

To Judge a Man's Character, First Find the Food Upon Which His Brain Feeds—Good Reading Makes Good Men

A CORNER DEVOTED TO OUR LIVE RURAL CORRESPONDENTS

Current News and Views Gleaned From Alert Correspondents Throughout Beaufort County. Write us the Local Happenings in Your Vicinity and Help Us to Make This Column the Best Feature of Your Paper

Pinetown, Route No. 2.
Robert T. Boyd was a visitor in Washington, Friday of last week. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Boyd and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Boyd of Acres, Sunday.

Rufus W. Boyd and son, Howard, were in Washington, Friday.
Dr. John Smith and son Jesse, of Eugene, were in our midst Sunday.

The farmers of this vicinity are not making much headway toward farming on account of the continued bad weather.

Messrs. David E. and Matthew H. Walters were in Washington on last Saturday and purchased a fine young mule.

Miss Jeanna Boyd has lately purchased a graphophone to entertain her friends.

L. H. Harris our efficient R. P. D. carrier, says that the roads are the worst he has ever seen.

It seems as if our road superintendents are not making much progress working the roads.

Mrs. Hoy Waters returned to her home at Pinetown last Saturday after spending some time with her father, S. B. Boyd.

Jack Waters, traveling salesman for S. B. Fowle & Son, of Washington, N. C., was here Monday.

Pungo News.
We are sorry to learn of the recent illness of Mr. W. G. Gray. Hope he will soon be able to be up again.
Miss Mabel Godley of Yanceville, was visiting Miss Lula Wallace last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Little, of Norfolk, is with us for a few days. He is having some work done towards moving the machinery and road from the Juhler Swamp.

The teachers and pupils of District No. 1, had a work frolic Friday afternoon at the school house. They made quite an improvement on the looks of the school room, for which they deserve praise.

Quite a crowd attended a party given at the home of J. W. Paul on Thursday night. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

Miss Claude Hollowell spent most of the day Saturday at the home of J. W. Paul, where there was quite a party.

Romulus Cooper has sold his colt to Daniel Allen. Guess Mr. Cooper will continue to work in the Juniper Swamp instead of farm.

Miss Ruth Allen has been spending a few days with relatives and friends in District No. 2.

Miss Claude Hollowell spent last Saturday night with Misses Lucy and Meta Harris.

Miss Price Manning of Belhaven, is in our midst visiting Miss Lucy Bishop, who is teaching school at this place.

Miss Fleda Cooper spent Saturday night with Misses Myrtle and Della Allen.

Misses Eula and Matilda Paul were guests of Misses Lucy and Meta Harris last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Davis were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Harris last Sunday afternoon.

Wonder how many of our girls hear from Leechville real often now-days?

Does anyone know of anyone else who has lost a bright piece of furniture?

L. B. Paul made a business trip to Wilkesboro last Saturday.

There is to be a work frolic at Mr. Souther's Tuesday night. Let's all go and try our hand picking bed quilt squares. Boys, don't forget to carry your thimble.

How Branch Items.

We are delighted to say that the basket party at our school (How Branch) on Saturday night, was a success. A large crowd attended in spite of the bad weather. Eleven baskets were sold, bringing \$17.35.

HANLEY LAST NIGHT.
Considering the fact that this is the last night of Mr. Frank Hanley and Miss Millicent Everett shared to a splendid audience in the school auditorium last night. Mr. Hanley's interpretation was most excellent, his enunciation splendid. Through a most difficult role, they who had the pleasure of fol-

This starts our new school house "ball" to rolling. We are aiming to make this "ball" bigger from time to time. We are in much need of a new school house here.

We are pleased to note that the How Branch school has progressed rapidly this winter. The teacher, Mr. Victor G. Williams, is proud of the pronounced advancement of the pupils. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, the school has not been more liberally attended in several years.

There was quite a nice candy party at the home of Nathan H. Lewis last Friday night. The house was filled with guests and everyone seemed to greatly enjoy the occasion.

The weather seems quite unsettled as yet.

The farmers can not do much plowing yet on account of the land being too wet. We hope they can soon get to turning things around.

We have heard several farmers whose tobacco seed are up, but they are upon the shelf yet.

