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Live Local Laconics.

BRIEF DASHES OF THINGS HAPPENING.

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The Public Ledger this week and next week will go to all those who are behind with their subscription, but no longer can we afford to send it without pay. We have accommodated you now we want you to show your appreciation by a prompt settlement, we need the money in our business. Lookout! If there is a CROSS MARK opposite your name your time has expired and we would be pleased to have you pay up and renew. We would regret to part with many of our subscribers, but if you fall to get your paper after 2 weeks you may know what is the matter, and unless you pay up or notify this office your paper will be stopped.

Death of a Young Man.

Mr. Craddock Spencer, brother of Mr. Len Pritchard and nephew of Capt. T. A. Spencer, died at the home of his sister Tuesday night after a short illness of acute pneumonia. He was taken sick Thursday and grew worse until death. He was a most excellent young man of 49 years, and came here from South Boston to work for Mr. Len Pritchard, and in a short time had made many friends. The funeral will take place at the Capitol, Wednesday morning for burial. The bereaved family has a large number of sympathizers.

To My Friends.

I wish to return my sincere thanks to my friends for the very liberal patronage they have accorded me for several years during my pleasant stay with Messrs. Landis & Easton. At the same time I take pleasure in informing you that I have become a member of the new firm of Long, Blalock & Haskins where it will be a pleasure to me to have them call through the new year where they will find me ready to serve them with the best goods to be had for the money. Come to see me and always find a hearty welcome. JOHN HASKINS.

Death of Mr. John Butler.

Henderson correspondence of the Charlotte Observer of January 6th says: The death of Mr. John Butler, who has been ill with consumption for some time, is an event that has caused deep and widespread regret throughout the town. He was 19 years of age and an unusually attractive and promising young man very popular and highly esteemed by his friends. The deceased was the oldest son of Capt. Edward Butler, and was connected with the most prominent families of the town, being a grandson of Maj. Chavasse and nephew of Mrs. D. Y. Cooper.

Death of Dr. J. J. Bryan.

Dr. J. J. Bryan, brother of Mr. C. W. Bryan, of Oxford, died in the hos- pital at Raleigh Sunday after a pro- longed illness. At one time he was a very prominent physician and prac- ticed several years at St. Paul and here, but for some time he has been at the home of his mother near Battle- boro. His condition grew worse and some days ago was taken to the hos- pital. He continued to decline until Sunday when he breath- ed his last. He leaves behind a wife and one child, mother, sisters and two brothers to mourn his death, to whom the editor extends deep sympathy.

Death of Mrs. J. L. Peed

This most worthy lady died at her home near Creedmoor Saturday morn- ing after an illness of nearly three months of typhoid fever. She was a devoted Christian and bore her afflictions without a murmur, and shall be 89, instead of 84, which was referred to Committee on Pensions.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Averette.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Averette, near Enon, died on Monday the services being conducted by Dr. R. H. Marsh. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents in the loss of the little one.

The following invitation has been issued:

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Bobbitt in- vited to the marriage of their daughter Wylanta Arletia to Mr. Julian Marion Hight on Sunday afternoon, January 15th, 1905, at 2 o'clock p. m. at home, near Demer.

Senator J. A. Long of this District,

is on the following important com- mittees in the Senate: Finance (Chairman), Internal Improvements, Banking and Currency, Insane Asylum, Pension and Soldiers Home, Manufacturing, Public Building and Grounds.

It is with pleasure that we direct

the attention of our readers to the announcement of Messrs. Long, Blalock and Haskins, the new firm that succeeds Long Bros. which will be found on this page. They are ready for business and cordially invites you to call and see them promising to do their best to please you.

If it was not for the "dead beat" there would be a better showing for the honest people in the world. The "dead beat" has a sheet of brass on his face an inch thick and smiling walks up to his neighbor and borrows the Public Ledger when he has failed to pay the editor and his paper ceases to make its weekly visit to his home.

Atheneum Lecture.

Dr. C. Albion Smith, professor of English in the State University, and one of the most noted lecturers in the South will lecture at the Opera House on Friday night. The lecture is under the auspices of the Oxford Atheneum, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Invitation issued.

The following invitation has been issued: Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Moss in- vites you to be present at the mar- riage of their daughter Bessie Pearle, to Mr. William Hervey Moore, on the morning of Wednesday January the eighteenth, nineteen hundred and five at ten o'clock a. m. at home near Oxford.

Looks Like Business.

The water work contractor was in Oxford Monday and purchased from Dr. H. C. Herndon 30 feet of ground in the rear of the Public Ledger upon which to erect the stand pipe, he desired to have it as near the center of town as possible. He has not as yet decided where he will lo- cate the wells and electric light plant. Just as soon as material can be got, the water works will be under way. This begins to look like Oxford will have water works and electric lights.

