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LOCALS.

Dull—Dull—Dull.

Next Tuesday is St. Valentines day.

Green peas are up and growing finely in this vicinity.

Our farmers should raise more bread-stuffs and less cotton.

Hog and hominy ought to be the cry of the farmers during 1888.

Beaufort makes a lively bid for the State Guard encampment.

Two vessels arrived week from Elizabeth City, loaded with brick. The brick will be used in the construction of stores on the burnt district.

Madam Rumor says that a marriage will shortly take place in our town. Guess who the parties are.

There is a bill before Congress to issue fractional currency in denominations of from 5 to 50 cents.

Our farmers should plant considerable early truck, it will give them money at a time when they most need it.

The corner stone of the Teachers Assembly building will be laid by the Masons on April 2nd. A large crowd will attend.

Hon. T. J. Jarvis is stated will return home from Brazil in June next. He will be needed here, "He is a power in the land."

The old Atlantic Hotel site, or the public square, would make a fine camp ground for the State Guard encampment this summer.

Dr. W. A. Skidmore and family of Long Island N. Y., are spending the winter in Beaufort. They are guests of the Davis House. The doctor is fond of rod and gun, and is a very clever gentleman. We wish he could be induced to locate among us.

The schooner Advenure, Capt. Whitehurst, struck on the bar at Shalotte Inlet, N. C., a few days since, and will be a total loss. The schooner was from Charleston bound to Wilmington, N. C., and was loaded with phosphate. The crew with all their effects were saved.

The law firm of Guilin & Pelletier of NewBerne, N. C., was dissolved by mutual consent on February 1st. See law card of Mr. P. H. Pelletier in another column. Mr. Pelletier will be in Beaufort on Friday the 17th instant and will be pleased to see his friends professionally.

The ladies will give a "Leap Year" dance at the Ocean View Hotel, Monday night February, 13th, 1888. The gentlemen are cordially invited to attend.

Mamie Cramer,
Lettie Dill, Com.
Teenie Pool.

Mr. W. F. Dill purchased the market house from the town after the late fire and moved it on his lot on the burned district. The building has been remodelled and presents a neat appearance. Mr. Dill is first on the ground with a new building to cover up the unsightly spot on the corner, made bare by the fiery element.

A word to those who owe us. It is very unpleasant for us to be constantly dunning those who are indebted to us. If our patrons do not take more interest in their home paper, we will suspend it and look for a better field in which to publish a newspaper. We are ashamed to say it, but the little sheet we published, the Weekly Atlantic, paid us better than the Record has done. The reason was, that the merchants of Morehead City felt an interest in it.

The Atlantic Hotel Syndicate met in Raleigh a few days ago and decided to make extensive additions to the Hotel. The accommodations are to be doubled. The property is in the right hands at last. Our sister town of Morehead is in luck, when such men as Julian S. Carr take hold and invest money there. The future of Morehead is upward and onward. Poor old Beaufort is as "dead as a door nail."

The steamer Margie was burned to the waters edge at her dock in Bayboro this week. Loss \$5,000 insured for \$1,000.

The officers of the State Guard met at Raleigh on the 4th inst. While they are casting about for a location for the next State encampment, it would be well for them to visit Beaufort and Morehead City. Beaufort would delight in entertaining the soldier boys, and would arrange to give them free transportation between Morehead City and Beaufort. Let our people go to work at once to secure the encampment, it would leave several thousand dollars in our community.

On last Thursday evening, about 5 o'clock, the awful cry of fire—fire—fire, was again heard in our town. Our citizens turned out as one man. The fire was found to be on the roof of the kitchen attached to the residence of Mrs. Jane Lowenberg, on Ann Street. The roof of the kitchen was badly damaged, and the supper of the family, which was in preparation, was delayed. This was the only damage. Had this fire gotten under way, the damage would have been as great as it was at the fire last month.

A member of the Record family returned home about two weeks ago from an enjoyable trip to Washington, N. C., where she has been visiting relatives. To hear her talk of the good people of that town, one would be compelled to think, (as she does) that Washington is the "garden spot of the earth" and that her citizens are the *creme de la creme* of the universe. She returns home thoroughly Washingtonized. Washington was always noted for its charming society, its cultured men and women, its elegant hospitality and its pretty girls. We know whereof we speak, we have been there.

"O woman! in our hours of ease,
Uncertain, coy and hard to please,
And variable as the shade
By the light quivering aspen made;
When pain and anguish wring the brow,
A ministering angel thou!"

