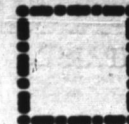


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All Around Our County

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED EACH WEEK BY OUR REGULAR AND SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS IN MARTIN COUNTY.

ROBERSONVILLE.

T. G. Britton of Bethel spent Sunday in town.

W. A. James went to Norfolk Wednesday on business.

T. H. Whichard was here a few days this week on business.

Miss Margaret Peal is visiting friends in Bethel this week.

Jno. Peal, Esq., has gone to Roanoke Rapids on business.

Miss Hattie Burrows is visiting Miss Leona Roberson this week.

Lawyer Brown, of Bethel spent Sunday in town on social business.

W. A. James travelled the familiar road again Sunday. Gold Point is the end.

Luther Britton has accepted a position as salesman with A. S. Roberson & Co.

Miss Alice Grimes is visiting Miss Mary Lassiter, near Farmville, this week.

Willie Morton is so sore to sit down to-day, natural effect of horse-back riding.

The many friends of Miss Susie Ross were glad to have her in town a short time this week.

Guy Tripp, Esq., is spending a few days in town this week, combining pleasure and business.

Miss Ora Taylor has not forgotten us since school. She was here Sunday exchanging greetings with friends.

Mr. Richard Jenkins and Miss Fannie James were the guest of the Misses Taylor of Gold Point Sunday.

Mr. Hannis Latham, head book-keeper of E. Peterson & Co., Washington, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Dr. Hess of Williamston has been up to see us twice this week. Genial and clever he is, and has made numerous friends here.

Regular services, morning and night at the Baptist church. Pastor Rose preached to large congregations at both services.

Miss Neva Hassell, one of the accomplished members of the High School Faculty, is visiting Miss Leona Roberson this week.

If you had been in Bethel Sunday, you would have seen two of our most popular young men, T. H. Grimes and Clayton Keel.

Miss Leyta Taylor who was very popular among the school girls and everybody here, is very ill. Her friends here wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Sophie Morton, much to the delight and keen pleasure of her host of friends, is home again, having spent two weeks with friends in Rocky Mount and Nashville.

Mr. Pope, formerly of Williamston, recently of Auteyville, took charge of the railroad office here Wednesday. Mr. Pope succeeds J. W. Andrews, and is well known in this community. We are glad to welcome him.

Quite a large party from here went whortleberrying Tuesday. Enough were gathered to stain the dainty lips of the fair sex. The ticks and red bugs are having a picnic to-day. In the party were Messrs. James, Everett, Morton and Roberson; Misses Grimes, Morton, Tew, Keel, Roberson and Peal.

Revival services are being held daily at the Southern Warehouse. These services are inter-denominational in their nature and are being largely attended. The leader, Rev. Mr. Furman, hails from New York. He is an artist of no mean order, and his discourses are illustrated on blackboards, which seem to make them impressive. His pictures are really very fine, being executed rapidly and in an

JANESVILLE.

Captain T. W. Tillery spent Sunday night here.

Hon. H. W. Stubbs, of Williams-ton, was in town Tuesday.

The was preaching Sunday by Rev. Humble, of Robersonville.

J. J. Hassell and Miss King, of Plymouth, were in town Sunday.

Miss Mary W. Moore left Thursday for her home in Clio, S. C.

Miss B. V. Hardison left for Chapel Hill Wednesday to attend the Summer School.

A farmer reports that the curlew bugs eat up all his corn and are sitting on the fence making corn-cob pipes—getting ready for his tobacco.

Miss Pauline and Ruby Williams, two pretty and charming young ladies, who have been visiting Miss Dare Hassell, returned to their home in Sumpter, S. C., Thursday.

Misses Ruby and Pauline Williams, Maybelle Savage and W. W. Walters went to Plymouth last Thursday on the Steamer Haven Belle, and returned Friday. They appreciate much the kindness shown by Captain Tillery.

BOAT RIDE.

Tuesday evening, just as the sun was hiding behind the Western hills, the Steamer Alicia left the dock with her excursionists. After taking them down to Rose's Creek, it turned homeward and landed at the dock about 9:30 o'clock. All report a delightful time.

