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The successful things of the South yesterday of little Ruth, the first-born child of ex-President and Mrs. Cleveland, bring distressing sorrow to the whole nation.

The Souvenir Album issued by Davidson College is a very beautiful piece of work. The views of the campus and of the college buildings make it a welcome souvenir to all who claim Davidson as their alma mater.

SEEDS AND THINGS.

A few days ago the Charlotte Observer made its acknowledgments to Congressman Webb as follows:

"The Observer acknowledges its grateful indebtedness to Congressman R. Yates Webb for some extra seeds, some kale seeds, some tomato seeds, and likewise for some muskmelon seeds, and for some onion seeds. It has been said, in accents of pardonable pride, that when it comes to the distribution of seeds nobody has the ups on Congressman Webb."

Whereupon the Charlotte Chronicle administered the following rebuke, at the same time making a shrewd bid for the Congressman's future favor:

"And yet, while The Chronicle has a garden, he sends it a twenty pound report on the postal fraud investigation and distributes his seeds among men who have no more heart in them than to poke fun at him. Congressman Webb is young yet, but as he grows older he will be able to discriminate between his real and false friends and treat them more in accordance with their deserts."

THE GAZETTE is obliged to feel that it has a slight advantage over its Charlotte contemporaries. We have a garden and were not only remembered most generously by Congressman Webb in the matter of seeds, but happily received from him Christmas eve an appropriate lot of "irrigation" matter. For the tardiness of this acknowledgment we crave pardon; mention of the subject by our esteemed Charlotte exchanges brought to mind our remembrance.

Capt. Bacon Moves to Gastonia.

Capt. George F. Bacon departed the matter a long time, but at last he has forsaken Charlotte for Gastonia, where he expects to reside in the future. Without applying any of his friends of his intention, Capt. Bacon quietly stole away from the law building about noon today and boarded the local train for Gastonia.

Capt. Bacon will be missed, not only by his friends in Charlotte—and everybody is his friend.

DOWN AFTER AN ISLAND.

Going to Aransas Pass to Look Over Matagorda Island With a View of Buying It.

New Orleans, Jan. 5.—Alexander Dowse, self-styled Eljah, reached this city last night in private car No. 39 of the Aransas Pass Railroad. Assistant General Passenger Agent Lupton, of that road, is personally conducting him. Dowse has been misreading the newspaper news, and his real objective point was not made known until he arrived here, and that by accident. He is going to Aransas Pass to look over Matagorda Island with the idea of purchasing it. This island contains 30,000 acres, and if he buys the whole tract, he will remove the "eternal city" from the shores of Lake Michigan to that island.

SCHOOL FUNDS APPORTIONED.

The Board Distributes \$18,608 Among the County Schools—Provision for Four Months Schools.

The amount of money recently apportioned among the public schools of the several townships by the county board of education is \$18,608. This practically provides for at least a four months term of each school. The following observations by Superintendent F. P. Hall relating to the plans and purposes of board were given with the table of apportionments which follow, both of which are laid before our readers with pleasure.

At the regular meeting last Monday, Mr. W. C. Thompson, of Stanley was elected a member of the board of education to succeed Mr. R. K. Davenport. District number 16 in Gastonia township, was upon a petition of the residents, divided up and incorporated into the contiguous districts.

The state guarantees to every white school in the state a term of four months provided the teacher is not paid a greater salary than \$28.00 per month, the average salary paid white teachers in the State. A term of four months is also promised the colored schools on the condition that their teachers are not paid a greater salary than \$22.50 per month, the average salary paid colored teachers in the State.

In making the apportionments the Board of Education has endeavored to carry out to the letter the State's promise for every school in the county. The weaker schools have been given four times \$28.00 for salary and \$5.00 for fuel. When the census, the attendance, or the character of the work to be done justifies it, larger amounts have been apportioned.

For years it has been the policy of the Board to build up in each township one or more strong central schools, that superior advantages may be placed in reach of all. This idea has again been recognized in the distribution of the school fund.

Proper encouragement has been given, too, to local taxation.

The apportionments for the school year beginning July 1, 1903, and ending July 1, 1904, are as follows by townships:

Table with 5 columns: Township, White, Colored, Total, and Balance. Lists townships like Abbeville, Abbeville, Abbeville, etc.

DALLAS DOTS.

Jan. 6th—Miss Annie Bittinger of Riverside, Cal., is visiting her nephew, Prof. S. A. Wolff.

