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**County Union Meetings.**

County Union Meetings will be held at times and places mentioned below:  
 Anson County, at Wadesboro, last Monday in each month.  
 Union County, at Monroe, first Monday in each month.  
 Davie County, at Mocksville, first Saturday in each month.  
 Scotland County, at Laurinburg first Monday in each month.  
 Caldwell County Union meets on first Saturday in each month, alternately with the different locals.  
 Rowan County, at the court-house at Salisbury, last Saturday in each month, 1 o'clock p. m.  
 Warren County, second Thursday in each month.  
 Wilkes County, at Wilkesboro, first Monday in each month, 2 o'clock p. m.  
 Pitt County, second Saturday in each month.  
 Wayne County, at Goldsboro, on Saturday before second Sunday in each month.  
 Person County, first Monday in each month.  
 Person County, first Monday in each month in court-house at Roxboro.  
 Alleghany County meets in court-house in Sparata first Monday in February, May, August, and November.  
 Rockingham, at the court-house in Wentworth, on the last Saturday in January, April, July, and October.  
 Iredell County, first Saturdays in January, April, July, and October, at Statesville.  
 Halifax County, second Saturday in each month.  
 Harnett County, second Tuesday in every other month—always at Lillington.  
 Columbus County, at Chadburn, Thursday before fifth Sunday in each month.  
 Craven County Farmers' Union meets at court-house in New Bern second Saturday in each month.  
 Caswell County second Saturday in May, August, and November.  
 Johnston County—every second Saturday, 10 o'clock a. m., in court-house at Smithfield.

**YOUR EYES.**

The comparative value of eyesight and reading is set forth in a note, to which is devoted a page in the new book, "Class Teaching and Management," by William Estabrook Chancellor. "Your eyes are worth more to you than any book. Your safety and your success in life depend on your eyes; therefore take care of them. Always hold your head up when you read. Hold your book fourteen inches from your face. Be sure that the light is clear and good. Never read in a bad light. Never with the sun shining directly on the book. Never face the light in reading. Let the light come from behind or over your left shoulder. Avoid books or paper printed indistinctly or in small type. Rest your eyes by looking away from the book every few minutes. Cleanse your eyes night and morning with pure water." This advice is included in "Class Teaching and Management" as the recommendation of the committee of the Children's Welfare Association of Women Principals, New York, and the advisory board of oculists.—Exchange.

When little Ada, aged three, had been told the story of Lot's wife being turned into a pillar of salt, she asked her mother anxiously: "Is all salt made of ladies?"

**GENERAL NEWS.**

Rear Admiral George W. Melville, United States Navy, on retired list, died at his home in Philadelphia last Sunday from paralysis.

Antonio Dalba, a youth in his teens, attempted to assassinate King Victor Emanuel and Queen Helena of Spain a few days ago. Neither were injured.

Alabama was swept by a storm last week. Many residences were destroyed, numbers of people were killed and much damage was done to property.

The decomposed body of a man supposed to be George J. Thompson, Jr., of New York City, was found half buried in the mud near Baldwin, Florida, Tuesday.

W. A. Pfeffer, former United States Senator from Kansas, is critically ill at a hospital in Topeka, Kansas. Mr. Pfeffer was the first Populist Senator from Kansas, being elected in 1891. He is 85 years old.

George Huffman, the former postal clerk, who confessed to the theft of \$20,000 from the mails on the night of October 27th, last, was sentenced to three and a half years to the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

The trial of Dr. McFarland, charged with being connected with the murder of Miss Elsie Coe, his former secretary, was begun the 14th. Dr. McFarland, who is an aged minister, entered a plea of "not guilty."

Reports from Farmville are that the worst storm in its history struck that place the 15th. The cyclone lasted about five minutes, but much damage was done to property. A great many people narrowly escaped death.

The Herbert D. Maxwell was cut down and sunk by the schooner Gloucester, of the coast of Maryland, a few days ago. Four lives were lost. The collision was the result of miscalculation on the part of the Maxwell.

Francis C. Moore, former president of the Continental Insurance Company, of New York, dropped dead from heart failure after delivering an address at the Young Women's Christian Association building a few days ago. He was seventy years old.

Mrs. Ida V. Belotte, a widow lady of Hampton, Va., was found murdered in her home there a few days ago. It is believed that a negress whom Mrs. Belotte had accused of theft, committed the crime, as a purse identified as belonging to the dead lady was found in the negro's possession.

Chicago is to vote on Woman's Suffrage at the April primaries, in response to a petition from local suffragettes. The expense will be borne by the woman suffrage organizations in the same manner that the Presidential preference ballots will be furnished by the organizations who requested that vote.

**New York Judge Has Narrow Escape From Death by Infernal Machine.**

A New York dispatch under date of March 16th says: "An attempt to kill Judge Otto A. Rosalsky of the Court of General Sessions with a bomb came within a hair's breadth of being successful to-night. It was only a defect—said

to be a small accumulation of dirt—in the mechanism of the infernal machine which the justice had unsuspectingly opened that saved him from probable death or certain injury. The bomb later exploded while being examined by Inspector Owen Egan of the Bureau of Combustibles, seriously wounding him about the face and arms."

