

SOCIETY

POINTERS PLACING PEOPLE IN AND ABOUT HENDERSONVILLE.

Mr. A. B. Freeman of Asheville was in the city this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sales on Sunday, a daughter.

Mr. Julius M. Stewart has returned from Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Valentine visited in Brevard Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. T. L. Durham and son, Master Lewis, and Mr. R. J. Alderman motored to Greenville, S. C., Sunday.

Miss Bessie Aiken returned last week from the exposition in San Francisco.

Rev. E. L. Kingiey of Honea Path, S. C., has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Thomas the past week.

The Hospital association will meet with Mrs. C. E. Wilson on Thursday afternoon of this week at 3:30 o'clock.

Dr. Guy E. Dixon, Dr. B. F. Cliff and Dr. E. P. Mallett motored to Charlotte last week to attend a clinic given by a noted surgeon.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Rozler will regret to learn that their child has been very ill for the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Norwood and little son Billie, spent the week end in Brevard, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Miller.

Rev. J. B. Beavers, who has been supplying the East Baptist church for the summer, leaves this week for South Carolina.

Mr. John T. Wilkins and family have returned to the city for the winter after taking up residence near Fletcher during the summer.

Mr. O. B. Kelly of Tryon was in the city Friday en route home from the Baptist association at Balfour, to which he was a delegate.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Durfee and daughter, Miss Allene, have returned from Bay View, Mich., where they have been for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Morse of St. Louis, Mo., are in the city to attend the wedding of the latter's brother, Dr. L. B. Morse, on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Carroll and Mrs. C. E. Williams of Knightstown, Ind., who have been guests at the Thomas cottage returned home on Monday.

Mrs. C. R. Whitaker and daughter, Mrs. H. R. Savage, Mrs. A. M. Gover and Miss Gladys Gover have returned from the exposition at San Francisco.

Rev. James M. Justice returned last week from the central part of the State, where he has been attending Baptist associations and delivering sermons in the interest of foreign missions.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Womble and child are visiting their parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Womble. Mr. Womble is from Winston-Salem, where he is engaged in the legal profession.

Mr. Joe Freeman, who for the past few years has been associated with the Democrat print shop, left last week for Greenville, where he accepted a position with the Greenville Reflector.

Mrs. Dollie Hawkins Holmes, who has been visiting relatives and friends in the city, will leave on Friday for her home at Seattle, Wash. She states that there has been many improvements since her last visit, which was ten years ago.

Mr. G. V. Allworden and family, who have been spending the summer at their home on Sixth avenue, leave this week for their winter home at Columbia.

Mr. J. Maxwell Wertz, a student of the University of South Carolina arrived here Tuesday where he will remain sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wertz. Young Mr. Wertz has had to give up his studies on account of his health.

Solicitor Michael Schenck has returned to the city after a visit in Marion, where he was engaged in court work; in Greensboro, where he was interested in the prosecution of F. E. Tipton for an assault upon Mr. and

Mrs. Schenck, and from Cleveland county, where he attended the funeral of Major Schenck, a close relative.

Mr. P. F. Patton, road engineer for Greenville county, was in Hendersonville during the early part of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Patton will likely make their home in Greenville after this month.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Whitaker, Mrs. Lula Savage and Miss Theobald, the latter of Asheville left Wednesday morning on a motor trip to points in South Carolina and Georgia to be gone several weeks.

Miss Connie Morrow left Friday for McCormick, S. C., where she resumed school work Monday. Her services were engaged at this school a few miles from McCormick last year. She was joined in Spartanburg by her sister, Miss Willie Morrow, who expects to return to the city during the latter part of the month, after visiting friends and relatives in McCormick and other South Carolina towns.

As previously stated in the Democrat, the wedding of Miss Mary Gold McPheeters to Mr. Frank Watkins Jarnagin will take place tonight (Wednesday) at the Presbyterian church at 9 o'clock. Dr. William M. McPheeters, father of the bride, will officiate.

Mrs. Shreve Entertains. Mrs. Jeffie Morse Shreve entertained with auction bridge at her home on last Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Margaret Shepherd Kemper, who is to be married Thursday of this week to Mrs. Shreve's brother, Dr. L. B. Morse.

The home was artistically decorated for the occasion, the color scheme of pink and white prevailing in the dining room and refreshments, the living room being decorated in golden red and white roses while autumn colors prevailed in the hall.

The first prize was won by Mrs. Dr. Carrigan, the second going to Miss Edith Waldrop and the consolation to Mrs. Lila Ripley Barnwell.

Daughters of Confederacy. The Daughters of the Confederacy were entertained Saturday by Mrs. William Lott. This was the first meeting of the Daughters since the annual election of officers, when Mrs. J. S. Brown was re-elected president; Mrs. L. E. Fisher was re-elected secretary, and Mrs. Eunice Posey was elected treasurer.

Among the business discussed at the meeting with Mrs. Lott was the convention to be held in Charlotte by the Daughters of North Carolina. The following delegates to this convention were elected: Mrs. L. M. Dodamead, Mrs. Michael Schenck, Miss Kate Shipp.

