ala., April 21.—Twenty-five men are reported killed by explosion at Mulga in the mine of the Birmingham Coal & Iron Company. State Inspector James Hillhouse has taken charge of the rescue work.

The explosion was of such force that the flames shot to a great height from the mouth of the shaft. The cages in the mouth of the shaft were so badly sprung by the explosion that they are now useless and the shaft is now on fire. Air is being pumped into the mine.

Mulga mine has been opened only a couple of years, and was regarded as a model of its kind. The scene of this disaster is located only about six miles northwest of Ensley, and is connected with that city by one telephone line, which is working badly this morning. Ambulances and physicians were hurried to Mulga from Ensley immediately after the news of the explosion was received.

James Bonnyman, of Birmingham, general manager of the Birmingham Coal and Iron Company, owners of the mine, has gone to the mine. Rescuers are having great difficulty in getting down in the shaft.

The explosion occurred shortly after 3 o'clock last night.

The hospital car of the Birmingham Southern Railroad was sent at midnight to be used in caring for the injured.

While no accurate list of the men trapped could be obtained owing to the fact that the mine foreman is among the imprisoned, it is believed there are eight white men and seventeen colored in the mine.

The explosion was the most destructive in the district for years. Fire damp has added to the horror of the Mulga disaster. At 10 o'clock this morning Sam John, assistant mine superintendent, and a Mr. Barns, two members of the rescue party, were brought out. They were immediately overcome by fire damp and were placed under the care of physicians. Other members of the party reported that the bottom of the shaft had been reached. They said two dead bodies had been found and that no sign of life was seen in the mine anywhere. It was said that probably eight white men and 33 negroes have met death in the mine. It was impossible to bring the two bodies to the surface for the reason that the rescuers had to look after members of their own party.

DOCKET ENDED

One Person to the Reformatory at Washington, D. C. For Two Years and Three Months.

In the case of United States vs. Nathan D. Ford, charged with entering the postoffice in the town of Bethel, Pitt county, last January, the defendant was found guilty and he was sentenced to the National Training School in the District of Columbia for a term of two years and three months. Ford is about 15 years of age.

In the case of United States vs. J. Redding Corry, for illicit distilling in Martin county, there was a mistrial and the defendant was placed under bond for his personal appearance at the next term of court which opens in October.

In the case of United States vs. Guy Hardy, for failure to post license, was not pressed.

This ended the docket for this term.

THE GEM.

Last night the Gem again sustained its reputation of having fine pictures and knowing how to show them. The pictures were almost perfect and as one sits and gazes upon the screen, cannot help but have a feeling of reality in the scenes before him.

Tonight "The Twelfth Night," a Shakespearean play by the Vitagraph Co., will be presented. Miss Truner as Viola, a character made famous by Julia Marlowe, the staging and costumes are elaborate and lend much to the beauty of the play. A delicate touch of comedy is introduced during the action of the play.

"The Leather Industry" is a picture of great interest, showing the various processes the hides go through before they become a finished product.

"The Scarecrow" is a comedy with a laugh in every line. The Pathe comedians have done well in this comedy and have created a picture which is sure to amuse.

The usual Friday night drawing takes place at 8:30. Prize to be a cut glass compote. Mr. Bonner in his usual pleasing manner will sing an illustrated song.

RETURNS

The Educational Rally at Yeatesville For Special Tax.

Supt. W. L. Vaughan, who has just returned from Yeatesville where he and Mr. Jos. F. Tayloe spoke Wednesday night in an educational rally, reports a most successful meeting. A good audience was present and much enthusiasm was aroused. It is an ideal place for a good public school, and a petition will be circulated at once, so that the election may be called in time to get the benefit of the special tax for the next school term.

Miss Julia Jones, the teacher at this point, has so well pleased the patrons that they will keep her, by private subscription, for two extra months. She has taken no little interest in a special tax, and it was through her efforts that the people were gotten out to the meeting.

OPERA

"The Little Tycoon" to be Presented Here by Local Talent at an Early Day is the Report.

