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Stanly County's Farmer.

It is strange what people all want to know in this world. For last week they have been after me with all sorts of questions and the end isn't in sight yet. Only yesterday a man wrote me asked me whether I could explain why his wife dries dishes with her left hand, and today a fellow wants to know why the moon comes and goes instead of staying with us like the sun. I always answer everything that comes my way, but the dish washing proposition will not be handled here. How should I know why that man's wife dries dishes with her left hand? Why doesn't he ask her if he is game? If your horse should act as though he needed a new shoe would you nail it on your neighbors cow to see if the horse really did need one? Now if you were the horse and I were the cow would there be any difference? Do you catch the scientific reasoning power that holds a high tension in every man's brain? Do you realize that the Stanly County Farmer is not slighting you when he refuses to hand out information about other people's hands? Perhaps your wife is lefthanded perhaps she uses a left handed dish rag, or perhaps there is a darned needle in the case. Get your information at home or consult a specialist the Stanly County is mostly feet.

But the moon question is not so bad. Being somewhat of a sky expert I am able to go up in the air once in a while and investigate these things. The reason the moon is so irregular is because she fills special engagements and the sun dosent. The moon is a sort of a lovers planet and does not allow herself to be bribed by any one congregation of love sick people. This earth is big and it takes her a month to visit her patients on all sides. When they are sick on the other side she is there, when they are sick on this side she is here. The moon makes regular visits to Stanly County and keeps things pretty streight. Of course there are a few fellows in the county that are in pretty bad shape for instance one of our fellows has a girl up about New London now that she has gone about with a far away look. Another fellow from Norwood has trouble because the girl's daddy objects. A fellow at Big Lick is guilty of Lapsus Lingvo. He said too much, now he is in a bad fix.

There are some foolish people in this world who claim that the moon is the promoter of weddings and angle cakes but they are very wrong. The moon is a preventative. Don't you know that before people lived in houses to shelter themselves from the moon there were no marriages at all? The reason is that they were in the moon light every night and got cured. Later peoplomad roofs above their heads to keep the light out and that is when the first wedding bell got started. You might say well Kate were under the moon lots of times and got married any way. That's all right old man but you were too far gone when doctor moon got hold of you. If you had felt your pulse at that time and noticed how weak your heart pumped you couldn't blame the moon for not being able to put the governor on it down a few notches to save your liberty your case is hopeless and you alone are to blame. I would advise others that feel the sickness coming on to rush out in the moonlight at once. If you hapen to get an attack in the dark of the moon and are beginning to feel pretty shakey, get a big lamp hang it under the ceiling and tie a green cloth around

it. When you have it fixed sit under the lamp every evening for three hours with a big rag doll in your lap and notice the difference of your feeling at the end of the week. The green light will answer the purpose of the moon and the rag doll could answer the purpose of the other necessity.

It happens too that some people get married and still stand beneath the moon every evening but these people are figuring that the world will end tomorrow and they want to get even with each other.

I say that if you want to enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness go out in the moonlight as much as possible with the girl that has you on the balance. But if you hapen to get married anyway don't blame the moon blame the U. S. Postal Department for allowing women to defraud the males. Watch for me next week.

