

THE WEEKLY ARGUS.

"This Argus o'er the people's rights
Doth an eternal vigil keep;

No soothing strain of Maia's son
Can lull its hundred eyes to sleep".

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LOCAL BRIEFS.

THE shipments of truck from Newbern over the A. & N. C. R. R. exceed anything ever before experienced in the history of the road.

To let—some advertising space in THE ARGUS to some of the business men of Goldsboro who are not represented in these columns. "Pity 'tis 'tis true".

According to the constitution of the order, H. L. Loucks, of South Dakota, who is First Vice-President of the National Farmers' Alliance, will succeed Col. L. I. Polk as President.

The Third Party meeting in this city Saturday had 54 voting attendance by actual count. This is about the size of it in Wayne county. Good bye, third party, good bye!

WE do not often call local attention to the editorial page of THE ARGUS, but will the newly converted of our community give their attention to it this morning, as a special invitation.

SOME very fine specimens of the Pink Irish potatoes were left at our office yesterday by our esteemed young farmer friend Mr. J. D. Howell, of the Salem section, who believes in diversified crops and prospers in his profession.

THE entire brick walls of the court house have been painted to correspond with its new metal roof, and altogether the building, when the finishing touches are put upon it, will be quite imposing and very creditable to the county.

It is a pleasure to THE ARGUS to be able to announce that the Presbyterian congregation have extended a call to the pastorate of their church to Rev. H. G. Miller, of Berkley, Va., who on Sunday of last week preached such an excellent sermon here.

THE W. P. Fife Union Thanksgiving service at St. Paul's M. E. Church Sunday afternoon was a glorious glad time of thronged attendance, and from it a new and abiding influence went forth, we feel assured, to permeate the community and bless it.

SOME unsophisticated colored man in tampering with the ropes of the fire bell Sunday morning caused the "striker" to hit the bell just one tap; but it was sufficient to cause the ever alert Mr. Jas. Stafford, driver of the Goldsboro Hose wagon No. 1, to be hitched up and out at the hotel corner ready for business in just one minute and 3 seconds.

IN conversation yesterday with a friend from Pitt county he told us that on Thursday he was in a field of corn of 150 acres, in the Griffon section, that was shoulder high, and crops were phenomenally advanced. Cotton squares are abundant. He also says that in this much favored section the only evidence of the Third Party infatuates exist.

THE death of Miss Lola M. Grantham, daughter of ex-sheriff D. A. Grantham, occurred Friday night, at the home of her uncle in Grantham's township, of consumption, after a long and lingering illness, in the 23d year of her age. The funeral was held at the old homestead Saturday, where the interment was made.

THE young people of our city were royally entertained Friday evening at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Hyman. There were seventy young ladies and gentlemen in attendance. Delicious refreshments were served and a most delightful social evening was spent in general conversation, music, singing and recitations.

THE North Carolina Department of Agriculture have just prepared the crop returns from every county in the State, and up to June 1st the prospects indicate the growing crops as follows: Wheat 93 1-4; Oats 98 1-2; Rye 99 1-2; Rice 64 1-3; Cotton 81 1-4; Corn 93 1-8; Tobacco 94. Sweet Potatoes 94 1-3; Clover 91 1-2; Increased percentage of hogs raised 69; Fruit 60.

MR. E. R. Roth is in New York, where he went to be present at the graduating of his son Albert from the College of Civil Engineering of the Empire City. Albert graduated with such distinction, we are glad to know, that he was at once solicited to take a position with the syndicate who are constructing the great bridge across the Northeast river

We congratulate you right heartily, Albert.

EVERY church in the city was thronged with worshippers at all the services on Sunday as never before, so great an impetus has been imparted to religion in our community by the recent meetings of Evangelist Fife. There were numerous accessions, also, to the churches, as foreshadowed in Friday ARGUS, in our report of church preferences expressed on the cards returned by converts to Mr. Fife.

At the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Jno. L. Pate, near Dudley, on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, Justice W. H. Birch officiating, Mr. Gideon M. Price and Miss Lula Pate were united in the holy bond of wedlock. After the marriage a number of the happy couple's friends and relatives were sumptuously entertained by the hospitable hosts. THE ARGUS joins their friends in wishing them long life and prosperity always.

THE remains of Mr. W. H. Jones, the well-known brickmaker of this city, who died suddenly at Rocky Mount on Thursday, where he was engaged at work, were brought to this city Friday afternoon for interment in Willow Dale Cemetery. Deceased was about 70 years of age and died from overheat while burning a kiln of brick, was not a member of any church, and was a widower, leaving two grown sons.

MR. and Mrs. Fife took their departure on the noon-train Friday for their home in Fayetteville, via Wilson. They had a perfect ovation at the depot, hundreds of our citizens, ladies and gentlemen, young and old, white and black, turned out to bid them farewell and a hearty God bless you. Many beautiful flowers were presented to them and early fruits, and the regret at parting was sincere and widespread.

THE committee of arrangements of the Fife meeting request us to tender their special thanks to Mr. H. P. Dortch, Superintendent, and through him to the Electric Light Company, for their great generosity and uniform courtesy in gratuitously lighting the spacious tent—and with ample light during the course of the services. It was indeed a generous act and we are sure that it will be duly appreciated by our entire community, and by the hundreds beyond who attended the services.

