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**BRIEF LOCAL MENTIONS.**

**What is Transpiring Around and About Us, in Town and County.**

—We thank West Jones for a nice watermelon.

—The Oxford Female Seminary opened on Wednesday.

—So the new Messiah is named "Zachual" and his utterances are jacksonical.

Davis & Gregory Co., Richmond, Va., quote some prices for new tobacco on that market elsewhere.

—We are pleased to learn that Dr. J. M. Hays is rapidly gaining the confidence of the good people of Greensboro as a physician.

—The high wind of Monday blew down one of the large mulberry trees on Main street and the stove house of Mr. W. H. Smith, the tailor, in the rear of his store.

—Naturally you would expect to find a lot of odds and ends of no earthly good to anybody—rubbish nobody has any use for and of no value—in a Garrett.

—The storm at Port Royal and Beaufort, S. C., damaged nearly all the houses in both places, and one hundred persons were drowned. 20 more drowned at Paris Island.

—Mr. F. B. Wimbish, assisted by Mr. J. K. Wood, has been quite busy during the past week overhauling the papers in the Clerk's office and putting them away in the vault.

The wild prophet from Vance is doing a ghost dance, and crying aloud for blood; He is raising a muss, But would scoot in a fuss— And hide his head in mud.

—Shakespeare says, "what fools these mortals be;" but we are inclined to think if Jesse Holmes would come around these parts once more with his club "Zackual Messiah" would be a great sufferer.

—L. D. Williford, one of the coming young farmers of the Berea section, was on our streets one day this week. It is said he is making arrangements to stop keeping bachelors hall, as it is a poor business at best.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Cozart, of New York, and their two most accomplished daughters, Misses Alta and Hallie, and Miss Myrtle Peed, of Knap of Reeds, were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hundley the past week.

—Mr. Mack Royster, of Pleasant, County Commissioner Ike Breedlove, of Salem, H. E. Overton and W. O. Bobbitt, were in Oxford on Tuesday and reported great damage to fodder, and some damage to tobacco.

—The wind did great damage on Monday at Kernersville, near Winston. About 100 houses were more or less damaged. The brick Baptist Church was swept from the ground. One colored woman was killed and two fatally injured.

—Our friend Tom Brummitt, who is a "rank pizen" Thirddite of Fishing Creek, at Corinth Saturday when Messiah Garrett was lighting into the PUBLIC LEDGER he exclaimed: "That's right, give it to him!" Now if friend Tom will agree to read the paper we will give it to him.

—Rev. Edward Benedict, the new rector of St. Stephen's Church, is a most earnest reasoner and his congregation is getting the benefit of some most excellent sermons from this truly consecrated minister who is thoroughly imbued with the glorious work of leading sinners to Christ.

—Mrs. O. Gregory's school will commence on Monday.

—Hunters should be sure to read an advertisement elsewhere and take warning.

Granville Institute will open next Wednesday with an excellent corp of teachers.

—Dr. S. H. Cannady is now the owner of the fine buckskin horse formerly owned by Mr. W. D. Bryan.

—Do you want to pay double tax? If you do not, our advice to you is to list your taxes in the next two weeks.

—Mrs. Thomas Crews, who lives near Salem, has had her residence neatly painted inside and out. H. H. Eatman, of Oxford, did the work and of course it is well done.

—Capt. A. W. Graham, who has been in Washington City some days on legal business connected with the contest of Hon. Baldy Williams, returned Wednesday night and left on Thursday to look after some important business at Birmingham, Ala. He will return on Monday.

—Our worthy young farmer, Nat Jones, of Berea, kindly remembered the editor on Wednesday, having placed on our table a basket of choice apples and pears. We are always glad to know that the good farmers appreciate the work of the editor in his untiring efforts to give them a first-class county paper.

—Mr. Sam Fleming, of Hester, was in town Tuesday and visited this office. In speaking of the severe wind storm he said the crops were not damaged as much as some people thought. We were glad to hear from him that he had a splendid crop and had plenty to eat, but his pocket book was still in an empty condition.

—During the past week Eugene Harrell, the great excursionist, has been put in a hole several times by some of the people who was so nicely gulled by him. Well the fact has been fully demonstrated that the people do not take kindly to "Harrellizing." Harrell has been on a tidal wave as Secretary of Teachers' Assembly, but by the time those he duped get through with him his name will be mud.

—Look here, Brother Manning, of the Gold Leaf, we trust you will manage some way to keep "Messiah Zachual" and his wind bag in Vance! He stepped over the line Saturday and pulled the stopper out and the wind blew a regular gale on Monday, blowing down tobacco, corn, trees and the Centre Warehouse, in Oxford. He is a regular hustler on wind. The question now is, will the Thirddites lay it to the Democrats, and say the Republicans had nothing to do with it?

