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LOCAL MATTERS.

WANTED: Two good sober men to sell and collect for Singer Sewing Machine Co. Will pay either salary or commission. Apply to C. U. Davis, Wilkesboro, N. C.

—Mr. Tom Bumgarner took in the Jamestown Exposition last week.

—Miss Clara Benbow has returned from the Jamestown exposition.

—Mrs. J. Bryan Grimes, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. J. G. Hackett.

—Mrs. M. E. Smoak, of South Carolina, is visiting her son, Mr. D. E. Smoak.

—Miss Mattie Ferguson, of Boomer, visited at Mr. J. S. Cramor's last week.

—Policeman L. B. Dula has moved into the Doughton residence near the pin factory.

—A car load of barbed wire and nails just received at Morrison's.

—They say the Show was pretty good last week. At least, it was pretty well attended.

—Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Call, of Augusta, Ga., arrived last week and are visiting at Mrs. M. C. Call's.

—It rained here on the first dog day, and according to the old saying, that means forty days with rain every day.

—Rev. R. L. Ownbey is rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at his home. He arrived Thursday evening.

—Last Sunday, Miss Martha Stroud and Mr. Ed. Clarey, were married, Esq. A. G. Henderson performing the ceremony.

—The Methodist pastor here, Rev. R. L. Ownbey, will go to Cartersville, Va. the first of August to conduct a series of revival meetings.

—Mrs. W. H. H. Cowles and family, of Statesville, came up last week to spend the summer days at her farm home near Wilkesboro.

—W. W. Barber was elected Vice-President of the State Bar Association, for the thirteenth district, at the recent meeting at Hendersonville. Quite a neat compliment.

—Mr. Allmond McKay Griggs, the versatile and polished editor of the Portsmouth Star, attended the marriage of his cousin, Mr. A. Hazel Berry, last week.

—Our good friend, Mr. Milton Foreman, remembered this office and its hungry orphans with a basket of elegant tomatoes and apples last Saturday.

—C. Call, as usual, is first to give the public the advantage of all advances in Cross-ties. He will pay you 45c for no. 1 ties and 30c for no. 2 ties. Take him your ties, "favor him that favors you."

—Superintendent C. C. Wright will conduct the examination of applicants for High School certificates here on the 25th of this month. Applicants should be on hand promptly.

—James Larkin Pearson, the Wilkes Poet Laureate, who has been with The Charlotte Observer for sometime, has returned to Wilkes, where he can worship and converse with the "Divine Afflatus" beneath his own native vine and fig tree, according to the dictates of his own conscience. We are glad to have him home again.

—Some of the boys forget that there is an ordinance against playing ball on the street. If they are required to deposit a few dollars with the town policeman may be their recollections will get in better shape.

—A note from Mr. R. H. McNeill, of Washington, states that he will be unable to reach here and deliver the address at Pleasant Home church next Sunday, on account of press of business. He hopes to come a little later.

—The revival meeting at the Presbyterian church at North Wilkesboro closed Sunday night. Rev. S. M. Rankin, of Greensboro, who assisted the pastor, Mr. Robinson, won the love and admiration of all who heard him. Sixteen persons became members of the church Sunday.

—The Board of Education had a call meeting Saturday, and heard several matters. A petition for a local tax election in North Wilkesboro township was granted, the rate to be 10c and 30c. Petitions for and against local tax in Elkville were presented and will be heard on the 25th inst.

—At the home of Mr. John Martin, near Brier Creek, on the 8th, Miss Fannie Martin and Mr. James Armstrong were married. Mr. Armstrong is a Wilkes boy, but is now located in Jacksonville, Fla., where he takes his bride, to share life's joys and sorrows.

—Our jolly old friend Col. Billie Lenderman who has the weight of over 80 years on his shoulders, was out bright and early Friday morning, ready and diked in approved style for the show. Uncle Billie remarked to us in his bright jocular way that he proposed to see the amusements going on in the world while he was young and could enjoy them.

—The Elkin Times has the following:

"Maj. J. H. Foote, of Roaring River, with his two daughters, Mrs. C. H. Greenwood and Miss Electa, and his son, Lieutenant Percy Foote, of the United States Army, stationed now at Newport, Rhode Island, was in town Tuesday. Maj. Foote, though more than 80 years old, is still quite active. His son Lieut. Foote has had many interesting experiences. He has, since entering the Navy, visited all the continents, travelled on all the oceans and been on most of the important bays, seas and gulfs. He has circumnavigated the globe twice and has been honored by having been admitted to an audience with Oriental crowned heads."

—There were 21 applicants for teacher's certificates who were examined last week—Thursday, Friday and Saturday. There were 17 applicants for county certificates as follows: F. G. Yates, Stanton; Chas. Joines, Absher; Maudie Lyon, Dockery; Milla Joines, Absher; Ellen Myers, Dockery; Carrie Jennings, Hays; Edith Jones, Mulberry; Harrison Jennings, Hays; Elizabeth Bumgarner, Millers Creek; Myrtle Steelman, Adley; Pansy Pardue, Ronda; R. L. Vannoy, Vannoy; Mattie Ferguson, Boomer. There were four colored: J. S. Morrow, Mabel Morrow, Kittie Weatherpoon and Mamie Petty. There were two applicants for State certificates: M. F. Bumgarner, of Millers Creek, and Miss Mattie E. Sale, of Brier Creek. There were two who stood the examination for entrance at the A. & M. College: J. T. Peden of Wilkesboro, and T. W. Ferguson, of Kendall.

