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HALLEY'S COMET

TO BE SPLENDID SPECTACLE

Is Now Visible With Telescope In Western Evening Sky But Cannot Be Seen With Naked Eye Until About April 1st—Will Attain Its Greatest Brilliance Latter Part of May.

In its issue of Jan. 8th the Scientific American has an interesting article on the much-discussed Halley's comet, which is said to now be visible, with a telescope, in the western evening sky. It is stated that the comet will first be visible to the naked eye about April 1st, when it will rise just before dawn. After this time the earth and the comet will rapidly approach each other and the latter will greatly increase in brilliancy.

Continuing, that paper says: About April 20th it will pass its nearest point to the sun, and on May 18th will again disappear in the sun's rays—this time, however, passing in the front of the great luminary. It is predicted that the nucleus will cross the sun's disk about five minutes of a degree from its center, thus furnishing an opportunity to observe whether the nucleus is opaque to the sun's rays.

The transit will not be visible in the United States as it will occur after sunset here. On the night of May 18th the earth and comet will rush past each other and the earth will probably sweep through the tail of the comet. After May 18th the comet will attain its maximum of splendor in the evening sky, and in a few days thereafter its glory will rapidly fade.

News Items and Personals From Pilot Mt.

Pilot Mt., Jan. 10.—Miss Bennie Harrell left Sunday for Winston, where she expects to take a position as bookkeeper for Mr. Williams, about sixteen miles from Winston.

Misses Lillian Johnson, and Mary and Ola Wall spent Sunday in King and report a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reid gave a party Friday night in honor of their niece, Miss Maggie Miller. Those present were, Misses Irene Simpson, Ida Mitchell, Annie Redman, Ola Wall, Mollie Hiatt, Clara Snyre, Victoria Lawrence, Mamie and Ethel Snow, Myrtle Smith, Maud Kirkman and Georgia Simmons, Messrs. Isaac Lawrence, Vincon Swanson, Royston King, Charlie Redman, Edgar Needham, Warren Smith, Conrad Samuel and Walter Redman, John Kirkman, Will Cox and Jim Dunman.

Mr. Clyde Beamer, of Mt. Airy, called on Miss Lizzie Johnson Sunday.

Mrs. O. N. Swanson is very sick we are sorry to note.

Mr. John Kirkman returned from Winston Friday.

A number of our citizens have had a chance for the smallpox.

A few of our town people visited at Mr. Edmond Stone's Saturday night.

Miss Ila Davis, of Dobson, is here trying to get up a music class. She is progressing nicely.

Mrs. I. B. Wall left today to visit her daughter at King.

Mr. Joe Pell, of Winston, was a caller in town Saturday and Sunday.

GIRLIE

Petree, East & Co.

Just for new ad of Petree, in the next issue of the Reporter.

This well known firm have some nice farms, town

PETER'S CREEK WEDDINGS.

Mr. Jess Lawson and Miss Bettie Collins and Mr. Charlie Overby and Miss Flora Collins—Other Items.

Peter's Creek, Va., Jan. 6.—Well, here we are again turning over a new leaf, making a fresh start into the new year, leaving behind us all the mistakes of the past.

The holidays was celebrated quiet and everybody enjoyed a good time in our community.

Mr. Walter Martin, of Mt. Airy, spent Christmas with his parents, returning Tuesday.

Mr. George Jefferson, of Winston-Salem, spent the holidays with friends and relatives.

Mr. Daniel Jefferson, of Algoma, West Va., spent the holidays with his parents, returning last Monday accompanied by Mr. Reid Beasley.

Mr. Jim Collins left for Colorado last Monday.

Mr. Ellis Beasley, of Roanoke, Va., spent the holiday with friends and relatives here.

Among the Christmas weddings in our vicinity were Mr. Jess Lawson to Miss Bettie Collins, Mr. Charlie Overby and Miss Flora Collins, and we think there is some more who will soon depart their single life.

Our Union is growing every meeting.

Mr. Mason Wright, of Rocky Ford, Colo., is visiting friends and relatives here.

RAIDING BILL.

Mrs. Delisha Kington.

