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MT. PLEASANT NEWS.

Debate Next Wednesday Night.—Baseball Team Being Coached. —Getting Ready For Commencement. —Glee Club.—Personal And Other Notes.

The people of Mt. Pleasant will be pleased to know that the students of the Institute will give an extemporaneous debate in the auditorium next Wednesday night. Several such debates have been held here, and much interest was always manifested; as the occasion is of great educational value, and besides, it furnishes no little merriment and pleasure. A full house is expected, as heretofore the hall was always "brim full." A subject will be discussed which will be of general interest to the public. Each man is allowed ten minutes time to speak, and to the one making the best speech, will be awarded a ten-dollar gold piece. A long array of speaking talent has volunteered, which will render a programme well worth hearing. The following are those who will show their ability for impromptu speaking: J. L. Yost, C. H. Crane, F. L. Harkey, H. M. Eggert, G. F. Davis, Fred Broad, George Conrad, C. H. Ritchie, Z. L. Edwards, G. S. Bowden, C. B. King, C. O. Ritchie.

Prof. Welsh, coach of the baseball team of the Institute, is using every moment possible of this beautiful weather in giving the cadets training on the diamond. Quite a number are trying for the team, and all seem to be making a good showing. A selection of three who will play regularly will be made this week. Judging from the work which the boys are now doing, it is evident that the Institute will send out the best team that she has had for several years. The schedule for the season will open next week with three games here, Lenoir College will play here on Wednesday and Thursday, and Oak Ridge Institute on Saturday. Everyone is looking with much interest to these games, as they are probably the three best games that will be played here this season.

Arrangements for commencement are being made at the Institute. With the pleasant weather, refreshed energy is shown by the students in their studies as well as on the drill grounds. A selection of those who will contest for the debater's medal at commencement has been made. They will discuss Federal aid in the construction and maintenance of good roads. The following have been selected: J. E. Cress, C. H. Ritchie, J. Thomas, J. G. Lylerly, G. F. Davis, C. B. King.

The Glee Club of the Institute held an enthusiastic meeting last week. Arrangements were made to secure some new music, and times fixed for regular practice. Everyone manifested renewed interest, and much good will be accomplished during the remaining weeks of the season.

Mrs. J. F. Wingard, of Chapin, S. C., accompanied by her husband, is spending the week with her brother, Capt. Jonas Cook, whose condition remains unimproved.

Mrs. H. W. Mullis and children left for New York Tuesday night, where she will join her husband, who is engaged in business there. She was accompanied by her brother.

The Collegiate Institute will be ably represented in the Speaking Fest which will be held in Concord Friday night, by Cadet Fred Broad.

The expression class of the Seminary will give a recital in the auditorium Saturday night.

Miss Helen Misenheimer is spending a few days in China Grove with Miss Ada Stirewalt.

The Young People's Missionary Society will hold a public meeting in Holy Trinity church Sunday night, which will be the culmination of a week of prayer which is being held this week. Everyone is cordially invited to be present.

Mr. Walter Cook, of Salisbury, visited his father Sunday.

Mr. H. J. McAllister spent Monday in Charlotte, purchasing goods for the McAllister-Dry restaurant.

Mr. John Cook, of Concord, was here yesterday.

Mt. Pleasant, N. C., March 21.

Shower Party Monday Afternoon. The ladies "benevolent" of the First Presbyterian church asks all friends of the cause to attend a shower party Monday afternoon, March 25th, from 3 to 8 o'clock at Mrs. N. D. Petzer's for the benefit of Lee's McRae Institute, Banner Elk, N. C. A suggestion in the list below may guide any who do not know the needs. Two or more might join in the larger gifts: Towels, napkins, sash curtains, spoons, knives and forks, "plated"; short lengths in mill goods, shirting in most any lengths, table ware, table cloths "mercerized."

James Bragden, a young farmer, near Wilmington, was caught Monday in the flood torrent that swept over a bridge. Bragden was swept from his seat and his horses were swept into the stream. Twice he swam to the neighboring horses in a vain effort to free them from their harness that they might swim, but the last time he went down.

The Democratic excise income tax bill passed the house unamended Tuesday afternoon, the vote being 242 to 41. Many Republicans voted for it.

NEW RAILROAD TALK.

Norfolk Southern May Cross Union Street Under a Bridge in Front of Judge Montgomery's.

The railroad has been built on paper, in drug stores, on trains, in hotel lobbies, on street corners and various other places where men can gather together even though it be two or three and give their valued views. At these places the depot and line have been run into Concord from almost every mentionable point. Down South Union and up North Union, one of the other has always been picked as the point for the location of the depot. But when the surveyors shot through several most desirable residences, across lawns and gardens right up in the midst of a choice section of North Union even the best guys who always knows it all had to admit one was put across on them.

