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COMMUNICATIONS

GLENWOOD NOTES.

(Reported by our Regular Correspondent)

One of the curious things that may be seen in this section is a stately biped of the gander persuasion, leading forth a numerous flock of young ganders to the nearest pond.

There is still some of the milk of human kindness left in man, for one young farmer near here has built a fence round a small tract of land which is so sterile and worthless that cattle would starve to death if allowed to pasture on the land; so, it is supposed that the farmer in question had pity on the brute creation and made provision for their protection.

The melancholy days have come for the young men hereabouts; for school is out, and no more may meet those mutual eyes who can guess if ever again all shall meet; sad, sad thought! how it presses the life from out young hearts and wrings the tenderest affection! But "don't take on about it, Aggy," you may meet again and be happy, oh, so happy! "So mote it be!"

One gentleman, in our section, was so much pressed for time during the closing days of our school that he did not even have an opportunity to disrobe when he slept—he failed to tell whether he met with the same fate as old "Leather Breeches with buttons on," who was so summarily kicked out of bed for wearing his pants when sleeping with his "better half."

An immense crowd attended the closing exercises of Glenwood school. The States of Virginia, Florida, Maryland, and New York were represented. Everybody went away well pleased with the community and school. The evening exercises were quite interesting, and all the young people did well in their respective parts. Miss Carver's music pupils showed much proficiency in the pieces rendered, and reflected credit upon the excellent training which they have received.

Rev. F. R. Underwood, of Va., is visiting relatives and friends in this section. His genial and courtly bearing makes him a friend to all who have not before known him.

A large number of friends from Smithfield attended the closing exercises of our school, and we noticed some very pretty young ladies and some handsome young men.

A very considerable amount of "spooking" was done hereabouts last week, especially during the late hours of Wednesday night. But we must tell you what is meant by "spooking," for we see (in our mind) that we have raised the curiosity of some. Well, my friends, it is this way:

Two young people, a youth and a maiden.
Two minds with but a single thought,
Two hearts, that beat as one.

any age you please—"sweet sixteen" or coy forty will do to illustrate; for they all love it—meander out into the lonesome moonlight world, and, having found a vacant buggy sit very close together (to keep off any feeling of loneliness, we suppose), and whisper all sorts of rubbish. Sometimes the young (or old—they all complain) lady complains that she forgot to bring anything to put around her, and would you believe it?—the obtuse mind of her "spook" jumps to the proper conclusion, and he proceeds to put "something around her" to protect her from the chilly night air—as if there were any heat in the arm of a "sipider legged dude!" And so goes—

To spook or not to spook—
That's the question:

whether 'tis nobler in the mind to take it as "our daddies" did, in the good old-fashioned way, or, *a la dude*, go "spooking" in by the light of the pale, pale moon. There are some advantages and some disadvantages either way—"spooks" have quite a good deal of walking in their experience, and, in hot weather, this is an objectionable feature to be sure, but the thought of something better makes the dude forget the trouble and discomfort of the present, and he strings himself out along the lone road,

rushing at times, till he reaches his destination.

Hon. S. M. Finger gave us a fine educational address. He is a man that reaches the bottom of a subject, and pours a flood of light upon the dark places of a controversy. Maj. Finger is one of the most progressive thinkers of our State; he knows the need of our educational system; he sees the means to meet the requirements of the case, and he is just the man to make our public school system an efficient power in educating our people.

Messrs. D. R. Kennedy and J. F. Grantham, two students of Glenwood school, will remain in the community during vacation and follow a systematic course of reading and study till the fall session opens. An excellent example.

An able sermon was preached last Sunday morning at the Academy building by Rev. F. R. Underwood, of Va., from the text, "If I be lifted up, I will draw all men unto me."

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lawrence, of Fayetteville, spent several days at Glenwood last week. Mr. Ennie Underwood, who has been travelling for some months in Florida, has returned home.

Let us congratulate you, Dr. (Aside—it is the fine boy, the image of its father, in miniature, thought!) E.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION.

MR. EDITOR:—This year Davidson College celebrates her semi-centennial. The coming commencement will be the occasion of much rejoicing among Davidson's Alumni. Davidson has representatives in almost every State in the Union, and this year there will be a general reunion of all her sons. Men from the North, South, East and West will assemble in the halls of their *Alma Mater* and renew old friendships and talk over old pleasures. Commencement extends over two days—June 15th and 16th. The commencement exercises will be different from what they usually are, in that there will be no orator chosen by the Literary Society, but in his place Wednesday of commencement will be taken up with the speeches by some of Davidson's most distinguished sons. On Sunday morning before the commencement the Baccalaureate Sermon will be preached by Dr. Miller, of Charlotte, and on Sunday night the Missionary Sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association will be preached by Rev. W. T. Hall, D. D., of Lynchburg, Va. No effort will be spared by the citizens of our village for the entertainment of strangers. Provision is being made for the entertainment of a larger number of visitors than usual. Everyone is cordially invited to attend the celebration of Davidson's Fiftieth Anniversary. J.

PENNY ITEMS.

The farmers of this vicinity are planting.