Sandy Ridge, Jan. 10.

Editors Reporter:

Will you give us space in your paper to speak a few words in memory of our departed friend, Mrs. Delisha Kington. She was born May 15, 1830, and died Dec. 13, 1909, making her stay on earth 79 years, 6 months and 28 days. She was married to Wm. H. Kington Nov. 27, 1851. To this union six children were born, four boys and two girls, all of whom survive. She leaves 37 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, besides a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss. Her disease was a throat and lung trouble, from which she suffered much during the last six months, but was confined to her bed only a few weeks. She bore her sufferings with great patience, often remarked that she was ready and willing to go. She told her children not to grieve after her for she was going to rest. In her last days she wanted to hear singing and would often sing while her friends were singing for her. She also wanted to hear preaching. Elders Priddy and Mabe preached for her which she enjoyed very much. She had noble traits of character. She was a good mother and kind to her neighbors and was loved and respected by all that knew her. All that kind hands and loving hearts could do was done, but nothing could stay the cold hand of death. We think she left good evidence that she is now enjoying that sweet rest prepared by Him for His people. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Collins, after which she was laid to rest in the family burying ground near Buffalo church.

'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends To call his own above And whispers o'er the weeping friends 'Tis all the fruits of love.

A FRIEND.

The family of Mr. J. S. Taylor have moved from the hotel into their handsome residence.

Mr. N. E. Pepper spent Monday at Winston.

TAX MONEY NEEDED

LESS THAN ONE-FIFTH PAID IN

Sheriff Jones Says the People Are Unusually Slow in Paying Taxes This Year—Books Will Be Placed In Hands of Deputies March 15th.

As will be seen from his advertisement at another place in this issue Sheriff C. M. Jones has made appointments for his third tax round since the 1909 taxes became due. The law only requires him to make two rounds during the year, but owing to the fact that the taxes are very much needed he is giving the people plenty of opportunities to pay up. The State wants its part of the taxes and the county's money is very much needed to pay school teachers, current expenses of the county and to pay off the court house and jail bonds, which will be due April 1st.

Mr. Jones says that after March 15th the books will be placed in the hands of his deputies with instructions that the taxes be collected immediately, and that if anyone has cost to pay he can blame only himself.

Less than one-fifth of the taxes have been collected up to this time.

Stoneville.

Stoneville Route 1, Jan. 10.—Valley Field school taught by Mr. Glenn McCollum, has been the best we have had for a long time. Hope it will continue so.

Miss Viola Terrell, who has been visiting relatives near Stoneville, returned to her home Friday accompanied by her cousins, Mr. Richard and Miss Isabell Terrell.

There was a party at Mr. Edd Carter's Monday night. Large crowd present and all had a nice time.

There was an opossum dinner at Mr. R. S. Alcorn's Thursday. Those present were Misses Viola Terrell, Quincy Shelton, of Stokes, Isabell and Emma Terrell, Bettie and Minnie Alcorn, Messrs. Sam and Isaac Terrell, Troy Shelton, Sam Carter and Willie and Richard Terrell.

Mr. Willie Cox and Miss Minnie Alcorn were visitors of Miss Emma Terrell Sunday.

Mr. Ham Mabe, of Greensboro, has been visiting his brother, Mr. Jesse Mabe, near Deep Springs.

Mr. Noel and Miss Martha Snyder, who have been working at Greensboro, have returned to their home.

There was a party at Mr. W. J. Terrell's Wednesday night, given in honor of their niece, Miss Viola Terrell, who has been visiting them. Those present were Misses Edna, Clara and Rhoda Pharis, Essie, Daisy and Allie Carter, Viola Fulp and Bettie and Minnie Alcorn, Messrs. Tom, Edd and Willie Cox, Cleve Lewis, Davie Carter, Glenn McCollum, John and Wiley Fulp, Joe Peat Doyle and Charlie and Phonso Pharis.

Miss Bettie Alcorn spent the day with Miss Opal Allen Sunday. Miss Allen accompanied her home and spent the night.

Mr. Glenn McCollum spent the night at Mr. J. R. Alcorn's Sunday.

