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## SOCIAL EVENTS

### A Remarkable Visit And a Surprise Dinner.

In the latter part of June, Mr. and Mrs. Laban Payne of Graham R. 1 began what proved to be a remarkable visit, by going to the home of their eldest son, Mr. G. P. Payne of Liberty R. 1. From there they went to the home of their eldest daughter, Mrs. L. A. Thompson of Greensboro. Then they came to this city where they visited J. D. Payne and then visited W. H. Wood of Graham R. 2, thence to Mrs. Levi Sharp's on Graham R. 1 and from there home which they reached Aug. 20, having been away from home on this remarkable visit for eight weeks.

Mr. Payne is 84 years old, Mrs. Payne 78. They have been married 61 years and had ten children, seven of whom are now living. The ages of these estimable people makes the visit all the more remarkable.

On the day set for their arrival home, the children and friends had arranged for a surprise dinner in their honor. About 10:30 on that morning the guest began to arrive, and it seemed as if it was an old time camp meeting. There were 65 present 61 of the number being members of the family. Besides these there were 50 members of the family who were unable to attend. This makes a total of 111 in this family, and causing one to think of the old woman who lived in a shoe but not quite, for the hearts of the old were large the yard was broad, the table long and wide, and simply loaded with the most delicious eatables.

The day was spent very quietly and was enjoyed by all present. Those present were:

Rev. H. S. B. Thompson and son, Robert Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Woods G. P. Payne and family, Liberty R. 1, J. S. Bickett and family R. M. York and family Liberty, R. 1, Mrs. L. A. Thompson, Mrs. B. E. Deal and child, Misses Lucile, Elma and Nancy Thompson, Greensboro. W. H. Wood and family, C. W. Wood and family, Graham R. 2, Charlie Brown and family, Graham, Miss Mattie Graves, Roy Graves, B. H. Payne and family, Levi Sharpe and family, C. W. Payne and family, L. T. Payne and family of Graham R. 1, and J. D. Payne and wife of Burlington.

It was regretted that Rev. Mr. Thompson could not attend before 2 p. m.

We wish for Mr. and Mrs. Payne many more happy events before the sun of their lives shall set.

### Mrs. Hornaday Entertains.

Mrs. S. M. Hornaday entertained at her beautiful home on Broad street last Friday night in honor of Miss Baynes of Greensboro. Those fortunate enough to enjoy the pleasant occasion were: Misses Bertha and Verna Cates, Maytie Spoon, Ruth Dameron, Swannie Patterson, Blonda Cates and Ivie Coble. Drs. Hornaday and Moser, Messrs. Jno. Hoffman, Minter Coble, Clyde and Bascom Hornaday.

### BOY RUNS TO HIS DEATH IN GOING TO SMALL FIRE

Statesville, August 26.—Fire which began in the boiler room of the Statesville Lumber Company's plant near the depot at 11 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the plant and considerable lumber. The loss is estimated at about \$8,000, with \$5,000 insurance. Hyman Harrison, aged 15 or 16 years, son of N. Harrison, ran to the scene of the fire from over town, became overheated and died as a result as he reached the depot.

The Baraca and Philathea classes of the M. P. Church were very pleasantly entertained on their picnic outing Thursday night. They went in wagons to the home of Mr. Cad Albrights near Graham.

### Picnic on Route No. 8.

A gala time, indeed, was the picnic at Isley's Grove last Saturday, Aug. 26th. A large crowd, a fine day, a most sumptuous dinner, exquisite music, and last and best of all, pretty girls galore—these were some of the features which made the picnic on No. 8 unique in the history of such occasions.

Although many of the farmers were busy with their tobacco the crowd was larger than it was a year ago, and there were many welcome visitors from No. 2 and other routes, prominent among them being the beloved carrier of No. 2, W. J. Brooks. Then there were visitors from a greater distance, and especially did old Caswell make a sweet contribution to the occasion.

Those who were fortunate enough to partake of the numberless delicacies and luxuries under white the 68 foot table groaned will never forget the occasion, and will always believe that No. 8 is the home of not only many of the prettiest girls of the county, but also of many of its best cooks and housewives. There was most everything that the appetite could desire, from solid country ham to the most delicious cakes and pies; pickles of most every kind were thrown in for good measure. And when all had enough, the amount that was gathered up and put back in baskets reminded us of one of the maraculous about which we read in Sacred Story. Very appropriately did one of the speakers say it was a dinner "fit for a prince."