Death of J. B. Watson.

We learn that J. B. Watson, who killed Mr. Basket at Henderson, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 30 years, made his escape some time dur- ing the winter. He was captured when he was quite ill with pneumonia. He did not live but a few days after his capture and his death was due from exposure in try- ing to elude the officers. It was reported at first that he was shot and killed, but we learn through reliable sources the above facts in connection with his death.

Attended the Inauguration.

To-day (Wednesday) is a great day in the City of Oaks as Governor Lee is being inaugurated. The great State of North Carolina, amid the hurrahs of a large and enthusias- tic crowd of people. The Granville Grays under the command of Capt. W. A. Devin left over the Seaboard Road along with a number of our civ- ilians to participate in the ceremonies which will take place at the Capitol. Last night the State officers presented Gov. Aycock with a very handsome solid silver service and the occasion proved a most happy one.

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HE RESTS FROM HIS LABORS.

A Noble Christian Man Gone to his Reward.

It is with much sorrow that we write of the death of our greatly es- teemed friend, W. W. Lyon, which occurred at his home near Berea Mon- day afternoon at 6 o'clock, surround- ed by his family, who witnessed his noble spirit pass beneath the shadows and enter into the glories of a "Brighter and better World." It is well with him as he had served his Master faithfully for over half a century, having become a member of the Methodist church in early manhood, and lived a pure Christian life. Mr. Lyon was 85 years and 6 months of age, and had lived a very active life, being a success- ful farmer, and was loved and honored and respected by his neighbors and friends as he was the embodiment of truth and honesty and abhorred the unclean. He was a great worker in his church and was always ready to do anything that would advance the Lord's Kingdom upon the earth. To show his interest in church work the Christian Advocate had been contrib- uting to his home continuously since its issue, and he never failed to speak a word for the Master as he passed along. His work was not done in a few weeks, but his health be- gan to fail about a year ago and con- tinued to grow weaker until he fell "Asleep in Jesus." Lyon loved his home and family, and they were devoted to him as he was kind and affectionate through all the trials that beset his long life. He leaves be- hind a devoted helpmeet, two sons and one daughter, Messrs. Wm. T. Lyon and Z. W. Lyon, of Oxford and Mrs. G. J. Shortell, of Berea, who are sorrow over his death, even if he has become one of the bright gen- ies clustering about the Great White Throne. The funeral and burial ser- vices took place at his home Wednes- day at noon conducted by his pastor, Rev. Mr. Keaton, in the presence of a large number of sympathizing neigh- bors and friends.

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UNDER THE DOME.

Short Accounts of the Proceedings of the Legislature.

At the First Democratic caucus to nominate a Speaker at the conclusion of Col. Wood's remarks, who nominat- ed Mr. Lyon, Judge Graham arose to second Mr. Guion's nomination and was greeted with an ovation, the members applauding so long and so warm that he was forced to stand for some moments before he could be heard. Judge Graham referred to his first acquaintance with Mr. Guion, when he was holding court, eight years ago, in Eastern North Carolina, and con- gratulated himself that he had even though recognized him as a man who would make his mark in the State and as the intellectual equal of any man whom he had ever met, as a man who would achieve his high honors. Since then said Judge Graham, he had been thrown with Mr. Guion in business, in the Legislature and social life, and he has had the honor and con- viction concerning his career and his worth had been more than sustain- ed. He was a coming man, said he, and he was glad to stand with the greatest pleasure, said Judge Gra- ham, that he cordially seconded Mr. Guion's nomination.

Mr. Hittell, of Bertie, then moved

that Mr. Guion's nomination be made by acclamation. On motion of Judge Graham that a committee be named to escort Mr. Guion to the hall and to notify him of his nomination as Speaker, the ap- pointed Messrs. A. C. Graham, W. P. Wood and T. C. Biggs, a committee who returned with Mr. Guion, who ascended the Speakers' chair, and he took the oath and the House for the honor which had been conferred upon him.

"I will be sixty eight years old very soon,"

said Representative Barco, of Camden, who is serving second term in the House, "and I regard it as sin- gular that both my room mates—Mr. W. H. Hunt and Mr. C. G. Roper, of Bed- dington, of Randolph—are about sixty eight."

This trio of sixty eight year old boys,"

said the most practical men in the Legislature. To repeal law providing for election of County Commissioners over by the people of Granville County, and for commissioners to be elected by the people. By consent of Judge Graham patron of his bill, the coun- cil of Casswell and Montgomery coun- ties added. As amended, the bill passed its general readings and was ordered set to the Senate immediately.

