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CONDENSED NOTES OF THE PASSING LOCAL EVENTS OF THE DAY.

What is Transpiring Around and About Us, in Town and County--The Movements and Doings of People You Know, Etc.

—We regret to learn of the illness of Mr. H. J. Council.

—The lecture of Dr. B. F. Dixon has again been postponed.

—S. S. Hatcher & Co. made an assignment on Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Curran are on a visit to Scotland Neck.

—Hon. C. M. Cook, of Louisburg, visited Oxford on Thursday.

—Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Hester, of Creedmoor, spent Friday in Oxford.

—Read the advertisement of Mr. Rhodes Hunt, in another column.

—Dr. Dixon will continue in charge of the Asylum until his successor is elected.

—Rev. W. W. Walker, Rector of St. Stephen's church, preached at Stovall on Sunday last.

—Henderson Cogwell, a most worthy colored man, died at his home near Oxford on Thursday night.

—Mr. I. H. Stegall has resigned as policeman and Mr. C. B. Leach has been appointed to fill the vacancy.

—The Farmers' Alliance of Wake will establish a tobacco factory in Raleigh. Hurrah for the farmers of Wake.

—Mr. C. L. Finch, of Boydton, Va., committed suicide at Williamsburg, Va., by cutting his throat with a razor.

—The Granville Grays will leave today for Wrightsville. We wish them a safe journey and a most delightful time.

—Rev. Joseph Rennie occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday. He is a splendid preacher.

—The dwelling house and kitchen of the superintendent of the Wake County poor house were destroyed by fire on the 17th.

—We had the pleasure of meeting ex-Sheriff Bullock, on Sunday, at Bullock's church, and were glad to see him able to ride out.

—R. H. Ricks, a big tobacco farmer of Nash county, had his tobacco crop damaged to the extent of \$5,000 by a hail storm a few days ago.

—W. H. P. Jenkins, had the misfortune to lose an extra good mule a few days ago. It is quite a serious loss to him just at the present time.

—Mr. J. T. Cozart is an aspirant for the nomination of Treasurer. He is one of our good men and would no doubt make an acceptable officer.

—The residence of Mr. R. T. Smith Thursday night was the scene of a most enjoyable entertainment given by Miss Annie Smith to her friends.

—Mr. H. O. Furman, has returned from his tour and is taking a short rest, and is now on a visit to Franklinton accompanied by Mrs. Furman.

—One of the best known preachers in the M. E. Conference, died in Charlotte Thursday. He was 78 years old, and had been preaching about fifty years.

—We were more than pleased to learn from Mr. Leroy Crews, that his tobacco had almost entirely recovered from the effects of the severe storm that visited his section some weeks ago.

—Gilmer and Morehead Townships, Guilford county will hold an election on the question of a subscription of \$25,000 by each township to the Greensboro and Blue Wing Railroad, August.

—A severe storm passed over the lower part of Dutchville township Friday evening, and did slight damage to the tobacco crops. Lightning struck quite a number of trees in the track of the storm.

—We are requested to announce that the meeting of the Democrats of Walnut Grove township for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention will be held on Saturday, July 29th, at White Rock Alliance hall.

—A large number of our farmers were in town Friday, and among them we met Messrs. D. G. Crews, A. A. Crews, L. L. Crews, Yancey Oakley, W. B. Cash, W. M. Blackwell, W. D. Renn, W. L. Mitchell, M. L. Winston, T. C. Rogers.

—We were pleased to see in our town on Friday a party of farmers from Halifax county, Va., who are taking in this section looking after lands and crops. We trust they were most favorably impressed and will locate among us.

RADICALS IN A SWEAT.

The Coons Made the White Rads Take a Back Seat.

Early Saturday morning the truly faithful colored brethren began to occupy the steps in front of the Court House, with now and then a white radical sandwiched between two negroes. The convention met at 12 o'clock to elect delegates to the Congressional Convention at Greensboro.

Fat, jolly looking Sheriff Roger called the sable brethren to order with his staff, with the exclamation, "gentlemen be seated." The ever faithful Manly Jones was made Secretary and the rickled commenced promptly.