Miss Kate Joyce, who has been visiting her friend, Miss Clara Pharis, returned to her home in Roanoke, Va., a few days since.

Mr. Willie Terrell, who is working in Mayodan, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Terrell.

Mr. N. S. Cardwell and friends, of Burlington, have been up on a hunting vacation. They have returned to their homes.

TWO SCHOOL GIRLS.

VADE MECUM SOLD

MR. W. H. REID THE PURCHASER

The Popular Watering Place Brings \$5,479—Sale Subject To Confirmation of the Court—Hotel To Be Opened Next Season.

The Vade Mecum Springs property, consisting of about 340 acres of land and containing a three-story hotel building and a number of cottages, was sold at public auction at the court house door in Winston Monday by Mr. A. F. Moses, trustee.

It is learned that while the bidding at the sale was lively it was confined to only a few bidders. Mr. W. H. Reid, who resides on the property, was the highest bidder and the property went to him. The consideration was \$5,479. The property was owned by the Vade Mecum Springs Company, which some time since went into bankruptcy, and the property was sold under order of the court. The sale of the property will be subject to the confirmation of the court.

Mr. Reid has been operating the store and farm at Vade Mecum and it is announced that he will open the hotel for guests next season.

Sandy Ridge Route 1.

Sandy Ridge Route 1, Jan. 10.—Rev. D. A. Binkley filled his regular appointment at Delta Sunday. Quite a large crowd attended.

Mr. Abe Hawkins and Miss Mable Pringle were united in marriage last Sunday by Mr. C. D. Smith.

Miss Lottie Hawkins is visiting friends and relatives at Donaha this week.

Gilbert, the little son of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Joyce, has been right sick for a few days. Hope he will soon be out again.

Mr. J. W. Murphy, who has been suffering with blood poison, is improving, we are glad to note.

Mr. Z. V. Martin and daughter, Miss Ludie, Mr. and Mrs. George Kallam, Mr. Jim Ziglar and sister, Miss Nealy, visited at Mr. G. Walter Hawkins' Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarva Martin visited friends at Donaha last week.

Mr. E. K. Vernon went to Madison last week with a load of tobacco.

PRETTY GIRL.

Whitsett.

Whitsett, Jan. 9.

Editors Reporter: School opened here last Wednesday with an unusual number of students. Finest opening in many years at the beginning of the spring. After a joint meeting in the Chapel Friday afternoon, we all went to the society halls where we took up the regular society work.

After a few rough icy days last week we are having some fine weather.

The farmers in this section are very busy preparing for another crop.

There is no tobacco raised in this section, as the land is unfit for tobacco.

LITTLE BROWN JUG.

Germantown Route 1.

Germantown Route 1, Jan. 8.—The school at Friendship is progressing nicely.

The farmers of this section are doing a lot of plowing this winter.

Mr. W. H. Webster is building a fine house. Mr. P. J. Bennett is the contractor and will complete it soon.

RED BIRD.

Mr. John Tillotson and family, who live near Walnut Cove, are reported ill with smallpox.

KING ROUTE TWO.

Excitement Over Smallpox—Slate Sawmill to Be Moved From Mt. View to Point Near Oak Grove—Personals.

King, Jan. 10.—There is a lot of excitement over smallpox in this section at present which is said to be very thick. Several cases have been reported, and quite a number have been vaccinated.

Mr. R. H. Smith, who has had typhoid fever for some time, is able to be out again. The doctor has also dismissed Mrs. James Boyles, who has been confined to her bed for seven weeks.

Mr. D. T. Rutledge, who been suffering with rheumatism for several days, is reported improving.

Mr. W. H. Slate and Bros., of Mt. View, are expected to move their new saw mill on King Route 2, near Oak Grove, in the near future.

The Farmers Quick Step Telephone Co. held their annual meeting at King Jan. 6th, and elected officers for the New Year.

Misses Effie Gentry and Hattie Smith and Messrs. R. L. and T. C. Boyles left the past week to enter school at Boonville. It seems that young people are interested in an education.

