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SOUVENIRS GIVEN OPENING DAYS

## Local News.

Secure your seats early for the Lyman Twins Saturday night.

Superior court will convene for Edgecombe county in Tarboro Monday morning for the trial of civil cases only.

Some gorgeous specialties will be seen here with the Lyman Twins in "The Yankee Drummers" Saturday night.

Dr. F. M. Moye, of Wilson, lecturer in the higher branches of Masonry, has been in the city for a week or ten days lecturing in the local lodges.

The pastor of the Methodist Protestant church will preach a temperance sermon next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public cordially invited.

Rev D H. Tuttle will begin a series of meetings in the First Methodist church the first Sunday in April, to be continued until Easter Sunday, at least.

Nash superior court for the trial of civil cases only is in session at Nashville this week and a number of the members of the local bar are in attendance.

Register of Deeds H. S. Bunn issued a marriage license Saturday to Miss Lena Moore of near Rocky Mount, and Louis C. Pittman, of Nash county.—Tarboro Southerner.

A Baraca class has been organized in the Presbyterian Sunday school with Mr. L. F. Tillery as president. Twenty young men were enrolled as members at the first meeting.

Spring began, officially, at 23 minutes after seven o'clock Friday evening, and just to show the absolute independence of this climate it was snowing to beat the band, just at that minute.

Some big surprises in the way of picture dances, gorgeous mechanical and electrical transformations are to be seen with the Lyman Twins in "The Yankee Drummers" when they appear here Saturday night.

The Baraca class of the First Methodist Sunday morning elected Mr. E. W. Smith as delegate to the State Sunday school convention at Burlington, April 7-9. Mr. C. W. Forlaw was elected class reporter.

Local fans are organizing a home talent baseball team to have some sport this season. There is a lot of good material in Rocky Mount and these will be gotten together and practiced, to give Eastern Carolina League Clubs some games before the regular season.

Mr. J. H. Cuthrell, who is taking a police census of the city of Rocky Mount, has about completed the Nash side, and a small part of the Edgecombe side. Up to Tuesday night he had found 5,600 souls living within the corporate limits in that part of the city he had gone over.

Major James Pender, this morning fined Amanda Shields, colored, \$2 for beating her husband, Irwin Shields. The woman took her belongings from the house, locked the door and started away with the key. Shields wanted the key, and this caused the trouble.—Tarboro Southerner.

Millinery openings will take place at the various establishments in the city next week, and an unusually pretty line of the latest designs and creations will be displayed. The firms of Smith & Baker, X. T. Keel & Co. and E. P. Hicks & Co., will have their openings Wed. and Thurs., April 1st and 2nd.

It was announced through the papers some time ago that a movement was on foot to open a free reading room in Rocky Mount for the benefit of the young men of the town. Owing to the money panic and the near approach to the summer weather, when the need for such a room will not be so imperative, it has been decided to defer the matter to another time.

Jno. D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world, was a passenger on No 88, the A. C. L. vestibule train from Florida to New York, Tuesday morning and passed through this city in the wee sma' hours of that day. He was returning to his northern home from Augusta, Ga., where he has been spending some time at a winter resort.

Dr. Morton began a protracted meeting in the Presbyterian church Sunday night which is expected to continue at least two weeks. State Evangelist Belk, of the Presbyterian church, arrived Monday to assist Dr. Morton and services are conducted twice daily at 4 p. m., and at 8 p. m. The public are cordially invited to attend the services at all times.

Sale of seats for The "Lyman Twins" in their big musical production "The Yankee Drummers" will go on at May & Gorhams this morning at 9:00 o'clock. This company are great favorites in Rocky Mount and this season they come with the strongest organization that they have ever presented. A packed house awaits them Saturday night so secure your seats early today.

Following several days of ideal spring weather, in which the temperature ranged as high as 85, it began snowing in this section Friday morning and continued until the heaviest fall of the season was recorded. The drop in the temperature within 24 hours was over 50 degrees. From the majority of reports received, however, it is gathered that the damage to fruit will not be serious, as the budding had hardly advanced far enough. It is to be sincerely hoped that this will prove true.

A tenant, an old colored man, on Mr. J. B. Ramsey's place just across the river, came with fear and trembling last week to Mr. Ramsey, and told him that foul murder had been committed over the river, for he had discovered the new made grave where the victim was buried. Policemen Taylor and Sumner were sent to investigate and found the grave, sure enough, and around it sprinkled a string of sulphur. Digging down they soon struck a rock, which showed nothing was buried there. It is believed some one has done it to prey upon the superstitious minds of the negroes, and make them believe it is a "conjure."

### Lyman Twins Saturday Night.

The Yankee Drummers, the new musical production which the Lyman Twins are playing this season has made a most decided hit everywhere as it is declared a distinct novelty in the musical comedy line of attraction which has become so popular.

It depicts a very clever and amusing story of a young drummer who loses his position through a mistake in ordering two cars of Unecda Biscuits instead of two cases. He is known only as the Yankee Drummer, however, it involves the firm in a law suit and they put a Dutch detective on his trail. In the meantime the drummer is passing off as the son of Judge Goodall, a wealthy New Yorker, his real son having run away, the judge meets the drummer and thinking it's his son returning insists on him going home. The drummer is dumbfounded at this turn of things his protestations being of no avail. Then the real son appears on the scene followed by the detective looking for his prey and the screaming situations follow one another in rapid succession throughout the entire three acts.