It will be pleasing news to the Daily News readers to ascertain that the opera "Little Tycoon" is to be presented in Washington by local talent at no distant day. This musical play is one of the best and most attractive ever given on the stage. Some of the city's best singers will be in the cast of characters.

FROGS IN THE CASE OF HYDE.

Kansas City, Mo., April 21.—Dogs and frogs are expected to play an important part in conviction or clearing Dr. B. C. Hyde on the charge of murder.

The State has announced its intention of demonstrating the action of strychnine by poisoning a live dog with the drug before the eyes of the jury.

Toxicologists employed by Dr. Hyde are maintaining a "poison squad" of six dogs for the purpose of studying the effects of strychnine upon them. Some of the canines are being given one-fiftieth of a grain of strychnine four times a day. Others are given a smaller amount of the poison.

Some of the dogs will be permitted to die from the effects of the drug. Others will be killed. The digestive organs of the animals will be used by the defense in presenting its case to the jury.

Hans Jensen, a prominent veterinary has been retained by Dr. Hyde to assist in the experiments on the dogs. He will also testify at the trial.

How much better a thing lasts when the doctor forbids the eating of it.

UNCONSCIOUS

Four-Year-Old Child of Mr. Leon Durand Drinks Half Pint of Whiskey and Life is Despaired Of.

The four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Durand, who reside on East Fourth street, this morning secured a pint bottle which contained at least a half-pint of whiskey and drank it. Since that time the little fellow has been unconscious and his physician, Dr. Joshua Tayloe, has slight hopes for his recovery.

The child got the liquor, which was being used for sickness, while his mother had stepped out of the house for a short while. When she returned she realized what had happened and the doctor was phoned for.

The promised retirement of Senator Aldrich next March may serve as an added inducement to the House insurgents to get rid of Speaker Cannon. Luck has been coming their way lately, and to unload Aldrich and Cannon at the same time is a great chance for the party.

A BRAVE HUMORIST

Mark Twain is Dying But is Cheerful.

HE ATTENDS TO BUSINESS

There is No Hope For His Recovery, But He Sits Up and Does Some Work—Wrote a Check Yesterday For the Redding Library—Demands a Cigar.

Redding, Conn., April 21.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), humorist and philosopher, even in the face of death, is putting up a heroic fight for his life. Although no hope is held out for his recovery he was so strengthened by stimulants that he was able to sit up in bed for a short time. He chatted with the members of his household and the attendants, frequently jesting, though he knows the seriousness of his condition.

After he had sat up for awhile, Mr. Clemens declared he felt strong enough to write. This he was permitted to do.

It was not to make the world laugh however, that the aged author assumed his favorite position for work—lying down. On December 20, last, on his return from the first of his two visits to Bermuda this winter, he said to his interviewers, "Boys, there will be no more work for me in this world."

Today he devoted himself to business affairs, writing to his publishers and others. He declined to dictate, professing his own strength so intently that his physician consented.

Again he demanded a cigar. For the last year he has been on an allowance of four a day, which he has felt keenly, as his allowance for years was ten times that daily. This excessive smoking is the cause of his illness—tobacco heart.

Albert Bigelow Paine, his secretary, he consulted this morning in regard to business affairs. Almost his last act yesterday before he suffered his sinking spell was to draw a check for \$6,000 in favor of the Redding library and directed Mr. Paine to forward it. Mr. Clemens practically founded the library.

Mr. Clemens was much cheered today by the attentions of his daughter, Mrs. Ossip Gabrilowitch, who remained within call of the sick room or at the bedside all night long. She continued her vigil today with unceasing attention. Mrs. Gabrilowitch attempted to persuade her father from writing, but he silenced her with a laugh.

TWAIN DEAD.

Samuel L. Clemens died painlessly last night at 6:30 o'clock, of angina pectoris. He lapsed into coma in the afternoon and never recovered consciousness.

IS IMPROVING.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones, who has been very ill for the past week or more, is reported much better today and hopes are now entertained for her ultimate recovery.

COURT ADJOURNS.

The United States District court adjourned last evening for the term and all the officials have returned to their respective homes.

CRAZED BY HALLEY'S COMET.

