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PRIDE OF WILSON!

TO BE THE BIGGEST THING IN ALL THE STATE.

The Mutual Benefit and Relief Association Furnishes Relief other than to the Beneficiaries of the dead policy holder, and will pay death claims in full on and after March.

We have been, from the beginning of the operations of the Mutual Benefit & Relief Association, a strong advocate for believing its plans were wise, its terms moderate, its officers honest, prudent, painstaking men. It is the pride of the people of Wilson who are exerting themselves to push it on and upward; for in it they see protection for the widow and orphan and the old policy holder, when too poor and infirm to meet the assessments. They see in it the accumulation of a reserve fund, which grows with each assessment and which must be invested, relief for those needing money, while at the same time insurance is furnished at lowest possible cost, and now the degree of prosperity to which it has attained justifies the announcement that death claims will be paid in full after the fifteenth of March next. (See advertisement.) The greatest difficulty which agents have had in obtaining patrons was that they were unable to promise to pay death claims in full. This promise is guaranteed now by the pledges of the officers who are assured of fulfillment by the prosperous condition and increasing membership of the associations and it is now confidently recommended to all those who need insurance to apply at once for a policy, and this is particularly urged upon all in Wilson county; not only on the ground that it will afford the relief desired but because it is a home company and needs the co-operation and cordial support of all of our own people. It is needless for us to say one word in favor of insurance in general, that has now become a necessity to the poor man and such as this affords the best and cheapest form. The payments come in small amounts and it serves the purpose of saving banks with the strongest assurances that the family will get the benefit of the savings. The old line insurance companies may twit us as much as they please; call us ropes of sand, monkey bridges and all manner of hard names, but the security of the insured in ours is as stable as that in the old line companies. While we have no big investments held by wealthy corporations, and while ours are dependent on the payment of assessments of individual members, we feel we can say ours is just as safe—both depend upon the honesty and prompt dealing of the companies. The payment of the required assessment is the condition of membership in ours, failing in that the member forfeits his policy. Will he do it when the amount is so small and he knows he is only paying what the other members would pay in case of his death? The mutuality of ours is the strong bond that assures success. The individual members compose the Association. The officers are the agents to keep the accounts and direct the management of its affairs. The growth of the Mutual Benefit and Relief Association with all the odds against it, in the way of well paid agents representing bloated corporations, misrepresenting ours and the plans under which we work, our inability, as a matter of course, to pay a policy in full at first, our growth we say under all these draw back has been phenomenal, now that all these have been overcome and policies can be paid in full, our agents are having a fair field and our borders are being enlarged day by day. The few families that have been blessed and comforted in their afflictions rise up and call us blessed. The amounts paid them seem to the big corporations, small and insignificant, but they were larger in proportion to amount paid by the insured, than if they had received full amount of policy and paid the rates of the old line companies. The first one of our company who died was a charter member and had paid one assessment, not exceeding \$2, and membership fee of \$5, his family received \$444. The second one paid two assessments and membership fees and his family received \$500, and this came at a time to save the farm of the widow from the mortgage foreclosure which have done. The benefits at small risks are worth the trial. REMEMBER YOU ONLY PAY THE ACTUAL COST OF INSURANCE WITH SMALL STIPEND FOR EXPENSES OF

[FOR THE MIRROR.] How Sorrow Changed to Pleasure.

"Why are you so late for breakfast this morning, Ezra? See, I have milked the cows since it was cooked," said Mrs. Andrews addressing her husband.

"Well, you see, Maria," replied Ezra, rubbing his dripping face in a coarse brown towel, "neighbor brown is in a deal of trouble over that scape grace of a son, Will."

"In trouble over Will! Why I thought him a well behaved boy enough. But come on and eat. Will has not done anything scandalous has he?"

"That depends, Maria, upon what you call scandalous. He hasn't stolen a horse or killed a man; not quite that bad, or it may be worse than either," answered the farmer, seating himself at the table.

"Do hurry, Ezra, and tell me all about it," insisted Mrs. Andrews.

"Well," resumed the former, who, knowing his wife's insatiate curiosity, could forbear teasing her a little by provoking a most lively interest before acquainting her with all the facts, "what part of the chicken will you have?" and noticing the empty chair of his daughter, "How long do you intend to indulge Nell in sleeping till ten o'clock and taking her breakfast in bed? I was not raised to such habits, nor you either."