The line runs through Archibald's pasture, across Church street and right along the line between the property of Judge W. J. Montgomery and Mr. W. G. Means, across Union to Mr. R. L. Dick's lot on out to Spring between Mr. J. B. Sherrill's barn and house, across Spring and through one of the Lilly lots down the hollow to the Southern Railway.

Should this line be adopted the part of the track from Church street through to Spring will be in something like a forty foot cut. It would cross Union street under a bridge and the cut would gradually slope out by the time the line reached Spring. It is said that the grade for this survey is much better than any of the others leading into town.

The surveyors will remain here for several days finishing up on the surveys and making other surveys into Concord. It is probable that quite a few lines will be made into and through the town before one is selected.

School Closing at Kannapolis. The closing exercises of the Kannapolis graded school will embrace March 27-29. The following programme will be rendered: Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p. m.: Welcome address.

Song
Slass exercise by eight children.
Recitation—Warren Hastings.
Song, "School Days."
Recitation—Allen McClamrock.
Class exercise, twenty children.
Music—Miriam Shipley.
Exercise by two children.
Recitation—Hubert Stonestreet.
Song—The Black Bear.
Recitation—Thelma Hutchinson.
Dialogue.

Song, "Gingie Bells."
Recitation—Claudie Ketchie.
Exercise, "Good-bye."
Song, "Rig-a-gig."
Drill by sixteen girls.
Thursday, March 28, 7:30 p. m.: A contest in declamation.
The following will contest for a gold medal:
Willie Saunders—An Appeal for Liberty.
Miliam Shipley—Angeline Johnson.

Johnnie Sloan—The First View of the Heavens.
Vivian Walters—"Calla."
Dora Walters—Mice at Play.
Robt. Saunders—National Ensign.
Viola Walters—The Minister's Black Nance.
Friday, March 29, 7:30 p. m.: Will be given an interesting play, "The Deacon."
The public cordially invited to attend these exercises.
Music by the Kannapolis Concert Band.

Mr. Heller Was a Reformed Minister. "Rev. C. B. Heller was installed as pastor of the Presbyterian churches of Spencer and Chestnut Hill Sunday. Mr. Heller was for many years a Lutheran minister, and was at one time pastor of St. Johns church in this county."
The above item appeared in this paper a few days ago. Mr. Heller was a minister of the Reformed church and was never a member of the Lutheran church. At the time the article was written he had Mr. Heller, who was pastor of St. Johns church about 25 years ago.

Mr. Ritchie Improving Fast. Mr. H. G. Gibson, bookkeeper at Ritchie Hardware Company, spent yesterday afternoon in Salisbury with Mr. M. F. Ritchie. Mr. Ritchie continues to improve and was able to be up for a short time yesterday. He walked around in his room for a short while and is fast regaining his strength. He expects to return to Concord Monday.

THREE KILLED IN COLLAPSE OF BUILDING.

The Store, a Two-Story Structure in Wadesboro, Was Crowded and Many Suffered Injury.—Ladies Reported Missing.

Wadesboro, March 20.—Today the two-story brick building occupied by the Parsons Drug Company, collapsed at 10 o'clock this morning, killing two young ladies and a 2-year-old child, besides injuring several others. The dead are: Misses Lora and Marion Little, daughters of John J. Little, a well known citizen of Wadesboro, and Virginia May, the 2-year-old daughter of J. M. Covington, Jr. The injured include Mrs. J. M. Covington, Sr., who has a shoulder broken and three or four employees of the drug store, though their injuries are not serious. The building was one of the oldest in Wadesboro. It was located on the courthouse square.

The Misses Little were sitting at a table partaking of drinks from the fountain when the crash came. They were crushed to death. Their ages were 20 and 22 years. The daughter of Dr. Covington was struck and killed by a falling piece of timber. The mother and grandmother of the little girl had gone into the drug store to make purchases. Mrs. Covington, Jr., escaped injury. Workmen were lowering the first floor of the drug store to a level with the sidewalk and in making the excavations, they undermined the foundation walls. The men at work on the building saw the walls giving way and managed to get out just in time to escape injury, if not death.

The news of the tragic death of Misses Marion and Lora Little, who lost their lives yesterday in Wadesboro, when the building occupied by the Parsons Drug Company fell in, was a great shock to people here. Misses Little had visited in Concord several times, the guests of Misses Bessie and Zeta Caldwell, and had many friends here. They were sitting at a table opposite the soda fountain when the crash came and both were killed instantly.

