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## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY CAPITOL.

### Lightning's Peculiar Feat—Mr. Harlowe's Thrilling Experience.

Halifax, N. C., May 31.—Presiding Elder J. E. Underwood, preaching a strong and helpful sermon here on Sunday night. His visits are hailed with delight, and we get a great deal of good out of his coming.

Milton Norman is home for vacation from school at Warrenton.

Mr. Frank Faison, Jr., of New York City, spent several days here last week with his father and sisters.

Miss Erma Whitehead, of Enfield, spent a few days recently with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hearne, of Whitakers, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Batts.

Miss Ada Eure came home from the Littleton Female College last Friday to spend her vacation.

Mrs. E. N. Ricks and sons, of Mount Olive, came last Friday to spend some time with her sisters, Mrs. D. C. Fenner, and Mrs. H. B. Furgerson.

Mr. Frank Taylor, of Whitakers, one of our boyhood friends, was a visitor here last Friday.

Miss Lucy Elliott, of Elizabeth City, spent a day with her brother, J. K. Elliott, last week.

Misses Edith Simmons and Cecil Fields came down from Littleton Female College Friday to spend a few days with their relative, Mrs. J. N. Brown.

John Fenner, Jr., of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday and Monday here with his parents.

Mr. Long, of near Murrefresboro, was a visitor here on Sunday.

Dr. Thos. F. Jarrett, of Jarretts, Va., spent Sunday here with friends.

Miss Ruth Coburn was a welcome visitor here Sunday.

M. W. Riddell, of Richmond, spent Monday here on business.

Mrs. Shields and her daughter, Miss Rebe, of Scotland Neck, are visiting Mrs. J. H. Durham at Cedarhurst farm this week.

Mrs. John Brown and children, of Selma, spent Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. W. F. Coppedge.

Mr. E. Harlowe, who lives about 3 miles from this place, had on Tuesday, May 25th, during the storm on that day a very thrilling and exciting experience. While the storm was raging, and the rain coming down in sheets, a tongue of lightning ran through a corner of his dwelling making a hole through a corner of the room, and remarkable as it seems burst a package of matches open but failed to ignite them. Mr. Harlowe and his sister were sitting in a very few feet of the safe and felt the force of the shock, and felt for some hours a peculiar sensation; a little dog in the room was affected the same way. On making its exit it ran through the door, tearing up the bottom step. A rather peculiar feat was when it struck a large oak tree before entering the house, it struck a pair of hames tearing the padding completely off them, but not injuring the hames otherwise.

Mr. Harlowe tells us that it was the most frightful experience he has ever had, and he expects to try and be a better man.

Thoughtlessness to some people seems to be a trifling thing, but those who look at it from a more serious point, are aware that many mis-haps and accidents are invariably caused from it. The world could be made much brighter and sweeter to us and others if only we would be a trifle more thoughtful and considerate, not for ourselves alone, but for others who we must remember have feelings and sensibilities peculiarly their own. We are quite sure many of the accidents and misfortunes of life could be averted, but for the fact we so often forget that even little things should enter into life in order to expand it and develop it to its highest standard.

We have often noticed this old habit of stripping bananas and throwing the skins down on the pavement or wherever we happened to be; along comes a young lady with french heels, ignorant of banana peels, a step upon it, and lo! nearly a fall upon hard pavement. And it serves the man, the boy, and the child just about as bad. This old habit, now provokingly bad, for it often makes people amazingly mad.

## “ESCAPED FROM THE LAW.”

Presented by the Scotland Neck Dramatic Club, a Great Success.

The Scotland Neck Dramatic Club presented in the City Hall on Thursday evening, the 19th inst., "Escaped from the Law." The presentation was a success in every particular, each member of the cast played his part most artistically, and the play as a whole showed remarkable historician ability.

Miss Anna Clark as "Nannett" was very charming and clever in her emotional parts, and in her mad scene she evinced considerable dramatic talent, gaining, in a most delightful way, the sympathy of the audience when she was about to be driven from a New York tenement while her child was ill. Miss Clark presented a very pleasing and finished portrayal of the character.