Mrs. Andrews irritably informed her husband as often as he had helped her to chicken it was strange that he could not remember that the neck or wing was the only parts she could eat. And as for Nell the poor child hated the thought of leaving home to go off to school so much that she was really sick, indeed it was exceedingly doubtful whether she would be able to enter at the opening of the Fall term. "But tell me now, Ezra, has Will Brown forged a note?"

"No, he has not forged a note, Maria," said the farmer, shaking his head solemnly "but he has disregarded all warning and advice of his parents, and has wrecked his own happiness for a life time; young Brown will suffer and suffer sooner than he thinks for."

"Please tell me what he has done, Ezra."

"I am telling you as fast as I can, Maria. This mornng as I went down the lane to feed my hogs I spied neighbor Brown sitting on his door step with his head resting on his knees and his red handkerchief to his eyes. This is mighty strange thinks I for neighbor Brown is most always ready with his basket of corn awaiting at the gate for me and we go to feed our pigs together; so I called out 'Are you ready, neighbor?' but he did not say one word, only beckoned me to come to him. I saw in a minute that he was in a mighty lot of trouble. 'Is any of the family dead,' I whispered, kind of soft like."

"Worse than dead. My poor Will, my poor boy!" sobbed Brown.

"Come tell me what is the matter, perhaps I can help you neighbor," said I.

"Too late for help," said the father, "here, just read this note." So I read the note and this is the substance of what was in it:

"DEAR FATHER:—Knowing too well that you are strongly opposed, on account of my youthfulness to my marrying—"

"Marrying," ejaculated Mrs. Anderson "Will Brown married! Well it is not as bad as I thought for. What else did he say, Ezra?"

Mr. Andrews being accustomed to his wife's interruptions took no notice of this and continued: "I am sure it would be impossible to obtain your consent, so I shall marry without it. I have obtained a situation on Squire Lunly's plantation for the remainder of the year and perhaps I shall get along better than you think for. The horse and buggy you gave me for a birthday present I take with me, if you want me to send it back let me know I will return it as soon as I carry my bride home. Devotedly your son,

WILLIE B.

"Poor Mrs. Brown, how does she seem to take it?" inquired Maria.

"I did not see her, but I heard a great sobbing in the kitchen. I expect she hates it."

"Hates it, you know she does. Poor woman. And what can Will Brown do with a wife?"

"That is just what neighbor says. If they both work in the field from now until winter, and I think Will has too much of his fathers pride to put his wife to work out, they will barely make a living and if they don't both will starve, and the upshot will be neighbor Brown will have them both on his hands."

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A MIXTURE.

EDITORIAL ETCHINGS EUPHONIOUSLY ELUCIDATED.

Numerous Newy Notes and Many Merry Morsels Paragraphically Packed and Pithily Pointed.

—The fewer our wants, the nearer we resemble the gods.

—Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good.

—He who hunts for hares, leaves one and loses the other.

—Attempt not to fly like an eagle with the wings of a wren.

—A perpetual man can always find leisure, the negligent one never.

—No voices are so incurable as those which men are apt to glory in.

—What we hope ever to do with ease, we may learn first to do with diligence.

—The face of truth is not the less fair of all the counterfeit vizards that have been put upon her.

—Cardinal Gibbons has written another letter to the Pope, urging him not to condemn the writings of Henry George.

—There is a 4½ years old child pianist in Philadelphia (a German) who is said to play two hundred different selections.

—The coat-tail flirtation is the latest. A wrinkled coat-tail bearing dusty toe marks means, "I have spoken to your father."

—Several Russian soldiers crossed into Prussia and wounded one Prussian soldier and captured another one. Now for an apology.

—Racing is growing in interest in the rich and extravagant North. We notice that Mammoth Park offers purses aggregating \$200,000.

—A virtuous person struggling with misfortunes and rising above them, is an object on which the gods themselves look down with delight.

—The atheist, who denies a God, does more dishonor than a man who owns his being, but at the same time believes him to be cruel, hard to please, and terrible to human nature.

—The man who distinguishes himself from the rest, stands in a press of people; those before him intercept his progress, and those behind him, if he does not urge on, will tread him down.