Mr. N. I. Boyles is spending several days with his cousin, W. W. Boyles in Roanoke, Va.

SCRIBBLER.

DANBURY, FEBRUARY 5.

Local of the Farmers Union to Meet.

Sandy Ridge, Jan. 10.—The locals of the Stokes County Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America will please elect a full delegation to meet at the court-house in Danbury on Saturday Feb. 5th 1910, this being our first regular quarterly meeting for the year; the full force of officials will be installed, hoping all elected officers will be present and to expedite business on the 5th, I ask all elected county officers to meet at Danbury Friday night Feb. 4th to transact some important official business. We will on Saturday elect a county business agent and as all the officials are installed we will no doubt have a brief speech from each one and will be the most interesting meeting we have yet had. Come one and all with your delegates.

Yours fraternally,

L. A. AMOS,

Pres. Co. Union.

Sandy Ridge Items.

Sandy Ridge, Jan. 4.—The school opened at Sandy Ridge today.

Miss Fannie Hawkins, of Stuart, Va., is visiting her father at this place.

Dr. Thomas Hawkins, of Richmond, Va., visited his home here during Christmas. He and his brother returned to Richmond the 2nd.

Messrs. Joseph and Peter Payne visited their aunt, Mrs. F. Hawkins, during Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin and Miss Lottie Hawkins visited at Donaha this week.

MARIE

Mt. View Institute Suspends On Account of Smallpox.

Mt. View Institute, at Mizpah, was suspended this week on account of the prevalence of smallpox in that section of the county. The school will not likely open again this season.

FROM SUPT. SMITH

SCHOOLS WILL NOT BE CLOSED

Reports Being Circulated Over the County that the Public Schools Would Be Suspended On Account of Smallpox Are Untrue—People Requested to Keep Their Children In School.

Danbury, N. C., January 10. To the Public School Teachers:

As smallpox is scattered over the county and various reports are circulated as to the county school authorities closing the schools and forcing the people to have their children vaccinated, I take this opportunity to say that no school in the county will be closed, except for non attendance. See section 4164 Public School Law 1909.

It would be a great deal better if the people would have their children vaccinated, and every teacher would be vaccinated, too, but the school authorities will not attempt to force anybody to be vaccinated as this matter is entirely with the Board of Health and Health officer.

I urge every teacher to visit the people as much as possible and ask them to continue sending their children to school, for if the schools have to close, it will be an irreparable loss to the children of Stokes county.

Dr. Neal, I understand, has vaccinated all persons who have been exposed to the disease, and the probability is that the worst of the epidemic is over.

Trusting that the schools can continue, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J. T. SMITH,

County Supt. Schools.

Sandy Ridge Route 1.

Sandy Ridge Route 1, Jan. 10.—The wheat crop is looking some better since the snow a few weeks ago.

Miss Sarah Ward, who has been ill for some time, is no better we are sorry to say.

Miss Dora Ward, who has been down with rheumatism for some time, is improving.

Mr. O. C. East is looking sad. Cheer up, old boy, don't look so sad.

Our school is progressing nicely with Mr. J. A. Leak and Miss Lilla Hawkins as teachers.

BLUE JAY.

Boyles Bros., of Winston-Salem. Buy Out Shore Mercantile Co. at King.

Boyles Bros., of Winston-Salem, have bought out the Shore Mercantile Company at King. Mr. Ollie Boyles will remove to King with his family and will take charge of the business. Mr. Fred E. Shore, of King, who has taken an interest and is to be in charge of the gents' furnishing department at Boyles Bros., will move to Winston-Salem this week.

Taylor Hotel Changes Management.

The Taylor Hotel here, owned by Mr. J. Spot Taylor, has been leased to Mrs. W. H. Flinchum, of Piedmont. Mrs. Flinchum moved into the hotel yesterday and took charge. Mr. Taylor and family moving into their residence. Mrs. Flinchum had charge of the Piedmont Springs Hotel last season.

Card of Thanks.

Sandy Ridge Route 1, Jan. 10.

Mr. Editor: We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for their kindness shown us during mother's sickness and death.

MR. & MRS. E. G. KINGTON.