Wholesale Poisoning Alleged. Bad Axe, Mich., March 21.—The so-called Sparling poisoning case is to come up at the circuit court session starting here next Monday, and it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that every person in Huron county, and many beyond the county borders and even across the Canadian line, is awaiting the developments of the trial with eager interest. The case is regarded as one of the most complex that has ever come before the criminal courts of Michigan.

The defendants in the case are Mrs. Carrie Bodie Sparling, the wife and mother of the alleged victims of a wholesale poisoning plot, and Dr. Robert Macgregor, the Sparling family physician. Dr. Macgregor formerly lived in London, Ont., but for several years he has resided in the village of Uby, a short distance south of the this city and the of the Sparling family.

John Wesley Sparling, head of the family, was the first one to die. He was stricken in July, 1908. Two years later the eldest son, Peter Sparling, was similarly stricken. Albert Sparling was the next to die, and the last was Cyril Sparling, 20 years old, who died last August. In two of the cases a verdict of arsenic poisoning was returned by the coroner's jury. Each of the victims was attended by Dr. Macgregor and later removed for treatment to a hospital in London, Ont., where the deaths occurred. In this hospital Miss Marguerite Gibbs, said to be a friend of Dr. Macgregor, was employed as a nurse. Following the coroner's jury verdict in the case of Albert Sparling, Miss Gibbs was arrested and bound over on a charge of accessory after the fact. In the cases of Mrs. Sparling and Dr. Macgregor indictments charging first degree murder were returned.

It is understood that Mrs. Sparling and Dr. Macgregor are to be tried first for the alleged murder of Cyril Sparling, the fourth and last of the family to die under mysterious circumstances. Little has been made public concerning the evidence upon which the indictments were based. Even the probable motive that may have resulted in the alleged slaying of the father and three sons can only be guessed at by outsiders, though there is a general disposition to connect it with the fact that the victims carried life insurance and the policies were written by the father of Dr. Macgregor, a retired life insurance agent living in London, Ont.

Prosecuting Attorney Boomhower has secured the services of a prominent criminal lawyer to assist him in unravelling the mystery. He declares he has unearthed additional facts in the case which, when presented at the trial, will greatly strengthen the prosecution. Nearly one hundred witnesses already have been subpoenaed to testify at the trial.

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R. Russell 1.00
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W. L. Holland 1.00
R. P. Anderson 1.00
McKinnon Presbyterian Ch. 5.30
Women's Missionary Society 5.00
Trinity Reformed Church 5.00
Total to date \$199.34

ALLENS STILL AT LARGE.

Location of the Gang Yet a Mystery. Thirty Additional Rifles Sent.

Roanoke, Va., March 20.—A telephone message from Mr. Airy says two men answering the description of Allen and Wesley Edwards, members of the Carroll county gang, were seen this morning hurrying along the railway tracks toward Polet Mountain in the direction of Winston-Salem. A posse started in pursuit.

Hillsville, March 20.—It was another false report that drew into the mountain last night nearly every man of this section that could ride a horse and carry a gun.

The location of the Allen gang is still a mystery. Part of the posse returned here today, weary and discouraged, reporting that the gang was not found at Chestnut ridge where it was believed to have been trailed.

The returning posse found gathered on the court house green, anxiously awaiting news from the night's sortie, practically every woman and child left behind by the teamsters. It was with a mingled feeling of disappointment and relief the families of the lawful members of the community learned the outlaws had not been encountered or located.

Richmond, March 20.—At the request of W. G. Baldwin, in Roanoke, Governor Mann, yesterday directed Adjutant-General Sale to turn over to the detective force in Hillsville thirty additional Springfield rifles. Early in the morning Mr. Baldwin asked for twenty rifles to swell the Millsville posse, and later in the day requested ten more. "This brings the total number of army rifles in the posse to fifty which in addition to the revolvers and shotguns already in the hands of the deputies who volunteered for service in pursuit of the fugitives."

While Mr. Baldwin did not enter into details in making his request for further arms, it was understood by the Governor that the detective was organizing another posse in Roanoke, and required the rifles to arm the men. There are already on the scene about forty men, detectives and Carroll county citizens, and the new posse will bring the number to seventy. With this force the Governor and his advisers believe the best results in the pursuit of the outlaws can be accomplished. All thought of military interference has been given up by the State.

"NO CONSPIRACY," SAYS FLOYD ALLEN. Says He was Ready to Go to Jail and Did Not Start the Shooting. Special to N. Y. World.