—We have not got but one thing against sick Grover Cleveland, and that is he has afflicted the Postoffice Department with the sell the age—his name is Bissell, of Buffalo, N. Y. If we were a cussing man would say that the Democratic party was "badly sold" when he appointed such a negro-loving 300lbs Republican to preside over the Postoffice Department. Bissell is a fine man to advance the cause of Republicanism in the South. He beats Tom Reed, Foraker and Ben Harrison all to pieces.

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**FALSE ALARM.**

**Old Man Thought the Public Ledger was Confiscated by Zachual.**

The editor was somewhat set back on Tuesday. He stepped out for a few minutes, and on his return found a man occupying his easy chair with his head bent over his desk busily engaged in writing. He had on a light suit of clothes, his head stuck deep down into a straw hat, a pair of old-fashioned spectacles over his eyes, while a gray moustache shaded his mouth. Our first thought was that the second Messiah Zachuel, of Vance, had in his egotism, ventured to take possession of the cross-road newspaper and issue an edict to the people to the effect that he had captured the "dirty sheet," and all would be well, and his apostles would be saved from swimming in blood to reach the goal of turning the county over to Republicans. But on a thorough inspection found it was only our old friend Chas. Lewis engaged in writing a love letter to his best girl, and we felt relieved because we had just past through a windy season, and the gas bag had been stopped until another Thirddite-Alliance campaign meeting was held in another place in the county.

We thank the Second Messiah, of Egypt, that "the small cross roads' newspaper" still survives and has not been overcome by asphyxiation and lives to fight such small political demagogues as the "Messiah Zachual."

**PLEASANT GERMAN**

**Complimentary to Visiting Young Ladies Last Friday Night.**

The Alliance Warehouse was the scene of a pretty German last Friday night, given complimentary to Miss Wise, of Maryland, Miss Yarborough, of Louisburg, N. C., and Miss Lewis, of Virginia. The music was furnished by "Prof." Overbey. The German was led by Mr. C. H. Easton and Judge W. T. Clement.

The following is a list of the couples:

Miss Mamie Wise, of Baltimore, Md., and E. G. Landis; Miss Fannie Yarborough, of Louisburg, N. C., and C. H. Easton; Miss Bessie Lewis, of Lawrenceville, Va., and H. L. Skinner; Miss Lucy Gregory, of Richmond, Va., and F. O. Landis; Miss Effie Gregory, of Richmond, Va., and S. W. Smith; Miss Mary McGuire and Colonel Thomas H. Boyd; Miss Fannie Skinner and Judge W. T. Clement; Miss Cora Taylor and H. G. Williams; Miss Annis Hughes and W. E. Massenburg, of Henderson; Miss Lottie Britt and L. P. Landis; Miss Anna Landis and M. M. Jordan; Miss Carrie Gregory and B. K. Hays; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Powell.

Stags—A. S. Davis and H. D. White, of Louisburg, N. C.; W. D. Lynch, H. B. McGuire.

Chaperons—Mrs. W. R. Taylor, Mrs. C. L. Skinner, Mrs. J. T. Britt.

Thin or gray hair and bald heads, so displeasing to many people as marks of age, may be averted for a long time by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

**Arrival and Departure of Trains.**

RICHMOND & DANVILLE R. R.  
 Arrive from Durham 7:55 p. m., 7:39 a. m., 9:10 a. m.  
 Leave for Keyville 7:55 p. m., 8:50 a. m., 2:10 a. m.  
 Leave for Durham 6:00 p. m., 9:20 a. m., 2:25 a. m.  
 Leave for Keyville 8:30 p. m., 7:44 a. m., 9:50 a. m.  
 Leave for Henderson 6:00 a. m., 11:45 a. m., 6:30 p. m.  
 Arrive from Henderson 9:00 a. m., 3:15 p. m., 8:25 p. m.

**PURELY PERSONAL.**

**Brief Mention of the Movements of Your Friends and Acquaintances.**

—Dr. J. E. Wyche returned from Chicago on Wednesday.

—Squire M. L. Coley, of Greens, was on our streets Tuesday.

Mrs. J. D. Brooks is visiting relatives in Halifax county, Va.

—Mr. Ed. Osborn, after several weeks sickness, is out again.

—Mr. W. T. Blackwell, of Dexter, dropped in to see us Wednesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Cannady, of Wilton, visited Oxford Saturday.

