

LEND US YOUR EARS

A Breezy Little Write-up of the Advance That Will Probably Interest You.

The Advance is eleven weeks old with this issue. Few papers of its class, so short a time before the public have attracted wider interest and more favorable comment. It looks good to people even out of its immediate territory, and many who have never heard of Elizabeth City have subscribed to it for the sake of its features of general interest. Perhaps, too, the editor's wide personal acquaintance, extending over two states will help to account for the number of subscribers who came to the help of the Advance from afar.

The greatest obstacle that the paper has to meet is a certain indifference at home. This is not among its readers. They for the most part are its ardent supporters. And in cases where this is not true they have either been hit or they haven't the gumption to appreciate a good thing when they see it. A buzzard loves nothing but carrion and it's said that sound meat will turn him deathly sick. It's the buzzard that's to be despised and pitied, however; not the meat that's to be condemned in that case.

But there's a large class of people in our midst, and they are good folks, too; who has never waked up to the Advance that has been made in the newspaper business in Elizabeth City. In the habit of reading their daily and familiar with the weakness of the average country weekly they feel that the Advance has nothing to interest them. It is this class that this article is designed to reach and to call to their attention special features of the paper which should appeal to their interest, whether they are interested in its news columns or not. If a reader is interested in only one of these features that alone would make the paper, with the fifty-two issues a year, easily worth the subscription price of one dollar. Now here are some of these special features which the people of Elizabeth City should get the habit of reading and of talking about.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS—written especially for the Advance by a successful teacher trained in one of our best schools for women and at the State University at Chapel Hill, whose discussions are always clear, logical, distinctive, interesting.

THE SHORT STORIES—by P. Vann and others. Written sometimes for children, they will generally appeal to all. "The Harmonizing of Martha and Genivieve" appearing this week, is a better story than you have read outside of the high-priced magazines.

FLOWERS OF FANCY—in prose and verse, by P. E. L., H. K. W., and others. Good reading for those who know the spell of day dreams or have felt the lure of the voice of the muse.

THE STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER articles and the pointed paragraphs from the pen of the only original Bob Peele, one of the best loved and most widely known preachers that has labored in Eastern Carolina during the past quarter of a century. As incorrigible an optimist as Browning, as bold a believer as you can find in a day's journey, his writings are wholesome and inspiring. Everything from his pen now appears first in the Advance.

THE EDITORIALS—by Herbert Peele. Strong, clear-out and always worth while, they will compare favorably with the editorials of any daily or weekly in the state.

Mr. Peele is not a broken down school teacher. Neither does he belong to the seventy-five or hundred dollars a month class. Last year he was receiving a larger salary than did any man in the profession who graduated with him, and was superintendent of a school system enrolling six hundred pupils. At school he was editor of the college magazine, winner of an orator's medal and of a twenty-five dollars in gold literary prize. In all his writing in the Advance you will find the subtle and indefinable charm that goes to make what we call style.

All these are special features of the Advance. It has also the good points of the other weeklies, for the most part. Many weak points,

too, perhaps appear to the overcritical, but these we hope to overcome.

The Advance is striving for the first place in the hearts of the people of eastern Carolina. It will succeed. It's editor is a man who is in the habit of getting what he wants. Attainment is only a question of time.

Are you a paid in Advance subscriber? Everybody will be taking the paper one of these days. You won't deserve any credit for supporting it then.

Be a pioneer. Subscribe now. Show your faith in the publication that though only ten weeks old is already a lusty infant, capable of making itself heard and felt in Elizabeth City.

Still but an infant it doth not yet appear what it shall be. But watch it grow, in circulation, in influence, in power. "The best is yet to be."

DIARY OF A DONKEY.

(By P. Vann.)

