

THE MEBANE LEADER.

"AND RIGHT THE DAY MUST WIN, TO DOUBT WOULD BE DISLOYALTY, TO FALTER WOULD BE SIN."

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PERSONAL AND LOCAL BRIEFS

PEOPLE WHO COME AND GO

Items of interest Gathered by

Our Reporter

Mr. Walter Lynch spent Sunday at Oaks.

Mrs. W. N. Whitfield spent Sunday in Graham.

Mrs. J. N. Warren spent Saturday at Cedar Grove.

Mrs. L. A. Crawford spent Tuesday in Burlington.

Mrs. W. L. Blackard, of Helena is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. Fletcher Nelson well known in Mebane has been suffering much of late.

Mr. and Mrs. Kee have taken their little daughter Emma to Rex Hospital, Raleigh.

Mr. W. R. Lloyd, of Chapel Hill, spent Friday last with his daughter Mrs. L. A. Cranford.

Mr. Jinks Mebane, of Graham, came down Saturday morning to spend Sunday here with relatives.

Charlie Lashley who has been absent down South came in Wednesday to spend some time at home.

The condition of the streets for the last few days still argue the necessity for some work to better their condition.

The Bazaar that was to have been given by the Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church has been indefinitely postponed.

Dr. J. M. Thompson, who has recently located in our town has been appointed physician and surgeon for the Southern railway at this point.

Mrs. Will Bason, of High Point, came down Saturday morning to spend Sunday with relatives here. Mr. Will Bason came down Saturday evening.

Miss Margaret Clegg has reduced prices on her hats fifty per cent. This is a tremendous reduction. Don't fail to see her. Leading milliner of Graham.

The Junior Order and Daughters of Liberty will have Thanksgiving services at the M. P. Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The Y. M. C. A. will join with us. Everybody cordially invited.

Don't fail to read the advertisement of J. M. Hendrix & Co. of Greensboro. This firm keeps a splendid line of the best make of shoes. They sell reasonable, and make it a point to give you a nice fit.

Holmes Warren, & Co. change their advertisement in this week's Leader directing attention to some of their special bargains. They have a full stock and are offering special inducement to the trade.

Messrs. B. A. Sellers and Son have a pretty displayed advertisement in this week's Leader, your attention to it. These gentlemen carry a very nice line of dress goods, cloaks, ready-to-wear suits etc. They will treat you alright.

There is less than one month to Christmas, it is full time you were beginning to take some thought of what you will buy for yourself or friend. If you shop early you will get the best, if you shop late you will have to take what others leave.

J. M. Hendrix & Co, the old reliable shoe firm of Greensboro changes their advertisement in this week's Leader. A nice line of winter shoes for dress or substantial wear always stock their shelves. They will treat you right. Don't forget them.

Mrs. Patterson of Winston, thought to have been Mrs. Lindsay Patterson in company with a lady in a handsome automobile in the care of a faithful driver got stuck in the mud just beyond Mebane Monday. Mr. Smith came to their rescue and got them off.

T. J. Lamb and Sons, of Durham place a nice size advertisement on the last page of this week's Leader. This is a progressive firm who handle men's clothing and furnishing. They carry a line of the latest and best make. All fashionable goods. Don't fail to see them.

Married in Durham

Mr. John Evens known to his friends as Jinks left on Wednesday 11 o'clock train for Durham where he was married to Miss Alma Latta of that city, Rev. L. D. Hogman performing the ceremony. Miss Lotta is the daughter of Mr. C. W. Lotta. Mr. and Mrs. Evens will make their home near Watson. The Leader wishes for the couple a long and happy life.

At "Rawis"

The change for the advertisement for "Rawis" of Durham did not reach us in time to appear in this weeks issue of the Leader. We would however say they are offering some special bargains in furs, Muffs to match, childrens, mens and ladies gloves, fine coat suits, cotton and wool blankets, all reasonable goods sold at slaughter prices. A free trip to Durham from Mebane goes with each \$12.50 worth of goods.

Reidsville Man Killed in Memphis.

