

LETTER FROM MRS. BILKINS.

Replies to Her Husband and Tells What is Going on at the Springs.

Fuquay Springs Sept. 26.

Deer Mister Editer: Last weak I had a powerful sore thum, so I didn't rite the letter I promused, and now I see frum yore paper that Zeke is a commentin' on my ritin' tu yu.

"T'law me. 'Haint wimmin got no rites et awl?"

Zeke knowed he hed negglected me the wurst kind, but he didn't want yu to no it. Thet's the way with men. They kin ack cantankerous et am and maik life a burden fer awl thet cums in contaek with 'em, but they want outsiders tu think they is most reddy tu clime the golden stairs. Thare wings is awlredy sprouted in thare mines.)

Now, I don't low Zeke no sich privulleges, but he bein in New York and me hear he wants tu git gay (tu kwote frum thet perlesst man.)

I shoodn't a took thet sass frum Zeke, ef I'd bin Mister Cop, but then maybe he didn't way ez much ez I du.

Now, between you and me and the gatepost, Zeke knowed I want suspichus he waz gellus bekause I kin beet him a spellin'. He's a mity pore spelled, Zeke is, and his handwrite is powerful shaky, so if he rote awl them letters I haint ever see 'em and I know the fokes at the Ded Letter Office kaint maik 'em out, so I'll never no half them Yankee fixins he's bin a eatin.

He copied wun thing frum the bill ov fair thet I wood'nt like to a et, and thet wuz blane mange. Ef its enny wurse than the mange our dog had it mast a bin a powerful dost.

I'm surprized thet Zeke shood a et it, and how he done et beets me. Yu no hiz teeth is snaggly and he haint got the currige to have a new set like mine.

They must a put it up in sum form on the order ov them vaxina-shim pints; and Zeke so fraid uv gurns, too! T'law me, haint it quare.

I hearn our landlady say we wuz goin' tu hev Sharlot Rooster fur Sunday dinner. I wunder if the rooster frum Sharlot air enny better or bigger then theze et Fuquay. We hev hed sum fine fride chicken, stued chicken and chicken pies, but I spoze she wants tu hev sumethin extry and then Sharlot Roosters must be sum uv them big kind like they heve at the Fare at Rolly.

I'm shore a goin tu take thet in and I du hoap Zekel'll be thar tu interduse me tu the Preserdent. I no he'll be "dee-lited" tu see me on Zeke's occount and I want tu thank him fur his kindness tu my compan-you. I'll rite and tell you awl about it, ef Zeke aint't tu gellus. Poor Zeke, I no he misses my perteektin here thze days. No dout hiz socks is plum woreout, not tu menshun the buttons he must a lost a rubberin at them tall buildins and sich like.

I no he size fer Betsy in his quiet ours. I'm judgin by my own self.

But ez I wuz sayin, Lord deliver me frum a gellus man, tho' I much prufur wun of them kind tu wun like Mrs. Sunshine Johnson's. Thunder cloud. He dont keer how much uther men admire her (and they awl du thet, but she dont seam tu see it.)

Jest so she's a waitin on him and them little Johnsons he's plumb satisfied.

He never speeks to his wife askin ef she's done this, that and tother; which wun is thet a cryin? Whut hev yu dun tu thet wun? Is tuthur wun's toe tied up. Yu'd better run and see whut they're all doin and tell 'em tu stop it.

My hans is awl the time a eichin tu take him down a peg er tu.

He wants sumboddy tu look afur thare boddies, but he don't keer enuff fu thare soles tu trane 'em up

in the way they shood go, so thet when they're old they'd not depart frum it, er wurds tu that effeck.

Me and Mrs. Johnson air a goin tu shappuroan a pick-nick tu-morru, and ef I kin git Zeke's kind purmishun, I'll tell yu awl about it.

Yourn trooly,

BETSY BILKINS.

Clayton News.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.

The concert given by the ladies of the M. E. Church on Tuesday evening was voted a success by all present. The "old-time" fiddling was simply great. The coon songs, wit and humor were all grand.

Mr. John S. Barnes has returned from Northern markets where he and Mr. W. A. Edgerton have been to purchase goods for the Barnes-Edgerton Company, recently incorporated to do business at Smithfield.

Our two millinery establishments are in trim for the fall and winter business. Mrs. Johnson has with her Miss Craig, who was with Messrs. Barbour & Sons last season, and Messrs. Hilliard & Richardson have with them Miss Mabel Denton, who, for several years, was milliner for Messrs. Sherwood Higgs & Co., of Raleigh. The stocks of both establishments are fine.

Miss Lalla Ellington and Miss Kate Cummings, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. Jno. M. Turley.

Mrs. Spiers and Mrs. Call, of Selma, were the guests of Mrs. E. B. McCullers Tuesday, attending the Fiddlers' Concert in the evening.

Miss Julia Ferrell, who has been visiting here for some time, left this morning for her home in Raleigh.

The girls of the Baptist church are arranging to have a poverty party in the near future. From the description we have had so far, we see nothing to prevent it from succeeding. The girls generally do things right.

The revival meeting will be held at the Baptist church, beginning the first Sunday in October. Pastor W. H. Rich, of Salisbury, will assist Pastor Blanchard. Everybody is cordially invited to attend at every service.

Miss Mattie Gulley is sick with malaria fever. Miss Maie is teaching in her stead until she is able to resume her duties.

We learn that Mr. Milliard Hinant, who was with Mr. W. A. Barnes last fall, will begin with him again October 1st.

Messrs. Tom Stephenson and Arthur Wallace are attending court at Raleigh this week. They hope this will be the last time they will ever have to attend court in Raleigh.

Messrs. M. G. Gulley and Riley R. Gulley have purchased the business of John S. Barnes at this place and will continue business at the same stand. NO-ONE.

Clayton, N. C., Sept. 27th.

New School Houses.

County Superintendent Z. V. Judd and the Board of Education have been considering bids for the erection of new school houses in several of the school districts of the county, and up to the present ten contracts have been awarded, and there are still seven more to be awarded when suitable bids have been received.

Buckhorn, district No. 1, S. J. Bennett, contractor, bid \$470; Middle Creek, No. 3, (Fuquay Springs), A. G. Blanchard, contractor, bid \$800; Middle Creek, No. 4, A. A. Rowland, contractor, bid \$475; Marks Creek, No. 2, A. S. Alford, contractor, bid \$355; Holly Springs, No. 4, H. S. Keith contractor, bid \$700; St. Mary's, No. 1, (Garner), W. A. Mitchell and Son contractor, bid \$1,020; Panther Branch, No. 2, J. W. Turner contractor, bid \$250; Holly Springs, No. 3, an ell addition, J. W. Womble contractor; Cary, No. 2, and ell addition, C. D. Bennett con-

tractor, bid \$125. All of the above new houses are to be sustantial two-room buildings, and are to be erected according to plans made by Superintendent Judd.

Bids are wanted for two-room houses at Swift Creek, No. 7; White Oak, Nos. 6 and 4; and New Light, No. 7; and for one-room houses in Wake Forest, No. 3; Cedar Fork, No. 1, and Wake Forest, No. 2.

Report of Asylum Board.

The Asylum Board sent their report on the investigation of affairs in general at the Central Hospital and the Nall case in particular to the Governor yesterday.

The Board finds things in pretty good shape and exonerates Superintendent McKee.

As to the Nall case, the Board turns the evidence over to the Governor and refrains from expressing an opinion, fearing that they might prejudice the case against the four attendants, they now being in the hands of the law for trial, or that they might embarrass the State in the prosecution of the aforesaid defendants.

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