—Pees for sale at Morrison's.

Beautiful Wedding.

At "Hillcrest" the country home of Mrs. T. J. Williams, last Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, a beautiful mid summer wedding was solemnized, when Mrs. Williams' charming daughter, Miss Grace Ellen, became the bride of Mr. Allmond Hazel Berry, son of Dr. William A. Berry.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. L. Ownbey, pastor of the Methodist church of Wilkesboro, of which the bride is a member, in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom and a few guests.

The parlor was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and festoons of greenery, and in front of an improvised altar and beneath a wedding bell of wild daisies, the ceremony was impressively performed according to the ritual of the Methodist church, including in the service the ring ceremony. The groom was attended by his brother, William F. Berry, and the bride by Miss Bessie Lewis, of Wilkesboro.

The youthful loveliness of the bride was accentuated by her costume of white taffeta, trimmed with lace, and embellished with medallions.

Miss Frankie Staley gracefully presided at the organ during the service. After the ceremony there was a brief reception and hearty congratulations; following which refreshments of cream, cake and fruits were served in the dining room, the bride cutting the great white wedding cake with her own hands.

After the departure of the wedding guests, the immediate families were entertained by Mrs. Williams.

On Thursday following, at "Fairview," the beautiful country home of Dr. Berry, he entertained most charmingly and elegantly at dinner, in that hearty and refined old Southern way, in honor of his son and bride.

We feel no delicacy in extending the bride and groom our most hearty congratulations and good wishes, and predict for them lives of usefulness and pleasure, with assurance, for God made them of the right sort of stuff.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to earnestly thank our neighbors and friends for their kindness and help shown us in our sad trouble and bereavement, the sickness and death of Mrs. Foster. We pray God's richest blessings on you all, for He alone can repay you for such kindness as you have shown us.

J. A. Foster & Family.

—The stockholders of the bank now in process of establishment at Wilkesboro met Thursday and selected additional officers as follows: C. F. Morrison, Vice President; F. B. Henderson, attorney; Directors, J. T. Hubbard, F. G. Holman, C. C. Wright and A. M. Vannoy. There will be another meeting tomorrow night (Thursday) for the purpose of selecting additional directors and officers. In the mean time the books are open for subscription of stock, and the opportunity is a good one for those who wish to invest in a safe, sound, profitable enterprise.

—Mr. Frank Staley's three year old child, in Union, last week, fell in the creek and narrowly escaped drowning.

A Word from the Baptist Minister at Wilkesboro.

DEAR BRO. EDITOR:—Allow me space, please, to say some things that I have in my heart about the people and my work here. I feel like congratulating myself that I have the honor of serving such noble people. Since our arrival here the first of June we have been the happy recipients of so many material favors that language seems all too empty to express the gratitude of our hearts for same.

Prior to our arrival, the ladies of the church took charge of the preacher's home, and they know how to "keep house." Our larder was anything else but empty. Everything needed for house keeping had been provided by these thoughtful women. Any pastor is fortunate who has such choice spirits, such congenial, harmonious co-laborers as these women are. They inspire lofty aims, good deeds, holy living and genuine service. Their work is "honorable and glorious." We thank them again and again for their untiring aid and bid them God-speed.

We are brought under daily obligations to the good people of the town of all denominations: for verily we are incessantly remembered in a material way by some of them. Scarcely a day has passed that we have not been kindly remembered by some one. Most assuredly, we feel unworthy of such friends and favors; but we propose to live so as to show our appreciation.

The reception given in honor of the pastor and his family, by the Ladies' Aid Society was an enjoyable occasion. A neat and timely program had been arranged by Mrs. F. G. Holman, Pres. of the Society. The first part of the program was missionary in purpose, consisting of short speeches and two papers read on missions. Then came an informal social meeting. The pastor and his family were introduced to the members of his flock; after which ice cream and cake were served. We all enjoyed it much.

The outlook for the church's growth is flattering. May the people and pastor grow in favor with each other as they become better acquainted; and may the Lord's cause prosper in their hands.

K. C. H.

—The Board of Equalization which was in session last week for three days, adjourned to meet the first of August to complete its work. There appears to be a big lot of inequality in some of the townships in the assessments. So far as investigated the township of Wilkesboro and Moravian Falls seem to be the highest and most equitably assessed townships in the county. Wilkesboro township, which has about as much poor land in it as any township in the county averages over \$7 per acre, while others with an average of better lands don't average \$3 per acre. One thing the assessors did that don't look right. They put up the mountain peaks and timber lands in the mountains to \$4 and \$5 per acre, while a little farm with a dwelling and out-buildings in the same region goes in at less than half that amount. That is not right.

Timber is worth something only once; the farm affords a living and a home, not one time only, but all the time. Timber companies as well as everybody else should pay a right tax, justly equalized with all other taxes. The Board, if it does its full duty, has yet a big work before it. It is a very knotty problem, but it is an important one, and there should be a better adjustment and equalization of values in Wilkes as well as in nearly every county in the State. We trust the Board will fully do its duty to all regardless of political pull or aspirations, religious beliefs or previous conditions of servitude.

—Mr. Archie Rousseau has fever.

—Mr. D. A. Beece was pretty badly kicked on the leg by his horse last week.

—There are four cases of fever in the family of Melvin Yates in Union township.

Big Show in TOWN, Friday, July 12th.

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