Mr. J. Milton Banks has returned to Raleigh employed by Mr. J. C. Edwards, one of our most honorable merchants.

Miss Winnie B. Whitaker, one Wake's most charming young ladies, is visiting Penny, guests of Miss Sudie and Laura Penny.

Mrs. W. R. Long is visiting friends and relatives at Wilson. The closing exercises of the school taught by Mr. Henderson Cole at Penny's Academy took place Friday, April 29th. It was quite a windy day, but there was a good little crowd to see and hear the little students as they came forward with almost unspeakable bravery, and did credit to themselves and honor to their teacher. Exercises began at 8 o'clock p. m., with an interesting programme which we omit for want of space. Music very grand indeed. Mr. Cole, the honorable teacher, delivered an elegant address which was enjoyed by all that heard it. Next Mr. Willis (his brother) with an educational address that aroused the old farmers to a full sense of duty in regard to a modern education. School was then dismissed in a tender manner; and oh! for the shouts from the little ones. "The best part is to come yet," but if I had anything to say I would call it the sticky part. All with hurried

footsteps made for the dining room, where we found several dishes of sugar candy waiting for the hands of the gay. The young people pretty soon was engaged in working it, which was grand, but as I remarked before a "sticky time."

VIRGIL.

HOW THEY CARE FOR THEIR WIVES.

Somebody has made a mistake in declaring that the men of Brazil are cruel to their wives, for it now seems that they take excellent care of them. If a man has occasion to leave home, he locks up his house and puts his wife in a convent until he returns.—Washington Post.

RAISE FLOWERS.

Raise flowers; if only a pot of Mignonette in the window, well attended, it will prove a comfort in lonely hours—a solace in sad ones—a source of interest always. Flowers by their sublime witchery, call one away from earth and its cares, their fragrance seems the very breath of the angels, and their growth speaks of God. The care of them is alike a physical, a mental and a spiritual benefit—aye, even means of grace, and so, I say again, cultivate flowers.—Vick's Magazine for May.

AVENGED.

Nemesis did come, and its fearful work at last was done. And so, we announce that, that brute in human form, who followed the prompting of his beastly passions and fiendish nature, and seized that tender, young, and pure little maiden, while on her way from school two weeks ago near Tarboro, and tried to desecrate the precious sanctity of her hallowed person, has paid the penalty for that awful, terrible, shocking and revolting deed, and his soul is now at the Bar of the Eternal Judge.

On Saturday night a large body of armed men seized an engine on the W. & W. Railroad at Rocky Mount, and forced the frightened engineer to take them to Williamston, to which point the negro had been removed for safe keeping. The jail was entered, the prisoner was seized and brought back near the scene of the atrocious deed, and there, under the mellow and placid and tranquil beamings of the loveliest and sweetest and the mellowest moonlight night, whose chastened streams of stainless lustre were so eloquently and strikingly typical of maidenly chastity, and in vindication of which a terrible scene of retribution must needs be enacted amid all the awful pathos and sombre drapery of the fiercest human tragedy, the body of the fiendish negro was hung up between earth and sky, and another righteous verdict was entered in the record of Judge Lynch, and from whose awful and terrible arbitrament there is no earthly appeal.—Wilson Mirror.

CLEVELAND AND THE ADMINISTRATION.

If the President has made up his mind not to continue in public life after his present term expires he has had a splendid opportunity to say so. He has held his peace, and it is fair to conclude, therefore, that the stories published a week or so ago of his determination to be satisfied with one term had a very slender, if any, foundation. In all parts of the country there are expressions of satisfaction with his administration.—Savannah News Dem.

Kentucky has fired the first gun for Cleveland for the campaign of 1888. It was loaded by Beck, Carlisle, Blackburn, Watterson and others, and went off with a boom that shook the whole convention. These gentleman represent and can speak for one wing of the Democratic party.—Richmond Whig, Protection.

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THE RED FLAG.

In a Meeting of Irishmen at Chicago.

HUSTLED OUT AND REJOICING IN THE TITLE OF DYNAMITE.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 10.—There was a sensational incident at the anti-coercion meeting at Battery D hall last night. A few minutes before 9 o'clock a man was seen pushing his way toward the platform. He was busily engaged in distributing flaming red circulars. The word went round that the man was an intruder and one of the committee of arrangements was sent to know his business there and how he came to be disturbing the meeting. One glance at the circular settled it, and the peddler of the red paper was incontinently hustled toward the door. He resisted and fought with the tenacity and courage of a bull dog. Two or three stalwart policemen were called to the scene and the intruder was dragged outside of the building. His pockets were stuffed with circulars, and as the officers shook him into submission a shower of red hand bills fell from every fold in his clothes. These circulars read as follows: "By Irishmen Ireland will be freed. No Home Rule. Total separation; nothing else. Dynamite an indigestible pill for John Bull. United resolutions. I. C. Y." No one knew what the last three letters represented and the dynamiter was asked to explain. He would not offer any explanation and the patrol took him to the armory. To a reporter he said his name was Wm. E. Fitzpatrick and that he was a painter by trade. "Yes, I'm a dynamiter," said he, "and I've been a Fenian all my life, I believe in dynamite as the only power for Ireland. Oh! won't England rejoice when it reaches that country that an Irishman was locked up in Chicago for preaching dynamite?"

