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HOW HE SUCCEEDED

MR. JAS. F. SLATE'S SUCCESS

He Realized the Importance of Making the Necessaries of Life at Home—An Example of What May Be Done By Farming in Stokes County.

On the 17th of March 1910, Mr. James F. Slate of Yadkin township, Stokes county, passed to his eternal reward. It was the farmer's sad privilege to be present at the end came. Mr. Slate had his mental powers to the full, and was perfectly rational and seemed to have no fear of death, or to be the least excited. Just a few minutes before he died he called his children by name to his bedside, and told them he was prepared to go to a better world, and admonished them to live upright Christian lives and meet him in Heaven. And requested them to bury him at Friendship Baptist Church by the side of his wife, and that Elder P. Oliver, of Stokes county, and Elder W. H. Wilson, of Madison, preach his funeral.

In his desire to help others, he requested the writer to write a short sketch of his life as a farmer, his only motive being to help others. I will now try to give his mode of farming.

I have known Mr. Slate for thirty-five years, our farms being adjoining. After coming home from the Civil War he commenced to fight the battles of life as a farmer, and has made a splendid success, commencing with very little of this world's goods. But by being diligent in business and never idling time, he has accumulated a large amount of property, and when he died he was worth from thirty-five to forty thousand dollars, which shows what may be done farming. He realized the importance of making the necessities of life on his farm, or what they consumed and always diversified his crops and did not depend upon tobacco for a living, while he always raised some tobacco. He grew a large amount of grain and forage to sell. He was considered the largest wheat grower in this community, and always had grain and hay to sell, to his neighbors who depended on tobacco for a living. He has constantly improved his farm by seeding to clover and a rotation of crops and his farm always paid him back handsomely. He made a great deal of money on his farm, and believed in doing good with what God intrusted to his care. After educating his children and providing well for them, he gave one thousand dollars to Wake Forest College to be loaned to young men who were preparing for the ministry, at 4 per cent. interest, as has already been stated by Mr. Oliver in his tribute to Mr. Slate. We learn that he gave another thousand for this purpose, which will cause him to live in the hearts of the people for generations to come.

He was a very modest and unassuming man; he did not belong to any organization but the church of God. His life and death demonstrate the fact that the church and its teaching is all that is necessary for a rule of life and practice in this world and teaches man his whole duty to God and his fellowmen. We take our leave of Mr. Slate in pride and gratitude. He leaves an example to young men which will be an incentive for generations, and when the end came those who know him best, felt that one of the best had gone, and that we had in sorrow given to the eternities one who had much to do for his neighborhood and whom we could sorely afford to lose.

PETER'S CREEK LETTER.

Farmers Getting Uneasy About Tobacco Plants—Easter Parties—Personals.

Peter's Creek, Va., April 2.—Farmers are getting uneasy about their tobacco plants, as they haven't come up. They think they have died in the sprout. Some are watering their beds.

Hurrah! for Old Stokes, she is coming to the front.

New phone lines are coming through here from Laurel Forks, Va., and a great many of the farmers are anxious for the Quick Step phone line to connect with it.

Mr. C. H. Jessup has just completed a nice dwelling and feed barn.

Mr. C. W. Blancett has repaired his house, and is now painting his new feed barn.

Mr. W. W. Leak has almost completed a nice eight-room house.

Mr. W. R. Ward left yesterday for Stuart, Va., where he has accepted a position with George Bros.

Mrs. C. W. Blancett and son, Matt, are visiting relatives at Mayberry, Va., this week.

Farmers of this section are behind with their plowing on account of the dry weather.