Miss Lilly Dixon and Mr. David Evans paid Miss Lohora Downs a pleasant visit Sunday afternoon.

Misses Mae Blount and Lucy Randolph and Mr. James F. Latham spent Saturday night at the home of Miss Lizzie I. Lewis.

Quite a number of young people were in our midst Sunday. Among whom were Misses Mae Blount, Lucy Randolph, Sadie Hill, Lizzie Lewis, Nannie Taylor, Lilly Warren, and Messrs. Walter Edwards, Jim Latham, Jake Lancaster, Victor Williams, Richard Moore, Joseph Edwards and Lee Beavers.

George P. Nelson and family spent Sunday afternoon at the home of L. H. Taylor.

Misses Edith Williams of near Bragaw, and Fanny Grissin, of Vanceboro, spent Saturday night at the home of Miss Lillian Beck, near Crow Branch.

A merry lot of young folks assembled at the home of Miss Lillian Beck, Sunday night. Those present were Misses Fanny and Blanche Griffin and Clark Sutton of Vanceboro, and Lizzie Lewis, Bertha Dixon and Mae Blount, together with Messrs. Walter Edwards, Christopher and Curtis Nelson, Norman and Hyman Dixon, and Victor Williams.

Hawkins School House Items.

Rev. H. H. Ambrose of Roper, was the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. D. Swain, Friday night.

Miss Mattie P. Woolard spent last Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Woolard.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hawkins attended church at Asbury, Sunday.

Lyman Pinkham made a flying trip to Jessama, Sunday afternoon.

J. B. Wallace spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. M. H. Cutler at Jessama.

Mrs. Margaret A. Woolard, of Piney Grove, spent some days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Pinkham.

Rev. H. H. Ambrose of Roper, delighted his hearers with a very able sermon Friday night. Those who did not attend missed something fine. Rev. Ambrose is a young man of promise, a gifted speaker, and all who can, should avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing him once every month on Friday night before the fourth Sunday.

The weather continues so disagreeable that farmers have made but little progress toward making preparations for a new crop.

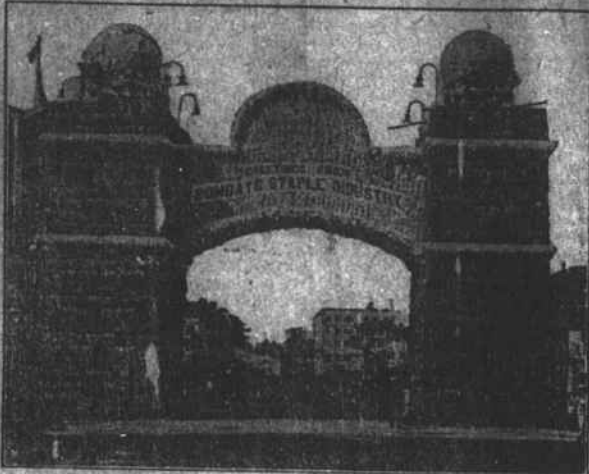
W. H. Sullivan and E. W. A. Woolard were out driving Sunday morning.

Quite a number attended Sunday school at Hawkins school house last Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mabelle Mitchell was the guest of Mrs. O. L. Sparrow one night last week.

lowing him, expected nothing that he did not liberally give of the part he assumed.

Bombay's Great Cotton Arch



Cotton is the staple crop of a large part of India and its manufacture the staple industry of Bombay. Consequently, when King George visited that city recently the arch of welcome here illustrated was constructed entirely of bales of cotton.

MR. WILLIAMS SOUNDS A WARNING NOTE HERE

James O. Williams of the firm of Daniel O'Dell & Company and a Member of the New York Cotton Exchange, Says Cotton Prices Have Advanced Because of the Possibility of a Material Reduction in Acreage.

Rock Hill, S. C., Feb. 27.—Mr. J. G. Anderson of this place, who has had charge of putting the "Rock Hill Plan" for the reduction of cotton acreage, into effect, has just received the following letter from James O. Williams, a member of the cotton brokerage firm of Daniel O'Dell & Co., of 71 Broadway, New York, and who is also a member of the New York Cotton Exchange. Mr. Williams' letter reads:

"I am very much pleased to learn that your efforts have been so successful in bringing about a promised material reduction in the cotton acreage for this year. I wish you every success and believe it is the very salvation of the cotton planter."