To lighten the pleasure of the occasion there were the dulcet tones of the violin and the thrilling accompaniment of the banjo and mandolin, which gave forth their sweetest music under the hand of the Master. Speeches, sparkling with wit and humor and good natured jest were made by Prof. J. B. Robertson, County Supt. of Public Instruction, W. J. Brooks of No. 2, W. L. Thornburg and E. S. W. Dameron.

The occasion made everybody feel good, and the ball game in the afternoon crowned the pleasure of the day. The people on No. 8 are to be congratulated on the success of this occasion and especially to their cordial carrier, Mr. J. M. Hayes, whose reputation as the best picnic manager in the county, is well deserved. He has developed the picnic ideas as never before and both visitors and patrons should feel grateful to him for the pains and efforts which he expended in making such an occasion possible. Health and prosperity to No. 8, both patrons and carrier.

A VISTOR.

### GRANDSON ARRESTED FOR WELL MYSTERY

Albemarle, Aug. 25.—Will Walker, a grandson of old Aunt Hannah Jones who was murdered Sunday night by being thrown in an old well, was arrested yesterday and lodged in Stanley county jail, charged with the murder of his grandmother Hannah Jones.

It appears that the old negro was accompanied on that fatal night by her son who is deaf and dumb and almost an idiot. It was he who conveyed the news that Walker was one of the guilty parties. This boy says that there was another colored man with Walker at the time of the commission of the crime, but his name has not yet been given out. It is contended by some of the citizens in the neighborhood in which the deceased lived that Walker being a grandson was an heir to the estate, old Aunt Hannah having been worth some property, and that was his motive for his dastardly conduct.

Walker says he can prove an alibi. The preliminary hearing is set for Friday the first of September at which time there will be no doubt be another defendant.

Work on the Drum Point railroad is once more going to begin to commence.

### ONE KILLED; TWO INJURED BY LIGHTNING AT DANVILLE

Danville, Va., Aug. 26.—While attending a meeting of the Farmers' Union Tobacco association, which was being held at Brosville, a village about 12 miles west of here, this afternoon at 5 o'clock Bob Allen, a prominent farmer of that section, was struck by lightning and died almost instantly.

J. T. Moore and C. B. Woodall were knocked down by the flash and remained unconscious for some time, while C. P. Minter and Smith Dishman were badly shocked.

A large crowd of prominent tobacco growers were in the Junior Order hall, where the meeting was being held, when their respected comrade received the fatal shock.

Dr. T. O. Emmerson, of that place, was summoned and the unconscious men soon regained consciousness and are getting along nicely.

### Beulah Binford

Washington Post.

Down in a little Virginia town whose name is important through having tacked to its conclusion the impressive suffix of "Court house," the world-old tangle of misdirected passion is being enacted for the thousandth time. In this forgotten hamlet there is a meeting of the extremes. The hay wagon jostles the big motor car. The speedy life, the simple life, and the double life are mingled together. The sob squad is on hand, making the most of the varicolored scene, and splashing with gorgeous abandon the hues of the imaginary over the drab setting of the dull and commonplace. There is interest everywhere. It hangs tentatively at the heels of the youthful Beattie. It fastens with keen intent upon the heartbroken father. It gloats reminiscently over the memory of the midnight ride, the firing of the gun, and the tragic death of the wife in the lonely wood, far from any witness, unless the stars took cognizance and the filmy eye of the owl made note. But over and above all these, it centers in Beulah.

Who or what is Beulah Binford? If she were greater she would be better understood. If she were more palpably depraved, a quick classification would soon rob her of her unlisted attractions. But she is neither the one nor the other. Yet, being neither the one nor the other, the immensity of her power for evil seems to have been enhanced, rather than diminished. In the whole whirl of evil she has been the unmoved and impassive center around which all has revolved herself the point of negation, incapable of a praiseworthy impulse toward good, equally incapable of an overt act of crime, a chit of a girl viewing the universe from her so vantage point, her system of life so meager and yet to her so real her heroes so tawdry; her heroines so pitifully small. And with all that, herself so completely satisfied with herself, pasting pictures of cheap celebrities in her little album, and all untouched by the gloom of an irrevocable and irreparable past, cogitating the possibilities of her little future.

Nature has her moods, sublime as well as perverse. She makes a woman with a soul so great that touched by the radiance of her countenance, men aspire only to virtuous deeds. She holds a Cleopatra, and fills the panther creature with the desire of the desert and the longing of the east and a warrior cries, "Let Rome in Tiber melt and the wide range of empire fall!" And in an off day she creates a woman without a soul.