J. W. Martin, a well known traveling man from Reidsville, N. C., was shot and killed and Mrs. E. L. Nonemacher had a narrow escape from death Sunday in Memphis, Tenn. at the hands of her husband when he tried to enter a hotel room in which it is declared he had found his wife and Martin. Martin died tonight from his wounds, Mrs. Nonemacher formerly lived in Connecticut.

Preachers Appointed

The following preachers were appointed by Methodist Episcopal Conference which closed its annual session at Kinston Monday. The following preachers were appointed:

R. C. Beaman, presiding elder, Burlington Station—T. A. Sikes, Burlington Circuit—J. W. Hackney, Chapel Hill Station—W. A. Stanbury, Hillsboro Circuit—J. M. Ormond, North Alamance—B. T. Hurley, South Alamance—W. F. Galloway, Yanceville Circuit—J. E. Blalock.

The Good Roads Train.

That the good roads movement was given most effectual impetus by the Southern Railway's "Road Improvement Train" which made a sweeping tour through Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida between May 1 and October 27, is indicated in figures summarizing results of the campaign just made public. In the period of six months during which time from one to three demonstrations were given daily, the experts accompanying the train instructed nearly 50,000 people in the art of building good roads and keeping them in repair. The train traveled a distance of nearly 13,500 miles, stopping at 250 towns which were located in 201 counties. The attendance at the various meetings ranged from a little less than 100 to over 1,500.

The New Yarbrough.

The Yarbrough Hotel of Raleigh now open for the accommodation of guest is one of the prettiest, and most neatly finished hosteleries in the State, having recently been remodeled and refurnished. Its interior arrangement, and finish is a perfect dream of artistic beauty. The most pleasing in its classical appointments, and polish. The interior, at entrance, train court, or office is finished in pearl white, the portion of upper side walls fading in to golden orange, a wide stair-way of polished Italian marble leads upstairs to the parlor, or reception room. The corner of the balconies is supported by four massive pilasters imposing in proportion. The dining room is sweet, and suggestive of elegance, handsomely furnished, the table glittering with cut glass and polished silverware. Approached from an other wing of the building is the Cafe which will be in constant service from six in the morning until twelve at night.

One hundred and eighteen rooms are completed and elegantly furnished for guests. There are seven more to be completed making a total of 125 beds, a portion of these have baths. Rates are one dollar to two and a half per day. The house will be conducted on the European plan. We predict for this Hotel a large measure of success. It could not be otherwise, one so careful and correctly planned for public comfort.

WILL AID IN DEFENSE

Labor Delegates Tax Themselves for M'Namaras.

One week's pay from every paid officer of a labor union in this country is called for to swell the McNamara defense fund in a resolution adopted today by the convention of the American Federation of Labor at Atlanta last week. All other delegates to the convention pledged a day's wages to the fund.

Another action aimed to help the McNamaras was the adoption of a resolution framed by President Gompers himself endorsing the candidacy of Job Harriman, the Socialist candidate for mayor of Los Angeles, and calling upon wage-workers all over the country to give such moral and financial support to Harriman's campaign as lies within their power.

Leaders in the convention succeeded in heading off the proposition to have the body make a direct appropriation of \$50,000 for the McNamara fund. A sum greater than that by \$10,000 will be raised by the volunteer subscription of labor officials if all respond to the appeal. Several speeches denunciatory of the prosecutors of the McNamaras were made during the day, one Los Angeles delegate making the statement that \$5,000,000 if necessary would be spent to secure their conviction.

If a man has never been fooled by woman it's because he isn't worth the effort. The wild waves are probably saying that they are glad the surf bathing season is over.

Mebane, R. F. D, No. 1.

Miss Minnie Garrison of Burlington Rd. 3 spent Sunday with her father Mr. J. F. Garrison.

Mrs. C. M. Tyson and children of Burlington spent the latter part of last week with her father J. S. Gibson.

Miss Tessa Maynard is visiting her sister Mrs. D. L. Boon in Durham for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dixon of Liberty is visiting their son Mr. S. W. Dixon, since arriving Mrs. Dixon has taken very sick, hope she will soon be well.

Mrs. C. M. Tate of Greensboro is spending a while with her brother Dr. W. N. Tate.

