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SEABOARD LOCALS.

Death of Mrs. Long--Marriage of Whitehead-Edwards--General News.

Miss Bettie Davis, Conway, is spending some weeks in the home of her relative, Mrs. M. F. Long.

Mrs. Babe Long reached here last Thursday to remain some days with her step-daughter, Mrs. R. D. B. Maddrey.

After a few days' visit to his home here, Mr. Garland Grubbs returned to his adopted home, Suffolk, last Friday afternoon.

Rev. M. Y. Self filled his regular evening appointment at the M. E. church the past Sabbath. While in town he and wife were entertained in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Harris.

Mr. Walter Gay and family of the Pleasant Grove vicinity, were appreciated guests Sunday of his sister, Mrs. W. J. Jones.

Miss Mary Foster, who has been visiting the past week in the home of her cousin, Mr. Eugene Vassor, Pleasant Hill, is expected home this week.

Miss Rosa Perry, who is teaching at Pleasant Grove, spent Saturday and Sunday very pleasantly with her schoolmate, Miss Garnette Crocker.

The lecture in the auditorium here last Friday evening by Prof. Wyche, of the National League of America, was well patronized and heartily received, notwithstanding it was one of the most inclement days of the winter. Our people realized before he came, it was worth while, so turned out in large numbers, regardless of the continual down pour of rain. He fully sustained his national reputation as being the ablest story-teller of this country. Our folks hope he will come our way again in the near future.

Mrs. E. H. Stephenson, after a pleasant visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Vassor, Pleasant Hill, returned to her home here last Friday.

Tickets are out for the marriage of Mr. Jno. Whitehead to Miss Nellie Edwards on the 29th inst. The contracting parties are well and favorably known in this community where they have spent all their lives. Mr. Whitehead is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitehead of Harris' Shop, while his bride-to-be is the accomplished daughter of Mrs. Ella M. Edwards. Their friends will join us in wishing for them long, happy and useful lives.

Our community was saddened today (Monday) when the news reached here that Mrs. Willie Mack Long had breathed her last at her home near Harris' Shop, leaving a helpless infant, only a few days old, besides a husband and several more children. There is no sadder place on earth than a home without a mother. The funeral arrangements had not been made when we learned of her death. To the stricken family we extend sincere condolence.

An extended notice of the play, "Because I Love You," by Seaboard talent, was given in these columns last week. Further introduction is unnecessary. To all who desire to spend a pleasant evening and at the same time aid the Seaboard High School to secure a lighting system, a cordial invitation is extended to be on hand by 8 o'clock. The participants will do the remainder. Admission 25 and 15 cents, reserved seats 35 cents. Good music will be furnished between the four acts.

The Banana--A Fruit in a Sterile Package.

With the increasing demand for fresh fruits at all seasons of the year has come the difficulty of supplying them in a condition in which the dangers of contamination are largely averted. Decay is one of the limiting factors in the use of fresh fruits. Among the many fruits there is one which is equipped in its native form with a protective covering that calls for more than passing mention. Some time ago The Journal of the American Medical Association emphasized the advantages afforded by the banana as a wholesome food and ventured the suggestion that this fruit, though growing in popularity, is still underestimated in American households. The banana consists, in its green state, largely of starch and water. The essential change during the process of ripening is a conversion of the starch into sugar. The rate of ripening is dependent on the temperature. The edible portion of each fruit is packed away in a peel which serves a more useful purpose than has hitherto been realized. Experiments on the fruit in different stages show that the inner portions of the pulp of sound bananas are practically sterile. The peel is singularly resistant to invasion by bacteria. Ever when bananas were immersed in fluids containing disease germs they did not penetrate into the interior. The probability of infection through the peel is therefore slight, though germs on the peel might be transferred to the consumer's fingers and thence to the mouth. This is an interesting example of a food delivered by Nature in practically sterile packages. Nature's wholesome service should not be undone by careless methods of marketing such foods.

Severn News.

Pastor Waff filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. For the past several months he has been suffering with ill health and his flock is delighted to learn that he is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Fleetwood and two children, Rockie Lou and Margery, of Jackson, spent the week end with relatives here.