Well, Easter has passed, and all of the young people seemed to have a nice time. Those that were at Mr. J. E. Hutcheson's Sunday were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Leak and daughters, Lillie, Gracie and Genna; Misses Daisy Lawson, Dakota Hill, Messrs. Bob Boyles, George E. Collins, Tom Ward, Ellis Hill, George Frances, Willie Lawson, Tom Martin, Russell Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. George Marson, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Marson. And on Monday, Miss Lillie Leak entertained a number of her young friends. Among the many were Misses Flora, Annie and Bertha Hutcheson, Ethel Beasley, Jettie and Silla Collins, Bessie, Dakota and Ada Hill, Messrs. Tom and Roy Ward, Ellis Hill, Bob, Roy, Posie and George Collins, John Hundley, Elijah Hutcheson and others. And in the afternoon they had a pleasant walk to the river, where they were joined by a number of girls and boys. After boat riding, and gathering Easter flowers, they all gathered on the bank of the river and had their pictures made by Moses Smith.

Mr. W. W. Leak lost a fine young cow last week.

Mr. C. W. Blancett has just returned from Winstog. He reports tobacco selling well.

Mr. Willie Lawson, of this place, left Tuesday for Colorado.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Collins, a girl.

Mr. Nat Ward, of Sandy Ridge, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Mary Ward.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jefferson is right sick at this writing.

HYACINTH.

Rain Needed Badly—Wheat and Tobacco Plants Suffering.

Rain is badly needed in this section. Wheat and tobacco plants are suffering. A good rain fell Sunday night north and east of here about 5 or 6 miles.

Big lot Daisy Middling. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Ladies low cut shoes. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Ladies dress goods. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Trunks and suit cases. Boyles Mercantile Co.

We buy chickens. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Brown ship stuff. Boyles Mercantile Co.

COMET BEHIND SUN

EVERYBODY DISAPPOINTED

Brilliant Sky-Flyer Not to Be Visible Until Last of April—Halley's Comet Confused With January Comet.

What's the matter with the comet?

This is the question in everybody's mind, as the expected brilliant visitor, which was looked for early in April, does not appear.

It appears that the astronomers have miscalculated, else the newspapers have misquoted them—in either case the people are disappointed, who for weeks have been on the qui vive for the greatest show seen in the heavens for three-fourths of a century.

It seems that somebody has got the comet which appeared back in January, confused with Halley's comet. The last issue of the Scientific American says that the comet which was so conspicuous in January, is now observable in the sky, just before daylight, but that it can be seen only with the aid of a telescope. It is fast receding, and will soon be lost in space. Continuing, the well known New York paper says that Halley's comet—the 75-year-visitor which we are so anxiously watching for, is invisible behind the sun during the early part of this month, but will "doubtless" show itself with great beauty and brilliancy "toward the end of the month." So we will have to nurse our impatience yet a little while longer, and see if the astronomers will fool us again.

Mr. Joseph Whitten was in town yesterday from Walnut Cove.

UNION SLANDERERS

A WARM DENUNCIATION

Union Will Protect Its Interests—Will Not Be Impeded in Its Battle For Truth, Justice and Right.

Germantown, April 2.

Editor Reporter:

I am reliably informed that one or more prominent citizens of the county are trying to discredit and break down the Farmers' Union, and are using their influence to deter those who would join the organization, by misrepresentation and vilification of the order, and by abuse and slander of those who are members.

Now, I would like to inquire, in what way has the Farmers' Union or the members of the same so violated law or morals as to invite malice and slander. We are a body of men, free citizens of America, law-abiding, God-fearing, with the courage to stand for principles of justice and right. Is this illegal, or a sin against church or society? We are charged with the offense of holding our meetings behind closed doors. Is it a crime for the stockholders or directors of a bank, a railroad, or a furniture factory; or the members of any private business firm or association of business or professional men to conduct their business behind closed doors, or do they invite the public in to see and hear all the details? If it is not wrong for these to manage their business in their own private way, why are we slandered in managing ours?

Mr. Editor, I am not referring to those correspondents in your paper who recently under the non-de-plumes of "A Farmer," "Ladies' Friend," etc., have criticized us harmlessly. These are but the idle vapors of ignorant minds, having about as much effect on the Union as gnats singing around a bull's head. But my

TAX-LISTERS NAMED

BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Other Business Transacted Was the Auditing of Claims Against the County and the Allowing of Tax Refunds.