**Hard Tussle With a Mink.**

Bakersville Chronicle.]  
 Our Bandana correspondent says: "Rose Ellis, Stocks, Johnson and Frazier Willis were hunting near Ledger Thursday morning and found a mink track in the snow. They followed the track three or four miles, finding the animal denned in a rock cliff back of the Gouge mountain. They smoked it out, and when the mink appeared Ellis caught it, and the animal got his finger in its mouth and he could not turn loose, but had to fight. He continued choking the mink until it was dead, and still his finger could not be released until its mouth was pried open with a nail. When the fight was over Ellis was as bloody as a bull pup at a bear fight. Dr. D. J. Gouge gave them \$4 for the hide."

**Aldermen Have Nothing to Do With School Funds.**

Union Republican.]  
 The Supreme Court has decided in the appeal of the school commissioners of the City of Charlotte vs. the Board of Aldermen, that the exclusive control of the public schools of the city and expenditure of the school funds is vested in the school board and the board of aldermen has nothing to do with funds or schools. The Charlotte aldermen undertook to control the expenditure of bonds voted for school purposes. The decision is an important one.

**MORE BLOODSHED IN CHINA.**

**Over 1,500 Person Killed at Canton and More Lawlessness Expected—German Consulate is Burned.**

Hong Kong, March 18.—Latest advices from Swatow, which has been the scene of serious fighting during the last week, say that the German consulate has been burned. Two gunboats have arrived there.

More than 1,500 persons have been killed at Canton and while conditions are calmer there the outbreak is expected to be renewed at any time. Governor General Chan insists upon resigning, but there seems to be no way for him to escape from office at the present time. The bandit chief, Luk, addressing a meeting of the merchants, said that if the people's army failed to secure victory over the government, it would shell Sha-Meen, the foreign quarter, in order to bring about foreign intervention.

**BIG FIRE AT NASHVILLE.**

**Business Section of the Town Gutted by the Flames.**

A dispatch from Rocky Mount Friday afternoon says:

"News reached this city this morning that Nashville was visited at an early hour by the most disastrous fire that has ever occurred there, wiping out the business district, entailing a loss of over \$70,000. The flames were discovered at 5 o'clock in the rear of the Brooks Mercantile Company, and spread rapidly, eating their way through the double walls and the store of Cockrel and Williams, going from there into the building occupied by the Nash Supply Company, entering the second floor in the furniture department, and in several moments the three buildings were a mass of seething

flames. After heroic work by firemen, the flames were confined to these three buildings, destroying them and their contents. No lives were lost, but several were injured."

**WADESBORO BUILDING COLLAPSES.**

**Three Killed and Others Injured in the Wreck.**

Wadesboro, March 20.—Parson's drug store collapsed this morning and several people inside the store were crushed to death. The body of Virginia May Covington, two years old, the daughter of Dr. J. M. Covington, Jr., has been recovered. Her grandmother was also injured.

Misses Lora and Marion Little are thought to have been caught on the sidewalk.

**BURIAL OF BATTLESHIP MAINE.**

**Removed From the Havana Harbor and Sunk in the Gulf.**

Havana, March 16.—Under cloudy skies and a heavy roar of guns the battleship Maine, resurrected after harbor, plunged, with her colors flying, to her everlasting rest 600 fathoms deep in the sapphire waters of Gulf. The sinking of the hull was carried out precisely as planned, marking the end of the great work begun more than a year and a half ago. After imposing ceremonies in the morning which ended with the formal transfer of the custody of the bodies of the heroic dead by the mayor of Havana, Julio de Cardenas, to Brigadier General Bixby, chief of the engineer corps, as the representative of the United States, the coffins were taken abroad the armored cruiser North Carolina and deposited on the quarter-deck, completely covered by a great mound of floral tributes, under a guard of honor composed of marines. Minute guns were fired by the North Carolina and the scout cruiser Birmingham and the batteries of Cabanass fortress when the ships cleared the harbor.

**Georgia Man in Jail for Shooting Himself.**

A citizen of Barnesville, Ga., who declared he had been fined \$25 for shooting himself accidentally with his own gun in his own home has appealed to Attorney-General Wickersham to know if there is any law in the land justifying such punishment.

Pending payment of the fine he is in jail. He laid stress upon the fact that the gun was his own, the scene was his own home and the injury was upon himself. He asked "the government's highest attorney" to look his case over and reply "at once."

The Department of Justice responded that the matter was outside Federal jurisdiction and counseled the victim of municipal law to seek the advice of some Barnesville attorney.—Statesville Landmark.

**Why Jonah Remained Aboard Only Three Days.**

(Philadelphia Press.)

Jonah entered the whale. "This is the original water wagon," he exclaimed. Herewith none wondered that he remained aboard only three days.

Mrs. Kathleen Lorillard, wife of Beekam Lorillard, of Asheville, committed suicide in New York one day last week by hanging herself in a bath-room in their apartments in the Holland House in the city. A nervous trouble was supposed to be the cause.