"I consider that many spinners are laying in supplies for future needs in view of the possibilities of a material reduction in acreage this year."

"When I was south last October a big spinner told me that if cotton went to 8 1/2c he expected to buy sufficient to run him for two years, as he considered it a safe investment at a price which he considered below the cost of production. His views undoubtedly represented the views of numerous spinners all over the country and when the price reached a point at which they considered that the actual cotton could not be produced, they began buying on a heavy scale. This heavy buying in my opinion, turned the market and the ease with which it has since advanced has not only made them surer of their position, but has encouraged others to follow their example, and the consequence is that we have a much more optimistic feeling today than we had a few months ago, although there has been no reduction in estimates of last year's yield."

"As to the future course of market, I believe it absolutely depends upon the acreage planted, fertilizers used and progress made in this year's crop, for certainly if indications point to another big yield, spinners who have bought far into the future will be the first to try to unload in the expectation of buying again at material reductions, while the demand will become so slack that there would surely follow a tremendous break in prices."

"On the other hand, if the prospects were for a small crop the spinners would feel assured of their position in laying in supplies for the future and the general demand would increase, based on the fact that the surplus at the end of this year would be materially reduced, and I believe we would have a genuine old bull market. Hope you will keep up the good work."

Center on Horse Breeding.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—The feasibility of breeding horses for the army on Indian reservations was considered at a conference held at the Department of Agriculture today.

Among those participating in the conference were the commissioner of Indian affairs the chief of the bureau of animal industry and the quartermaster general and a number of other officers of the army.

Pittsburg Dog Show Opens.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 28.—The annual bench show of the Duquesne Kennel Club opened here today with more than 1,000 entries, representing leading kennels in all parts of the country. The exhibition will continue until Saturday.

PROFESSOR CRAVEN ADDRESSED SCHOOL

Superintendent of New Bern Graded Schools Spoke to Washington Pupils This Morning.

Professor Harvey Craven, who is a grandson of the founder of Trinity College, and who is himself superintendent of the New Bern graded schools, and a college mate of Prof. N. C. Newbold, superintendent of the Washington public schools, delivered an able and instructive address to the pupils of the latter, in the school auditorium this morning, his subject being: "The Dominance of a Great Purpose." He left the city after his address, for New Bern.

BASE-BALL NOTES

Coach Wilbert Robinson declares that Louis Drueke, of the Giants, will be one of the star pitchers of the season.

If the National Commission gives permission, the Blue Grass League will place teams in Louisville and Covington, Ky.

Youngstown, now in the Central league, claims to have played to 112,000 persons in the Ohio-Pennsylvania league last season.

Manager Wallace, of the St. Louis Browns, has engaged Lou Criger, the former big league catcher, to coach the young pitchers.

This season all American league teams will dress at the grounds, which will save the clubs several thousand dollars in taxicab bills.

Pitcher Blaine Durbin, formerly with the Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds, has signed with the Oakland Pacific Coast league team.

With Topsy Tartel acting as the pilot, Toledo fans believe the Mud Hens will be there or near, in the American Association race.

With "Gaby" Street and Ed. Sweeney working behind the plate, the New York Yankees are well fixed in the backstopping department.

The Pittsburg Club paid \$51,000 for minor league players last fall and will have to pay \$5,000 additional if the players are retained.

Jack Lewis, who will be given a trial at second base by the Boston Red Sox, lives in Pittsburg, where he conducts an undertaking business.

Scout Dick Kinsella, of the St. Louis Cardinals, will receive \$5,000 for three months' work, and is said to be the highest priced man in baseball.

President Charlie Ebbetta, of the Brooklyn Club, considers Forbes Field, at Pittsburg, the model baseball yard, and will embody many of its features in his new plat.

"Uncle Cy" Young is training at Hot Springs, Ark., for his twenty-third year in big league baseball. Cy says his wing is still strong and he will show the youngsters how the leaguers are twisted.

Harry McIntire, the spit-ball twirler, was the first Cub to report in Chicago. Harry was decorated with his spunk and made the girls with diamond heels look like a lantern in a railroad shanty.