Miss Payne Dumas, who has been visiting Miss Carrie Puett for several weeks, left on Monday for her home in Norwood.

Mr. L. M. Hoffman, Jr., left Tuesday morning to resume his studies at the A. & M. College.

Mr. Loy Cornwell has returned to Rutherford College.

Miss Pearl Radziell and Mr. Howard Thompson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornwell last week.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Deaton entertained some of their friends at a pleasant dinner party on the 29th ult. Their guests were Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Summey and Misses Nellie Cline and Mabel Balwinkle.

The following unique invitations, in the shape of a goose, were received by the members of the D. S. Club last week.

"There will be a gathering of geese at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orreder, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Hope you can witness the 'flocking in.'"

From the time the goose girl, Miss Corinne Puett, wended her way through the drawing-rooms scattering handfuls of corn for the "geese" to gather until the hour of midnight arrived, the hostesses, Misses Carrie and Beattie Puett and Miss Addie Orreder provided a most enjoyable and thoroughly original entertainment. Dr. S. A. Wilkins was the winner of the prize for cutting out the best goose while blindfolded, Miss Essie Wilson being the winner of the consolation prize. A delicious supper was served at a late hour, the table being tastefully decorated with fronds of asparagus.

New Year's Eve the members of the Club and all visitors in town enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Miss Eugenia Lewis. An interesting contest was held. Delightful refreshments were served during the evening.

Thousands of people attended the funeral of General James Longstreet which took place in the court house at Gainesville, Ga., Wednesday.

NEARLY TWO HUNDRED WELLS.

That is the Record Made by Mr. W. B. Wright in 12 Years—One Well was Sunk and Walled in 24 Hours.

If the title of "Champion Well Digger of Gaston County" does not belong to Mr. Will Wright, of Belmont, the man to whom it does belong has to show a mighty long string of wells. In twelve years Mr. Wright has placed 176 wells to his credit. He came to Gastonia Monday to visit his brother Bob at the Lorry and when he dropped in at THE GAZETTE office to renew his subscription, we began to ask Mr. Wright about his business. Yes, he has dug 176 wells in the past twelve years.

And there were some other interesting facts which we learned. At Tuckasee he began a well on Monday before Christmas. He put in 24 hours of time on the job and completed it—"went down and came out," as the saying is. In other words in the 24 hours he dug and completely walled with rock a well 31 1/2 feet deep.

"Were you ever hurt in a well, Mr. Wright?"

"Only once. The hands at the windlass carelessly let the bucket fall on me once. It cut my head open here. I was on the wall 12 feet from the top and 57 from the bottom of the well and there was 15 feet of water in it. They called to me as the bucket was about to start. I straightened up just in time for the sharp hoop on the bottom to catch me here just above the forehead. It was a sharp cut and the blood came a-spilling. I staggered to the other side to get from falling down the funnel, but didn't become unconscious. What saved my life was, for one thing, the men's calling to me, and for another, the fact that I was wearing an old broad-brimmed hat that day. When they called me I was bending over my work. If I hadn't straightened up the 75-pound bucket would have probably broken my neck or knocked me down into the funnel where I should have been drowned. But even after I straightened up, I might have been killed except for the old hat. It had got wet and was flapping in my face. I had turned the brim under two ways, and hooked the hat on my head, so that the spot the bucket picked out to clip me on was protected by four folds of the hat brim. As it was, the hoop cut four holes in my old hat, cut the scalp, cracked the outer bone, and jarred the other pretty sharply. But Doctor Davis sewed it up and hardly a scar is left. I lost only four or five days. Over at the stockade at Belmont, the windlass hands dropped a bucket on us when there were two of us in the well, but it didn't hit either one of us."

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A Great Soldier.

Charlotte News and Courier, 4th.

General of the Confederate States died at Gainesville, Georgia, on Saturday. He was a native of South Carolina, a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, a soldier in the War with Mexico, and one of the hardest fighters on the right side in the War for Southern Independence. He was a great soldier and covered himself with glory on many hard-fought fields. But for his failure at Gettysburg what has been called "the high tide" of the struggle between the South and North would have turned doubtless to our advantage. There has been much controversy upon the point as to whether or not Longstreet gave General Lee the expected support in this battle and the weight of evidence is clearly against Longstreet; but no one has ever questioned his loyalty to the cause for which he fought. His tardiness on that fateful day, however, detracted from his otherwise brilliant military career; but he will ever be entitled to rank among the bravest of the brave.