### Bond Sale Confirmed.

The sale of the remaining of the bond issue has been confirmed. The engineer is busy getting the various grades and the work will be advertised within the next few days. After three weeks advertising the contracts will be let. Hence the work should begin within thirty days.

The Dispatch a year a dollar.

### Alamance's State High Schools. (Or Public High Schools.)

For more than one hundred years we have had a state University—an institution in which the state has provided College Education for its young men. For more than fifty years we have had in our state a system of Public Schools. But it was not until four years ago that any provision was made to get the student from the Public school to the College at public expense. The division between the Public school and College involves a four year course of High school work. This space between the Public school and college was a chasm left unbridged, so far as the state was concerned, all those years up till 1907. The legislature of 1907 passed an act that provides for the establishment of from one to four High Schools in each county. Under this act Alamance has established three of these State High Schools. There is one at Friendship in Coble's Township, one at Sylvan in Patterson's Township, and one at Hawfields in Melville Township. The purpose of all three of these High Schools is to give to the boys and girls of Alamance county who have completed the Public school work, High School training free of tuition. We hope to make this fact clear that any girl or boy in any Township in the county has a right to High School training in some one of our three High Schools free of tuition. It is our desire that all our larger girls and boys know about these schools and their work, that the schools may fulfill their purpose in extending and connecting our school system. Before the close of the present scholastic year we expect to work out and announce a regular system of graduation from the Public school. The certificate that the student will receive on graduation will not only be a legal and honored seal set upon the work, already accomplished, but it will serve as full credentials and passport for entering our State High Schools. But if there are now boys or girls in our county who want to do H. S. work during the coming session, and have not yet made any arrangements to do so, I invite them to see me, that I may help them to make the arrangements necessary to enter one of our State High Schools.

J. B. Robertson, Supt. of Schools.

### To Our Correspondents.

Dear Correspondents:—We assure you The State Dispatch and its many subscribers appreciate the nice newsy items you send us each week. But occasionally, as you have noticed, they are unavoidably crowded out. The cause of this is the time we receive them. Some weeks we do not receive some of our correspondent's until Wednesday, the day the paper is published.

It will aid us materially and assure your items getting in the week you send them if you will mail them to us not later than Monday of each week.

If you live in a section where we have no correspondent, get busy and give us the news and thus help your community.

As a rule our items reach us in good shape, but occasionally the writer forgets that the copy has to be read and like many of our prominent business men, could not read the items after finished.

### Philathea Class Entertain.

The Philathea Class of the Methodist Protestant Sunday School will serve ice cream and cake on the office lot Tuesday night, Sept. 6. The proceeds will go toward building a class room.

The public is cordially invited. Music will be furnished by the Burlington band. Everybody come and enjoy the evening and cast your vote for the most popular young lady.

Rev. and Mrs. Tilley of Georgia who have been visiting relatives here for several weeks among whom are her sister Mrs. J. R. Foster returned Thursday to their home.

## THE MAN OF THE PEOPLE

Baltimore American.

What The American, as the first responsible Republican newspaper of the country, advanced the name of William Howard Taft as the man of the hour, sentiment for this distinguished Ohioan crystallized about his personality with a spontaneous effect that showed him to be potentially the strongest man in the country to receive the nomination of his party for the high office of the presidency. After three years of Mr. Taft in the White House he is no longer the more or less problematic man of the hour, but he is pre-eminently the man of the people. Nothing in the history of the occupants of the White House has been so remarkable as the manner in which the personality of Mr. Taft, which at the first, it was feared by those who did not fully know him, might be overshadowed by that of his predecessor, has come out into the full proportions of one of the most commanding presidential figures upon the pages of American history. The process has been that of an evolution of policies and principles in accordance with the trend of the nation's life. Mr. Taft at the very first caught the spirit of the times to be the advancing of the economic interests of the country in the direction of the stability of business, the restriction of predatory operations, the promotion of political righteousness. He has preserved an independence of criticisms which would prompt him to place expediency above a high sense of national service.