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Coming and Going.

YOU OR YOUR FRIEND MAY BE MENTIONED.

—Mr. R. G. Grissom, of Kittrell, was in town Monday.

—Dr. R. T. Gregory, of Stovall, was an Oxford visitor Monday.

—Mr. A. A. Hicks returned from a visit to Raleigh Thursday.

—Col. S. W. Minor is attending the inauguration today Wednesday.

—Dr. Meadows, of Culbreth, was on our streets Monday afternoon.

—Mr. G. H. Faucette, of Bullock, was in Oxford Monday afternoon.

—Misses Jennie and Carrie Frances, of Baltimore, are visiting their sister, Mrs. L. Landis.

—Mrs. Riddick, of Hertford, is visit- ing her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Tolson on College street.

—Mr. Ira Lyon, of Steam section, was Oxford Saturday and called on the Public Ledger.

—Mr. J. A. Satterwhite, a successful farmer of Providence, was in town Monday afternoon on business.

—Mr. Eugene Crews Jr., who has been the efficient clerk of Dr. John F. Moore for some time, has entered the Pharmacy Department at the Uni- versity.

—Mrs. Chas. Behlen and son Charley leave today for Lynchburg where they will join Mr. E. Hughes and daugh- ter, and together will take a trip to Cincinnati.

An Identification

That Was Satisfactory

"YOU will have to be identified before I can pay you the money on this check," said the pay- ing teller of the bank. "Ain't the check good?" asked the man on the other side of the window. "Oh, the check's all right, but I don't know you. You must be identified, that is all."

"You've got to get some one that knows you and knows me to come here and tell me you're the man this check is made out to."

The man took the check and, with a puzzled expression on his face, left the bank. Half an hour later the unidentifi- ed man returned.

"The man what give me the check," he said, "can't come, but he sent this and says for you to give me the money."

He held up a large sheet of paper. On it was a pencil tracing of the out- line of a man's hand. The chart show- ed a first finger cut off below the all except a mere stub.

The paying teller eyed the sketch curiously. Below it was written: "This is the best I can do. I can't come, and the man can't write, so I cannot O. K. his signature. The man has an anchor tattooed on his right forearm and powder marks on the lobe of his left ear. He smells of whisky and he had any man in your bank with one hand tied behind him." The note was signed by the writer of the check. The teller was able to recognize the signature.

"Hold up your hand," he said.

The man laid his hand over the trac- ing on the paper, and it fitted perfect- ly, mutilations and all.

"Show me the anchor," said the teller.

The blue tinted emblem of hope ap- peared. The powder marks were in evidence, and the air was burdened with a heavy odor of whisky.

"Here's your money," said the teller. "You needn't try to lick anybody. You're sufficiently identified."—Chicago News.

A Practical Present.

A very practical old lady from the country was visiting her daughter in the city not long ago, and her young granddaughter was taking her through one of the big department stores on a little shopping tour.

"Now," said the old lady to the sales- man, "show me some dishes. I want to buy a set."

Up in the china department the clerks had shown a number of dainty, pretty designs, which the old lady ad- mired, but still seemed to be looking for something else.

"This pale green and gold tinted one is pretty, grandma," suggested the young girl. "Why not get it?"

"Well, you see," answered the practical grandmother, "your Aunt Jimmie is a-going to be married this winter, and I thought I would get her a good set. I could present while I was up here. A black and white flowered set of china is what I want if I could find it. Black and white is such serviceable colors, you know, dear, it don't show dirt."—Lippincott's Magazine.

"None So Blind"

Briggs—Hello, Diggs! How are you?

Diggs—Briggs! Well, I declare! Then there's really nothing serious the mat- ter with your eyes?

Briggs—My eyes? Of course not. Who said there was?

Diggs—No one, but when I was pass- ing the collection plate in church last Sunday your sight seemed to be very bad.—Catholic Standard and Times.

Breakdowns.

"I was out with my automobile eight hours yesterday."

"You mean to say you were in the machine that long?"

"Yes, I was in it an hour and under it seven hours fixing the breaks."—Chicago News.

Tonic to the System.

For liver troubles and constipation there is nothing better than De Witt's Little Early Risers, the famous little Pills. They do not weaken the stom- ach. Their action upon the system is mild, pleasant and harmless. Bob Moore, of LaFayette, Ind., says: "No use talking. De Witt's Little Early Risers do their work. All other pills I have used grip and make me sick in the stomach and never cure me. De Witt's Little Early Risers proved to be the long sought relief. They are simply perfect." Persons traveling and Little Early Risers the most re- liable remedy to carry with them. Sold by all druggists.

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