After the war, when the South was in the very depths of poverty and distress, General Longstreet took a course which placed him in antagonism to his own people and section, and embittered his whole life. Whatever the sentiments impelling him to take part in the Reconstruction of the South, it will never be forgotten that before the blood of the soldiers who followed him to their death had dried on the battlefields, he was enlisted as a leader in another war against his own kind and in his own land. We wish the last thirty-five years of his life could be blotted out, and that he could only be thought of as the great commander of an invincible corps, but "what is writ, is writ."

Miss Ruth Cleveland Dead.

Dispatches from Princeton, N. J., yesterday announced the death there of Ruth Cleveland, eldest child of former President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland. She was suffering from a mild attack of diphtheria but the immediate cause of death was heart failure. She was 15 years old.

Dr. Moffat Declines.

Rev. J. S. Moffat, D. D., announced to his congregation last Sabbath that he had declined the work to which he was elected by synod and which the synod insisted upon his holding under consideration until Jan. 1st. His congregation was entirely unprepared for any other decision.

PERTAINING TO THE CEMETERY

The Keeper Wishes to Have All Borders Set With White Carnations—More Than Four Hours Notice Should be Given for Digging Graves.

"I was at Rock Hill the other day" said Mr. J. T. Wylie, the cemetery keeper, as he sat down comfortably before THE GAZETTE's fire, "and I went out to their cemetery, down there. Man, you just ought to—"

"But, Mr. Wylie, what's the matter with your foot?"

"Rheumatism, my Christmas present. Been laid up ever since the day before Christmas. It's right in the ball of my foot there. Capt. Holland declares it's gout. It swelled up—"

"Reckon you caught it from Blake Boyd?"

"Wouldn't be surprised—been using his crutches, you know. To-day is the first time I've been out except on crutches, and I have to carry this stick."

"Yes, I was down at Rock Hill. Couldn't get around much but I went out to see the cemetery those people have down there. Just beautiful! And there are two points I picked up there which I would be so glad to see adopted here."

"The lots and walks were bordered with white carnations—it's a kind of white pink and has a tender fragrance. It is good to hold the soil, it is ornamental, just the thing for borders. I want to set our cemetery borders with it, but I haven't the means. The keeper at Rock Hill is going to trim his borders open and throw away whole stacks of surplus plants. If the people here would just fix the way, I could take a wagon and go down there and bring back a whole wagon load—wouldn't cost a thing except to go after them and get them."

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THE OLD RELIABLE



ABSOLUTELY PURE THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE.

GREAT MEN'S FOIBLES.

An English Writer Says Herbert Spencer was Irritable and Fidgety—Lord Roberts Sensitive.

We have been reading a sheaf of paragraphs about the foibles of the late Mr. Herbert Spencer, says the London Chronicle. Like all great men, he was extremely fidgety and irritable, and when he liked could be exceedingly unpleasant companion. He carried little plugs about with him, and when the conversation bored him he would quietly take them out and stick them in his ears. If he played a game of billiards and was defeated by a young man he would launch a tirade about wasting time in becoming a proficient at billiards.

I only met him once, and that was in the most unconventional way. I found myself at his elbow one evening in a long queue waiting to get into the pit of a London theatre to see one of the most frivolous of comic operas. Without showing I knew who he was I casually opened a conversation. He talked anecdotally about theatre people, but when I tried to shift the talk into scientific channels he wouldn't have it. He simply took no notice except a half grunt and went on talking about light opera.

During the evening as we sat together I deliberately let him know I recognized him by remarking: "All this must seem very silly to you, Mr. Spencer." Well, he wasn't pleased at the recognition. He rather resented that I should know him. He developed a curious nervousness, as though he were a little ashamed of being seen there. I could get little more out of him that night except grunts.

This nervousness on the part of distinguished men I have noticed again and again. There is many a man who in the popular mind is regarded as being used to notoriety, of having not a shred of modesty, who are vigorous debaters, never so happy as when in the centre of a fray, and yet who personally, in their private capacity, are as shy as school girls.

I remember once riding on the top of an omnibus in Victoria street. When we halted opposite the army and navy stores a little elderly gentleman, carrying a tiny parcel, mounted to the roof. I gave him a casual glance. He saw instantly I had recognized him. Upon my word, he was nervous. Color came into his cheeks and right up to Trafalgar square, where I dismounted, he showed how uncomfortable he was. Yet now strange this man should be fidgety on being recognized having a penny bus ride. He was Lord Roberts.

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