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At 12 o'clock Saturday the physicians of Cumberland county met in the county court room, called together by Dr. J. F. Highsmith.

The physicians present, all members of the now existing county society, resolved themselves into a meeting.

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"ARDLUSSA" REUNION.

Delightful Outings for Its Materialment.

From Saturday's Daily. Lack of space prevented it yesterday, but to day the reporter of the OBSERVER offers to its readers the pleasure which he has enjoyed, in reading the following excellent contributions to the enjoyment of the reunion of the McNeill family at Ardlussa last Thursday.

Southern Hospitality.

BY MISS ELIZABETH BROOKER DAVIDSON.

When the request came to write something to be read at this gathering at Ardlussa, we wondered "what shall we write?"

Pondering over subjects, humorous or otherwise, until our brain was in quite a whirl, no theme seemed more fitting this occasion than to make it an opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the genial, warm-hearted hospitality of the "Old North State," and pre-eminently of these our friends.

Today in this old mansion with its historic memories, under the shade of these noble trees, and listening to the song of the near-by waters as they flow, surrounded by such a host of congenial spirits, inspirations come to us that shall broaden our lives and teach us lessons that make for nobler living and the doing of the charming things that bring pleasure into the lives of others.

This is a reunion. Yes, that has a significant meaning, not only to the members of this family, but also to us—for were we not one of your number a year ago? How the memory of that happy time has been with us during the days that have passed, for is it not true that

"The memory of happy days Hath power to cheer the heart alway!"

Many an hour has been spent in living over again the events of that day. How we gathered in the parlor of the old mansion and were charmed by the music from the skilled touch of one of your number, and the lilting notes never before by your enthusiastic singing of "Carolina." The loyalty of your whole heart surely burst forth in that song. Then out on the lawn under those mighty trees to tables laden with—but here language fails me to describe that gastronomic feast and its picturesque "aftermath" of the "negroes at their banquet." Again the walk down the glade to the springs! Was there ever such "agua pura" as we quaffed that day from the ground? Surely we had found what the old Spaniard long ago sought; for as the gray-haired veterans of the party, the living stream we saw signs of returning buoyancy, and those of less mature years left with a more elastic step.

But other attractions presented themselves, and rather reluctantly we retraced our steps, leaving the ferns and mosses, to stroll across the bridge, to explore the wooded knoll beyond, gathering flora by the path, until we reached a spot where the vista spread out before us beggars description.

We listened to the waters as they met and murmured one to the other of their merry pranks over the pebbly brooks on the hillside or through the blossoming meadows, or listened to the whispering of the gentle zephyrs in the tops of the beautiful pines—the pride of North Carolina. What a romantic spot! How the imagination leads one to visions of the pebbly brooks of nature round about one could while away the hours.

Seeking for the shady nook, With one dear friend or genial brook, Dreaming that life's one summer's day, That love and youth will last away.

But from our reverie we return to the present. We are here at Ardlussa again, yet in the midst of all our joy and sadness a minor chord is touched and a strain of sadness enters into the harmony, as we look for some of the faces and forms who a year ago greeted us with such a kindly smile and sweet grace of manner. We see them not with these eyes, but in the memory of our hearts, and we believe they really do form one in our midst, are interested in this festive day, and that the sweet influence of their lives is a ministering spirit to us, inspiring us to a better life?

We are sure we voice the sentiments of our genial host and hostess (Dr. MacNeill and his charming wife) when we say—

Then take as a token, Of friendship unbroken, This prayer that we offer thee, That life from her treasure, May give only pleasure, When thinking of these and of me.

The Advantage of Country Raising.

BY PROF. ARCH JOHNSON.

A good deal of sport is made of the green and gawky boy from the back woods, who thinks when he goes to town that the waterworks' tank is the State museum, and who doesn't know what end of a cheroot to light; but, after all, he is the gentleman who, when he does learn how, will run the town.

Somehow it seems necessary in the acquirement of common sense that a boy must wear copper breeches and one suspender, as he walks down the blistering corn rows and longs for the sound of the dinner horn. In the management of men, the most helpful training is an earlier knowledge of the management of men. Man is a mighty factor in the strenuous battle of life, and for the production of real muscle a baseball bat or a dumbbell are not in the same class with a broad axe or a spade or a cross cut saw. All the city-bred boy can gain in the gymnasium, and more, the country boy already possesses, in the exercise of a life-long struggle against grass and weeds.

There is another thing about the country boy—he works in the day and sleeps at night. He goes to the singing, but by 9 o'clock begins to gape, and when the clock strikes ten the whole party lies in fear and trembling and has no home to explain why they are so late. He may pulverize a plug tobacco, but he cannot handle a cigar, and his hard road is innocent of concentrated lye. His habits are as regular as his pulse, and he goes to church on Sunday to hear what the preacher says and not to kill an hour or two of time.