Louisville, Ky., April 21.—Crazed by fear of the approach of Halley's comet, and believing the end of the world was at hand, Mrs. Florence Shankland, 30 years old, committed suicide today by shooting.

A SCHOOL MEETING AT SHEPHERDS.

On Saturday night, April 23, Supt. W. L. Vaughan, Mr. Jos. F. Tayloe and others will talk to the people of the Hawkins, Woodlarks Pond and Shepherds districts in Long Acre township, on the proposed special tax for the schools of these districts. The people in each of the districts are urged to be out. Public invited. It is hoped that a large crowd will be present.

OUTRUNS AUTO.

Yesterday out on Market street a horse hitched to a cart loaded with fertilizer became frightened at an automobile and for about a mile showed his heels to the speeding machine. Until the horse's wind gave out he clearly demonstrated his ability to outrun his competitor. The remarkable part about it is that none of the load was lost.

TO SELECT THE SITE.

There was a meeting held at the courthouse this afternoon for the purpose of considering and selecting the site for the proposed tobacco warehouse. The result of the meeting will be given in Saturday's News.

A tobacco market for Washington is now an assured fact.

WORTHY CAUSE

The Orphans Will Be the Attraction at the School Auditorium This Evening at 9 O'clock.

A large audience should greet the singing class from the Oxford Orphan Asylum this evening at the school building. The class is now engaged in visiting the different towns of the State giving performances.

London should never they have been on their present tour, the press has been most complimentary of the entertainment.

The performance will not begin until 9 o'clock on account of the revival services now going on in the First Baptist Church. The doors will open at 8:30. The admission will be 15 and 25 cents. The class arrived today and are being entertained at the different homes in the city.

THE GAIEETY.

Last night the Gaieety was packed from the first performance to the last and to say that everyone enjoyed themselves and was well satisfied with both pictures and vaudeville is stating it mild.

The pictures were superb, especially the Biograph. Tonight the Gaieety has another of these famous pictures, entitled "Faithful," and it is a treat of the first water. Besides the above there will be a high-class educational film, entitled "The Lady and the Ostrich," also a new illustrated song, "Shakey Eyes," will be sung by Mr. Whitten.

The Two Boes had the audience with them last night from the time Mr. Boes came out an announced "Am the Man" until the close of their laugh-producing sketch. Tonight they offer an entire change of songs, jokes, etc., and produce "Sambo's Trouble," a laughable black face turn. Mr. Boes is certainly a clever one in cork, and if you don't get a laugh out of his work it is because you haven't got one in you. Come out tonight and see a show that is worth triple of money for 10 cents.

RAILROAD WRECK

Nine Coaches Leave Track But No One Injured Except a Lady.

Charlotte, N. C., April 21.—Train No. 23, known as the Birmingham Special, leaving Charlotte at 2:30 a. m., was derailed three miles south of Gastonia at an early hour this morning, the trouble being attributed to a broken rail. Nobody was hurt except one passenger, a Mrs. Jonas, who was slightly bruised. Nearly all of the cars left the rails, however.

A special from Gastonia says: Train No. 29 southbound was derailed south of Gastonia this morning at 4:45 o'clock. Six day coaches, two Pullmans and a private car left the track. No one was injured, although a lady passenger sustained some bruises in jumping from a car during the excitement. The two Pullman cars were thrown violently against the bank. The baggage and mail car and engine, which remained on the track, were carried to Bessemer City.

A broken rail, probably on account of rotten cross ties, is thought to have been the cause of the wreck. The track was cleared in about an hour and a half. Nos. 44 and 39 exchanged passengers at the scene of the wreck.

RACES LOOKED FOR.

Now that Washington has organized a Motorboat Club the citizens can anticipate some exciting races on the Pamlico during the summer months. The Daily News suggests that the commodore of the club arrange for a series of races to be given here on the afternoon of Memorial day. The paper feels confident the undertaking would be successful.

WORK TO BE RESUMED.

The work on the new colored Zion church, which has been delayed for some months on account of lack of funds, is expected to be resumed at an early date. This structure will be a credit to the race when completed.

TO PLAY TARBORO.

