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—BLACKWOOD.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Weather Predictions—Chief Moore, Washington, D. C., 11:30 o'clock.—Fair to-night and Friday.

No damage by the lightning of yesterday has been reported further than the splitting of a few telegraph poles.

The most glorious news that we have had to record in some time, is the heavy rain of yesterday and last night. The farmers are now all jubilant over the prospect of fine cotton, grain and fruit crops.

### A Lucky Find.

About one year ago Mrs. H. C. Fisher lost a gold ring, her engagement ring. She advertised and searched for it but until this morning nothing has been heard of it.

Early this morning Squire C. P. Overby was standing at the corner of the market house talking to some one and as is a habit with him, was making figures on the ground with his foot when he turned up some earth in which he saw something glitter. He picked it up and found it to be an old battered ring. Thinking it of no value he shot it away with his thumb, when just as it was leaving his hand he noticed some letters on the inside. He again picked it up, and found thereon inscribed "From Henry to Nannie." He remembered the advertisement and knew immediately to whom it belonged. Mrs. Fisher is now in happy possession of her engagement ring.

### Special Rates.

The C. F. & Y. V. R. R. will sell round trip tickets to Greensboro, N. C., on account of commencement Greensboro Female College, May 26-27. Rate from Fayetteville, \$3.75; Maxton, \$4.85; Wilmington, \$6.05.

On account of the commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina, May 31st to June 3rd, the C. F. & Y. V. will sell round trip tickets as follows: From Fayetteville, \$4.90; Maxton, \$6.20; Sanford, \$3.60; Wilmington, \$6.90.

On account of the commencement of Greensboro Female College, May 26-27, the C. F. & Y. V. will sell low rate round trip tickets to Greensboro, from Fayetteville \$3.75.

Also, on account of commencement of Biddle University, colored, Charlottz, N. C., May 29 to June 3.

The C. F. & Y. V. R. R. will sell round trip tickets for Chapel Hill, N. C., on account of Commencement exercises at the State University, May 31st to June 3rd, with final limit June 5th. Rate from Wilmington, \$6.90; Maxton, \$6.20; Fayetteville, \$4.90.

### Delightful Red Springs.

There are many who will tell you that the finest country population in the world inhabits the northern part of Robeson county. Those who dwell in the other half of that famous shire must take no exception to our repeating this encomium in a Fayetteville newspaper, for the upper half of Robeson adjoins Cumberland, you know.

Yesterday was the 20th of May, sacred to North Carolinians—as it should be to patriotic Americans everywhere—as the day when our blessed mother, speaking through Mecklenburg, declared independence of the British crown, over a year in advance of the national declaration.

And there assembled at Robeson's noted resort a typical Robeson county gathering—such solid looking men, such beaming matrons, such fair and gentle maidens as one must go far to see the like of. Nor was there lacking a fine bit of color in the splendid military companies which Lumber Bridge and Maxton contributed, and a stirring note in Maxton's excellent military band.

Such soberness of demeanor as befits the proud and well bred people of the vicinage, marked the entire proceedings; while a score or two of grim visaged but merry hearted old warriors of the great contest presented a picturesque foil to a bevy of natty cyclers from Cross Creek.

The auspicious day, a legal holiday in North Carolina, was made the occasion for organizing Camp No. 417 of the United Confederate Veterans. This was done at "The Tabernacle," where some five hundred people, ladies, gentlemen and children, had gathered. D. P. McEachern, Esq., was master of ceremonies, and Lieut. McNair was temporary, and Capt. Tom McBride was permanent chairman. Addresses, which pleased the audience, were delivered by two veterans from abroad, Rev. Mr. Thomas, of South Carolina, and Maj. Hale, from Cumberland. The selection of officers of the Camp and of a name was postponed to another meeting; and, after a splendid luncheon served by the ladies of Robeson to the veterans in the Tabernacle, the rest of the day was given up to an informal "reunion" of old comrades and old friends. Meanwhile, the band gave an open-air concert in the Hotel grounds, and the young men and maidens talked to each other after their fashion—which, by the way, is a very old fashion, indeed.

That learned gentleman, Mr. Hamilton McMillan, who, we may say in passing, ought to be salaried by North Carolina to write the State's history; Judge McEachern, sound reasoner and brilliant writer; Mr. McQueen; Mr. McCallum; Mr. Johnston; Mr. McNair; Col. Fields; Rev. Mr. Rankin; Mr. John McKay, brim full of political lore; Dr. Croom, and last, but not least, Father Townsend, mine host of the Springs as well as a host within himself—are the names of some of the gentlemen who make Red Springs delightful to the stranger.

Nor was there lacking fine company among the sojourners at the long-verandahed hotel. Capt. and Mrs. Johnston, of Alabama; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Sinclair, of

Fayetteville, and Mr. and Mrs. Neal (nee Alsten) formerly of Warren county, now of New York, would tempt the most hardened devotees of business and politics to pause in his course that he might settle down there forever. Capt. Johnston was aid-de-camp on Barringer's staff in the late war, and then Captain in Bob Ransom's famous 1st North Carolina Cavalry, the finest cavalry regiment on either side, and is a brother of Brig. General Robert Johnston and of the Democratic nominee for Governor of Alabama, that sound silver Democrat and patriot, Capt. Jos. F. Johnston, of Birmingham.