The piece is handsomely staged and a select chorus of pretty girls add much, together with the numerous jingling musical numbers given through the show go to make it one of the hits of the season.

A suit for \$15,000 damages against the Southern Railway, brought by Mrs. W. R. Kingsbury, for injuries she and her two daughters sustained in a wreck near Asheville, last summer, was compromised Saturday, in the court at Wilmington by the company paying plaintiffs \$4,500.

### ROCKY MOUNT NOT IN LEAGUE

Local Fans Would Not Stand for National Association Protection Withdrew-New Bern Takes Our Place.

At the meeting of the Eastern Carolina Baseball League at Goldsboro last week the league refused to rescind its action declaring for National Association protection and Rocky Mount, not wishing to play under national protection, withdrew and New Bern took her place.

The position taken by Rocky Mount in regard to National Association protection is an eminently proper one, and though fans and patrons of the national game, in this city, are exceedingly anxious to be in the Eastern Carolina League this year they had rather forego the pleasure than be compelled to maintain a strictly professional ball team, which would bar those very clever and gentlemanly college young fellows who by their personality add so much to the interest of the game. While it is not always the case in the majority of instances the professionals who can be secured by the small cities in minor leagues are pretty tough propositions. There are very many other reasons why, strictly professional ball is not to be desired. Anent Rocky Mounts withdrawal The Tarboro Southerner says "Rocky Mount has withdrawn from the Eastern League rather than join the National Protective Association. There are some level headed baseball enthusiasts in that town."

And again, The Kinston Free Press, in an editorial comment on the action of the league has the following:

"We regret that the East Carolina League is going into the protective association. As we understand it this is an absolute bar to the playing of college men and any others who do not want to register themselves as professionals. For if college men register as professionals they will be shut out from all inter-collegiate games."

"This then will make the teams of our league an aggregation of professional baseball players; and while there are good, clean men in such teams we all know that as a rule they are an aggregation of toughs. Last year the eastern league played quite a number of first class college men, and the teams were appreciated in our various towns not only for their playing ability but for the personal worth of many of the young men who played."

Rocky Mount has no complaint to offer at the action of the league in adopting National Association protection, it was their right, but this city does not want it, and is satisfied.

### Rocky Mount High School Wins.

The Rocky Mount High School team won a hard fought game from the Dunn High School club on the locals' diamond Friday, by the close score of 5 to 4. The game was full of interest from start to finish, to the several hundred who witnessed it, and appeared to be anybody's until the last half of the ninth inning when the home team scored the winning run. Pope, for the visitors, not only pitched a pretty game but connected with the sphere for three doubles during the game, scoring a run each time. Gunn, for the home team, pitched a strong game, also, and both were right heady. The game at times was brilliant, and showed a bunch of good material.

#### SCORE BY INNINGS.

Rocky Mount	200, 100 011—	5
Dunn	010, 100 020—	4

Batteries: Rocky Mount, Gunn and Jordan; Dunn, Pope and Howard. Umpire, Hugh Williford.

Mrs. Lucy R. Halloway, of Durham, administratrix of the estate of Halloway, who was killed in an explosion of a tank of oil belonging to the Standard Oil Company, in 1906, has instituted suit for \$60,000 damages in Durham county, against the company.

### Two Million Short.

The cotton crop of 1907 is two million and more bales less than for the years 1906 and 1904 when 13,290,677 and 13,697,310 bales respectively were made according to the ginners' report published by the census bureau. According to the bureau there have been ginned and to be ginned including linters and repacks 11,263,163 bales.

The figures given above are the census bureau figures given out in March of each year, before the calculation was made, given the equivalent of the crops in 500 pound bales.

The bales have been averaging slightly over 500 pounds so that the figures for the present crop will be increased 100,000 to 250,000.

The effect of this report on the speculative markets was slight. New York advanced only about seven points and this was later lost.

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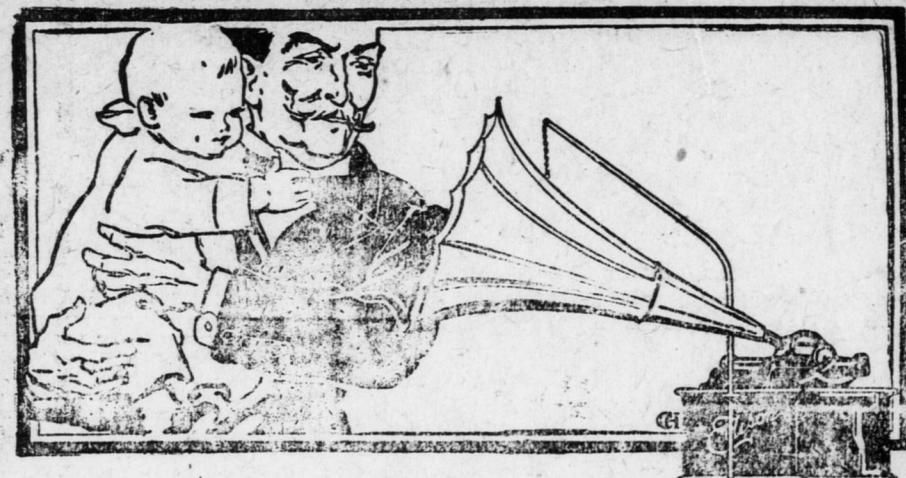
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