MISS HASSELL ENTERTAINS.

Miss Virginia Dare Hassell entertained Misses Ruby and Pauline Williams, of Blackstone Female College, while on their home to Sumpter, S. C.

Among the guests present were: Misses Mac Mizell, Anna and Maybelle Savage, Maud Hardison, Mary Moore and Anna Wallace; Messrs. J. E. Evans, W. W. Walters, Arthur Wallace, John Collins and Dr. N. B. Marriner.

The music rendered by Miss Anna Savage was grand. About 9:30 p. m. the jolly crowd was invited to supper. The dining room was tastefully decorated with flowers. At a late hour the guests returned to their home after expressing their appreciation of the pleasant evening spent.

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Death of Miss Lavinia Cowing.

It is with much sadness that we are to know of the departure of our kind and beloved sister and friend, Miss Lavinia Cowing. She had suffered long with a severe lingering illness, consumption, which was unto death; at 12:30 p. m., June 15th, 1903, death came, and her immortal part was borne heavenward, accompanied by the angels to dwell with Him, who liveth forever.

Lavinia was a good and consecrated girl, devoted to church work. She was always kind to mother, attentive to her Christian duties, so long as she was able. She could always be found in the church choir, which was never complete without her sweet voice. It is sad to lose one of such a sweet and lovely disposition. She was ever good to those around her, always bright with hope, loving smiles, and kind heart, but, oh, 'tis said "Our loss is her eternal gain."

She died in Williamston, N. C., and was buried Sunday at one o'clock at the old family cemetery, at her home, attended by a large congregation of friends and relatives to pay the last tribute of respect to their friend. Rev. Mr. Sutton delivered the burial service in the most appropriate manner.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss a mother, two sisters and five brothers, and a host of friends and relatives.

Bereaved ones, do not weep, we shall meet her again some day. On a day so beautiful that knows no night, that we will be permitted to enter that bright home above, where all is love; then our sorrows and troubles will be changed into joy, happiness and felicity for ever more.

—BY ONE WHO LOVED HER.

WRITTEN BY B. S. COWING.

(In Memory of our Dear Sister, Lavinia, who died Saturday 12:30 P. M., June 15th 1903, in Williamston, N. C.)

Our home is quiet and lonely to-night And having her back once again, And to add to our sorrows and troubles We find there's a vacant chair.

This chair was made vacant by the angel of death Who for weeks had been lingering night, The bed our sister, and has taken her away, Far away to the land of the sky.

Could we but speak just one little word And having her back once again, Most surely we'd have that word unsaid 'Than, have her back in her pain,

She left us no money whatever to spend She left us no treasure to keep at a legacy that is richer in every respect 'Tis a memory that is pure and sweet.

While richly we prize such a noble gift Let each accept a part To surely keep, for since it came From such a noble heart.

'Tis the noble hearts that live again For weak hearts drop and pine Such are the special gifts of God Whose lives remain sublime.

Hence, we weep not as without hope Hope softens every pain, For when our work on earth is done We'll meet her once again.

Our minds turn to the time we've met At our mothers pleasant home And joined in many a merry game Or at our pleasures roamed.

Among the trees to gather fruits To appease our hearts desires In winter we sang our merry songs Around our mothers fire.

But alas! the chain is broken now 'Tis a golden link that's gone The one that's dearest to our hearts The precious baby one.

We used to sing in Sharon's choir Songs of our sisters choirs And none of them would seem complete Without her charming voice.

To night that voice on earth is hushed No more we'll hear its note But since she's crossed over Jordan's flood 'Twill be the heavenly anthem quite.

We only sorrow over broken ties And while we are left to feel The tortures of a bleeding heart There's no scars for time to heal.

When our lives have passed their zenith And breathed the last earthly sigh We'll meet our loving sister In that sweet Bye and Bye.