Finally, this writer was delighted to greet four daughters of dear old Sheriff McNeill: Mrs. McGeachy (mother of our young Messrs. McGeachy), Mrs. D. P. McEachern, Mrs. Dr. McKinnon, and Mrs. Peter McQueen.

Other old friends whose faces had not been seen for years, were Messrs. McKay McKinnon (whose wife was a sister of the Messrs. Hawley of this city); gallant Capt. Cobb, of the Lumber Bridge Company in the late war and of the present one; Capt. McRae, of the Maxton Guards, and Mr. McCall, of Bennettsville.

Long live the good people of Red Springs and those who drink its waters.

### Death of Mrs. Stedman.

Our people were greatly grieved this morning by the intelligence of the death of Mrs. Euphenia White Stedman, widow of the late Mr. Nathan A. Stedman, which occurred at Elizabethtown yesterday. She was a lady of excellent Christian character, and was held in the highest esteem by the people of Fayetteville where the greater part of her long life was passed. Ex-Lieut. Governor Charles M. Stedman, now of Atlanta, Ex-Sheriff Frank H. Stedman and Miss Fanny W. Stedman, of mington, and Mrs. Newton H. Smith, of this city, are her surviving children.

This morning's Wilmington Star contains the following:

"Mrs. Euphenia W. Stedman died at 6:45 p. m., yesterday, at Elizabethtown, Bladen county, at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Nathan A. Stedman, Jr. She was the widow of the late Nathan A. Stedman, Sr., who died some seven or eight years ago.

"Mrs. Stedman was a native of Virginia, and daughter of the late Thomas W. White, founder and editor of the old *Southern Literary Messenger*, a magazine which had a national reputation. She married in Richmond, Va., but came immediately to North Carolina, where she had resided continuously up to the time of her death. Her first home was in Raleigh, her husband then being Comptroller of the State. At the expiration of his term of office they went to Pittsboro, and from there, in 1851, they removed to Fayetteville. Of late Mrs. Stedman had been with her daughter-in-law at Elizabethtown.

"The deceased possessed many admirable traits of character. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church nearly sixty years, having become a communicant of that denomination under the late Rev. W. S. Plumer, D. D., and her whole life was that of a sincere and consistent Christian. She lived to a ripe old age, and her death will be mourned by hundreds who knew her and loved her for her many noble qualities of head and heart."

A Fayetteville friend contributes the

following:

DIED.—At Elizabethtown yesterday evening Mrs. Euphenia White Stedman, widow of the late Nathan A. Stedman, Sr. The deceased was the mother of Maj. Chas. M. Stedman, now residing in Atlanta, Ga., Sheriff Frank H. Stedman and Miss Fannie W. Stedman, of Wilmington, and Mrs. N. H. Smith, of this place. She was in her 78th year, a native of Richmond, Va., and daughter of Thomas W. White, editor of the *Southern Literary Magazine*—a very prominent journal in that day. She was a most estimable Christian and for very many years a member of the Presbyterian Church of this city. Accomplished, amiable and attractive her long life was exemplary and useful.

The remains were brought by steamer from Elizabethtown this morning, and the funeral took place from the Presbyterian Church at 3 P. M.

The following were the pall-bearers: Col. C. W. Broadfoot, Mr. H. R. Horne, Capt. D. H. Ray, Mr. E. J. Lilly, Capt. S. C. Rankin, Mr. I. B. Hawley, Capt. A. B. Williams, Capt. Jas. D. McNeill.

### The Phoenix Cotton Mill.

Work on the Phoenix Co-Operative Cotton Mill is progressing rapidly. Contractor Bain expects to have it completed in forty days. The building is to be of one story, 152 by 73. The C. F. & Y. V. siding has already been laid.

### Hotel Arrivals.

G. A. Hall, Red Springs; Alex Sessoms, Glencoe; Lewis Turner, T. L. Kerse, Richmond; J. T. Hamlet, N. C.; Miss Riddy N. Y.; F. C. DuPre, Phila.; Thos. Bissett, Florence; J. C. Gilbert, Hope Mills; W. P. Ferguson, Dayton.

### People and their Movements.

Miss Dockery, of Mississippi, is on a visit to Mrs. W. D. Smith on Haymount.

Messrs. W. F. Leak and J. C. Thomson, Jr., left on bicycles for Lumber Bridge this morning.

Rev. L. J. Holden, of Jonesboro, and Rev. Dr. Nash, of this city, will exchange pulpits next Sunday.

## THREE OF A KIND

Makes a Strong Hand,

But the THREE we are selling so many of have nothing to do with the hand. Ask to see them.

### NEW GOODS TO-DAY—

Lovely line of Colored Mulls,  
New Ribbons and Val Laces,  
An elegant Mid-Summer Shoe—one button. All sizes and lasts.

New goods every day.

CAPE FEAR DRY GOODS CO.

## NOTICE!

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LAMB, VEAL AND BEEF,  
And ALL KINDS of VEGETABLES  
At Very Cheap Rates.

Thanking my customers for past patronage and hoping you will continue,  
Your Butcher,

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J. J. MAINOR.