Roanoke, Va., March 19.—Floyd Allen, whose sentence to one year's imprisonment led to the tragedy in court at Hillsville last Thursday, today gave exclusively to The World the statement he has made for publication since the shooting up of the court. It reads: "I and my son have been locked up here nearly a week now. I want a square deal. I want the New York World to tell the people of this country my side of the tragedy."

"In the first place, my son Victor never fired a single shot. We both expect to be electrocuted. Our murder is as certain as the sun will rise tomorrow. But it will be plain murder if they put Vic in the chair. Me? why, sure, I fired. But before God I give you my solemn oath I did not start the firing. I did not know when Judge Massey pronounced sentence that there would be any shooting. It came unexpectedly to me. That there was a conspiracy is a damned lie."

"Of course, when every body else started shooting I got my pistol and joined in the fray. Why shouldn't I? It was in self defense. When our people went in the court room they intended to kill nobody, and I at heart was ready to go to jail. I am not afraid of death and that is what is looking us in the face."

Judge Hairston is my lawyer, but they won't give him any show. We will all be tried in Carroll county if I have any say about it, and we Alrens—we are fighting men—will show them how an Allen can go to his death; but Vic, I want you to help save him. The boy never drew his gun; may be he ought to have, but he didn't."

In his talk with his lawyer, Allen said "down and wept." "Judge," he said, "I am not afraid to die, but my wife I love her today as much as I did when I married her when I was a boy. These people won't let me see her or send her a message."
"Will you advise them to give in?" asked Judge Hairston.
"Never," was the emphatic reply. "We are now marked men. To give in would be to sign our own death warrant. No, the Alrens will fight." Here the old man broke down and wept pitifully and implored the lawyer to save Victor.

"We have plenty of arms and bullets. We know how to use them. These hills is an unhealthy place for strangers to visit. Remember this. You kin git us in the end maybe but we will git you first."

OPENING AT FISHER'S. First Millinery Opening of the Season.—Continues Tomorrow and Saturday.

The day of days has dawned. Femininity has triumphed and all is well—at least until the bills come due. Today marked the first millinery opening and the interest it aroused in woman's world will even surpass that which election day holds for the masculine portion of mankind.

Julius Fisher & Co. was the first to usher in this important event. The commodious store was arrayed in gala attire. Long streamers were stretched from the ceiling to the fixtures and over the big mirrors on the sides were wreaths of roses. Baskets of flowers suspended down from the walls and every feature of the artistic decorations showed the work of an artist. But the mon unique and decidedly attractive was the booth, which was arranged for trying on hats. It was made of paper and furnished with mirrors, dressers, etc., the decorations in the interior being made of children's hats, "Hid for the kids" as the sign reads. The opening was conducted by Miss Florence Kelly and Mr. Fisher expressed himself as highly pleased indeed with its success so far. It will be continued tomorrow and Saturday.

Honor Roll, Georgeville School. The following is the honor roll of the Georgeville school. Miss Lena Barringer is teacher of the first, second and third grades, and Mr. J. L. D. Barringer is teacher of the other grades:

First Grade—Novella Shinn, Clyde Shinn.
Second Grade—Laura Mae Shinn, Ola Furr, James Teeter, Theodore Black, Harry Barrier.
Third Grade—Alma Furr, Mattie Teeter, Inez Shinn, Elma Eudy, Ira Shinn, William Teeter, Willie Widenhouse, Gus Widenhouse, Fetter Cox.
Fourth Grade—Mittie Cox, Lena Keiser.
Seventh Grade—Corie Barrier, Ora Mae Barrier, Lelia Cox, Alma Shinn, Ola Mae Shinn, Marie Shinn, Carl Furr, Zeb Teeter, Will Widenhouse, Sixth Grade—Pearl Teeter, Lelia Furr, Pearl Litzker, Zeb Cox, Edward Shinn, Aden Littel.

Recitation by Students of Mont Amoens Seminary. A recital will be given by the students of Mont Amoens Seminary at Mount Pleasant on next Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The following will be the programme:

Piano—Air de Ballet, No. 1—Helen Misenheimer.
Reading—The Dead Pussy Cat—Amy Louise Fisher.
Monologue—Her First Call on the Butcher—Margaret Miller.
Reading—Choosing Our Colors—Katherine Fisher.
Piano—Poupee Valsante—Ethel Mae Cobb.
Reading—Heaven—Amy Louise Fisher.
Reading—Jes' to be Along o' You—Margaret Miller.
Monologue—The Matinee Girl—Helen Misenheimer.