Ladies and Children limited All ladies and children who cannot stand the shocking stain of laxative syrups, cathartics, etc., are invited to try the famous Little Early Risers. They are different from all other pills. They do not purge the system. Even a double dose will not grip, weaken or sicken; many people call them the Easy Pill. W. E. Howell, Houston, Tex., says nothing better can be used for constipation, sick headache, etc. Bob Moore, Lafayette, La., says all others gripe and sicken, while DeWitt's Little Early Risers do their work well and easy. Sold by S. R. Biggs.

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The Seventeenth North Carolina Regiment.

A History by Wilson G. Lamb, Second-Lieutenant Company F.

(Continued from Last Issue)

At 4 o'clock on the afternoon of the 15th, the skirmishers of Kirkland's Brigade, which was on the left of our line, under command of Lieutenant Lamb, were ordered to drive back the enemy's pickets to enable Generals Bragg and Hoke, to make a reconnaissance of the enemy's position. The effort was only partially successful, owing to several of the enemy's ships which were lying close to the shore, having opened a terrible enfilading fire upon our skirmishers as soon as they appeared on the open sand beach; but further to the right where the small undergrowth was some protection the enemy's skirmish line was driven in and their rifle pits occupied, giving opportunity for an examination of the enemy's position. The writer recalls the calm and heroic bearing of the modest and gallant Hoke, who withdrew from the reconnaissance with two bullet holes through his coat. For reasons satisfactory, I presume, to General Bragg, no assault was made notwithstanding at this moment the enemy had withdrawn Abbott's Brigade and a portion of Wright's negro Brigade to join in the assault upon Fort Fisher, which was then in progress.

The troops at the time in our front were all negroes and did not number more than 2,500, defending a line of a mile in extent. That evening Fort Fisher after a most gallant defense, surrendered, and the last post of the Confederacy was closed forever.

Several small engagements, approaching closely to the dignity of battles followed the fall of Fisher, in all of which the enemy were repulsed. The rapid advance of Sherman from the South made the evacuation of Wilmington a mere question of time and on February 22nd, Kirkland's Brigade, forming the rear guard of our army, marched sadly and leisurely through the streets of our "City by the Sea," and Wilmington passed under Federal control. Continuing our retreat up the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, the army, after crossing the North River, halted for the night. The enemy's cavalry pursued up to this point and attempted by sudden dash to prevent the burning of the bridge over the railroad. They were promptly encountered by our rear guard, under the brave Captain C. G. Elliott, and were repulsed, sustaining heavy loss. The next day the march was resumed and without further fighting the army reached Goldsboro a few days thereafter.

And now the closing scenes of the bloody drama of the Civil War was to be enacted upon the soil of North Carolina. Goldsboro became the objective point of three armies. Sherman with 70,000 men was advancing northward. Schofield with his army corps of 21,000 raised the Federal forces to 30,000 at Wilmington; and Cox's Division arriving at New Bern increased Palmer's command to 15,000. These different armies aggregating 115,000 men, if allowed to concentrate, would make short work of the Confederate forces whose total, including the remnant of Hood's army, did not reach 40,000 men. The hope of successful resistance was indeed forlorn and the only chance of any success was to fight these armies separately.

The column under General Cox advancing from New Bern, was encountered near Wise's Fork on the 8th of March, by Hoke's Division, reinforced by the Junior and Senior reserves. Leaving at midnight their entrenchments along the line of a creek, Kirkland's, Hagood's and Colquitt's Brigades under the guide of Colonel Nethercut of the Sixty-sixth North Carolina, (who was familiar with the

country) found themselves at day dawn on the flank and rear of the enemy, and forming line of battle in echelon of brigades, Kirkland's leading, burst upon the surprised enemy and drove them in rapid flight to the rear, capturing 1,000 prisoners and a piece of artillery. The enemy had been driven nearly a mile when Palmer's Division appeared upon our right flank. The Seventeenth was on our extreme right and its advance having thus become arrested immediately changed front to meet the enemy, and not knowing their force, boldly charged the division and drove back that part of it in our front wounding their commander, General Palmer. Finding itself overlapped right and left it deployed as skirmishers with both wings reversed and held its position until reinforcements were brought up under the personal command of General Hoke, and thus had the honor of preventing the flanking of our army. Later a congratulatory order from General Kirkland was read to the regiment on dress parade at Goldsboro complimenting it upon its splendid achievement.

