

# RICHMOND HEADLIGHT.

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## Local News Items

Cotton advanced 5 to 14 points this morning.

He who digs a pit is liable to fall therein.

Leake Covington spent Sunday in Lumberton.

Chas. James C. Marshall was here Wednesday.

Alfred Page has returned from a short visit to Norfolk.

John C. Dockery, of Raleigh, was here Tuesday.

There are three candidates for sheriff in Anson county.

Mrs. John S. Ledbetter left Thursday for Savannah, Ga.

Mr. Traywick, of the telegraph office, is on a northern tour.

Mrs. J. M. Smith and Miss Nellie left Tuesday for the Exposition.

Mrs. Frank Bennett, of Wadesboro, is visiting Mrs. M. L. Steele.

Mrs. J. T. Lyon has returned from her visit to friends in Raleigh.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet at Asheville, May 8th.

Billy Nicholson, of Chester, was a pleasant visitor here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Whitlock spent Sunday in lower Wolf Pit township.

Laurinburg and Gibson are talking seriously of a railroad to connect them.

Misses H. C. Dockery and E. F. Long were in Charlotte last Saturday.

Court lasted through last week and adjourned two cases and started on the third.

We had a pleasant call from Mr. Eli Shulkin, one of Stanley's best citizens, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Entwistle left Tuesday to attend the Charleston Exposition.

Dr. W. L. Steele says the bird season is over and he can be found in his office every day.

The great man realizes the limit of his abilities and the possibilities of his capacity.

E. L. Steele, Esq., President Farmers' Bank, is on a business trip to Augusta, Ga.

A sweet little babe (boy) has gladdened the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stewart.

Mrs. J. A. Covington and Miss Rosa Smith were visiting friends in Wadesboro last week.

Rev. H. H. Shepherd has been shaking hands with friends in Rockingham for several days.

Mrs. J. P. Cameron and Misses Blakey and Ingle are attending the Charleston Exposition.

Misses Mamie and Annie Steele are visiting their brother, Dr. Thomas Steele, of Wilmington.

Rev. Dr. Ivey is selling his Methodist Hand Book for 25 cents—it is worth that many dollars.

Little Brothers and Y. M. Boggan & Co. have placed neat and attractive signs over their respective houses.

Three hundred and fifteen rural libraries have been established in this State of which two are in Richmond county.

Who's going to Dallas to attend the meeting of the Confederate veterans? The cost of fare for the round trip will be about \$21.50.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Covington, of Wadesboro, were visitors to their old home friends in Rockingham last Sunday and Monday.

There are 11 cases docketed for trial in the next superior court for Anson, against the C. O. railroad, and one against the A. C. L. railroad.

Walter L. Richardson, originally of Anson, but now resident of Atlanta, Ga., will be the new druggist at the Richmond County Drug Store.

Miss Fannie Moore, who has had a most successful school term in district No. 2, Rockingham township has closed her school for the season.

The Headlight has had an excellent run of job work during the last two weeks—and some of it was as nicely executed as any we have ever seen.

Wadesboro has raised \$700.00 for a monument to Anson's Confederate dead, which is just \$700.00 more than Richmond has raised for her dead heroes.

A letter from a subscriber now living in another State, says: "You are giving the people the best county paper we ever saw." Thanks, brother, we are trying to give our subscribers the value of their money. We don't like to disappoint, because the paper is worth the dollar.

Miss Annie Wall is visiting at Durham.

Dr. Bob Cole is attending the exposition.

Mayor Frank Bundy was here last Monday.

W. F. L. Steele is attending the Exposition.

R. L. Smith, Esq., of Stanley, is here, attending court.

Mr. Lewis is to some extent remodeling the Caville house.

There are several cases of small pox at the post house near Hamlet.

H. D. Gibson, our clever Ex-Register of Dreda, spent Wednesday here.

Hon. Hector McLean, of Scotland, was a visitor here on Wednesday.

If you cannot pay all your taxes, don't neglect to pay your poll tax.

Dr. John Fowkes, one of our old Rockingham boys, is visiting his father.

Indications in Richmond county point to larger grain crops and smaller cotton crops.

Capt. Harker, of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, spent two days of this week in our town.

Don't forget the date of your township primary, May 17th and county convention, May 21st.