—Miss Nannie Winston, of Adoniram, has returned from the World's Fair.

—Mr. W. T. Lyon is on a visit to his father, Mr. W. S. Lyon, near Berea.

—Messrs. Lex Davis and Haywood White, of Louisburg, was in Oxford Saturday.

—Mr. Sidney Minor, after wrestling several weeks with bilious fever, is out again.

—The Misses Hunt, of Fishing Creek, were the guest of the Misses Holloway this week.

—Sheriff W. S. Cozart, accompanied by two of his bright little boys, was in town Tuesday.

—County Commissioner Graham Royster, of Buchanan, was in Oxford Friday on business.

—Our young talented friend, J. C. Biggs, returned Wednesday from a view of the World's Fair.

—Mr. R. E. Booth, the great chicken man, of Shoo Fly, was in Oxford Friday with a nice lot.

—Miss Lelia Ustry and Mrs. Dr. Pat Booth are spending some time at the Chase City Mineral Hotel.

—Miss Lillie Hicks, of Raleigh, who has been visiting Mrs. A. Landis, returned to her home Wednesday.

—Messrs. John Markham, Cog Farthing and Thomas Carrington, of Durham, were in Oxford Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. — Hill, of Henderson, were the guest of Mrs. Sarah Hall, several days during the past week.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Reed and the Misses Horner returned Saturday afternoon from the great Exposition at Chicago.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fuller, of Berea, passed through Oxford on Tuesday returning from a visit to Warren county.

—J. L. Adecock and B. T. Fuller, of Tar River, J. L. Pittard, of Adoniram, and H. Suit, of Berea, called to see us Friday.

—Mrs. S. A. Fleming, of Hester, accompanied by Miss Nannie Dalby, one of that attractive young ladies of that section, graced our sanctum on Friday.

—Mrs. Dr. N. M. Ferree, who leaves Oxford the first of October to join the Dr. at Norfolk, gave a delightful parting reception on Wednesday, to her lady friends.

—Misses Conna and Lillie Bowling, of Red Mountain, who have been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Pittard, at Adoniram, are guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bowling in Oxford.

—Mr. Gowan Dusenbury returned on Monday from Concord, where he was summoned to attend the burial of his aunt, Miss Dusenberry, who made Concord such an efficient postmistress for 20 years.

—Mr. Coley Gill, of Salem, accompanied by his bright-eyed boy, dropped in to see us Saturday.

—At the meeting of the Granville Grays on Monday night last, E. H. Osborn was elected first lieutenant in place of J. A. Taylor, resigned, and Will Booth was elected second lieutenant in place of W. D. Lynch, resigned.

—We met on our streets Tuesday, Messrs. Ed Crews and R. J. Aiken, of Salem; Woodson Cash, of Stem; Glaude Allen, of Wilton; W. H. Waller, of Dutchville; Sam Howard, Squire J. G. Shotwell, of Berea; R. W. Adecock, Oak Hill.

**WIND AND RAIN STORM.**

**Center Brick Warehouse Succumbs to the Wind—Other Damages.**

Monday one of the severest wind and rain storms visited this section known for years, continuing all day and late into the night. About 5:30 o'clock p. m. a loud noise was heard, and although there were but few people on the streets, you could see them pouring out of stores, Court House, and shops in every direction thinking another cyclone had struck the town. It was found out that the Centre Brick Warehouse, a poorly constructed building, had collapsed in ruins.

As soon as the crowd gathered search began to find out whether any body was in the wreck. In a few minutes a colored man crawled out from under a mass of shingles and broken timbers bruised up, but no bones broken. His life was saved by a large beam which shielded him from a mass of timbers. He was the only person on the inside of the warehouse when it fell in. Messrs. W. K. Thomas, J. P. Thomas and R. C. Jones, the gentlemen who run the Center, had just left and the boy was in the act of closing up when the walls began to rock and looking up saw the immense roof coming down on him, dodging the big timbers the best he could.

There was but little tobacco in the house, mostly trash, and the loss in that will not amount to a great deal. The loss on building is some \$6,000 or \$7,000, which was owned by Mrs. T. C. Pugh, of Baltimore, and Dr. E. T. White, of Oxford.

Henry Hundley, was in the Burwell prize house when the late cyclone demolished it and escaped, in company with some other boys was in the basement of the warehouse playing marbles when it fell in and escaped again without a scratch, the boys were badly frightened as they crawled out all covered with dust.

Considerable damage was done to shade trees and fences in different parts of town.

We learn that considerable damage was done to the tobacco and corn crop. The fodder crop will almost be a failure.

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