The enemy proceeded to fortify their position, and on the 10th General Bragg sought to employ the same strategy in again attacking the enemy. It was contemplated by reconnaissance in force to develop the enemy's extreme left and renew our turning movement two days before. Kirkland's Brigade was assigned to this duty, supported by the other brigades of the division. Our skirmishers were thrown out, supported by the brigade, and engaging the enemy's pickets, drove them rapidly before us. The enemy's works were developed, and not knowing that it was intended that we should not assault, we rushed upon the works under the heaviest fire which we had ever received. Notwithstanding the brigade had lost one half of its number, it reached the abatis and slashing and held its position until ordered to withdraw. In this assault the heroic Captain Elliott added another gem to the crown of his military fame. The gallant Lieutenant Grimes, distinguished in many battles, had been desperately wounded and became a prisoner. This is the only battle in which the regiment was ever repulsed, and even here it felt that it had received support its colors would have been planted upon the enemy's works. Sherman having reached Averasboro it became necessary to concentrate all available troops in his front and Hoke's Division was withdrawn and sent by rail to Smithfield Depot and marched thence via Smithfield to Bentonville. The army of General Sherman was moving from Averasboro to Goldsboro, upon two roads running parallel and about ten miles apart. Our division swelled our army to about 15,000 men, against Sherman's 70,000. On the morning of the 14th Jefferson C. Davis and Socum's Corps, numbering about 35,000 men were attacked by our troops and driven back a considerable distance, three guns and nine hundred prisoners falling into our hands.

The other corps of Sherman's army came up and were thrown on our left flank, which had become much advanced in the battle of the previous day. In consequence of this movement it became necessary to change the position of our army. The brigade of Kirkland, deployed as skirmishers, held the enemy in check while the entire army changed front, and thereafter occupied a position in the centre and joined in the repulse of the many and furious charges of the Federals. In this battle Captain William Biggs, Company A, was greatly distinguished for his intrepid bravery. The brigade received the special commendation of General Jos. E. Johnson for its valiant services in this engagement.

Thus closes the volume of the bloody record of the Seventeenth North Carolina troops and their brave companions of associated commands.

The army was withdrawn, retreating through Raleigh and Chapel Hill and was surrendered to General Sherman at Centre Church, Randolph county, at the final capitulation.

Wilson G. Lamb, Second Lieutenant Company F. Williamston, N. C. April 25, 1902.

State and General News

A CONDENSED WEEKLY REPORT OF THE IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN OUR STATE AND ELSEWHERE.

STATE NEWS.

Boomer, a town in Wilkes county, voted unanimously for graded schools.

Greensboro and Asheville have been placed in the rank of first-class postoffices.

The foundation for a new one-hundred-room hotel, at Southern Pines, has been laid.

The next State Convention of the Episcopal Diocese will meet in Raleigh, June, 1904.

Statesville has imposed a tax of \$750 on druggists who sell whiskey for medicinal purposes.

The Ada Cotton Mill, of Charlotte, have been shut down and may be put in the hands of a receiver.

Asheville is taking a prominent stand in the preparation for this State's exhibit at the World's Fair at St. Louis.

On July 14th, Burlington holds an election to decide whether that town shall issue bonds for an electric light plant.

The Episcopal Convention, at Greensboro, adjourned without taking any action of the change of the name of the church.

Last Friday night a ten-days meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association of the South, was opened in Asheville.

Haw River has named its new graded school "The Aycock Graded School," and claims to be the first to so honor the Governor.

Evan McIver, of Gulf, Chatham County, won the free scholarship, for 1904, in the School of Industrial Art, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Kinston Free Press announces that the alderman of Kinston refused to grant a license for the establishment of a distillery.

Raleigh is holding anti-saloon meetings and it is expected that the liquor business in that town will be better regulated in the future.