Capt. W. I. Everett will soon erect another residence on or about the site of his former residence.

Have you paid your poll tax? If not paid by the first of May you cannot vote in the next election.

We welcome home our young friend, Rieden Nichols, who has just returned from the Dental College at Atlanta.

E. B. Nuttall, formerly of this town, but now of Knoxville, Tenn., was visiting friends in Rockingham this week.

Corn planting is the order of the day now and soon the click of the cotton planter will become a familiar sound.

Messrs. Maxey L. John, one of Laurinburg's leading attorneys, Capt. Bill McLaughlin and Dr. McFerguson, were here this week.

We are truly sorry to learn that Mr. Sam Hooper, of the Midway mill, had two of his fingers badly lacerated in the carding machine.

Our young friend, John W. LeGrand, a prominent young attorney of our town, made a professional visit to Wadesboro, last Monday.

W. F. Gibson, of Scotland county, a prominent candidate for the State Senate from this Senatorial District, spent Wednesday in Rockingham.

We can't see why so many orders for fine goods go to Charlotte. It is either because they are not kept in Rockingham, or if kept, the people don't know it.

The Headlight greatly regrets to learn of the accident to Joe B. Patton, one of its subscribers at Cordova. He is suffering from a mashed hand, which was caught between two rollers.

We have received a number of subscriptions this week, most of them for six months, did not solicit them either. The people know a good thing when they see it, and don't need coaxing to take hold.

Conductor Davenport and flagman of train, sustained very painful injuries from the derailment of a box car near Pee Dee Mill No. 2, last Saturday evening. The injuries were received from jumping from the car. The conductor has a sprained ankle, but the flagman has a fractured limb.

The whiskey distillery of F. M. Hightower, which is located on Jones' creek in Anson county, was raided by revenue officers last week and 26 barrels of whiskey were captured in an outbuilding near by. It required 12 wagons to bring the captured property to the depot.

Let Takers for the Townships.

Rockingham—W. F. Long.

Wolf Pit—Rev. J. H. Austin.

Marks' Creek—N. D. McDonald.

Mineral Springs—E. B. O'Brien.

Black Jack—C. H. Key.

Beaver Dam—J. L. McDonald.

Steele's—Alfred Baldwin.

The Board ordered whole fees paid in the Wat Ingram case. The fee bill of this case amounted to \$1400.05.

The Commissioners could not reduce the fees in cases of murder, arson, etc. to half fees, and consequently whole fees were allowed in this case. But even this amount does not cover all the cost to the county, by a great deal.

## Court Still in Session.

The Boggan case was compromised by the railroad paying \$275.

In the case of Shankle vs. Whitley a judgment was issued against Shankle for \$580.84.

The case of Currie vs. C. C. R. R. is now being tried.

## A Miraculous Escape from Death

A young man, a stranger, in attempting to get on the belated vestibule train, Wednesday, missed his footing but caught with his hands. In his effort to pull himself up he was nearly thrown under the car. It was almost a miracle that his body was not crushed to death.

## Almost a Fire.

Mrs. E. S. Davis left her room for a short time on Tuesday afternoon, leaving an oak fire burning. On her return she found that a broken piece of burning wood had rolled upon the floor and was burning at a lively rate and would soon have been beyond control. Fortunately she extinguished the blaze without assistance.

## Chapel Hill Notes.

Dr. Chas. D. McIver, president of the Normal and Industrial college at Greensboro, spoke to the students of the university, last night on "The present educational movement in North Carolina."

His speech was very much enjoyed by all who heard him, and he left the impression on his large audience that he was a great man, fighting for a worthy cause.

Dr. McIver very truly says that at present it is the duty of every one, whether as teacher or not, to work for the education of every child in North Carolina. He also favors the education of the negro children of the state. He brought up and discussed fully the old saying, "Educate a negro and you ruin a field hand." He said this was true and ought to be, that every white man was the same way, and besides that, North Carolinians had been the field hands long enough.

Dr. McIver knows not only how to bring out his points well, but holds the hearers attention and convinces. He stated that his part of the great work was in educating the women of the state. Here he brought forth a multitude of cheers, when he stated that on starting out in life he swore two things—that he would never educate a woman or make a speech. When he had finished however, it was very evident that he had changed his mind as to each of these.