January 1, 1900

Yesterday mother gave me a diary and told me to begin today and write down the things I did. She said I would enjoy looking at it in after years. Well, this morning I got up and dressed in time for breakfast, and fixed my hair smoothly for a good beginning. And just the first thing I saw when I got out of my room was Bud, busily and eagerly engaged with something. I couldn't tell what. I asked him about it and he would not tell me, so I got mad, and maybe I wasn't very lady-like. Anyhow, he called me a silly old donkey. I thought it was funny at first and I laughed until Bud got mad. Then mother came in and made us learn some poetry—I hate poetry—and while I was busy studying it I got to thinking, and I am like a donkey. Sometimes when people want me to go on I stop right still, and when they want me to be still I go. Then sometimes I am just all wrong and I don't do anything; but sometimes I really am real nice and proper.

When I had thought about all this I remembered my diary, and I was sorry, because I did want to be nice. So just for an excuse I decided to call my diary the "Diary of a Donkey." You know donkeys are not expected to be very good.

The rest of the day has been very ordinary, only this afternoon I went calling with mother and had to sit up straight and quiet, an awfully tiresome thing to do. When we got back mother said I had been good and she kissed me. I am not going to tell how many times.

JANUARY 2.

Today it has been raining and Bud has nearly run me distracted. He is working over that same old thing he will not tell me about. He teased me until I just couldn't stand it, so I caught hold of his hair and pulled just as hard as I could. I guess I would have pulled it all out but he screamed, and I remembered poetry, so I ran out before mother could get there.

It wasn't very cold out at first and I went down into the orchard. But the rain was falling and when I got wet it was cold. I was standing by the fence just shivering when father came home. He scolded me and made me go in the house, and said that a girl ten years old ought to have better sense. Then mother helped me put on some dry clothes, and she kissed me instead of being cross, but I don't feel so very good tonight.

JANUARY 3.

I have been in bed all day and the doctor gave me mean old medicine. My throat hurts and I have a sort of an aching feeling.

JANUARY 4—31.

PNEUMONIA

FEBRUARY 1.

All these days I have been sick. I am better now and I am getting stronger. Today I asked for my diary and mother brought it. Even now I am enjoying looking it over if I have written just a little. Mother suggested that I fix it that way about the sick days, I feel real queer, as if I were going to be good always. I am thin and father looks at me strangely. I saw Bud for the first time yesterday. It was a boat he was making that day and he is going to give it to me. He is at school today and hasn't been in here yet, I wish he would come. Everybody is good to me. I don't believe I will have this old diary. I am going to start all over again and put "Diary of a Good Girl." I don't believe any old donkey ever felt this way when he was getting well.



WAS FINED FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Mr. E. L. Lassiter, who conducts the hauling for the street paving was up before Judge Sawyer last Friday morning upon the charge of cruelty to animals. He was found guilty to the charge and was fined. He took an appeal and the case will be carried to the superior court.

Numerous cases of over work and over loading of horses, since the paving began have been observed, and the people will learn with a great deal of satisfaction that steps have been taken to break it up; or break up the felony who is responsible for it.

It is a safe bet that when Mr. Lassiter gets before a superior court judge in North Carolina, he will not get off as light as Judge Sawyer let him off. This is an opportune time to begin a crusade against cruelty to animals in this city; and Mr. Lassiter is as good as anybody to start on; but the work ought to be kept up until every last negro drayman in this city, who abuses his horse is pulled.

Mrs. H. D. Swain, of Powells Point was here last Friday.

R. G. Burgess of Old Trap was here last Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wood of Jacks, were here last Friday.

Miss Lizzie Whelber, of Hertford, spent this week in Manteo visiting friends.

Mrs. L. J. Pritchard and daughter, Laura, are spending a month visiting friends in Hickory, Va.

Miss Hattie Wheeler of Sunbury spent this week here visiting Mrs. C. B. Mason.

Messrs Chesson and Palmer are spending some time in Edenton on a big contract for L. D. Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. Cropon, of Newbern, spent some time here last week the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Poole in Church street.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith, of Norfolk, spent some time here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mann in Riverside avenue.

MANN-DOXEY.

H. G. Doxey, of Moultrieville, S. C. and Miss Ada Mann of this city were married last Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Mann. Rev. I. N. Loftin performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Doxey made a trip to Washington, D. C. and have gone to Moultrieville, S. C., their home.