The Washington High School baseball club left this morning on the Atlantic Coast Line train for Tarboro where they play the High School team of that town this afternoon. The team from here were accompanied by Superintendent N. C. Newbold. We wish the boys success.

INDISPOSED.

The many friends of Mrs. Ellis Roper will regret to learn of her illness. It is to be hoped her recovery will be speedy.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Gem Theater.
Gaiety Theater.
Spencer Bros.—Ladies' Suits.
The Hub—Men's Clothing.
Walter Credle & Co.—Cereals.
Brooks' Shoe Store—Children's Oxfords.
Fazo Ointment.
J. K. Hoyt—Specials.
Chesapeake Steamship Co.
J. L. O'Quinn, Florist—Bulbs.
Goose Grease Linament.

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Write your ad with a clear thought in your mind as to what sort of services you have to offer—and what impression your ad is set to make on the sort of man you want to work for.

You can want-advertise yourself into a good job—perhaps quickly!

SERVICES

The Sermon Tonight Will be Delivered to the Young People.

Another most interesting service took place at the First Baptist Church last evening. As usual Rev. Mr. McFarland delivered a strong sermon, one that was received by the large audience with interest. The speaker has the happy faculty of gaining the attention of his listeners from the start and holding them until the end. The series of meetings are being blessed with results and interest is being manifested. The song service fifteen minutes prior to the preaching, was one of the attractive features of the services. Tonight Mr. McFarland will deliver a special sermon to the young people and it is the special desire of the pastor, as well as the speaker, that a large number of the young folk come out to the services. The Sunday school of the church will have charge of the singing.

Remember, the song service begins at 7:45, and preaching at 8. All are most cordially invited to attend. Seats are free. Polite and attentive ushers.

CLEAN LOTS

The Owners of Lots in the Cemetery Should Begin Getting Them in Shape for Memorial Day.

Inasmuch as Memorial Day is not very far off it would be good policy on the part of the owners of lots in Oakdale Cemetery to put them in presentable shape for this annual occasion. In this spot quite a number of the old soldiers sleep and, too, part of the exercises of the day take place there. It is to be hoped that citizens will heed this suggestion in mind and begin work on their burial plots without delay.

PLEAD GUILTY

Judge Waddill Gives Fay and Harris Each Sentence of Ten Years in the Penitentiary.

Richmond, Va., April 21.—"Guilty," answered Fred Cunningham, alias Eddy Fay, and Frank Chester, alias "Little Dick" Harris, charged with complicity in the robbery of the Richmond postoffice on the night of March 27th, when \$85,000 in stamps was taken from the safe when they appeared today for trial in Federal court before Judge Edmund Waddill. Each man at once was sentenced to ten years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, five years on each of two counts in the indictment and assessed fines of \$5,000 each.

The men asked for separate trials, expecting to make a fight for the clearance of Fay. These, however, were denied, and they entered the plea.

The two men were captured in the Grand Central station at New York when they came to claim the trunks, in which most of the loot was stored, within less than 48 hours after the robbery. The third man, who was with them at the time, made his escape and has not been captured.

LAND SALE.

Several from this city attended the land sale at Belhaven yesterday. Quiet a number of lots in that progressive town were sold. The sale was attended by a large number from different sections of Beaufort and Hyde counties. The Washington Concert Band furnished music for the occasion.

TELEPHONE NERVE.

"Telephone nerve" is a new complaint. Those who run in to a neighbor's to call up somebody without expense are the real cases, though the doctors don't include them.

STILL IMPROVING.

The many friends of Mr. E. B. Moore will be glad to know he is still improving. He has been confined to his home for several weeks.

IMPROVEMENTS.

The Atlantic Coast Line officials are cleaning up their property between Second and Main streets and will make considerable improvements thereon in the near future. Cross-ties are now already on the yard to repair the track.

THE PEACH'S UNION SUIT.

Take warning from the peach-bud. That which grows venturesome and takes off its union suit too soon never lives to be a peach.

"The man who doesn't advertise is like the fellow winking at his girl in the dark. He knows what he is doing, but nobody else does."—Governor Mann, of Virginia.

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