For Child Welfare.

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GRIST PROPERTY TO GO ON THE MARKET

Owners of This Valuable Estate Will Hold Big Land Sale Next Month. An Ideal Residential Section.

The Elmwood Realty Co., the owners of the "Grist property" in the west end of the city, have closed a contract with The Atlantic Coast Realty Co., of Greenville, to make sale of a part of the property. The sale for white and colored people will be on Thursday, March 21st.

This is the property, left by Mrs. Sylvester Fleming and is considered one of the most valuable properties contiguous to the city, and a great many people will learn with delight that it is going to be placed on the market. It is located in the west end of the city, and Main, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth streets run through it and is ideally a spot for home sights. It is learned that only a portion of the property will be offered at this time.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW COMING AND GOING

Mr. W. E. Stubbs, cashier of the Bank of Belhaven, is in the city today.

Mr. Alfred Dixon, was in the city yesterday from the north, en route to his home at Belhaven.

Mr. Tim Taylor, of Hyde county, has arrived in the city and will take the position as sawyer at the Eureka Mill.

Mr. C. F. Bland is on a visit to Mt. Olive.

This Date in History, Feb. 28.

1781—Richard Stockton, one of the New Jersey signers of the Declaration of Independence, died. Born Oct. 1, 1724.

1795—Congress passed an act empowering the President, in case of invasion, to call out the militia of the states.

1808—Samuel Kirkland, founder of Hamilton college, died. Born on Dec. 1, 1714.

1849—First steamer of the Pacific Mail Company, the "California," arrived at San Francisco.

1853—Libeny executed for his attempt on the life of the emperor of Austria.

1861—Territory of Colorado created by act of Congress.

1869—Alphonso de Lamartine, French poet and statesman, died. Born Oct. 21, 1790.

1871—Congress set apart the Yellowstone Valley as a national park.

1890—The North American Commercial Company secured the Alaskan fur-seal rights for twenty years.

1893—Battleship Indiana launched at Philadelphia.

Roosevelt-Taft Test in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 28.—Interest of Missouri Republicans is just now centered upon the Third Congressional District, the first in the State to meet for the selection of delegates to the Republican national convention at Chicago. The convention will meet tomorrow at Pittsburg. The outcome will be watched with interest because of the active rivalry for control between friends of President Taft and those of Colonel Roosevelt.

It is known that the Roosevelt forces intend to make a vigorous fight to prevent the instruction of the delegates for Taft. E. L. Morse of Excelsior Springs is directing the campaign for Taft delegates and says that the two delegates selected to-morrow undoubtedly will be instructed for the President's nomination.

James E. Tolerton, president of the Missouri Roosevelt Club, who has made a careful canvass of the nine counties comprised in the district, says Roosevelt delegates will be named.

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MORTALLY WOUNDS CHILD WIFE THEN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Young North Carolinian Deliberately Planned to Slay His Wife and Take His Own Life in South Norfolk. Domestic Infelicity the Cause. Little Hope Entertained for Recovery of Wife.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 28.—A young man, 25 years of age, shot and severely injured his wife, Mrs. Iris Hollomon, yesterday morning shortly after seven o'clock and then turned the revolver on himself. He fired two shots into his brain from which he died within an hour after the shooting. Mrs. Hollomon's condition, though critical, it is believed that there is a chance for her recovery. She is 16 years of age.

Mrs. Hollomon, who was employed at the Chesapeake Knitting Mills, was on her way to her work, when she was met at the northwestern entrance to the mill at the corner of Chesapeake Ave., and Twelfth street by her husband, who opened fire upon her. The bullets, which were fired from a U. S. revolver, entered the right side of her head, just above the ear.

Cause of Shooting.

The couple came here from North Carolina several years ago and had been married for the past two years. Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause of the shooting. It was stated this morning by Mr. Jones, foreman of the finishing department of the Chesapeake Mills, that Mrs. Hollomon had been in the employ of the mill for the past six months, that she and her husband had been separated several times and that they had been living together about two weeks before the shooting. Mr. Jones said he had known Mrs. Hollomon from a little girl and that she bore a good name and was always attentive to her work. He did not know any cause for their separation except for disagreement.