The qualities of President Taft have received the widest recognition among his associates in the Republican party, and have commanded as well the admiration or respect of his political opponents. Mr. Taft has made no mistakes. This assertion is, of course, intended to cover acts which, by reason of the elevation of his office, would have a breadth of effect that would constitute them national blunders. Mr. Taft may be regarded, as he has styled himself, in no sense a politician. The very absence of a necessity to cater to party managers and the obscure manipulations of party movements has left him free to stand forth in the proportions of a statesman remarkably unfettered in the pursuance of policies of domestic and of international consequence. He has done more than any other president to place the machinery of the country's business in the permanent movement of equity and prosperity. His creation of a commerce and a customs court were forward moves of the widest significance. The business interests of the United States have absolute confidence in the integrity of the President, in the balance of his judgment, in his judicial discrimination, and in all else that has made his administration one of effective nationalism.

About the middle of June, 1912, will be held the next Republican National Convention. At that convention it will be decided who shall have the lead of the Republican party in the great contest to ensue. There is no despising the fact that the Republican party has serious problems to confront and internal disorders to compose. It is, therefore, of prime importance that the presidential nominee shall be a man who will insure to the party the continuance of its control of the country. The ever-growing strength of Mr. Taft is the best assurance that there will be no tidal wave of Democracy to offset Republican chances of regaining complete control of the country's destinies at the first opportunity. It is significant to note the fact that the outlook at the present moment indicates the selection of Mr. Taft as the candidate of the Republican party in the next campaign. It is not necessary to rely upon precedent to fortify confidence in his re-nomination, even though it is significant that every Republican president who served out his first term was re-nominated for a second, with the exception of Rutherford B. Hayes. In his masterly speech at Ham-

ilton, Mass., Saturday Mr. Taft sharply sounded the keynote of the national campaign. He strongly denounced the combination in Congress of insurgent Republicans and Democrats for what he aptly termed their "tariff-for-politics-only" measures. He showed that their methods were ill considered and intended solely for the purpose of embarrassing the administration, and he criticized Senator La Follette and the latter's associates for playing politics with so important a matter as the tariff. The president's words breathed defiance to the opposition. They were the utterances of a fearless executive and leader of the people who has the courage of his convictions and knows he has the confidence of the people.

A bird's-eye glance over the states shows such a massing of strength for Mr. Taft that his only formidable competitor—Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin—cannot be regarded as having even a likely chance to receive the coveted honor of the nomination. The President's own state of Ohio will give him a solid delegation, while in New England, where three years ago existed considerable sentiment in opposition to Mr. Taft, everything points his way. The only possible reservation is to be found in New Hampshire, but there is no La Follette sentiment in New England, and Mr. Taft assuredly controls this group of states. New York is absolutely solid for him, as there is not the remotest prospect that it will advance a favored son. Mr. Roosevelt, it may be said advisedly, will not be a competitor in the race. There is nothing to indicate that Mr. Taft will not be the selection of the New Jersey delegates, which state is among the last to hold its presidential primary. Pennsylvania and West Virginia are bedrock for Mr. Taft, while Maryland and Delaware are similarly classed. Mr. Taft has a remarkable fund of favor below the Mason and Dixon Line, and in some of these states strong Taft resolutions have already been adopted, notably in Kentucky and the Carolinas. It is not necessary to give the probable figures of the different states in a summing up of the delegates for President Taft or Senator La Follette. The most conservative estimates of this nature place to the credit of the President 794 delegates and to Mr. La Follette 256. As it will require but 532 to nominate, Mr. Taft will assuredly receive the nomination upon the first ballot.

### Burkett-Curtis.

A beautiful home wedding will be solemnized this Wednesday evening at 5:30 at the home of the bride's mother on Front street when Mr. Joseph Iver Burkett of Jacksonville, Fla., and Miss Mayme Ruffin Curtis, daughter of Mrs. L. D. Curtis, will be joined in marriage.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and bridegroom will leave for Fort White, Fla. to visit relatives of the groom, after which they will reside in Jacksonville, where the groom is a prominent business man.

Miss Curtis is a modest and attractive young lady, having been stenographer for the Virginia Life Insurance Co. for three years, whose manager, Mr. K. K. Lively reluctantly gives her up.

### Received Broken Leg.

While moving Prof. F. H. Curtis Tuesday evening the horse of Leonard Clapp, a colored man, became frightened, ran into a hydrant near Mr. Ernest Murray's home, tore up the hydrant, causing the city water to be cut off Tuesday night. During the accident Clapp received a broken leg and was painfully hurt. The water from the hydrant caused a small flood in that section of the town.

Mrs. J. D. Hardin and Mr. Houghton Way of Ramseur, after spending a week with relatives and friends in town left last Thursday for Randleman, where they will spend some time with relatives before returning home.