—One of the most disastrous fires in many months occurred in New York recently. Several firemen were badly injured, and one killed. The loss of property is estimated at \$1,500,000.

—Prof. Asa Gray is dead. He was the most eminent American botanist and the author of many books. He was born in N. Y. State in 1810. One of his books was "The Flora of the Southern States."

—E. B. Jones, a youth of twenty-one, at Washington, Georgia, has just married his aunt, Miss Lula Jones, aged 35. They ought to be ducked and then ducked again in muddy water, and then—ducked again.

—Charleston is determined to go ahead in spite of earthquake shocks and other adverse agents. It is preparing to run three cotton mills, and negro labor is to be used. This shows pluck and push and deserves success.

—A dandy who wanted the milk passed to him at one of our taverns, thus asked for it: "Landlady, please pass the cow this way." To whom the lady thus retorted: "Waiter, take the cow down there where the calf in blating."

—A Kentucky girl, marrying a fellow of mean reputation was taken to task for it by her uncle. "I know, uncle," replied she, "that Joe is not good for much; but he said I dare not have him, and I want take a stump from anybody."

—An honest old lady in the country, when told of her husband's death, exclaimed: "Well, I do declare, our troubles never come alone! It 'aint a week since I lost my best hen, and now Mr. Hooper has gone, too, poor man!"

—Asheville gets an appropriation of \$100,000 from the House, for public building, and we congratulate our friends in the "land of the sky." The Federal government should have decent establishments in every town in this country.

—A few days since, a dinner called on a young gentleman and presented him a bill, when he was somewhat taken aback by the gent taking him aside, and blandly saying: "My dear sir, call next Thursday and I'll tell you when to call again."

—"Isaac, can you describe a bat?" "Yes, sir, he's a flyin' insect, about the size of a stoppel; has lugin rubber wings and a shoestring tail, and sees best with its eyes."

—"I think," said a farmer, "I should make a good parliament man, for I use their language. I received two bills the other day, with requests for immediate payment; the one I ordered to be laid on table—the other to be read that day six months!"

—A physician being out gunning, without success, his servant said he would go into the next field, and if birds were there, he would doctor 'em. "Doctor 'em, what do you mean by that?" inquired the master. "Why kill 'em, to be sure!" replied the servant.

—The celebrated historian, Freeman, has begun a series of papers for the New York Star, written from Oxford, England, in which he analyzes Home Rule, gives a lucid study of a mixed question, and shows that Ireland's demand is sanctioned by justice and expedience.

—"So you have twins at your house?" said a neighbor to Tommy. "Yes, mum; two of 'em." "What are you going to call them?" "Thunder and Lightning." "What strange names to call children!" "Well, that is what pa called them as soon as he heard they were in the house."

—The entry list for six day's go-as-you-please race in Madison Square Garden, New York, which takes place February 5 to 12, closed with seventy-four names. This is a greater number than ever participated in a like event, and it is said the quality of the pedestrains is above the standard.

—At the recent hospital fire in New York four brave policemen carried one hundred and sixty helpless children out of the burning building for the use of the crippled and ruptured. It was most heroic work and all honor to the gallant men. Their names are Cronin, Kavanagh, White and Quintard.

—There is a silly girl in Tennessee named Annie Douglass. She is an orphan and in worth \$100,000. Two young men are to run a race with her and the winner she will marry. They are to run eight miles. It is expected that at least 8,000 people will witness the race. She does this to prevent a duel it is said.

—Thus far there have been introduced in the Congress 210 bills, appropriating \$28,000,000 for public buildings. What a mighty thing it is to have a Paternal Government to build palaces for all the cities and towns! But what about the taxes? What about reform and reduction? What about promises and pledges?

—A great snow storm which has been prevailing in New England, was the most severe ever known. In some places drifts were forty feet deep. Miles of railroad cars were snowed in, and in some instances passengers suffered greatly from the cold. In consequence of the blockade of the railroads, a milk famine is threatened in New York.

—The thing a woman never forgets to do is to try to read the post office mark on a letter before she opens it. She will turn it upside down and look obliquely along its surface, and do everything in her power to make it out. Then, if the indications are that it differs from the name of the town at the top of the letter, she grows frantic with excitement and doesn't fairly get over it for days.