The principal business before the meeting of the county commissioners here Monday was the appointment of tax-listers and the payment of claims. A number of pauper allowances were granted and tax refunds made.

The tax listers appointed were as follows:

Danbury, L. J. Young; Meadows, J. Walter Tuttle; Yadkin, J. M. Culler; Quaker Gap, J. R. P. East; Peter's Creek, H. H. Reid; Snow Creek, Speedwell Mabe; Beaver Island, J. W. Young; Sauratown, error (to be appointed next meeting).

The following claims were paid:

E. A. Culler, carrying prisoner to jail,	\$2.50
R. H. R. Blair, 2 pauper coffins,	7.00
Amanda Loggins, pauper burial,	5.00
Edward & Broughton, record book,	14.00
K. D. Smith, lumber and work on road,	2.50
A. F. Christian, Treas., expenses in office,	7.09
J. A. Bowles, work and lumber for bridge,	10.25
C. M. Jones, jail account for March,	33.70
Y. S. Smith, keeping County home for March,	75.61
E. C. Sheppard, pauper burial,	5.00
Pepper Bros., printing tax notices and stationery, etc.	18.00
C. R. Duggins, conveying prisoner to jail,	6.45
Dr. J. W. Neal, County Supt. of Health	207.19

reference is to those higher up, who either secretly or openly, by direct charge or innuendo are trying to stab the organization to which we belong. Our advice to those Moguls is to let the Farmers' Union alone. The body numbers now more than 3,000,000 men, 2,000 of whom are in Stokes county. In offering this advice to you, Messrs. Slanderers, we do it not for our good, because we are too big in numbers, and our organization is too grand in its mission, too broad in its immortal principles of truth and justice and right to be affected by a few little whipper-snappers who do not know the world is so large. But for their sake, we advise peace. We are progressive yet not aggressive, but we are human, and we are going to protect our interests. No man, no set of men, no influence, no political party shall impede us in our battle for what is ours. And no church that undertakes to strike down the Union but will learn that it is engaged in warfare against those very principles for which it should stand. Therefore, its influence for good must fail.

Show me one legal, moral or social wrong practised, endorsed, approved or countenanced by the Farmers' Union, and I agree to assist in disbanding the Union and denouncing it as a menace to the well being of our country. More than this, I will give you my bond for \$10,000, secured by 500 of as good men's names as can be found in Stokes or any other county. I challenge you to this through the columns of the Reporter, with the permission of the editors. You must show down or shut up. Either substantiate your charges, or acknowledge to the readers of this paper that your assertions have been founded on ignorance, prejudice, narrow-mindedness and base malice, and that you are a traducer of good men, slanderer and liar.

UNION MAN.

MR. AND MRS. JAS. ALLEY DIE

Measles Coupled With Pneumonia Proves Fatal—Mrs. Alley Passed Monday, Followed by Her Husband

Last Night—Two Sons Survive. One of Whom is Ill.

Mrs. James Alley, aged 45, died early Monday morning at her home near Hartman. She was followed last night into the spirit world by her husband, Mr. James Alley, aged 50. Two young sons, Jesse and Warner, survive, the former lying seriously ill with the same disease that killed his father and mother—measles.

This was one of the saddest affairs ever known in the Hartman neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Alley both contracted measles at the same time, and both cases developed into pneumonia. As the friends bore from the room the dead body of his wife, Mr. Alley remarked that they would take him soon. His words were prophetic.

The wife and mother was buried near Hartman postoffice Tuesday. The husband and father will be laid beside his life's partner tomorrow.

During the sickness of the family, the care and devotion of the neighbors have been touching.

END OF A LONG COURTSHIP.

Happy Marriage At Oak Grove—Sunday School Reorganizes—Tobacco Plants Not Doing Much.

Oak Grove, King Route 2 April 3.—Tobacco plants are not doing much now. I think the bugs find them by the time they find their way through the land.

Rev. P. Oliver filled his regular appointment at Olive Grove the first Sunday. His appointments have been changed from the second Sunday to the first Sunday.