Blissings on the country boy! He is the coming man. As hard as he is, and ungainly as he may be, all of us lean on his strong arm and follow his wise counsel. I am not blaming anybody for not having been born in the country—I am only pitying them. They are sadly handicapped in the beginning of the race. They have only one in the advantage of a city bred boy coming to the Presidency, and that is the present incumbent, whose judgment is as erratic as a whitewind. If Roosevelt had been brought up on a farm he might have been a Charles B. Aycock.

Monday night a desperate "crook" fought a pistol battle with six policemen on the roof of a residence on 43rd street, New York. He was finally brought down by a wound in the leg, surrendering with two revolvers, an electric lantern and a rope-ladder.

Suicide Prevention. The startling announcement that a preventive of suicides had been discovered will interest many. A run-down system, or dependency invariably precedes suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve-wringer it strengthens the nerves and builds up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by B. R. Sedberry & Sons, druggists.

A Good Liver. A bad liver means a bad breath, bad complexion, poor digestion and often constipation. A good healthy active liver means a clear skin, free from pimples and spots, bright eyes, buoyant spirits, in other words good health. Make the liver healthy and see its healthy by using Dr. J. C. Liver Tablets. They act specifically on the liver as a mild stimulant and tonic, arousing it to activity. They gently stimulate the muscular walls of the bowels and invigorate the system and tend to restore a regular healthy habit. B. R. Sedberry Sons.

Early Ready for Business.

The handsome Highsmith block on Green street, and the large and imposing buildings of the Armfield Wholesale Grocery and the Huske Wholesale Hardware Companies on Hay street, are nearly ready for occupancy, and are architectural ornaments of their sections of the city.

Boat Hand Missing. Sunday morning about 2 o'clock, during the run of the steamer City of Fayetteville from Wilmington to this place, Rob Webb, a colored hand, was missed, and is supposed to have fallen overboard and been drowned.

Webb was the son of Dolly Webb, and his father was once a pilot on the Cape Fear. He has been working in Georgia, and came here only about a month ago.

Loaf of Bread Worth Something. Sunday's Wilmington Messenger, in an interesting reminiscence article of the bombardment and fall of Fort Fisher, quotes from the old Wilmington Journal, just a few days before the capture of the fort, that "flour was selling at \$600 a barrel in Fayetteville."

The thoughtful OBSERVER reader will find something significant in this quotation of the price of the "staff of life" in Fayetteville. The good town had even then passed the heyday of its prominence as the great entrepot inland and up-country trade, but it was still regarded as the flour market of the State; and not until some years afterwards had the Person street flour warehouse, under the successive management of the late lamented Messrs. Henry Sedberry and Philemon Taylor, outlived its usefulness, and found its "occupation gone."

Money Not Accepted. While Dr. H. W. Lilly was in New York city, acting by request as agent of the city government of Fayetteville, he made to the officials of the Fayetteville Waterworks Company a tender of \$79,000 cash, the sum agreed upon by the board of appraisers as the value of the plant. The company declined to accept the money at the time it was tendered.

Ferrous Guano. Genuine Peruvian guano is being imported again as a commercial commodity. The first shipment to arrive at any South Atlantic port for more than twenty years came into Charleston, S. C., recently. The importation of it is controlled by Messrs. Edmund Mortimer & Co., New York city, sole agents for the United States.

This celebrated fertilizer is registered by the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Oliver Smith, of Wilmington, is sole State agent.

The Raisin and Cotton and Fox Vine Hay. The rains of the past week or two have worked great injury to crops in this section, cotton and pea-vine hay suffering terribly. We heard a prominent farmer say this morning that his entire crop of hay was ruined, and his cotton was off bad. The government report, issued Tuesday night, says:

Cotton has made rapid growth throughout the cotton belt and in portions of the central and western districts, and in eastern North Carolina, too, rapid growth is quite general, rust and shedding being also reported in the central and eastern districts, while heavy rains have caused injury in portions of North Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Early cotton is now opening, a "first" bale having been ginned in South Carolina on the 11th, four days later than the average.

Cooler weather has affected tobacco unfavorably in Kentucky, Pennsylvania and New England, and drought is causing further injury in Ohio. Elsewhere the crop has made satisfactory progress. Cutting has begun in Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin and New England. There is a very general absence of reports of injury by worms.

Farmers' Central Protective Association. Correspondence of the Observer. Tarboro, N. C., August 14th, 1903. MR. EDITOR:

There will be a meeting of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association of the State, at Rocky Mount, N. C., on Friday, the 21st day of August, 1903, for the purpose of considering the present deplorable situation of the tobacco interest of the State.