Mt. Pleasant Items.
Tuscarora Cotton Mill is still short of water, they are pumping from the brick yard so as to keep running.
J. B. McAlister and family spent Sunday at Mrs. Joe Foil.
W. A. Kindley has done some repair work at his mill.
Foil Bros Roller Mill runs only part of the time.
W. G. H. Barringer who has been in the bed for a period of about 2 mos is up and doing fine, he spends part of his time with his daughter in Salisbury.
Mr. J. D. F. Fisher who has been in Fresno, Cal. for the last 10 years returned home for several mos. stay, he is the son of W. H. Fisher of Mt. Pleasant.
W. A. Kindley is making some improvement on his home building to his cook room, guess that means more to eat.
Mrs. Hugh Barrier is on the sick list.
Rev. Jacob Palmer spent last Saturday night at Mt. Pleasant on business.
The girls have all returned to school with the exception of one Miss Anna Foil.
John Kindley has bought the old Lane place from his father.
Mt Pleasant is in need of a more thorough phone system to different places.
D. H. McEachern is making some improvements on his home on North main St. changing from a 4 ft. porch to a 12 X 30 ft.
Mt Pleasant Mercantile Co. has employed Mr. Jessie McEachern of this place.
Mr. William Hahn is still confined to his bed with rheumatism.
S. C. Klutz spent Monday at Rockwell on business.
Mrs. J. L. Heilig of Mt Pleasant spent Sunday night at Rockwell with her son John Heilig.

K.
We notice that from the press that many of the governors are pardoning convicts by scores. The reason given being the miserable system of treatment of these persons. We think the governors are right when they see the inguwtious way the state legislatures farm out the convicts and then how they are treated after they are gotten that the governors pardon them. This is the only way out of the dilemma. Governor Donaghey of Aak, defending his action in pardoning 316 state convicts says "under the lease system as a burning seething hell, consuming human beings who are being fed into it in a manner which results in nothing but making fortunes for contractor. Gov. Blease of S. C. has made himself famous for his pardoning power. We think these men are justifiable if the reasons given are correct."

WYTH OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

Locust Route 1 Items.
Mrs. Josuah Brooks Died near Philadelphia church Wednesday she has been ill for some time.
Mrs. Philas Honeycutt died near Brattain's school Thursday and was burried at Big Lick. She is a young bride of about two yrs. and leaves a young babe about 2 weeks old also a young husband and a host of friends to mourn their loss.
Mrs. Rosanah Teeter has been confined to her room the past week at her son's J. S. Teeter's. Pneumonia, La Grippe and bad colds are all the go in this section.
Mrs. P. E. Tucker one of the Piano contestants is on the sick list at present.
Let every body take off their hat to the new town at the Daniel Treece place on the new railroad it is said there will be a big auction sale of lots in the near future.
The voters of Furr township seems to be all most unanimously opposed to voting bonds for good roads.
Mr. J. W. Hathcock killed a porker the other day that weighed 610 lbs. Mr. Hathcock is one of our most successful farmers.

Farmer.

Western Stanly Items.

The health of this section is bad at present.
Mr. J. D. Tucker is on the sick list.
The small grain crop is looking prosperous in this community.
H. L. Herrin of Mission visited J. D. Tucker last Sunday.
Mr. Harvey Mauney is very ill at this writing.
Mr. John Herrin of Albemarle visited L. R. Tucker last Sunday.
Rev. J. S. Harris will preach at Mission Sunday at 11 o'clock all are invited to attend.
Mr. J. A. Harrington is having an attack of chills.
Miss Sarah Hatley visited M. H. Herrin's Sunday. Blue Eyes.

Canupp Hill School House.

The health of this community is very good except measles.
Mr. John A. Yow visited at C. A. Cranfords last Sunday.
Dass L. Lawery visited Calvin Trautman last Sunday.
Mrs. Sam Yow who has been sick for some time is improving some at this writing.
Mary Troutman and Sam Ausband visited Daniel B. Culp last Sunday.
Paul Wagoner visited his best girl Saturday night.
Henry Hegler has traded horses again.
We are expecting to hear the wedding bells soon.

All Smile.

FOR SALE

25 acres, two miles South of Albemarle with good new buildings, fine young orchard, good pasture with lasting water, half in cultivation, half timber. Fine for trucking. G. D. Moose, Albemarle, N. C. Route 1. 1 mo

Church Services.

First Baptist
S. S. at 9:45 A. M.
Preaching 11:00 A. M. and 7:30.
Presbyterian.
S. S. 9:45 A. M.
Prof. B. L. Parkinson Superintendent, every body invited.
Preaching at 11 o'clock, by the pastor.