Last Thursday evening Misses Fannie and Lina Davis two ministering angels called upon us, and presented us with a nice treat of ice cream and cake. Mrs. J. L. Manneys Sunday School class gave a festival at the Ocean View Hotel on the above evening, and knowing that the editor was sick, sent us their sympathies in this substantial manner. We feel under many obligations to this lovely christian lady, and the sweet little misses that compose her Sunday School class, for this token of sympathy and friendship. Such kind remembrances, when the body is racked with pain, have a tendency to allay and lessen our suffering.

MARRIED—At the Presbyterian church in Henderson, N. C., on Thursday evening February 2d, 1888, by the Rev. Alexander Sprunt, Mr. Thad R. Manning, editor of the Henderson Gold Leaf, to Mrs. Fannie L. Porter. The Record sends hearty congratulations. The following characteristic notices appeared in the Gold Leaf of the Rev. Bro. Mannings marriage:—"As one of the parties interested, the Gold Leaf extends a cordial invitation to its friends to be present at the Presbyterian church to witness the marriage ceremony to take place at nine o'clock this evening." The editor of the Gold Leaf does not like to make apologies, but if the paper this week is below the standard either in quantity or quality of reading matter, a generous public will know to what cause to attribute all shortcomings when it is learned that a marriage is to take place at the Presbyterian Church at nine o'clock this evening at which time and place he is to fill an important engagement.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington D. C., Feb. 3d, 1888.

Among the little things and big things that have been done in Congress this week I will mention that the Senate, unanimously without debate, voted to substitute the 30th of April for the 4th of March as Inauguration day. They also voted that the term of office of the President and of the Fifteenth Congress shall continue until the 30th day of April, 1889 at noon; that the Senators whose existing term would expire on the 4th of March 1889 (and thereafter) shall continue in office until the 30th of April succeeding such expiration, and that the 30th of April shall thereafter be substituted for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of the President, Vice President, Senators and Representatives in Congress.

In the House end of the capital there is on the calendar another Constitutional amendment awaiting a vote. It fixes the day for the meeting of Congress on the first Monday in January, and the time of final adjournment at noon on the 31st of December. This, you see would practically make a continuous session for the two years' term, interrupted by only such recesses as both Houses should agree to. Prohibition bills memorials and petitions continue to pour in upon both Houses. One of the latest and strongest is the result of the yearly meeting of the Society of Friends in Baltimore, which shows the Friends do not believe in half way measures. The petition calls for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, exportation, importation, transportation and sale of liquors in the

United States. Petitions continue to be presented, also, in favor of the proposed Constitutional Centennial celebration to be held in this city.

To give you an idea of the demands made by petitionists and other callers upon the time of our lawmakers, which should be spent, during the daily session at least, in attention to public business, I will mention that the doorkeepers at the various entrances to the floor of the House kept tally on last Thursday of the cards sent in to members during the day. Owing to the bad weather there happened to be fewer people at the capitol that day than usual, yet 1,700 cards were sent in. This did not include those sent in from the ladies reception room, which would have numbered several hundred more.

There was a little contest in the Senate over the one cent postage bill. In presenting the Senatorial Post-Office Committee's adverse report upon the dainty measure, Chairman Sawyer stated that the Post-Office Department was not self-supporting yet, and therefore it was not time to attempt any further reduction on letter postage. Senators Beck, Hoar, Platt and others each believed in penny postage. They argued that the people wanted and demanded better and cheaper mail service, that they had never asked that the Post-Office Department should be self-sustaining nor had they ever complained of extravagance in that branch of the Government.

OUR ONSLOW COUNTY LETTER.

(From our regular Correspondent.)

Swainsboro, N. C., Feb. 3rd, 1888.

Our people are well and our town is still booming. Capt. M. Bloodgood of schooner Etta and Capt. Joe Bloodgood of schooner Pacific in port now, schooner Gold Leaf has been on the ways for some time undergoing thorough repairs, she will be ready for sea soon. Our railroad project was carried by 117 votes in the county, guess we will have a railroad now but when I who can tell. There has been more candy stews, social parties, thimble selling and kissing frolics in our town for the last two months than ever before, and among those who don't love sinful ways.

The firm of J. J. Ward & Co., have dissolved. Mr. Ward has moved in the corner store opposite the brick store, and will be glad to see his friends and the public generally. Mr. Henry Morton is his salesman. Joe says he will let the people in Carteret county know what he is doing soon in the columns of the RECORD. Capt. Terry's steamboat the Fannie B. makes semi-weekly trips to Morehead City carrying about 30,000 feet of lumber at a time. Mr. R. O. McLean from our place is pilot on the steamer, Mr. U. M. Collins and Miss Agnes Huggins daughter of Mr. A. C. Huggins, and Mr. J. M. Bush of Wilmington N. C., and Miss P. Lesesne daughter of the late Dr. Lesesne, were married at the residence of Mr. A. C. Huggins in the town of Jacksonville last Wednesday evening. Mr. G. W. Ward is teaching school in Carteret county. Mr. W. E. Matlocks is teaching at Piney Grove and Mr. C. B. Frazelle is teaching at Hurst on Brown Sound, this county. Our town is a wet town now but we have no fights or drunkenness with us and I will continue so is the wish of every good citizen, as well as your humble servant.