In this matter every banker and merchant and land owner, as well as tobacco grower, is interested. The situation is threatening and requires instant attention. Unless immediate action is taken the result will be to sacrifice the entire tobacco crop of the State.

Will you not give one day of your time towards relieving this situation? If so, we beg that you will attend the meeting at Rocky Mount on the 21st inst. At this time we hope to submit for consideration practicable and business-like measures to meet the present conditions. We need and seek your interest and co-operation, and feel that we have the right to expect it of you. We have invited the bankers and merchants of the tobacco growing section of the State to meet the farmers at Rocky Mount for conference, and have the assurance of a large gathering. Please advise me if we may expect you to attend.

Very truly, J. W. B. BATTLE, President.

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THE FIRST REGIMENT.

Company A Leaves for the Encampment—The Corps Presents a Fine Appearance.

Company A of the Independent Light Infantry battalion, the right of line of the First Regiment North Carolina National Guard, left at 12:40 o'clock Tuesday for the annual encampment of five days at Asheville. On account of the sickness of his wife, the popular and efficient commandant, Major J. G. Hollingsworth, is unable to leave home, and the company will be commanded by the next excellent ranking officer, Captain N. H. McGeachy.

Quite a heavy rain about the hour of the departure of the soldiers measurably eclipsed the elation of their send-off; but, notwithstanding, there was a large crowd at the armory and the passenger station of admiring friends and well-wishers—especially pretty girls, with bouquets and still better tributes of smiles and kind words for the warriors about to encounter the hazards and perils of camp life.

Mr. E. L. Rensburg, the company musician, will take his valued place in the regiment band on reaching the encampment.

Following is the correct roll of the rank and file taking the train Tuesday:

COMMISSIONED. First Lieut. N. H. McGeachy, June 5, 1901. Second Lieut. E. T. Watson, June 5, 1901.

ENLISTED. First Sergt. E. R. MacKethan, July 1, 1901. Q. M. Sergt. A. R. Williams, July 1, 1901. Sergt. J. A. Brown, July 1, 1901. Sergt. G. C. Weinger, July 1, 1901. Sergt. C. L. Jones, July 1, 1901. Sergt. George McNeill, July 1, 1901. Corp. E. L. Pool, July 1, 1901. Corp. Paul Watson, July 1, 1901. Corp. Kiffin Powers, July 1, 1901. Musician, E. L. Rensburg, July 1, 1901.

PRIVATE. W. M. Bell, May 21, 1903. T. M. Campbell, July 1, 1901. Robert Clark, July 1, 1901. C. B. Culbreth, August 27, 1902. Roy Depo, July 1, 1901. S. W. Ellis, August 15, 1903. S. T. Hatch, July 1, 1901. W. C. Holland, Jr., July 1, 1901. J. M. Humphrey, July 1, 1901. C. W. Kelly, August 15, 1903. H. L. Lamb, July 20, 1903. B. R. Lockman, August 27, 1902. R. G. Murchison, August 27, 1902. D. Murchison, July 1, 1901. D. L. McDuffie, August 15, 1903. A. N. McLean, May 21, 1903. J. A. McLeod, July 1, 1901. A. F. McMillan, August 15, 1903. Pemberton McNeill, July 27, 1903. William Owen, July 1, 1901. George Phillips, July 1, 1901. James Phillips, July 1, 1901. J. W. Ratford, July 20, 1903. J. A. Rathfin, April 29, 1903. W. T. Reed, August 27, 1902. E. W. Smith, July 1, 1901. S. D. L. Smith, July 1, 1901. S. M. Tomlinson, August 27, 1902. W. M. Vann, August 1, 1903.

Arrested for Larceny of a Diamond Ring. Dallas Williams, colored, was committed to jail this morning, charged with the larceny of a diamond ring. Williams claims that the ring was given to him by a negro woman, while another negro man claims that it was stolen from him. It is said to be a very valuable ring, and where it came from is so far a mystery.

Excursion to Seashore. Hatches' excursion from Selma to Wilmington and the beach, the last to pass through Fayetteville this season, Tuesday, August 25th. For white people only. See advertisement on 3d page.

Regimental Postoffice. The postoffice address of the First Regiment during the Encampment will be Billmore, Buncombe county.

News of Interest. Joseph Pulitzer, owner of the New York World, has given \$2,000,000 for the establishment of a school of journalism, for which a building will be erected in Morningside Park at a cost of \$500,000. A faculty to teach editors how to run a newspaper, Mr. Pulitzer can pick up almost anywhere.

Goldboro has just completed a handsome city hall, with fish market attached, at a cost of \$27,000.