Rev. J. W. Goodman of Greensboro has accepted the call at Hawfields caused by the resignation of Rev. B. W. Mebane, and will preach his first sermon Sunday.

Mr. B. M. Rogers and Miss Dora Caraway of the Hawfields Graded School are attending the teachers meeting in Raleigh.

Mr. E. A. Dodson who has been in Hillsboro the last two years has returned home where he will try the farm again.

We welcome Mr. J. S. Foster and family of Union Ridge on our route as Mrs. Foster was formerly a patron of No. 1.

Mr. R. C. Harris is all smiles over the arrival of a fine baby girl.

Thanks to Messrs J. A. Holt and M. A. Gibson for some much needed work done on our roads.

There has been quite a number of wild turkeys killed on No. 1 since the season came on, W. K. Edgeworth killed 13; W. C. Johnston 3; E. C. Bason 1; B. F. Gibson 1; Willie Woods 1.

One of our sports went to Burlington Saturday and bought so many clothes he could not haul them back in his buggy so they came by express. Watch out for something to follow, will not tell his name this time.

GOMPERS REAL ANGRY.

Labor Leader Very Wroth Over Speech of Detective Burns.

"He is a malicious, malignant man who hunts men as man hunters did in prehistoric times, or he is so unsound in mind that he deludes himself." These were the words spoken last week at Atlanta by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor in reply to statements on the McNamara case made by Detective William J. Burns at the convention of the American Bankers' Association in New Orleans. The labor leader also condemned the bankers who endorsed Burns' assertions and declared no person would have confidence in them.

This is the kind of talk that Mr. Gompers would use to stick on his McNamara vampires to snuff out the life of Burns as they did the non union printers in the Los Angeles Times office when it was blown up.

Threaten to Kill Those Who Testify in M'Namarara case

William J. Burns, Detective, Says That Attempts Have Been Made at Bribery Also.

State witnesses in the cases against the McNamara brothers accused of murder in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building have been threatened with death after refusing bribes offered by agents of the defense according to a statement by William J. Burns at New Orleans last week. He made the statement during a discussion of the McNamara case after delivering a speech on bank robbery before a meeting of State secretaries' section of the American Bankers Association, in convention here. His discussion was at the request of the detectives.

Mr. Burns further declared that some of the witnesses for the prosecution had to be hidden to protect them from personal violence. He assailed President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader.

He asserted he was confident that the McNamaras would be convicted. "Despite a million-dollar defense fund which has been collected for them."

The meeting by rising extended the detective assurance of faith in his integrity.

Burns was the detective who directed the investigation following the Los Angeles disaster and which McNamaras and Ortie E. McManigal.

He declared that Eugene Debs in a recent signed article in a periodical which Burns suggested should be known as "the appeal to treason," wrote in a vein calculated to incite men to the worst possible violence.

"And," he said, "I interpreted the article to mean that J. Pierpont Morgan, Guggenheim, General Otis and myself should be removed."

KILLED HIS WIFE.

Left Written Confession That He Was Guilty of The Crime of Murdering His Wife.

Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., was electrocuted in the state prison at Richmond last Friday morning at 7:23. One minute after the shock he was pronounced dead.

In a torrential downpour of rain the twelve witnesses to the execution toiled through the mud and down up hill to the penitentiary, through the gates of steel bars to the chamber where Beattie was to offer his atonement. The witnesses were seated, six abreast, before the chair. They shuffled their feet uneasily, and when one leaned forward to speak to another his action was received with frowns. Major Woods, with two deputy wardens, addressed the witnesses, going through the formalities demanded by law.

Then with Beattie between them the deputy wardens began their progress toward the chair only a few feet away. When the procession followed by Supt. Woods, started, a signal was given which plunged the death chamber into darkness, save for a single light immediately over the chair. This was so hooded that it outlined the chair in a circle of blazing radiance, so intense that the remainder of the room seemed in utter darkness. The witnesses scarcely could see each other. There was no delay in preparing for the end. Beattie took his place, the prison surgeon and electricians adjusted the straps, half a dozen clamps were quickly thrown into place and the snap cap adjusted and men stepped back.