Miss Anna Kitchin was unusually good in the character of "Mrs. Dairo," the rich, good-looking, young widow. She seemed to have some trouble in getting a proposal from John Middleton, but surely this was on account of the extreme bashfulness of the fellow, for she was most charming in her freshness, and admired because she refused to listen to love as suggested by "General Burleigh" because Mr. Dalroy had not been dead two years yet.

As "Kitty" Mrs. A. L. Purrington was exceedingly clever. The part of the French maid was perhaps the most difficult one of the play, and Mrs. Purrington's rendition won much applause. Her mixture of French and English in her pronunciation was all that could be desired, even if she could not understand the "tick a tick" language, and she was good in her every movement throughout the play.

Little Miss Ellen Speed made a sweet child and played the part of "Louise" with adroitness.

The members of the cast were all good, perhaps Mr. H. L. McDowell was most forceful in his character "Michael Hatfield. His voice and gesticulations were typical of the depraved character, and his acting was very pleasing. Mr. A. L. Purrington as "General Burleigh," Mr. G. C. Lamb as "John Middleton," Dr. J. E. Shields as "Felix Beaulan" and Mr. Biggs Bryan as "Patrick Brannigan" were all up to the standard and presented their characters most admirably.

"Escaped from the Law" was a play of unusual merit, and the players are equal to many professionals. It was a pleasure to have so clever a company of theatrical artists in our midst, and off the stage each member fully sustained the reputation of which Halifax County boasts. We hope to have the same company in a new play in our town at an early date.—Williamston Express.

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## Little Things That Count.

There are girls—and the number of them is not small—who to all intents and purposes regard their mothers as conveniences, if not actually servants, whose chief function it is to wait upon them, to see that they have a cup of coffee and a roll before they get out of bed of mornings; that their lingeri is all in proper condition; that their buttons are all sewed on, and their laces in the right places; that their shoes are polished, and their hats and ribbons fresh. Girls of this class think little and care less about the tired hands and aching heads of their mothers. It worries them not the least in the world if the china is soiled and the furniture and mantels dusty—mother can look out for that. In their selfishness they look only for personal ease, and become fretful and peevish if required to lend a hand at the housekeeping.

That fretfulness and peevishness grows and becomes fixed habit, and is carried into the girl's own home when she marries, with the result not infrequently that her husband jams his hat on his head, slams the door and goes down to take a drink and get his dinner at a restaurant, while his wife cries and feels that she is a much abused creature. The girl who is kind and considerate of her mother is invariably of a sunny, sympathetic disposition; loyal affectionate and healthy minded. She is a good daughter, and will make a good wife.—Savannah news.

## THIN MILK

How can the baby grow strong if the nursing mother is pale and delicate?

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makes the mother strong and well; increases and enriches the baby's food.

## "ANOTHER'S SHOES"

A Phrase That Has Its Origin in an Ancient Custom.

The expression "stepping into another's shoes," like many another common phrase, had its origin in an ancient custom.

The old Norse law required that a person to be adopted must step into a previously prepared shoe. This shoe was made from the skin taken from the right hind leg of a "three-winters-old bull."

The skin was flayed from above the hock, and out of this the shoe was made. The person to be adopted stepped into this shoe, taking into his arms one at a time, it is presumed, the younger sons of the man making the adoption. If there were also sons who were of age they stepped into the shoe afterward, by this sign showing their consent to the adoption.

A man in the way could adopt an illegitimate son, making him his lawful heir, but in that case the father was obliged to step into the shoe first. If there were any full grown sons, they stepped into the shoe afterward; if there were no full grown sons; then the next of kin did the stepping, and without his consent, by the way, this special adoption could not be made.

Witnesses to the ceremony in the use of the shoe were required to establish its legality.

It will be seen that this was considered an important ceremony, and since so much "shoe stepping" was done it is not strange that the expression as now used passed into common speech.—Chicago Record-Herald.