W. E. Fitzpatrick, the man who was arrested while distributing dynamite circulars at the anti-coercion mass-meeting last night, was arranged in a police court this morning. The court fixed his fine at \$5, which was afterwards suspended, it being represented that the prisoner was of unsteady intellect.

THE MAIDEN'S SOLACE.

A Brief Chapter of Interesting Facts Concerning Spruce Gum.

BANGOR, May 5.—The season's logging operations on the Penobscot are over now; and ax swingers are out of the woods and the bar-rooms of Bangor have reaped their usual harvest, while the supply of spruce gum is liberally replenished, and every school girl in town can chew to her heart's content.

A lump of clear, genuine spruce gum fresh and fragrant from its native forest, is not to be despised as a chewing substance, and if everybody could get the real article, instead of cheap, adulterated stuff, the army of chewers would be vastly augmented. The natural gum is said by physicians to be beneficial to the teeth, and it is certainly a great improvement on tobacco. The woodsman bring out considerable quantities of gum, sometimes packed in pretty miniature barrels, which they whittle and carve from blocks of white pine or cedar during the idle hours by the camp fire, as presents for their friends, but there are people who make a business of gathering gum and in certain sections of the spruce country it pays well.

Most of the spruce gum handled by the dealers comes from Canada and Northern Maine, while Vermont and New Hampshire contribute a modern quantity to the total yield. The best gum comes from no particular sections, but always from the biggest spruce trees, and it begins to run in July or August, when, in these high latitudes, the sun becomes so hot as to crack the bark. On the limbs, in the crotches, and even in the trunk of the spruce, the molten gum forms during the heat of summer in all sorts of fantastic shapes, and when cold weather sets in it becomes hard. The first year after its run the gum is white and pitchy, then it begins to turn amber and red, and the second

year it is fit to "pick" for the market, although it is better if allowed to remain on the trees until the third year. After the third season the gum remains in the same state for several years, and then begins to "turn old," as the pickers say, and the consumer complains that it "chews hard," and crumbles up. A little more age makes it dark-colored and bitter, and then its value is gone.

Up in Canada much of the gum is picked in autumn, beginning as early as October, but there, as in Maine, the best time for the work is during the deep snows of winter when snowshoes are used, or in the early spring, when a man can travel along at a lively rate on the heavy crust above the underbrush. The pickers are provided with long poles, on the end of which is fastened a sharp chisel, and underneath that a cup to receive the gum as it is chipped off. The cup holds from a pint to a quart, and when full it is emptied into a long bag which the packer carries slung to his back like a knapsack. These gum harvesters erect huts in the woods when far distant from a settlement or a logging camp and stay from two days to a week on the trip. When they have secured as much as they can "fote" they come out, and then the women and children have the tedious job of scraping each and every lump free from bark and moss. The clean, bright article offered for sale in the shops looks very much different from the brown nuggets in the picker's bag, although occasionally a clear shiny piece is found on the lump of a large tree.

It is the cleaning of the gum that makes a first-class article expensive. An ordinary picker usually earns fair day's wages, although in localities that have not been explored he sometimes "strikes it rich." I have known a man to gather \$30 worth of gum in one day.

There are two or three firms in Maine which buy large quantities of gum from lumbermen and pickers for the purpose of refining it, as they say. But, as a general rule, the refining consists of adulteration with rosin. They throw the gum into a big vat, bark, moss and all, and boil it to about the consistency of molasses, skimming off the impurities as they rise to the surface. Then, if the purpose be to adulterate, some lard or grease and a lot of rosin is thrown in, with sometimes a little sugar. The mixture is stirred until thick and then poured out on a slab, where, while it is yet hot, it is rolled out in a sheet about a quarter of an inch thick, and afterwards cut with a steel die into pieces half an inch wide and three-quarters of an inch long. These pieces are wrapped in colored tissue paper and packed in wooden boxes—two hundred pieces to a box. This is a so-called "patent" gum. Tons of it are sold south and west of us, but here on the verge of the primeval forest it is a drug in the market.—New York Sun.

DAVIS AND WOLSELEY.

In considering Mr. Jefferson Davis's criticism upon Lord Wolseley's eulogy of General Robert E. Lee many allowances should be made. The two men naturally view the career of the great Southern General from different standpoints. Mr. Davis, as the Chief Executive under whom Lee served, became familiar with many details of administration which were not open to the investigation of the distinguished English reviewer. Lord Wolseley wrote with the pen of a military critic and student, strongly predisposed by an affectionate regard for the subject of his sketch. We do not believe that anything that can now be said will alter General Lee's standing among the soldiers of the world, and it does not seem to us that the facts recalled by Mr. Davis are irreconcilable with the general conclusions of the English critic. Neither are we disposed to accept the theory that the victor of Ashantee and Egypt is ignorant of the war.—New York Star, Dem.

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