Speaking Fest Tomorrow Night. All patrons and friends of both city and country schools are urged to attend the Speaking Fest which is to be held tomorrow evening at the Central graded school, commencing at 8 o'clock. An interesting programme has been prepared and the leading schools of the county will be represented. The object of the "Fest" is to stimulate an interest in public speaking in our schools, and the interest and enthusiasm already manifested is a guarantee that the purpose will be accomplished. A musical programme of solos, duets, quartets and choruses has been arranged. There will be no charge for admission.

Five men in a survey were killed outright by a passenger train at a railroad crossing at Ellettsville, Ind., Tuesday. Two horses attached to the vehicle were unhurt.

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ARRESTED FOR BIGAMY.

Wade Copell Charged With Having a Wife in Concord And Also One in Spartanburg.

Wade Copell, a young man who came here a short time ago and began work in one of the cotton mills, was arrested today on a warrant from Bessemer City, charging him with bigamy. Deputy Sheriff C. A. Kizer came here this morning from Bessemer City and had the warrant sworn out for him. It was served by Officers Miller and Simpson, who met Copell as he was coming from his work at noon. It is charged against him that he has two wives, one here and one in Spartanburg. His wife came here with him last week and they have been boarding on Pine street. Deputy Sheriff Kizer says that she was Miss Lottie Perry and that she and Copell were married in Charlotte last week. The other woman, who is alleged to be his wife, is in Spartanburg.

While in the police headquarters Copell did not deny being married to the woman in Spartanburg, but said that he found out she had another husband and he left her. The officers will now begin an investigation of his charge.

Copell was turned over to the Gaston officer and was taken to Bessemer City this afternoon.

Ross Crane Next Thursday Night. Ross Crane, entertainer, cartoonist and clay modeler, is the next Lyceum attraction, and will appear at Central school auditorium next Thursday night, March 28. As an entertainer he is a great artist. "And an artist from a surprising number of standpoints. He handles the crayon with vigor and effectiveness. With a few chunks of mud he molds with the swift magic of his hands the faces of men whom nations love. He paints words pictures as impressive as his drawings. He plays the piano with rare expression, and besides all this he is a finished mimic and impersonator." His work is unique—sembling as it does the sister arts of music, painting, sculpture and oratory.

The Durham Sun says the names of the mothers of the two infants abandoned on the doorsteps of prominent Durham citizens recently are Nettie Williams, formerly of Durham and Mrs. Avery, of Goldsboro. The names of the fathers, if known are not made public. The children are still in the Watts hospital, Durham.

Chas. Udell and Beth Kaufman, two unique entertainers, are members of the big "Buster Brown" Company, which will appear here April 9.

CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH. Four-Year-Old Daughter of Mr. E. D. Crayton, of Mission, Falls in Tub of Boiling Water.

A report from Mission, Stany county, brings the news of the tragic death of the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Crayton, who lost her life Tuesday afternoon by being scalded to death. Mr. Crayton was cleaning the house and had a large tub of boiling water in one of the rooms. The little girl went in the room and sat down on the edge of the tub. In some way she lost her balance and fell into the water. Her mother rescued her almost instantly but the water had covered almost every portion of her body. Heroic efforts were made to save her life but the burns proved fatal, death resulting five hours after the accident. The funeral was held yesterday at Mission.

Democratic State Convention at Raleigh June 6.

Raleigh, March 20.—The Democratic State executive committee tonight selected Raleigh as the place for holding the next State convention and June 6 as the date. It had been thought that Charlotte would put up a contest, but it was known long before the committee met that there would be little opposition to Raleigh. Saturday, May 18, was the date decided upon for precinct meetings, or primaries, and Saturday, May 25 as the date for county conventions. There was a good deal of difference of opinion as to the time for holding the precinct meetings and primaries, but after much argument May 18 was settled upon.

Senator Simmons in Raleigh. Raleigh, March 20.—Senator F. M. Simmons, who is here to attend the meeting of the Democratic executive committee, received many admirers at his hotel. The Senator would not discuss politics for publication, but he said that "nothing had occurred to disturb my equanimity," and he said it with a laugh. He seemed in a better humor than usual. His private secretary, A. D. Watts, is also here.

Pinnacle School. School closes at Pinnacle Public School on Wednesday, March 27th. The past year has been a very successful one with Mr. D. S. Lippard as principal, and Mr. O. T. Walker as assistant. There will be an all day exercise with dinner on the ground. There will be several prominent speakers also an exercise by the children. Let us come, bringing well filled baskets and make this an enjoyable occasion.

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Friday Morning and All Next Week

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100 Pieces of White and Colored Wash Belting, all new patterns and worth up to 50c Belt, 1c inch, and with every belt we will give a 35c Belt Pin Free.

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