One thousand shots were exchanged between strikers and workmen at Wheeling, W. Va., Sunday morning.

The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius greatly increased Sunday, two streams of lava rushing down from the crater, one 2,500 and the other 2,300 feet in length.

The whole bond issue of \$5,000, to extend the sewerage system of Southern Pines, has been taken by Mr. E. M. Fulton, a citizen of the place.

A good roads convention will be held at Lakeview, Moore county, in a few days.

The Ada cotton mill, which has been in the hands of a receiver, was sold by order of court in Charlotte Monday. The company is capitalized at \$128,500, and owes about \$66,000.

Two attempts were made Sunday night to wreck a vestibule train on the Southern Railway, just outside of Charlotte.

Monday, in the Superior court of Mecklenburg county, Judge Walter H. Neal was sequestered on gambling, and especially "bucket shop" gambling.

On Monday afternoon, at King's Mountain, Mrs. Butler was instantly killed by lightning, the electric current entering the house over a telephone wire.

A serious fire was burning for hours Monday in Brunswick, Ga., consuming much valuable property, and endangering a large part of the business district of the city.

A monster mass meeting of farmers was held at Kinston on Saturday, and ringing resolutions were passed on denunciation of the American Tobacco Company's greed and injustice.

Mr. George Vandenberg has contracted with an Asheville company for the electric lighting of Billmore, including all the buildings, grounds, etc.

FAYETTEVILLE MARKETS.

REVISED DAILY. COTTON. Good Middling, new cotton... 12 1/2. Strict Middling... 11 1/2. Middling... 11. Strict Low Middling... 10 1/2.

NAVAL STORES. Spirits... 48. Common Rosin... 25. Yellow Dip, New... 2.80. Yellow Dip, Old... 2.60.

PRODUCE. REPORTED BY A. S. HUSKE, GROCER. Flour—1st pat. sack, \$2.50. Family Flour—strict, \$2.00. Meal—bolts—45 lbs per bushel, 80c. Meal—bolts—48 lbs per bushel, 75c. Corn—50 lbs per bushel, 70c. Beans—hog round per lb, 13c. Ham, 11c. Sides, 11c. Shoulders, 12c. Pork—M. C., 12c. Lard—N. C., 12c. Onions—22 lbs per bushel, 60c. Peas—day, 80c. Peas—night, 70c. Potatoes—Irish—bushel—new, 1.00. Potatoes—sweet, 70c. Honey—strained—per lb, 7c. Country Butter, 30c. Eggs—per bushel, 30c. Hens—per bushel, 30c. Broilers, 15c. Eggs, 14c. Butter—per bushel, 20c. Turkey—per lb, 10c. Geese, 25c. Geese, 25c. Feathers—new, 35c. Feathers—old, 25c. Tallow, 5c. Wool—washed, 15c. Shocks, 60c. Potatoes, 50c. Hay, 95c.

Elizabeth Turnbow. We want the heirs of Elizabeth Turnbow in this case. She came to Texas from North Carolina in 1834 or 1835. Address, J. W. Lawrence & Son, land agents, Austin, Texas.

NOTICE. All parties endorsing Safety Deposit Boxes in this bank are requested to present their keys to the Cashier as early a date as possible in order that the various numbers may be properly checked up on our books.

A Handsome Line of new, bright, good Cutlery and Silver-plated-ware.

To Lettuce Growers. I have just received one hundred bags of Agricultural Lime, and to those who have already put in orders for same, can get it at any time; to those who have not bought will say that you cannot afford to plant lettuce without lime. Lime your beds well before applying your compost.

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Boone's Pile Cure—An Important Letter. Chlo. S. C., Feby 17, 1903. Mr. J. A. D. Boone, Fayetteville, N.C. Dear Sir:—I have been a sufferer from piles for the last twenty years, and have bled and suffered enough to kill any ordinary man, and have spent lots of money for so called pile remedies, and the first and only relief I ever got was from your pile medicine, which I can heartily recommend to all who suffer with piles—D. W. Fats, Traveling Salesman for Liddell & Co., Charlotte, N. C. Price 50 cents. Write for testimonials.

Teachers Wanted. We need at once a few more Teachers for Fall schools. Good positions are being filled daily by us. We are receiving more calls this year than ever before. Schools and colleges supplied with Teachers free of cost. Excellent stamp for reply.

AMERICAN TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. J. L. GRAHAM, LL. D., Manager, 152-154 Grand Hill, Memphis, Tenn.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE. Having this day qualified as administrator of the estate of H. E. Smith, late of Cumberland county, N. C., notice is hereby given to all persons holding claims against the said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly authenticated, on or before the 15th day of August, 1903, or this notice will be pleaded in bar thereof. All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment thereof August 15th, 1903.

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