Raising his hand, the warden gave the signal for the electric current to be turned on, and instantly Beattie's body stiffened with such violence that the straps cracked with the strain and the clamps rattled as though they were castanets in the hands of death. And then that which once had been Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., relaxed.

It was just 7:23 o'clock when the shock was applied. One minute later Beattie was dead. The surgeon went forward and with a stethoscope listened for another faint beating of the heart, that less than sixty seconds before had lived.

He stepped back and pronounced, "He is dead."

The witnesses solemnly filed out of the death chamber. One or two were ghastly pale as they stepped into the early morning light.

Beattie Confesses.

Henry Clay Beattie, Jr. before his death in the electric chair confessed to the murder of his wife as follows: "I, Henry Clay Beattie Jr., desirous of standing right before God and man, do on this the 23rd day of November, 1911, confess my guilt of the crime charged against me. Much that was published concerning the details was not true, but the awful fact, without the harrowing circumstances remains. For this action, I am truly sorry, and believing that I am at peace with God and am soon to pass into his presence, this statement is made."

Beattie made the above statement to Rev. Benjamin Dennis and the Beattie family consented for it to be made public.

Causes Satisfaction.

The acknowledgement of his crime by Beattie was nowhere received with more quiet joy than in the Executive Mansion. Governor Mann, who resisted all pressure brought to bear upon him to commute the sentence or to issue a reprieve, has worried himself into a state bordering on nervous breakdown during entertaining the fear that he might be permitting an innocent man to go to his doom. The same deep satisfaction is shared by the jurors who convicted Beattie, the attorneys who prosecuted him and by the witnesses whose evidence sent him to the chair. Beattie was convicted solely on circumstantial evidence. There could be found no one who had seen the fatal shot fired, nor any person who could deny emphatically Beattie's illogical story of the tall, bearded stranger, the mythical person whom he charged with the murder. This doubt, in the face of damning circumstantial evidence, so linked as to be practically conclusive, is cleared away by the slayer's porch-thousand acknowledgment of a murder that has held the interest of the whole country.

Last Call.

Stevens, the photographer will be at the white house Thanksgiving day, and will be glad to serve you with nice photos or family groups. Thanksgiving will positively be my last day at White House, as the rest of my time will be taken up with my country work. If you want pictures don't fail to call for I will give reduced prices on all work that day.

Cloudy weather good as clear. Yours for business, L. D. Stevens.

Bold Train Robbery.

Coast Line Mail Coach Riffled Near Columbia.

A masked white man late Friday night last robbed the mail car of Atlantic Coast Line train No. 55 between Royster and Columbia, took the registered letters, stopped the train and jumped off just before the train reached the limits.

The value of the registered mail stolen is not known but the letters are said to contain several thousand dollars. There is no clue to the identity of the robber.

The train, westbound from Wilmington, reached the Royster block house, 2 miles from Columbia, at 11:20. It stopped there a moment then proceeded toward the city. The robber is supposed to have boarded the train at Royster.

Within a few minutes after the train started, he made his appearance in the mail car, held up the two mail clerks at the point of a pistol and took the registered letters. He then pulled the bell cord and leaped off as the train stopped. In the darkness there was no use to pursue and the train continued on its way to this city where the robbery was reported.

Detectives are now on the hunt for the robber but have found no trace of him.

Road is Opened

First Passenger Train to Southport Operated Thursday.

The first passenger train to ever enter Southport, the thriving little town at the mouth of the Cape Fear river, arrived there Thursday morning last bearing United States Senator F. M. Simmons, Governor W. W. Kitchen, Congressman Hanibal Godwin and several hundred Wilmingtonians and Brunswickians who boarded the train en route. There were gathered in the town several thousand people to welcome the train.

It was, indeed, one of the biggest events in the history of Southport and Brunswick county and the beginning, it is believed, of a rapid development of the town and the entire country through which the road runs.

The first train was followed half an hour later by a second which carried several hundred more people to the scene of the celebration. The first train was gaily decorated from the engine to the rear coach and was handsome and stately in appearance as it made its way the undeveloped country which it traverses.

An Automobile Free.