Kemper-Morse. Dr. L. B. Morse and Mrs. Margaret Shepherd Kemper will be married at the home of the bride on Fifth avenue on Thursday of this week. The wedding will be a quiet home affair with only the immediate families of the contracting parties present. Following the ceremony Dr. and Mrs. Morse will be absent from the city for some time on their wedding tour after which they will return to Hendersonville and make their home on Fifth avenue for the winter at the residence of Mrs. Kemper. Mrs. Kemper, who came from Vicksburg, Miss., has been making her home in Hendersonville for some time and has made many friends while here. Dr. Morse is well known in this section and for a number of years has been conducting the sanatorium in Hendersonville which bears his name.

BEAR WALLOW. Rev. Mr. Cole preached an interesting sermon on an appreciative congregation Sunday morning.

Miss Ora Eskridge and Mr. Will Limburger and family, and Mr. J. D. Limburger and family of Shelby, passed through this section recently and were delighted with the mountain scenery.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Gass of Matthews, S. C., passed through this section recently. Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. W. R. Harrill and family, and Mr. C. D. Steadman and family, of Forest City, N. C., passed through this section recently, and were delighted with the scenery and roads.

Miss Minnie Williams visited her mother in the Fairview section Saturday and Sunday.

THE STRENGTH OF THE HILLS.

North Carolina is on the eve of wonderful development. The Piedmont region, on account of its manufacturing enterprises, has been the most attractive portion of the State, and will hold its primacy for years to come. But not forever. That section of North Carolina lying beyond the Blue Ridge is to be the garden of our State. For all the years this region has been inaccessible. Its people have been forced to live secluded lives because of the natural barriers that cut them off from the rest of the outside world. But the barriers are broken down. Splendid highways are making travel swift and easy. Railroads are scaling the hillsides opening new lines of commerce. Education has a stronger hold upon the men of the mountains than any other class of our people. They are not yet educated, but they are going to be. The rising generation will be ready for the great transformation that is coming.

The lying stories that have been printed in Northern journals by religious adventurers, while cruel and asperating, have not hindered the progress of this section. Instead of the huts daubed with clay, serving as residences for the "mountain whites" as pictured by these pious pretenders, the homes of the people are beautiful and attractive. We have seen more painted farm homes this year in Western North Carolina than in any other section of the State we have visited. Furthermore the average man in our mountain section will hold his own with the average man anywhere else. They are no better and no worse than the people of the plains. They are in North Carolina and are all animated by the same spirit in both sections there is a great deal of ignorance, but in both the typical citizen is intelligent and progressive. And we are writing now of the average man and not of the special type.

The hills have this great advantage over the East; the farmers are not slaves to one crop. Cotton has not laid its grip upon them. The crops they raise bring better prices because of the war; and they have no negro problem to worry them. The Western farmer owns his little farm. He is beginning to cultivate it scientifically. He is not land poor but land rich. Broad acres do not promote good farming. It is the small farm that is usually well tilled. Watauga lands, which are the richest in the State, command fabulous prices; and the happy owners of these lands do not loaf and hunt but push their business with intelligent zeal, and they are making money right along. The strength of the hills lies in the fact that there will be no land monopoly. No owner of a great plantation will rent his vast domain to thiftless negroes, and go to town to enjoy life, but he will get his living from his own skillful labor, send his children to the school he and his neighbors have established, attend the country church hard by, and make country life what it ought to be—the finest civilization in the world. Already the boys of the west are going to the top in the world's work, not because they are more gifted than other boys, but because they have not been enervated by the vicious influence of the small towns.—Editor Archibald Johnson in Charity and Children.

SEED CORN SELECTION DAY.

The Farm Demonstration workers have selected Saturday, October 9th, as a special day on which to select corn. This is an important matter. Although, since demonstration work was started seven years ago, the average yield of corn in the State has increased from 14 to 20 bushels per acre, yet the State is still buying a great deal of corn; thus showing we still need to increase our yields per acre. One of the easiest ways of doing this is by improving our seed corn by selection from year to year. It is an easy matter to increase yields from 5 to 10 bushels per acre on good land by such selections. In a four-year's test of varieties by the North Carolina Experiment Station, there was an average difference of 15 1-2 bushels between the highest and lowest yielding varieties. On good land an increase of 21 bushels per acre has been made by improved strains over scrub seed in this state.

The matter of seed selection with corn is very simple, so every farmer should give the matter due attention by going to the corn field or seed patch before corn is harvested. Selection should be made from the best and most prolific stalks. The stalk should be large, flatish and big enough to stand up during a storm, and should have long, broad leaves but should not be too tall. The stalk should bear two or more ears. The seed should not be obtained from stalks grown on very rich land or under exceptionally good condition. But from stalks grown on land of average fertility, under average conditions which produce more than the stalks around them thus showing an inherited tendency toward a higher yield. The ears should not be too high on the stalk—about 2 1-2 feet being the best height.

When this corn is selected the weeds should be gotten out, and it should then be placed where it will be absolutely dry through the winter. Moisture materially injures the vitality of seed corn. This is the first part of the selection. During the long winter nights or rainy days of winter the men and boys on the farm can get into this seed corn, shuck it and then eliminate all undesirable ears. This part of the selection will be given attention later.

This matter has the endorsement of Governor Locke Craig, Commissioner of Agriculture Graham, State Superintendent Joyner, President of Farmers' Union Alexander, county superintendent of education and other leading citizens of the State. Now let farmers do their duty in this matter, rally to the seed selection business and thus make a long stride toward growing in the State all the corn needed and keeping our money at home.

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