Letter on Body Discloses His Deliberate Plan.

The following letter was found upon the body of Otis Hollomon by Coroner Knight and Undertaker Cox, which explains itself:

Monday Night, Feb. 26, 1912.

I am going to murder my wife and myself because I love her and she only, and she will not stay with me. I have been trying to throw off my troubles for over a week and I cannot do it. I have pleaded with her to come home and she will not come, so I am going to put a stop to it all tomorrow a. m. The girl that will be with her can tell where all of my people are, and can also tell what the trouble is. I will ask that our bodies be buried side by side, I care not where we are put together. I love my wife and can not live in this World without her so good bye to every body for our journey is over and I hope no one will grieve after us. I have given her a chance and she will not come so farewell we are gone for ever.

(Signed) OTIS M. HOLLOMON.

At the hospital it was stated that Mrs. Hollomon was still unconscious and that very little hope of her recovery was entertained.

ORIAN TO BUILD FINE RESIDENCE IN COUNTY

As Result of the Visit of House Seekers Last Fall, One Purchased, Who Will Build \$25,000 Residence.

News, which is not lacking in confirmation, that one of the party who came on the first home seekers excursions into this county last fall, and purchased land in this county, has already let the contract, and accepted the plans for the building of a residence on his property to cost in the neighborhood of \$25,000. While this is authentic, we have been requested to withhold fuller particulars at this time. The building of this residence is only a small part of the improvements to be made on the property.

Argentine Minister Honored.

Pittsburg, Feb. 28.—In connection with the 125th anniversary celebration of the University of Pittsburg, the authorities of the university today conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. upon Dr. Romulo S. Naon, the Argentine minister at Washington. The degree was conferred by Chancellor McCormick in the presence of the university trustees and faculty and a large number of guests. The honor was conferred upon Dr. Naon in recognition of his important services as professor of constitutional law and a member of the governing board of the University of Buenos Ayres, the foremost educational institution of South America.

MR. JOSEPH J. HODGES ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Market Street Merchant Is Shot by a Friend While Toting With an "Unloaded" Revolver.

About 7:30 last evening while Mr. Joe Hodges, who conducts a grocery store at the corner of Sixth and Market streets, and Mr. Ernest Clark were carelessly handling a revolver, which Mr. Clark playfully pointed at Mr. Hodges and pulled the trigger, the latter received a bullet through the fleshy part of his leg, the ball entering above the knee, on the under side and lodging slightly underneath the skin on the opposite side. The wound, though painful, is not serious.

BRIEF NOTES OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

The Chamber of Commerce will probably turn out some live information for the benefit of the public this week. There are some lively projects before it that will probably materialize ere the week is gone.

The usual mid-week prayer services will be held in all the churches this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The Eureka Lumber Co. mills are nearing completion and will resume operations next week.

Hon. Hallet S. Ward will address the voters at the court house this evening in the interest of Judge Clark's senatorial candidacy.

Annual inspection of Second Regiment National Guards at the armory at 8:30 this evening.

At the First Presbyterian church this evening, there will be held a meeting of more than ordinary interest. From the Bible class of this Sunday school a delegate was sent to the great Laymen's Convention held in Chattanooga a few days since, which was the largest meeting ever held by the Southern Presbyterian church. A report of that meeting will be rendered by the delegate at the church this evening, and to hear it will be worth while.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.
Judge S. C. Bragaw, presiding.

The case of Stille vs. Brian for damages in the sum of \$500.00 was disposed of yesterday, the jury awarding the plaintiff \$25 damages.

In the divorce proceedings of Wesley Smallwood vs. Calorie Smallwood, the plaintiff was awarded a verdict a vinculo matrimonii.

When court adjourned the suit of H. B. Stille vs. S. R. Fowle & Son was in progress.

This case consumed the forenoon session of the court today.

From La Follette to Roosevelt.
San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 28.—As a result of a conference held in this city today, it appears probable that the organized Progressive Republicans of California, will drop their support of Senator La Follette and declare for Roosevelt as their choice for the presidential nomination.

Chester H. Rowell president of the La Follette League of California, has set the example by declaring for Roosevelt, and it is believed that the majority of the league members will follow the same course.