THE Board of Directors of the Goldsboro Graded School have established a class of Physical Culture in the school, to be instituted at the opening of the School next session, and Miss Mariana Cobb, of this city, has been elected to the charge of it. Miss Cobb has specially prepared herself for this work by a course of study in Boston, and for the past school term has had charge of a class of Physical Culture in the Oxford Female Seminary, where she met with great success and won high commendation.

OLD "Aunt Sucky" Etheridge, a well-known figure who frequently visited the homes of this city soliciting carpets to weave, and who lived with a married son in the Saulston section of our county, is dead. Her age, from the best information obtainable, is set down at from 105 to 109 years, and yet she retained vigor enough to weave carpets and walk to town—a distance of seven miles—and home again whenever she needed to, up to within a year ago, when a steady decline set in that ended in her death Tuesday morning early.

THE fame of the Goldsboro Furniture Factory is no longer confined to American soil—nor is its patronage. This factory makes a patent office desk, which is said to be superior to all others in convenient appointments and beauty of workmanship and finish. The factory is now in receipt of an order from Liverpool for one of these desks, from a noted cotton broker, who has traveled many countries and visited leading business offices on all continents, and who was attracted by one of these desks in an American cotton buyer's office, and thus came the order. We go forward.

Nearly all the preachers, lawyers, doctors and editors in Columbus, O., ride bicycles.

Some one has said that the reason fish are good for the brain is because they go in schools.

THE FIFE MEETINGS.

The Glorious Work of Conversions go on to the Very Close, and Thousands of Hearts are Made to Rejoice. Let the Good That Has Been Accomplished in Our Midst be Nurtured and Cherished By Us All.

It was announced in Thursday's ARGUS that the Fife meeting would close with the service of Thursday morning—and such was the intention; but when the glorious service, thronged by hundreds of rejoicing souls, drew to a close there was a great pressure brought to bear upon Mr. Fife to hold yet one more service, in the afternoon, which he graciously consented to do, so long as there was a hope of gaining penitents and winning souls. Owing to the rain in the afternoon this service was held in the Baptist Church, which could not accommodate, even to standing room, the vast concourse of worshippers. This was a most thrilling meeting; it was purely a thanksgiving meeting—a meeting of personal expressions of thanks and praise, together with a general song service along the same line. It was indeed a gracious and a moving and a strengthening experience—gracious in the number of testimonials given in all over the vast congregation from converts; moving to see how sweet is the yoke of Christ to the penitent sinner; strengthening to see strong men stand up and pledge their lives to the service of God in communion and fellowship one with another and all together.

At this meeting, too, so gracious was the unction of the Holy Spirit, six professions of conversions were made when the invitation was extended to come, all who would, and accept Christ as their personal Saviour; and so much was interest enthused that Mr. Fife was again importuned for yet another service last night under the tent—a grand closing, concluding thanksgiving service, in which all might join and rejoice and be glad that God had visited this community so abundantly with His favor and touched the hearts of so many unto sorrow for their sins and acceptance of the Christian life. And so the tent was crowded last night—filled, thronged, exultant. Indeed, it was the "joy of salvation" made manifest by many hearts; it was the Holy Spirit resting on and God dwelling with His people; it was in very truth a "great multitude singing 'Alleluia', the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth!" The scene was truly sublime. Pen cannot portray it; language cannot describe it. It was a Pentecost indeed: old yet ever new with growing grace to the Christian heart; always abounding yet ever ready to abide with any who will receive it, giving unto all such the power and privilege of becoming the children of God.

There were 51 conversions at this one service, and hundreds of church members who had back-slided came forward and reconsecrated themselves to the service of God in their respective churches.

At the service Wednesday night there was a spontaneous free will offering taken up for Mr. Fife which reached a sum far in excess of any like offering ever before known in Goldsboro, showing how deeply and how substantially our people appreciate the great work Evangelist Fife has been able, in God's hands, to accomplish in our community. And indeed has it been God's work—no respecter of persons; unto all the Gospel has been preached; from the most refined and cultured even to the poor outcast of society, and "all along the line" there have been conversions manifold; and to the last named the good Christian elderly ladies of our city have turned with ineffable kindness and are providing for them against the necessities of

the hour and the vicissitudes of the future.

At the service Thursday morning Mr. Fife extended to all who would an invitation to express their sentiments in regard to the meeting then drawing to a close. The ministers of the several churches of our city spoke first, and they spoke from full hearts and in burning words, mellowed and softened with emotions of joy at the conversion and reclaiming of so many souls. Then all over the tent many laymen swelled the grand—the universal chorus of commendation.

Nor was that sweet singer, Mr. W. J. Ramsey, Mr. Fife's choir master, who has sung his way into the hearts of all our people, forgotten—nor will he ever be. He was presented with a handsome purse Thursday afternoon as a purely free will offering on the part of our people.