## Death of Helen White.

On the morning of Saturday, May 21st, the Death Angel entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. White, No. 2222 Jefferson Ave., Richmond, Va., and carried the spirit of dear little Helen, aged five years, three months and twenty-one days, to its eternal home.

For just a few days prior to her death, Helen had been confined to her room with measles, bronchial pneumonia developed, and hours of intense suffering, during which time loving hands administered every remedy known to alleviate her pain, the dear little one fell sweetly asleep in Jesus, who said in the long ago, "Suffer the little ones to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Helen was the third child of Mr. and Mrs. White. She is survived by a brother, Harold, and a sister, Dorothy older than herself, also by a brother John, younger.

She was a beautiful child, loved by all who knew her. On Sunday, just a week before her little spirit departed, the little darling was in her place at Sunday school and also at the Rosebud Society, of which she was a devoted member.

Helen was rarely developing a tender and affectionate nature. She dearly loved to help mother, and in her sweet little ways won her way straight to the hearts of both old and young.

Many a little child dropped a tear upon the little casket, and said "we shall miss her," while the older one's spoke in tender tones of their sorrow at the thought of not seeing Helen again.

To the father and mother the warmest sympathy of everybody is extended, and we lovingly commend them and their little ones to our kind Heavenly Father, and bid them look up through their tears to the "land beyond" where they may clasp their dear one in their arms again and meet an unbroken family circle around the throne of God.

Rev. R. H. Potts, of Union Station M. E. church conducted the funeral service. Miss Sue Hogan sweetly sang "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

The little casket was tenderly lowered into a grave in Oakwood Cemetery, which grave we left kissed by the rays of the evening sun, covered with many a flower.

These blossoms will fade and pass into nothingness, their mission having been filled; but the memory of the little bud lying beneath will never die, but will ever be surrounded by sweetest thoughts, and prove another tie that binds our hearts to Heaven.

MRS. W. D. GAY.

## COLEMAN-WHITLEY.

The Lamberts Point correspondent to the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, of the 26th inst, gives the following account of the Coleman-Whitley marriage:

Richard Edward Coleman of New Bern, N. C. and Miss Bessie Viola Whitley of Fourth street, were united in marriage at high noon yesterday.

The nuptial knot was tied by Rev. George W. Cox, of Burrows Memorial Baptist church, during which the wedding march was played by Mrs. Herbert Miller. Miss Effie Whitley, sister of the bride, filled the role as maid of honor and Henry Coleman was the best man. The bride was attired in a handsome going away gown of steel gray with hat and gloves to match. The ceremony was followed by a wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Coleman left yesterday for New Bern, the home of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman came by Scotland Neck and spent a day and night with Mr. Coleman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Coldman.

## Stomach Dead Man Still Lives.

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Mr. H. C. Brown, who has been appointed by Gov. Kitchin to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Ayecock (since my first announcement in the State papers some two months ago) has stated his intention of being a candidate to succeed himself. Unquestionably the successor of Mr. Rogers should be chosen from the section of the State west of Greensboro, which is the center. I had a former service on the Board in 1897 and 1898 and am willing to submit the record, then made in behalf of the shippers and tax-payers of the State to the people, as I have lived to see my views and rates urged at that time since endorsed by party in the shape of State statutes.

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First Tract—Being a part of the Burwell tract, and being Lots Nos. 3, 9, 8, 7, 6 and 5, in the plat of said land, to which reference is made, and beginning on the dividing line of Lots Nos. 2 and 3, thence S. 88 1/2 deg. E. 193 poles, thence S. 57 1/2 deg. W. 20 poles, thence S. 10 deg. E. 214 poles to the river, thence down the river to Dawson's mill run, thence up the river to the dividing line of Lots 4 and 5, thence N. 26 deg. E. 120 poles, thence S. 55 deg. E. 28 poles, thence N. 44 1/2 deg. W. 134 poles to the beginning, and containing three hundred and forty-seven and one-half acres, more or less.

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