Dr. Guernant, the celebrated Kentucky evangelist has, since Friday last, been holding a series of meetings at the University. He is an attractive speaker and a strong man.

The annual debate between the University of North Carolina and Georgia, takes place on Friday night the 11th inst. at the University. The query is, Resolved, that the democratic institutions of the United States are in danger from the growing power of centralization. The University has the affirmative and is quite hopeful of victory. Right here I may be permitted to say that of eight intercollegiate debates, in the last year or two, the University has been victorious in six.

The University will play Virginia at baseball in Chapel Hill, on the 16th inst. This will be the most important game of the season. On Friday night after the game the German Club will give a german complimentary to the Virginians.

Most of those from the University, who stood the civil service examination in Raleigh a few days ago, passed, and some will get good government positions at once.

## The County News.

### Cordova

Measles are doing the town again.

J. E. Shaw has been unwell for a few days—lagrippe.

Marsh Henly, of Hamlet, was visiting L. A. Hall Saturday.

Mrs. Dr. Webb is doing a fine business in her millinery store.

Two little children of Mr. Elijah Davis are very low with pneumonia.

Rev. S. E. Mercer and J. F. Meacham were visitors here Tuesday.

The Fisherman and Loafer's Club got in a week's work the past week.

Sheriff Wright filled his regular appointment Sunday at the Baptist church.

Thad. Burns, of Charlotte, is spending a few days with his mother and family.

Mrs. Monroe, of Roberdel, is spending a few days with her son, John Monroe and family.

Messrs. Joe Batton and Mr. Lenox have about discovered gold on the Rocky branch, near Steele's.

We were very sorry to hear of Capt. Everett's loss. The flames could plainly be seen from Cordova.

Glad to hear from Gobbler again. As he is from Beaver Dam we began to think he had been Austinized.

Miss Stella Baldwin and Miss Lela Webb, also Mr. Warburton and family, of Pee Dee, spent Sunday at J. E. Shaw's.

Night work is progressing finely with D. P. McDuffie, night overseer weaving, Sam Burns, overseer spinning, James Bolton, overseer carding, D. F. O'Brien and T. E. Ormsby, section hands in weave room.

Our village was shocked last Friday morning on learning of the horrible death of Mr. Atlas Pittman, of this place. It seems that Mr. Pittman was in Rockingham Thursday and on leaving came down the railroad and at a point just this side of Midway mills his mangled body was found early Friday morning. From the condition he was in, it is supposed that he was lying down with his head and arm upon the rail, as his head was torn open from chin to crown, his teeth and eyes out, and his arm cut off. From appearances he never moved after being struck. The train that struck him is supposed to be a northbound through freight that passed Steele's Mill about dark. It is supposed that Mr. Pittman was drinking and was asleep. Others think that as he was given to bad spells, he had probably taken one on the track and could not get further. He leaves a wife and ten children, eight of whom are with their widowed mother. They have the sympathy of all in their sad affliction. X-Ray.

### Mt. Olive.

Rev. Mr. Mercer preached an excellent sermon at Mt. Olive Sunday.

W. T. Meeks' family have been right sick with measles, but we are glad to say they are all getting better.

Misses Nellie and Emma Dawkins were visiting Wiley Dawkins Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Irvin and Miss Emma Long were visiting at Roberdel Sunday.

Miss Fannie Monroe has closed

her school at Mt. Olive for this season.

Robert Tolbert visited his sister at Hamlet Sunday.

We hear that Jeff Gibson is to move to Hamlet soon.

Our best wishes for our editor, Mr. Walsh, the next clerk of the court of Richmond county.

Maypop.

### Pee Dee.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Covington were visitors in the home of Mr. Harris Saturday and Sunday.

Rev. W. R. Coppedge preached one of his best sermons last Sunday night. His text may be found in St. Matthew 5-16. Rev. N. H. Guyton also preached an excellent sermon Sunday morning. His text is found in St. Matthew 7-24.

Mrs. Harris, we are sorry to learn, is quite sick.

Miss Abbie McDonald, of Ledbetter's, was visiting at Mr. McLean's last Sunday.

There must be some very attractive girls at Ledbetter's, for it seems that the old widowers like to go up there as we hear there was another one visiting up there Sunday.