Misses Carrie Joyner and Julia DREWITT of Pendleton spent Sunday with Miss Hattie Bazemore.

Mr. B. C. Edwards is away on a trip in the middle West. When last heard from he was in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. G. W. Pruden is confined to his room with rheumatism.

Master Burton Stephenson, who was quite sick last week, is able to be out again much to the delight of his little friends.

Mr. J. B. Stephenson Jr. spent Sunday afternoon in Murfreesboro.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hoggard entertained Saturday evening from 7 till 9 o'clock in honor of their daughter, Miss Sallie's 10th birthday. Games were played and music was enjoyed by the older ones of the guests. Fruits and candy were served. Among those calling were Misses Nina Mae Woodard, Nellie Morgan, Dorothy and Lucille Long, Evelyn White, Claire Howell, Claire Watson, and the little girls' teachers, Misses Harris and West.

La Grippe: "That disease which keeps you sick six months after you are well."—"Mr. Doolley."

AN EVEN-BALANCED TARIFF.

A So-called Principle That Doesn't Take the Equities Into Account Isn't Any Principle.

Wilmington Star.

The interests to be affected by the tariff have been appearing before Mr. Underwood's committee for a hearing. Each wants the committee to be careful how much duty is taken off their respective industries, and reasons and arguments are presented to support the different views. That is just as it should be. It aids the committee to investigate their various claims and so adjust revision as to prevent discrimination against any industry or community. All hands are entitled to a hearing, and there is no reason why a man is a protectionist because he wants a square deal for his industry or community.

Col. A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury, has had a jab made at his Democracy because he has been before the committee in the interest of the \$5,000,000 aluminum industry under way on the Yadkin, near Salisbury, but the Colonel is entirely consistent as a Democrat. North Carolina Democrats want revision but they do not want any industry in their State discriminated against in levying even revenue duties. The interest of each State is at stake in levying tariff taxes, lest one State or one section be placed at a disadvantage in the burden or benefit that any kind of tax imposes.

The aluminum industry of North Carolina may not need any benefit from either a revenue or a protective tariff, but if it or any other North Carolina industry possibly may be affected by any kind of law, it is up to North Carolinians to see that their measure does not go empty-handed while those of others are filled. A policy which possibly might do injustice to North Carolina and more than justice to some other State, does not involve "principle." It is simply a business proposition to be settled on an equitable taxing basis. A so-called principle that doesn't take the equities into account isn't any principle.

Judging from public sentiment we don't think North Carolina would care if there wasn't any tariff at all, except for revenue purposes, but they wouldn't be justified in not taking their while other States are Johnny on the spot with a sack to get theirs. We don't think there are enough one-ideaed North Carolinians to make a fetish of a problem while the people of other States are looking on the plain business side of it.

All the country wants is an even-balanced tariff. "A false balance is an abomination to Jehovah, but a just weight is His delight."

Where The Blame Lies.

Yes, there are hard times. We throw away ashes and soap. We raise dogs and buy hogs. We grow weeds and buy vegetables. We catch fish with a \$4 rod. We build schoolhouses and send our children away from home to be educated. And last, but not least, we send our boys out with a \$0 gun and a \$20 dog to hunt 10-cent game. Yes, these are hard times, but whose fault? Don't place all the blame on the President and the trusts.—Scottsboro Citizen.

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Value of Little Birds.

The birds are the best friends that we have. Why? Because they labor daily in the fields, destroying the insects that fill or feed upon the tender plants upon which human lives rely. Have you a friend that will labor for you just for his board and clothing? No, indeed; you cannot place your eye upon any that will do this for you, except the birds which are being slaughtered by boys and men in large numbers. They are willing to do this if only allowed to live. Why do you not try to protect these friends who are so faithful to you, when they ask you for no pay for their services? Do you not realize that they are worth hundreds of times more to you as insect destroyers than their flesh is worth to you in a bird pie or in some other way?

The birds are needed more and more every year. As people increase and the clearing of more lands goes on, the insects are bound to increase very rapidly, and if the insects increase why should not the birds increase also? It is because they haven't had the protection that they ought to have had. Some of the species of birds that used to be found in large numbers are now very seldom found at all, simply because they have not received any mercy from the hunter, and because the laws have not been strict enough to prevent people from killing them.