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WHEN TO STOP ADVERTISING.

When every man has become so thoroughly a creature of habit that he will certainly buy this year, where he bought last year.

When you get a fresher and spunkier concern in your line cease starting up and using the newspapers in telling the people how much better they can do for them than you can.

When nobody else thinks "it pays to advertise."

When population ceases to multiply, and the generations that crowd on after you and never heard of you stop coming.

When you have convinced everybody whose life will touch yours that they have better goods and lower prices than you can ever get outside of your store.

When you perceive it to be the rule that the men who never do and never did advertise are out stripping their neighbors in the same line of business.

When men stop making fortunes right in your very sight, solely through the direct use of this mighty agent.

When you can forget the words of the shrewdest and most successful business men concerning the main cause of their prosperity.

When you would rather have your own way and fail than take advice and win.

When you want to go out of business with a stock on hand.

When you want to get rid of the trouble of waiting on customers.—EX.

WILLIAM DAVIS,

OF CARTERET COUNTY.

AND HIS DESCENDANTS.

BY JNO. D. DAVIS.

William Davis came to this county from Wales about 1700. He was evidently a farmer and pursued that calling through life. He married Mary Wicker, the daughter of Joseph Wicker, who was a very prominent man during the early history of the county. He was a member of the first County Court, and its Clerk in 1729 and 26 and a member of the Legislature in 1733.

He gave Mary an Island in Core Sound, for life, remainder to her son Joseph. This Island since that time has been called Davis' Island. It is now owned by Mr. Henry Parsons of New York.

William Davis was a very devout member of the Church of England and was for many years one of the five "Lay Readers" in this county for which service he was paid £8, per annum. He was a man of considerable wealth for his time. He owned hundreds of acres of land, many negroes, horses, cattle and sheep.

His life must have been spent in peace and happiness. Davis' Island, his home, was at that time one of the most desirable and beautiful places in the County, containing about three hundred and fifty acres, well timbered with live oak and cedar and a fertile soil. Jarratts Bay, just on the West, supplied his table with the finest oysters to be found anywhere. Davis' Shore, to the North East, which he owned and on which he had a farm, separated from the Island by a narrow and shallow creek, furnished his horses, cattle and sheep with a good pasture, and in winter with wild ducks and geese, and in Spring, Summer and Autumn with all the varieties of fish, for which with our waters have always been noted, and his farms well tilled as they must have been by his sons and negroes, furnished in abundance all the corn, wheat, potatoes and vegetables that he and his large family needed and to spare.

We imagine, as we run our minds eye back to his time, that we can see, on some beautiful Sabbath morning, his friends and neighbors from Smyrna and Straits, with their families, rowing across the bay in their canoes, to attend Divine services at the hospitable home of our noble ancestor. At the "landing" they are met by the family, and from thence conducted to the shade of the old oak trees in the yard, where they reverently listened to the solemn, yet beautiful service of the Episcopal Church, after service they gather, one and all around his beautiful table, there to partake of the many good things prepared for them.

He died in 1756, leaving surviving him, his wife, Mary, eight sons and one daughter. His wife is named as executrix and his sons, Nathan and Joseph executors of his will, Joseph, only, qualified.

To show that he was orthodox in his faith, we copy from his will, as follows:—"First and principal of all, I give and recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God that gave it, hoping through the merits, death, and passion of my blessed Saviour, to have full and free pardon of all my sins, which I have committed in this wicked world."

His children were named Nathan, Joseph, Wicker, Calb, William, Solomon White, Isaac, Benjamin and Abigail. His sons were strong and athletic men, not one of them below six feet and it is said, they could all run and jump over the beam over the main gate leading to the "Mansion house." This is tradition but it comes to us through such a channel that we believe it is true.

Caleb died in 1766, and William in 1774, intestate. They were both married but after a long search we have learned but little about their children.

From all the information we have been able to gather, we think Isaac and Wicker left the County after the Revolutionary war, taking their families with them, but in what part of the Country they settled we do not know.

Joseph who owned the Island, after the death of his mother, died in 1792. His wife was named Sarah. They had three sons. Thomas, to whom he gave the Island, William, and Joseph. He gave Joseph nothing but the large family Bible. He had several daughters, but mentions only one of them by name, Rhody.