The following white Republicans of the county participated in the deliberations: S. H. Tharrington, W. Y. Jones, J. W. Brown, J. M. Sikes, N. H. Woodliff, W. K. Jenkins, J. Walter Howell, Wyatt Bradford, C. P. Hester, of Halifax county, Dr. L. C. Taylor, W. H. Sikes, W. T. and James R. Suit, and C. W. Dixon, making 14, and 125 of the colored backbone of the party that has bankrupt the country and are trying to establish bayonet rule over our people. This was the smallest crowd of the colored brethren we have ever seen in attendance upon a radical pow-wow. It was a hot and leaky assembly and the odor that pervaded the atmosphere was freighted with the quint essence of Africa perfume.

While Brower's committee on credentials were out James Howell, a big burly colored individual, arose as a champion of Capt. Rufus Amis. He said Amis was the best Captain Baldy Williams as he had carried the Democrats to victory when he belonged to that party, and he flopped over and led the Republicans to triumph. He said he was agin William because he put the no fence law upon the colored people, forcing them to tie their pigs out to graze. He said the law forced him to build a pig pen when he did have timber enough on his place to do it with.

W. H. Crews, Jr., was a strong Amis man and poured hot into Hugh Tilley, the henchman of Brower, saying he had come from Washington to butt his brains out for Brower. It turned out that the brains happened to be in Tilley's pocket which were of a green character and captured the delegates for Brower. Crews said that Brower had ignored and insulted the colored voters of Granville, and if nominated Capt. Baldy Williams would surely beat him in Granville by a large majority.

Capt. Amis had a strong following, but the wrong man happened to be in the chair as he in a quiet way, seeming unconcerned as to the result, manipulated the whole proceedings and had poor Amis shut out when the proper time came.

At one time we thought "there was bound to be a row," as two of the white manipulators exchanged choice epithets, at the same time making for each other, but they were glad that Policeman Rennie interfered and it was declared a drawn battle.

The Amis men fought gallantly against the revenue ring and the money said to have been used by Tilley had a marvelous effect and Brower delegates were elected. The white rads of Granville being totally ignored as all the delegate are negroes with the exception one who is a resident of Halifax county. The following are the names of the delegates: Grant T. Foster, Hugh Tilley, Phil Wyche and C. P. Hester.

It is generally thought that a majority of the convention were in favor of Amis, but Chairman Rogers got his work in on Amis when he appointed a committee to select delegates to vote for.

Great dissatisfaction at the result of the proceedings was expressed on all sides, and a large number of colored men said they would not vote for Brower if he was nominated.

One of the white delegates lost his hat in the scramble and was looking for it, when one of the colored brethren asked him whether he was a white or a negro, as "I can find your hat by the smell," but he failed to find the hat as the colored and white scent had gotten so badly mixed he failed to track the scent.

Mr. J. C. Caddell, of the News and Observer, recommends Smiley's Rheumatic Cure.

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From Twelve to Fifteen Hundred People Present--Installation of Officers--Good Speeches and a Royal Dinner.

We had the pleasure of attending the grand picnic at Adoniram, in Oak Hill township, on Thursday, July 17, which was given under the auspices of the Masons and Farmers' Alliance of that splendid section of Granville county. We were accompanied on our journey by a pleasant and intelligent party composed of R. W. Winston, Esq., Mr. R. W. Lassiter, Jr., Dr. A. J. Dalby and Mr. Willie Devin.

It was a delightful drive. We have never seen a prettier picture of rural life. We passed by the homes of honest and industrious farmers, where happiness, peace and contentment reigned. The relief of country air, a sight of the people "whom God made," busy at the best and noblest kind of toil, was most refreshing to us, after having been shut up in a printing office.

We were more than pleased to take a trip to that part of the county, which is not very far from the Virginia line. We were also gratified to observe that the people are a staunch and self-reliant population. The lands are adapted to the growth of all kinds of crops, and the indications are that it is a fine agricultural district for the production of grain especially. Some of the lands are of superior value for the growth of tobacco, as the growing crops indicated. But we have not time to say more under this head.

We "got there" at 11 o'clock and found a concourse of people numbering 1,200, already assembled, many of whom were from adjoining counties and Virginia. We noticed a bright bevy of beautiful ladies, with fresh, rosy cheeks, indicative of strong, robust constitutions, such as are only found in salubrious climates. A large number of young gentlemen of Oxford and elsewhere were evidently captivated by the presence of so many lovely representatives of the fair sex.

The stand was erected in the splendid grove of Mr. L. A. Royster, the most excellent merchant of Adoniram, seats being neatly arranged around the stand.