MR. J. P. KRAMER

HAS RETURNED

The friends of the family will be delighted to learn that Mr. J. P. Kramer has returned from St. Vincent's hospital, and that he has made a remarkable recovery. If nothing happens, Mr. Kramer will be entirely well within a short time.

Mr. Kramer has been in bad health for a year or more; has undergone two operations and has spent most of the time in St. Vincent's hospital. He says that he feels better now than he has in a long time, and he looks it. And one who has put up the fight for his life that he has deserves to get well.

Mrs. W. J. Broughton spent this week visiting at Willoughby Beach.

Mrs. T. J. McCabe and daughter, Miss Margaret, are spending this week at Nags Head.

Miss Grace White spent some time at Woodville this week, visiting Miss Beatrice Wilson.

Miss Pleasant Evans accompanied by Miss Ada Figgs spent this week at Lilly, N. C., visiting Mrs. Frank Sawyer.

Mrs. George E. Bright and children have gone to Virginia to spend the remainder of the summer.

Miss Mildred Spence spent this week visiting friends in Roanoke, Va.

Mrs. M. J. Sawyer and daughter, Miss Effie, spent some time this week visiting Mrs. Willis Ferebee in Camden county.

Mrs. Selma Ballard spent last Sunday visiting friends in Weeksville.

INITIATED THIRTEEN NEW MEMBERS

The Matoaka Council of the Poochontas held a very interesting meeting last Friday night in which 13 new members were initiated into the council. Seven of these new members are young ladies from Jamesbury, who purpose to establish a council at that place.

After the initiation, light refreshments were served.

GONE TO HOSPITAL.

Horace Drinkwater passed through the city last night en route to Norfolk to enter Sarah Leigh's hospital to receive treatment. Mr. Drinkwater is a resident of Virginia Beach. He has been spending some time on Roanoke Island visiting his mother, who accompanied him to Norfolk.

Mr. T. H. Gibbs, a prominent citizen of Tyrrell county, was here this week on business.

Mr. Lafayette Gibbs, of Tyrrell county was here Monday on business.

GARRISON-BRIMMER.

Walter Roland Brimmer and Miss Calle Garrison, both residents of Norfolk, were united in marriage last Sunday at noon at the residence of Justice of the Peace J. W. Munden, Mr. Munden officiating.

Misses Mary Jenkins and Fannie Grant have returned from Nags Head.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rucker spent last week in Peterburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gherman and Miss Mae Miller, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Rucker have returned to Baltimore.

Miss Ruby Jewell after a visit to relatives here, has returned to her home in Portsmouth.

Claude Zeigler spent this week at Nags Head.

Miss Carrie Burgess is spending the week in Old Trap. CAUGHT 400 POUNDS WITH HOOK AND LINE

Mr. Fred Zeigler brings from Nags Head, reports of a wonderful catch of fish at Oregon Inlet.

Messrs George Leary of Edenton, Frank Tuttle, Mr. Smith, George Spence and Fred Zeigler went to Oregon Inlet last Saturday fishing with hook and line. They caught in a short time over four hundred pounds of fish. Among these fish were five-two foun ders and big one also.

Mr. Zeigler stated that the fish were so thick and "bit" so fast that he would catch two and three at a time.

The fishing party took the boat load of fish to Nags Head and made a distribution to all of the families. After all had as many fish as they wanted, they had fish to throw away. Very probably this is one of the most remarkable catches ever made in the coast section.

R. E. Flora of Currituck was here Saturday on business.

Miss Annie Overton of Belcross was here Saturday the guest of friends.

J. B. Williams of Camden county was here Saturday on business.

Harold Overman, Manager of the City Drug store, returned Saturday afternoon from a trip to Morehead City where he attended the meeting of the association of Pharmacists.

Miss Maggie Davenport has returned from a visit to relatives in Belhaven, where she has spent her vacation.

Miss Sadie Ange has returned from Belhaven where she has spent some time visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Davis have returned to their home in Pennsylvania after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Cable.

"Tran" Culpepper, Jr., has returned from a trip to Raleigh where he spent a week visiting John Hall.

Miss Mary Gilbert, Hattie Bailey, Mildred Broughton, Annie Gregory spent Sunday at Nags Head.

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