—When the New York papers, a few days ago, referred to N. W. Cooney as being the wealthiest colored man in Texas, they have evidently not heard of the Lincoln family now residing in Dallas, six children in all who have come into possession of \$48,000,000 giving them the snug little fortune of \$8,000,000 apiece. One of the heirs of this immense property is at present in Galveston, and News reporter looking him up, as much out of curiosity to see a negro possessed of such enormous wealth as in search of an item.

—Of the 325 members of the House at Washington, 216, or two-thirds of the number, are lawyers. There are 17 farmers and planters, 16 manufacturers, 13 merchants, 10 bankers, 9 editors and one who calls himself a journalist, 6 doctors and 3 preachers. There are 4 men who appear to be politicians, only 3 who are put down as office holders, 3 capitalists, 2 duggists, a stenographer, a railroad president, a surveyor, a stock raiser, a dry goods man, an agriculturist, 1 brewer, 1 cooper and 9 members who do not appear ever to have been anything before they became Congressmen.

STATE NEWS.

FROM THE DEEP BLUE SEA TO THE GRAND OLD MOUNTAINS.

An Hour Pleasantly Spent With Our Delightful Exchanges.

There are 125 laborers at work on the extension of the railway from Scotland Neck to Greenville.

Wilmington now claims that vessels drawing eighteen feet of water can come up to her wharves.

A large hotel is to be built at Avoca, on Albemarle sound. It is proposed to make the place a winter resort.

Gold mining is reported to be looking up, and a great work in that line will be done during the present year.

A census of Wilmington is to be taken in March. It is said that city will show 25,000 people, bona fide residents.

Negotiations are pending, with promise of success, for the establishment of a regular steam line between Wilmington and the West Indies.

Frederick Ward has welcomed at Wilmington by a committee of Knights of Pythias and handsomely entertained. Mr. Ward is a prominent member of Knights of Pythias.

A strong stock company has been organized in Gaston county for the purpose of establishing an extensive knitting factory, to manufacture all kinds of knit goods, cotton and wool.

Oxford, N. C., is booming. The town commissioners have closed a contract for electric lights. It is expected that trains will be running over the Oxford & Clarks-ville railroad within a week.

Everything is now in readiness for the commencement of work on the Industrial school. The construction of the buildings will be commenced as soon as the weather becomes favorable for building.

Orange Presbytery, it is stated, has made arrangements to expend between three and four thousand dollars during the present year for carrying on evangelistic work in the eastern section of North Carolina.

It is said that J. W. Culbreth (colored), of Harnett county, is the only man in the State who can boast of five children born in wedlock in one year. In June, 1887, his wife had twins; in December, 1887, she had triplets.

Hon. Jno. C. Scarborough, ex-State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has taken the principalship of Thomasville Female college. Rev. J. W. Stallings, former principal, will devote his entire time to the work of the ministry.

Secretary of the Treasury has designated the First National Bank of Asheville, N. C., as a depository of public moneys. He has decided not to add to the number of these depositories except in cases where it is an advantage to disbursing officers.

The Grand Lodge of Masons have accepted the duty of laying the corner stone of the handsome assembly building at Morehead City during the Easter holidays (April 3d and 4d). It is intended to make the occasion a grand one, and a very low rate of fare will be given by the railroads, so that a large crowd of teachers and friends will attend.

We are glad to see that the work of our University is recognized abroad. The recent analyses by Profs. Venable and W. B. Phillips, of the native wines of North Carolina are represented as valuable additions to chemical science in the "Chemiker Zeitung," published in Goethen, in Germany, a journal of highest standing. The editor gives the paper one of the most prominent places in the Zeituag.

The Wilmington Messenger says that a colored brakeman on the Atlantic Coast Line, had a thrilling experience yesterday in putting on the brake near the depot. The chain which locks the wheels broke and the brakeman was precipitated between the cars. The entire train of fifteen cars passed over the prostrate body, but scared within an inch of his life, he lay down flat between the tracks and escaped unhurt.

There were all the evidences of a coming storm; but when he drew from his pocket a bottle of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup then came a calm, for the baby had the croup and would now get well.

Little Willie screams and storms with a burn on his arm. To little Willie joy is sent by using Salvation Oil, the great liniment.