A. C. Hutchinson has been appointed receiver of the Victor Cotton Mills, of Charlotte. The mill has never paid and will be sold at auction.

We heard that the Congressman Small has appointed W. B. Wilson, Jr., of Greenville, as principle for the vacancy at the West Point Military Academy.

The "White Oaks" Cotton Mills, now being built at Greensboro, will cover four acres, and it is said that it is the largest cotton mill under one roof in the State.

It is reported that the retail liquor dealers of this State intend to make a determined fight against paying the four per cent tax imposed on their business.

The Central Manufacturing Co. has been organized at Burlington, with a paid up capital of \$100,000. This company is erecting its building and will soon be manufacturing building material.

T. J. Lassiter, of Smithfield; J. J. Ferris, of High Point; J. B. Sherrell, of Concord, and T. G. Cobb, of Morganton; all editors, will attend the meeting of the National Editorial Association at Omaha, Neb., from July 8th to 11th.

Last Friday, at noon, a portion of a mountain between Spartanburg and Asheville, caved in and, as a result, there were thousands of tons of dirt deposited on the track of the Southern Railway. The railroad company reports that it will take a week to clear the track.

For cuts, burns, open sores, sore feet, dandruff, falling out of the hair, or any skin disease, use Hancock's Liquid Sulphur. Sold by C. D. Carstarphen. Anderson Hassell & Co., Keith & Godwin.

GENERAL NEWS.

Major W. H. Gibbs died in Columbia, S. C., last Friday. It is claimed that Major Gibbs fired the first shot of the Civil War on Fort Sumter.

The Southern Railway has over 3000 men at work between Washington, D. C., and Orange, Va., double tracking and straightening the curves on the line.

It is reported that nine of the Pittsburg, Pa., banks and trust companies have merged themselves into the largest and strongest banking combination in the country.

It is said that the authorities at Washington have decided that Columbia must accept the amount offered by this government or the canal will be built on other plans.

Louisville, Ky., reports a frost, that the thermometer registered forty-four in that city and that there was frost reported in several parts of the state last Friday morning.

The Northern Securities Company will be voluntarily dissolved and the stock of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific railroads will be distributed among the stockholders.

The Gauss expedition to the Antarctic has dissipated a tradition about the existence of Termination Island, as the log book of the Gauss shows that it passed directly over the spot where this island was supposed to exist.

Word was received at Washington, D. C., stating that Major-General Alexander McCook had died at Dayton, Ohio, last Friday morning. THE ENTERPRISE, of last week, mentioned the fact that he was seriously ill.

The yachts which Sir Thomas Lipton intends to use to try to win the America Cup, arrived in New York Sunday morning. The latest Shamrock, and one of the older boats of that name, were brought over with the intention of trying both, and entering the one which proves the best in American waters.

The following dispatch has been sent out from Kansas City, Mo.: "The destitution on the part of the flood sufferers in Kansas City, demands immediate relief. Local charity is totally inadequate to meet the situation. Outside assistance is imperative. Send donations to Mayor Thomas B. Gilbert, Kansas City."

If you are suffering from Eczema, Pimples, Herpes, Ringworm, dandruff, or any blood or skin disease, Hancock's Liquid Sulphur is a sure cure. Sold by C. D. Carstarphen & Co., Anderson Hassell & Co., Keith & Godwin.

Straw Roads.

The farmers of Walla Walla county, Washington, are trying the experiment of laying their roads with straw to improve them. The county will have its second annual straw day next month. Every fall the highways became deep with dust, making traveling hard on man and beast. Heavy rains meant mud, and the dust could not be removed without destroying the roadway. It then occurred to an enterprising individual that if all of the farmers would contribute straw, and all hands assist in laying it on the roads most travelled, there would be a great change for the better. The experiment was a decided success. The farmers turned out in force, plenty of straw was offered, ready hands laid it on the depth of a foot or more on the main thoroughfares of the county, and traveling became easy. Three-hundred miles of roads will be covered with straw.