Mr. R. K. Long and Miss Parry Bodenheimer were united in holy bonds of wedlock on March 25th, after a protracted courtship of 16 years. We wish them a long, happy and prosperous life.

We guess the people are getting ready for court. Occasionally we see a pine brush in the road with a shovel of dirt on it.

Oak Grove Sunday School reorganized last Sunday, and elected the following officers and teachers: S. R. Smith, Supt.; B. N. Smith, Assistant; W. L. Smith, B. N. Smith and Mrs. A. M. Smith, teachers; Mr. W. L. Rierson, Sec. and Treas.

SCRIBBLER.

PINNACLE NEWS.

High School to Close With Entertainment April 13-14—Personals.

Pinnacle, April 4.—Miss Florence Cook entertained delightfully at a peanut party on the evening of April 3rd.

Pinnacle High School will close, with a commencement exercise, April 13th and 14th.

Mrs. John Spainhower went to Winston-Salem today shopping.

Miss Mary Loftis, who has been spending some time with her grandmother, has returned to her home at Madison.

Miss Dora Wall, who spent the winter teaching near Greensboro, is now at home.

Mr. Edgar Mickey, agent on the Southern Railway, spent Sunday here.

Rev. Richardson filled his regular appointment Sunday at eleven o'clock.

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Box Party At King.

The teachers of the King High School will give a box party at the school building in King on Saturday, April 9th. The proceeds will be used for the improvement of the school building.

ANOTHER FOX RACE

FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 16

Reporter Secures Another Reynard From Mr. W. H. Flinchum and the Championship Trial Will Be Done Over Again—Every Fox Hunter Invited to Enter the Contest.

The Reporter has secured another fox from Mr. W. H. Flinchum, the fox-trapper, and on Saturday, April 16, another trial will be made for the championship and the collar.

It is intended to give this Reynard a better show for his life, and hunters and spectators may expect a race worth while. The start will be made at 8 o'clock promptly from the court house here, down Main street, the route thence to be determined later. There will be no disputes and no misunderstandings about this contest, which will be conducted under rules fair to all. No dog that is not a full blood hound, and no hound that has never trailed a fox, will be allowed to enter the contest.

The fox has been kept in confinement for some time by Mr. Flinchum, but is in the pink of condition for running. Let everybody come to see the race, and every fox hunter and fox dog from Stokes and adjoining counties cordially invited to enter the contest. The hound which first strikes the fox will be awarded the collar—if this fact can be proved by two credible witnesses.

Notice To Poll Tax Payers.

The law now requires all persons who are subject to the payment of poll tax to pay the same on or before the first day of May, in order to vote, which means that the poll tax for the year 1909 must be paid on or before the first day of May, 1910, in order to vote in the elections this fall. I earnestly urge all voters to pay their polls on or before said first day of May, and be in a position to cast their votes in the ensuing elections. Nothing can be saved by a failure to pay now, as the tax must be paid very soon anyway. The tax books for each township are now in the hands of the various deputies for the respective townships, and the taxes can be paid either to the Sheriff or his deputies. The issues to be voted upon next fall are of vital importance to every citizen of our country, and in order to do our duty as citizens, we should prepare ourselves to vote by paying our poll taxes before it is too late.

This April the 5th, 1910.

J. H. ELLINGTON,
Chm'n. Dem. Ex. Com., Stokes Co.

Walnut Cove High School Commencement.

The Walnut Cove High School will hold its commencement exercises tomorrow and next day. An excellent program has been prepared. Prof. M. C. S. Noble will deliver the literary address.

Not a kick on our \$3.00 flour. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Orchard grass seed. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Big lot of sample hats. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Boys clothing. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Good shoes a specialty. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Ladies hats. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Garden hoes and rakes. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Syracuse chilled plows. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Cultivators. Boyles Mercantile Co.

New shoes all kinds. Boyles Mercantile Co.

Get repairs for "oliver chilled" plows from E. P. Newsom.

See E. P. Newsom King, N. C. for all kinds of terra cotta.