Joseph Meacham went to Concord last Friday night and to the surprise of most of our people, came back Monday night with his bride. We extend hearty congratulations to the newly married couple.

Mr. Covington was hurt right badly last Tuesday by a kick from his horse—but we hope it will not result in anything serious.

Sunshine.

### Ledbetter's.

Samuel Morris, of Rockingham, spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. D. P. Allen, of this place.

Miss Eleanor Saunders returned home on last Saturday evening, after a two week's visit to Hamlet.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McKinnon, after spending a week here among friends and relatives, started this morning for their home at Patrick, S. C.

Several of our young people were visiting at Mrs. Lizzie Howell's, at Pee Dee No. 1, Sunday. We suppose they enjoyed themselves, for some of them did return with a pleasant smile on.

Corn planting and gardening have been rapidly progressing during last week, owing to the favorable weather which has been prevailing. The small grain crops are beginning to assume a different appearance.

There was an Easter egg drawing given to the little folks at W. M. Turner's on last Monday night. Next morning All Fool's Day followed suit and the sheets of paper have been flying like missiles ever since. Wonder if there will be any May fools this year.

Hurrah for our candidates. A. S. Dockery, J. H. Walsh, T. S. Wright and Walter Thomas. We were not asleep when we endorsed them, and we expect to be wide awake when we go to polls, if the good Lord, through his infinite mercy, sees proper to spare us.

There was rather a singular occurrence in the village last week. Some kind of a "varmint" visited Mrs. Julia Saunders' chicken house and killed some of her fine hens. The next evening she got some of her neighbor men to set some steeltraps for the thief, and the result was, they caught three or four house cats. We don't know whether the cats did the killing or not, but it looks like they were getting very familiar at the henhouse.

Oh yes, Mr. Gobbler, we

spond with kindest respects. You are certainly welcome to the compliment if you deserve it, but if you do not deserve it, then we will expunge it from the records.

The club has gone asunder and we hear that if a man ever wishes to be reinstated, that he will have to climb a greased pole backwards and furnish his own timber for whittling and do without dinner.

Of course when a man goes to plowing that disqualifies him at once. The rest have broken over and gone to work.

Subscriber.

### Black Jack

Miss Lizzie Dockery's school closed the 2nd of April. There were no exercises. She treated the pupils to a lot of nice candy and other nice things and made the day pleasant generally. She taught 5 months and had a pretty full school all through. The children regret the school is out for they seem to love their teacher.

Mrs. Alice Hasty, of Pee Dee No. 1, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Nannie Haywood.

Misses Lily and Lizzie Dockery spent Friday night at N. A. Graham's.

There was a musical entertainment at W. B. Covington's Saturday night. Mrs. Covington played the organ and Hallie Kelly and others furnished string music. We all enjoyed it fine—hope they will have another soon.

There was a quilting at John C. Useery's Saturday evening. A few neighbors and friends were there that night and had a nice time.

There were four widowers at one Sunday school Sunday, and it was not a very good day for widowers either.

We saw a mule fall down Sunday, with a young man and he went we don't know how far, but he mounted again and seemed not to be hurt.

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### Cognac.

There will be services at Silver Run next Sunday.

E. W. Terry left Friday, for Chesterfield, S. C. We were sorry to give him up.

T. O. Riggan left Sunday night for Vaughn, N. C., where his father is very sick.

Miss Nettie Cameron was visiting Miss Mattie Riggan last Saturday night and Sunday.

A. R. McDonald spent last Sunday with his aunt, Mrs. McLaughlin, of Scotland.

J. F. Morrison returned to McBee, S. C., Thursday, after spending a few days here with his family.

A. V. Gurganus went to Laurinburg last Saturday. We hear it was to procure the "license" and suppose it was, as on Sunday he led to the hymeneal altar, Miss Catharine A. McDonald, daughter of Mr. A. B. McDonald. Rev. M. N. McIver, of Rockingham, performed the ceremony. We wish the happy couple a long and happy life.

### County Board of Education.

The County Board of Education will meet next Monday, April 14th. This will be a regular quarterly meeting for the transaction of any business that may come before it.

J. H. Walsh, Sec.

P. C. Whitlock, Clk.