We would like to hear from any of our subscribers who may want to secure a 20 horse power new automobile, of splendid make, absolutely free. It will only cost you a two cent stamp to write. Let us hear from you at once. The offer is open for lady or gentleman.

TOBACCO NEWS.

From Planters Warehouse E. W. Harris, Prop.

Mebane, N. C. Dear Customers and Friends.

At this season of the year when we are giving thanks to our Creator for His goodness to us. I want to thank each and every one who has been so kind and liberal in selling a large portion of their tobacco with me at the Planters Warehouse. I assure you that I have done my best at all times to get you the very highest prices for your tobacco. And promise you that in the future if you will bring your tobacco to the Planters Warehouse where you have the best light and the highest prices paid.

Our trade has greatly increased since our opening sale. We feel from this fact that the farmers of this section will continue to drive their tobacco to the Planters Warehouse, Mebane, where they will continue to get best prices.

Below we give you a few that sold with us last week and their prices and they are good now.

Wilkinson & M	1 load for	\$208.28
L. B. Ward	" " "	161.91
Carter & B.	" " "	95.89
McDade & A.	" " "	110.44
Geffrys & C.	" " "	185.07
R. A. Hooper	" " "	127.14
Baynes & M	" " "	120.83
J. E. Dillard	" " "	82.36
Sam Anderson	" " "	143.67
Warren & S	" " "	120.16
A. P. Corbett	" " "	160.60

We can mention numerous others but space will not permit this time. Bring us a load when you get it ready and we will do the rest.

E. W. Harris, Prop.

Mr. W. P. Warren, sold 1090 lbs. tobacco at the Planters Warehouse for \$157.54. For good prices sell at the Planters.

E. W. Harris, Prop.

Efland Items.

Rev. Homer Casto, and Grover Bivins left here last Wednesday for Henderson a to attend conference. We hope our delegate will bring Rev. Casto back to Efland, as we all wish very much to have him for our pastor next year.

Mrs. H. D. Brown and daughter Mrs. J. J. Brown, spent Tuesday afternoon at Mrs. Mary Jordans.

Miss Alene Perry came up Tuesday from Orange Grove to take charge of her music class. Miss Perry is boarding with Mrs. F. R. Brittain.

Mrs. C. C. Taylor and children left here last week for Texas to spend the winter with her father, Mr. Currie. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown has taken charge of Mr. Taylor's residence during Mrs. Taylor's absence.

Mrs. B. C. Patton of Cedar Grove was in our town last Thursday a short while.

Mr. Will Taylor, of Richmond, Va., is visiting his father, Mr. John Taylor, near Efland.

Mr. James Thompson returned from the Hospital in Richmond last week very much improved in health we are glad to say.

Mr. Hooks and family of Mebane, has moved out to Mrs. Della Forrest's farm near here. We all give Mr. Hook's family a hearty welcome to our town.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Thompson and little daughter, Georgia spent last Sunday with Miss Jennie Bacon near New Sharon Church.

Mr. Charley Brown has gone back to Lime Rock to resume his work. Success to you Charley.

Mr. Isa Lewis, of Oaks, was a visitor at Mr. T. W. Tapps Sunday.

Mrs. John Riley's foot is much improved we are glad to say.

Mrs. T. Fitzpatrick spent Saturday night with Mrs. Talitha Boggs.

The Jr. O. U. M. met in the Lodge Saturday night for the first time since their organization here.

Mr. Jesse Pratt of Sumpter, S. C., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mr. James Pratt.

Mr. Edgar Mayes went up to Greensboro Saturday night. Guess Edgar feels lonely "now a days."

Miss Pearl Tapp spent Sunday with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Will Tapp.

Mr. George Compton is at home a few days with his family.

Mrs. Low Thompson has been very sick for the past week. Hope Mrs. Thompson will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson visited Mrs. Thompsons old home near Cross Roads last week.

There seems to be great attraction up at Cheeks Crossing for Messrs Ernest Forest and Oswald Mays, wonder what it is?

Come again Brown Eyes we don't feel quite so lonely since you come. It seems that Jay Bird Blue Eyes and all the rest of the old writers have deserted us.

Paw-Paw-Queese-

Orange Grove Items.