The first thing on the program was the installation of the newly elected officers of Adoniram Lodge, No. 149, A. F. & A. M., and Mr. G. W. Pittard, the installing officer, proceeded to install the following officers: G. W. Watkins, W. M.; B. T. Winston, S. M.; G. W. Pittard, S. W.; L. S. Elliott, J. W.; J. A. Watkins, treasurer; M. S. Daniel, secretary; T. J. Pittard, J. D.; J. E. Tunstall, steward; F. B. Hester, Tyler; T. J. Overly was installed chaplain for R. L. Devin, who was absent. Quite a number of Masons from Oxford and Roxboro were present.

After the installation of the Masonic officers, Mr. Thomas Winston, youngest son of Mr. B. T. Winston, in a chaste, beautiful and felicitous manner, introduced Hon. A. H. A. Williams. Mr. Winston's effort was pronounced excellent by all who heard him, and gives promise of future distinction as a speaker.

Capt. "Baldy" Williams then delivered an address on Masonry, which was appropriate, instructive and impressive. He closed by referring to the numberless charities which have their offspring in Masonry. He was listened to with marked attention and showed his capacity as a most attractive and interesting speaker. His ability to entertain and instruct an audience is proverbial.

At the conclusion of the speech of "Uncle Baldy" Williams Professor W. H. Ragsdale took charge and presided as Master of Proceedings in a most able and intelligent manner. He introduced in handsome style R. W. Winston, Esq.

Mr. Winston selected as his topic "Life" which he handled with masterly ability as his custom in regard to whatever topic he may speak on. His effort was on a high plane of morality, and greatly impressed all who heard him as worthy of this talented gentleman. We are glad to say that his speech was one of rare power and force, such as showed a large fund of information and enlightened thought.

Mr. A. C. Parham was the next speaker introduced by Prof. Ragsdale. He said many good and practical things that made a deep impression and will long be remembered. He is as he said a "hardy son of toil," and a gentleman of much practical sense and is withal a most excellent speaker. We wish we could report his speech in full. He facetiously suggested that the address of Mr. R. W. Winston was such that he ought to have

been ordained a minister of the gospel, and if his advice were followed there would be no need for the Judiciary.

At the conclusion of Mr. Parham's address, Prof. Ragsdale stepped upon the stand and remarked that he would make the best speech of all. He indulged in a funny and most enjoyable talk, showing that he had fine gifts for entertaining the large crowd present. His talk was highly appreciated and during his mirth provoking remarks everybody seemed to be in a state of hilarity and enjoyment. He wound up by extending an invitation to all to partake of the bountiful repast that the long tables were groaning under, which was of the choicest and most wholesome character. After all had gathered around the tables, Mr. A. C. Parham asked a blessing.

Full justice was done to the tempting savory viands. The ladies are entitled to the highest praise for their skill in the culinary art and the tasteful arrangements of the good things that had been prepared to tempt the appetite, and refresh the inner man. The occasion was one long to be remembered, and we return thanks for many courtesies shown us and the kind wishes, spoken by friends which we will ever cherish in our recollections.

During the afternoon speeches were made by E. J. Ragsdale, of Franklin Co., G. A. Pittard, of Person; A. S. Peace, of Oxford; Prof. D. T. Winston, of Waco, Texas; and I. E. Winston, also of Texas, both the sons of our honored countyman Mr. B. T. Winston, and last, but by no means the least, the "invincible" B. P. Thorp, of Walnut Grove. These gentlemen all spoke well. The speech of Mr. A. S. Peace was principally upon Alliance topics and seemed to be especially hard upon the poor newspaper editors. His speech was delivered with earnestness and force. Prof. Winston, of Texas, we are glad to state, made a very able speech, and showing that he was a man of high attainments. The speeches of Messrs. Ragsdale, Pittard and I. E. Winston were brief but pointed and appropriate.

The ball, in the way of speech making, was wound up as above stated by Ben Thorp, Esq., who was very witty and amusing. This concluded a bright and happy day at Adoniram. We wish we could do justice to the people, the pretty girls, and the highly delightful proceedings. Such occasions are replete with the highest enjoyments to all participants and when conducted as was everything at that place on Thursday, where good order, good cheer and the highest social features prevailed, the impression left on the memory is most pleasant.

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