Boys and girls should feel it their duty to do all in their power to get laws passed that will give the little friends in feathers better protection.

The law-makers in Washington, D. C., have a bill before them which, if passed, will guarantee life to thousands, probably millions, of birds in every state of the Union. Every young reader of this page is asked to do whatever he can for his community and his country to help to save the birds that do good to all humanity.—Our Dumb Animals.

Public Drunkenness.

Statesville Landmark.

Public drunkenness is one of the greatest nuisances the public has to suffer. There is not so much of it as formerly but once in awhile a sporadic case makes life a burden to a community. Wherefore The Landmark hopes that the gentlemen who have introduced bills in the Legislature "To protect the public against drunkenness" and "To prevent public drunkenness," will get together and frame a bill that will effectually squelch all such cases for all time. A man who appears in public drunk should be immediately seized and locked up and subjected to severe punishment. It is bad enough for one to get drunk, but whatever excuse may be offered for it there is no excuse whatever for subjecting the public to the annoyance and danger of a drunker man. In the past when drinking was common such things were excused. There never was any excuse for permitting a man under the influence of liquor to annoy other people and there is less reason today than ever before.

Big Bargains.

Wynn Bros. of Murfreesboro have a three column advertisement of bargains in this week's paper. See what they have to say. We had to leave out half of what they had to say for lack of room. A visit to their store will show the rest.

GREAT CONFERENCE STARTED.

Senator Owen Will Aid in Organizing A State Conference for Social Service.

A far-reaching State Conference is being organized. It aims to improve conditions that affect human life in all its phases. All the various workers for reform and betterment expect to get together as an organized force, and by a united effort secure some of the most needed reforms. Much more should be done in this way than by fighting single handed.

The conference will hold its first meeting in Raleigh, February 11, 12. The scope of the conference is indicated by the following list of speakers and heads of committees: Governor Craig will deliver the opening address, followed by Dr. William Louis Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, on the "Correlation of Social Forces." Following this will be an address by Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma. Senator Owen is the author of the famous bill for a National Department of Public Health. He is a fine speaker and a man of big ideas. His speech should ring clear on the big lines of social work, and form the keynote of the conference.

Several months ago the following representative citizens were named as chairmen of the various committees on different lines of social service:

Bishop Robert Strange, Church and Social Service; Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Illiteracy; Mr. James P. Cook, Reformatories; Rev. M. L. Kester, Orphanages; Hon. T. W. Bickett, Criminal Procedure; Dr. L. b. McBrayer, Feeble-mindedness; Mr. Clarence Poe, Improvement of Country Life; Mr. W. H. Swift, Child Labor; Miss Daisy Denson, Prisons; Mr. Archibald Johnson, Liquor Problem; Mr. Gilbert Stephenson, Race Question; Dr. W. S. Rankin, Public Health; Hon. R. F. Bassey, Taxation; Mrs. R. R. Cotton, Women and Social Service.

The Central Committee on Organization, composed of Hon. J. Y. Joyner, Hon. T. W. Bickett, Miss Daisy Denson, Dr. W. S. Rankin and Mr. Clarence Poe, have received hundreds of inquiries and applications for membership. It promises to be one of the biggest movements ever started in the state, and every public spirited citizen should have his name enrolled with the movement. A letter or postal directed to Dr. W. S. Rankin, Raleigh, N. C., secretary of the Central Committee, will bring full information about the aims of the organization and the program mapped out.

Punishing Impudence.

A farmer driving along a country road was thus accosted by a young upstart: "Hello, Reuben, give me a lift to Hightown, won't you? I might as well ride as walk." And with that he climbed up into the farmer's wagon and continued to chatter, while the old man listened in silence. Finally he said: "It's a good thing I met you. Quite a way to Hightown, isn't it?" After they had gone a few miles further he said: "How far is it to Hightown, anyhow?"

"Well," said the old farmer, "the way we are going I should judge it's about twenty-four thousand miles, but if you were to get out and walk back I should say ten miles or so."—Youth's Companion.