These cold frosty nights cause the molly-cotton-tails to seek shelter in the small boys' traps.

Miss Lula Roberson began her school at Center the past week and reports a good attendance.

Miss Alene Perry who has been organist at Cane Creek for a number of years, and a bright student of music, has accepted a position at Efland as a teacher of music. Orange Grove students are in demand as teachers.

We are sorry to learn that Miss Minnie King probably has pneumonia. We hope this will not prove true, and that she will be at Sunday School next Sunday.

Mr. Marshal Cates spent Saturday night and Sunday at home after spending a week with his father, Mr. L. M. Cates, who is a patient at St. Leo's Hospital, Greensboro. Mr. Cates returned to Greensboro Monday to be with his father this week. We are glad to learn that the operation was successful and Mr. Cates hopes to be at home in two or three weeks.

Mr. S. H. Cates and family spent Sunday at Mr. Manuel Garrett.

The boys are planning to give the "Molly-Hares" a lively time Thanksgiving.

Before next summer Cane Creek Church is to undergo decided improvements and repairs. The plans are to recover, reset and repaint both inside and out. Every loyal church member will gladly and generously contribute to so worthy an object.

"Sink or swim, live or die, survive or perish" we still believe that the people will in the near future rally to the support of our school and instead of keeping their children at home that they may save a few dollars, will try to give the child a show by training his mind. The parents are responsible for the future of their child.

Cedar Grove Items.

Mr. A. E. Ellis went to Greensboro Sunday.

There was prayer meeting as usual at the Presbyterian Church by Mr. J. H. Tolar.

There will be a debate at the C. G. A. Thanksgiving.

Mr. Doc Vaughn died Friday was buried at the Methodist Church Sat. 1:30 o'clock.

There was an entertainment at Sedley at the Sedley High School by Mr. Pittard, the celebrated elocutionist. There were six musicians accompanying Mr. Pittard.

There was also another entertainment at Carr by him.

The C. G. A. is nearly full of students, but is always glad to receive new scholars. There are five teachers.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes, Misses Myrtle and Cornelia Wilkerson will attend the football game at Richmond Thanksgiving.

There was preaching at Eno Church by the pastor, Rev. Wilhelm, Sunday at 11 o'clock.

KILLED ETHEL SHULAR.

Ross French Pays The Penalty.

Ross French, the Indian boy, paid the death penalty of his murder of Ethel Shular at the state prison in the electric chair last Friday morning.

About sixty people braved the wind and mud to witness the affair. Dark and dreary, the electrocution was impressive in its solemnity. Gathered around the chair in the little execution room were eager faces, waiting to see the first electrocution of an Indian in this state.

At exactly 10:22, the word was given by Warden Sale and the giant dynamo began to whirl. There was that buzzing and whirring accompanying machinery of such type.

The first current was turned on at 10:23 and instantly the twenty-four little bulbs burned brightly, showing the current to be in perfect order. At 10:28 a second test was made.

Everything ready, the signal was given by Dr. T. M. Jordan, and Warden Sale pulled the lever at 10:34 that shot 1800 volts into the young fellow's body. Instantly there was that customary contracting of the muscles, the arms and legs drawing tight, until it seemed the big straps would break as they craked and strained under the powerful burden. Back to zero for a moment the current moved, then back to the limit and cut off. As the man's body relaxed and sank limp into the chair, a man's life had been taken to satisfy the broken law.

After taking a few swallows of rye a man begins to feel his oats. One good thing about poverty is the taxes you don't have to dodge.

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well was elected mayor of the town. He served in this capacity four years. In 1885 or 1886 he first became a member of the board of directors of the State Insane Asylum. In 1892 Mr. Caldwell was elected a delegate to the national Democratic convention and was chairman of the North Carolina delegation. Mr. Caldwell's second marriage was to Miss Addie Williams of Charlotte, who, with one child, Adelaide, survives.

The Observer went to the bad and a morning paper called The Chronicle succeeded it. Caldwell & Tompkins bought the paper afterwards—it was six months or a year afterwards—the name was changed to The Observer. There was no "Evening Chronicle" in Charlotte until the present one was started.