Mt. Pleasant Route 2 Items.

Mr. M. A. Hatley of Concord has been visiting relatives here.
Mr. Albert Moley died Dec. 31 of Typhoid fever and was burried at Bear Creek church. He was about 26 years of age and very popular. We extend sympathies to the bereaved ones.
Born unto Mr. & Mrs. James Lowder a daughter.
Mr. R. W. Hartsell of Draughan Ark. has been spending the holidays with relatives and friends. He has been away 21 years.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Lowder and Mrs. Nettie Void visited Mr. Jim Lowder recently.
The measles are unwelcome visitors in our section at this time.
Mrs. F. Furr and Miss Maggie Hartsell were visitors in Concord last Friday and Saturday.
Mr. Julius Heninkas has been critically ill.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Eudy spent Sunday with Mrs. Eudy's father M. Wiley Lambert.
Mr. Rufus Hatley is the proud possessor of a grand daughter.
Jay Bird.

News of Granite Quarry

Grip and colds are reported far and near.
The bean contest at the Brown Drug Company closed Dec. 31 the amount being in the jar was 5462 Mr. Smith received first prize his guess was 5469. L. D. H. Brown was second his guess was 5473.
Mrs. Chatman was third he vote was 5432. They all have received the prizes and they wish the Company much success for their kindness.
Dr. Evans is now located back in Granite Quarry.
Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brown of China Grove spent a few days with their parents near here.
The president of the Lower Stone Telephone Co. was here last week preparing to run two new lines to Salisbury which we need very much.
The chain gang is now located in Granite Quarry and is working on the Gold Hill road we are glad to have them work here as their service is very much needed.
We wish the Chronicle a successful year. **Spool.**

Lexington Route 2 Items.

The health of this community is good at present we are glad to say.
The Register dosen't seem to be so busy since the holidays, but we are still listening for the wedding bells.
Mr. David Nance and Miss Bettie Parrish were married the 5th may their pathway ever be strewn with roses.
Rev. Mr. Trogden preached an excellent sermon at Jerusalem Sunday. We gladly welcome him back another year.
Sunday School every Sunday at 10 A. M. We invite every one to come out and take part.
Mr. William Ceeil and daughter spent last week in High Point with relatives.
A. L. Yonts who happened to the misfortune to get badly hurt by falling from the barn is slowly improving.
Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly will preach at Jerusalem next Sunday at 11. Every body come.
The spelling match at Jerusalem last Thursday night seemed to be a success. There was a large crowd present and most every one took part. We had good order and every one seemed to enjoy it. Our school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Zeola Anderson. She is an excellent teacher and has made many friends since here that will regret to have her leave.
Blue Bird.

Much Ado About Nothing.

Last Fall during campaign times the Democratic Press and Spell Binders made a great ado about the wonderful things being done by the State in Educational matters. The Headlines of some of the great papers today characterize it this way. "North Carolina in a Shameful Place." Takes forty sixth place among forty eight states. Now some body has lied. The statement of rank is not a surprise to us, only we wonder if she is not forty eighth instead of forty sixth.

We candidly believe that there is not a State in the Union that gets so little school for so much money. We have said it before, we say it again, there is some thing radically wrong with our whole Public School System. Not one of the other forty seven states makes the noise and display of her public school system as does North Carolina, and yet every one of them does more work.