Solomon White, died in 1794, leaving his widow, Jean, and six sons, Nathan Logan, Samuel, Enoch, Anthony, and Allen and five daughters, Mary, Rebecca, Tamer, Clarky and Betsy. Samuel and Logan were executors to his will.

Nathan died in 1808, leaving four sons, Isaiah, Freeman, James and Anthony, and three daughters; Byer, Mollie and Abigail. He was a member of the county court from 1756 to 1760, was re-appointed by the governor in 1760, but declined to qualify.

Benjamin died in 1814. (he was the youngest child), leaving four sons, Archibald, Whittington, John Stausil and Thomas Cleford, and seven daughters; Mary, Abigail, Clarisa, Abia, Hettie, Kesiah and Lottie. Whittington was a member of the House of Commons in 1815; and State Senator from 1821 to 1826.

Joseph Wicker, son of Joseph, purchased a tract of land, of the Stantrons, on Newport River, where he settled and raised a large family. His children were named, James, Benjamin, and Jacob, who

died before his father, Jesse, Joseph W., and Enoch, Sarah, Abigail, Anna, Esther and Rhody. His wife was named Susanna.

About the beginning of the present century the Davises had multiplied so fast that there was hardly any section of the county where they did not dwell, and in some sections there were but few of any other name.

Those living in the vicinity of Beaufort had intermarried with the Bordens, Stantrons, Macos and other Quakers and had become Quakers themselves, while most of those living in the eastern part of the county became Baptists.

There was no longer an Episcopal church in this county, it died with the war of the Revolution. Most of its ministers were either openly or secretly Tories and naturally so too, they loved the Mother Country and her laws which taxed the people to support the church and pay the preachers, and when the war closed they left the county. Their flocks were scattered and joined other communions.

About the year 1790 or 95 the fever to "Go West," had taken a strong hold on our people, and from that time till about 1830 many of our citizens sold their property and left the county, emigrating to Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky Ohio and other States, and other sections of our State. It is estimated that at least one half of the Davises left here during that period.

William and his descendants certainly believed in obeying the first commandment, "Be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth," and we do not doubt, that he has blood representatives, by Mary Wicker, in every State and Territory of the Union.

The Davises have always been noted for unselfish hospitality, ready and willing to entertain strangers, as well as friends. Contented and happy, whether with much or little of this worlds goods. Seldom brought before the courts for violating the law, and never (so far as our records inform us) on any grave charge, or accusation.

None of them have ever attained to much wealth, always averse to hard work, but noted for their talking qualifications.

We do not think our ancestor, William, ever had a descendant who was not a "full graduate" in that department.

One of them was known as whispering Jim (son of Nathan) and it is said that he could be heard, at least a mile on a calm evening in an ordinary conversation. The kind hearted, generous, and popular ex Solicitor of the old third now 6th Judicial district of this State, is a descendant of William, which will in part, at least account for his wonderful lung powers.

It seems that their greatest sin, with some exceptions of course, is and was their total aversion to manual labor.

While the whig party, lived they were, with very few exceptions, its ardent supporters, and bitterly opposed secession in 1861. Captain Benjamin Leecraft, the secession Candidate for a seat in the Constitutional Convention of that year, received but one single Davis vote. But when the supreme moment arrived, when the naked proposition was forced upon them, "will you take up arms in defence of your homes and native State? or will you sit supinely by and see them and her invaded by a foreign foe? they did not hesitate to decide, and we think it can be truthfully said that the Davises furnished their full quote of men to the Southern cause.

They in common, with most all the people of the south, believed that their first allegiance was due to their State and when she succeeded they followed her.

One of them was captured, running the Blockade, in June 1863, and was taken to Port Royal, S. C. The Commander of the Federal fleet, on learning that he was well acquainted with Charleston bar and harbor, knew where the torpedoes and other obstructions had been placed ordered him to be taken to the flag ship and after a short interview offered him a large sum of money to take the fleet, or the best of the ships, past Fort Sumter. This proposition was declined.

The Commander then asked him to name his price, when he replied—Sir there is not enough money in the United States Treasury to induce me to become a traitor to my country. Two years later he was released from a Federal prison.

A part of the traditional history of the family is, that Joseph Wicker or his heirs would inherit a large fortune in England and, as he had no sons, it was necessary to perpetuate his name in the Davis family so they might the better prove, when necessary, that they were the legal and rightful heirs to his fortune. Whether he gave such instructions or not, we do not know! but it is certain that his name was kept in the family for over one hundred years.

Mary named her first son Joseph, and another Wicker. Afterwards the names were joined and the name Joseph Wicker Davis was in some branch of the family for many generations; but the fortune of their ancestor in England has never come to light.

As an item of interest to the general public we will state that John Smith was living at time of Williams death and was clerk of the court when his will was admitted to probate.

Beaufort N. C., January 1888.

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