From the Recommendations of the Superintendent of Public Instruction the Legislature for an increase of appropriation of quite \$500,000, along with it comes a recommendation for an expenditure of thousands of it for Assistant County Superintendents, about as valuable an adjunct, as the fifth leg to a dog. We wonder how much of this half million will go to the children. Our County School Superintendents are necessary, provided they are the right kind of men. We must not talk so loud or some body will hear us. But we are going to say it out that we have no sympathy at all with pet teachers and make believe grades. A system that will allow such things is rotten, and we expect to kick against it. Consolidation of schools and transportation is recommended. Hasn't this same thing, as to consolidation been legislated before? It even stands in the school law, and yet? Shall I say it? Well, the School Boards and County Superintendents have gone on with out any reason, save the gratification of some Melly Coddle and constructed new districts, necessitating the outlay of thousands of dollars for houses, doing away in some cases with those already built, and putting in these weak districts, as weak teachers. Whats the use to have school laws if these are to be interpreted by a set of 2X4 one-horse squires who steal the campaign liquor entrusted to them to control votes.

Listen! "I recommend additional legislation for the encouragement of consolidation of inefficient and inadequately equipped one-teacher schools into more efficient and better equipped schools with more teachers, better houses, more thorough and comprehensive instruction, with provision for transportation of students beyond walking distance thereby making possible schools that shall truly become the intellectual, social, cultural, and industrial centers of the entire community." Now aint that grand? Send after the children yet? Well, they do that in some of the Western States where roads are in sections, and it can very easily be done. Then too, those States have large school funds and are better equipped in every way. Well, that's what our Superintendent gets by traveling around, he travels lots, we pay the bill, and something certainly is expected as a return for all this.

Compulsory attendance regulations are also recommended. We believe in compulsory attendance, but first, we feel that there ought to be something worth attending. Is it not a fact that in

hundreds of cases our schools are kept by novices, and to compel a child of six years to lose its time going to such a time killing, when the child can do more for itself helping its mother. We see no prospects for anything in the way of improvements in our school system for the next two years, if we are to judge by the tenor of the recommendations of the Superintendent. We want schools, we want better schools, we want longer schools, and we want more Efficient schools. Let the people have a say in the matter as to their schools, and we will have nearer what we need. Legislation wont do it, raising more money wont do it as has been abundantly demonstrated. To-day we are paying more money than ever for popular education, and the schools for the masses are not better than they were a score or more years ago. It certainly is not the lack of money that causes this, but the way it is spent. Very few of us relish paying out our hard earned money to see it frittered away in so many useless ways, give us full value for our present taxes, and you may raise them if you want to make additional progress. We want fair play for our rural schools, and the great masses of children on the farms in North Carolina.

Big Lick Items.

We have been having some cold weather.
Miss Eva Almond has been very sick but is rapidly improving.
Mrs. Mathey Tucker has also been sick.
Miss-Nettie Hartsell visited relatives and friends here last week.
Mr. W. F. Smith and wife visited D. R. McIntire Sunday.
Mr. Charlie McLester has already purchased his license but hasn't his girl yet.

L. B.

R. Lee Wright Esq of Salisbury came to attend court this week.
T. H. Vanderford of Salisbury is in town this week on business.
Mr. J. H. A. Lyerly of Granite Quarry was in town last Monday on business.

There are quite a large number of people here this week attending court.

Walter Kenedy Ex sherriff Green's son in law is here with a lot of horses and mules.
Read what Bostian Shoe Co has to say about shoe stocks in January and February.
W. I. Russell is attending court this week as a jurymen. He reports Mrs. Russell sick with cold.
We call attention to ad. this week of Efrid and Harward Mfg Co of Norwood. They want a lot of cross arms.
I have sold out my entire interest in The Chronicle Publishing Co. to Dr. J. M. L. Lyerly, both Press and Book accounts and I want to return my heartiest and sincere thanks to one and all of my friends who have given me their support in helping me to run The Chronicle as best I could for nearly five years. I know it was not what I would have had it be, but I tried to do the best I could, and now I want to say to every one of The Chronicle readers who may still be behind with their subscription, to get busy and arrange this matter with Dr. Lyerly as early as possible. If you want him to give you a good paper you can help him do this by paying your subscription. All of my old papers are payable to Dr. Lyerly.
With best wishes to all I am as ever.
Respt. Your Friend.
A. R. Kirk.