Crowded for space and the lateness of the hour prevents us from giving a more extended notice at this time. A cursory summing shows that 502 cards were issued to converts up to and including Thursday night's meeting; of these 317 have already been returned with the following church preferences: Methodist, 144; Baptist, 80; Presbyterian, 55; Episcopal, 15; undecided, 21; Quaker, 2.

Mr. Fife left at noon Friday for his home in Fayetteville, accompanied by his excellent Christian wife, who has done great good by her tireless aid in the meetings here:—may God bless both, as we know He ever will, abundantly.

Mr. Fife opens a meeting in Rocky Mount on Thursday, June 23, which will be his last meeting until the Fall.

COL. L. L. POLK DEAD.

A special telegram to THE ARGUS Saturday at noon announces the death of Col. L. L. Polk, the Third Party leader and president of the National Farmers' Alliance, which occurred of blood-poisoning at the Garfield Hospital, in Washington, D. C., Saturday morning, after a brief illness.

His death had been expected for three days, and as the news of his dangerous illness had been heralded throughout the country, this announced that he has at length come down to occupy the narrow house that is the portal through which all mortals must enter into immortality will not be received with surprise, although it will be read with the deepest regret by thousands in this State as well as throughout the United States.

Col. Polk was a native, we believe, of Anson county and was probably some 52 years of age.

No man in public life of this generation has his history before the people more thoroughly than is that of Col. L. L. Polk. It is not the province, therefore, of this article to do more than to make this announcement that he is no more.

Life's fitful fever over, may he sleep well.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in Post-Office at Goldsboro Wayne county, N. C. June 13, '92

- A—Miss Addie Arrington, Miss Sophia Albright.
- B—Mr. Joe Bayan.
- C—Miss Sue Congean, Smith & Clark.
- D—Denas Davis, P. H. Davis.
- H—Mr. R. E. L. Holt, Prince Howard, Mrs. P. T. Harry.
- M—D. K. McKinzie.
- P—W. R. Privett.
- R—Miss Jane Rouse.
- S—Jas. E. Smith.
- T—Dellar Tollar.
- W—Miss Sarah Warren, Miss Eady Winfill.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say advertised and give date of list. The regulations require that one cent shall be paid on all advertised letters. JOHN R. SMITH, P. M.

A MAMMOTH ENTERPRISE.

A Golden Opportunity for Goldsboro to Do Great Things for Herself.

We publish in this issue the charter of the North State Lumber Company, an organization of bankers and capitalists of the city of Baltimore, together with gentlemen from Suffolk, Va., and this city, for the purpose of purchasing and developing the vast pine timber resources of that section of country in our State bounded by Neuse river on the North, the Cape Fear river on the South, the W. & W. R. R. on the East, and the Wilson and Fayetteville Short Cut Railroad on the West.

This enterprise has been brought about by Mr. S. S. Hardison, of this city, formerly of Norfolk, Va., who commenced an investigation of the pine timber resources of this section of the State about two years ago.

After examining thoroughly all the country from the coast up, he became convinced that the above section contained by far the largest and most continuous bodies of the finest quality of the now famous "slash" or short-strawed pine timber in the State.

Twelve months ago he started an agent in the field taking options, and at the same time associated with himself Mr. Geo. L. Barton, of Suffolk, Va., who sent an agent to assist Mr. Hardison, and within three months they had secured quite enough of the section to justify an effort to organize a company with ample means to buy up and control the whole situation, whereupon they invited capitalists to join them to develop the effort, and so inviting was the field that these were readily found, and about six months ago they commenced the work of taking up options and paying cash for the timber, while the work of taking options continued, until now the section is so thoroughly purchased and controlled by the company as to exclude any possibility on the part of others to enter the field.

The company now have three agents with conveyances regularly in the field, finishing up the purchasing, surveying, examining and estimating the various timber tracts and taking up options as they mature, which will require three months more, when the company will own and control about 200,000 acres, virtually in one body, of the finest and largest yielding timber per acre that has ever been found and purchased by any single company in this State, and probably in the South.

The company expects to commence the work of erecting very large mills, kilns, etc., just as soon as they can determine just where they will lay their main line of railroad. And herein lies a golden opportunity for Goldsboro to secure not only the mammoth mill plant of the company, but also their main line of railroad. But Goldsboro would need to bestir herself; because the timber territory of this company is bounded by competing railroads on every side, and all of them will doubtless vie with one another to secure the junction of the line of railroad the company will necessarily have to build to get their timber to mill and to market. The C. F. & Y. V. will want it, and so will the R. & D., and so will the W. & W., either for its main line at Mount Olive, or for its Wilson and Florence "Short Cut." It is to be presumed that Goldsboro has a decided advantage over any other point, because while Sunbury is mentioned in the charter as the seat of incorporation, Goldsboro is now the home of Mr. Hardison, who is the directing spirit of the incorporation from a business standpoint, and, therefore, here is where most of the correspondence will doubtless be done. Besides, Goldsboro is in immediate contiguity to the vast timber holdings of the North State Lumber Company, and with her already many competing railroad advantages, she could offer strong inducements for the locating of the mill plant here, as also the securing of the line of railroad—in fact, the one necessarily carries the other with it.

But again, the territory of timber held by this company is largely that through which the proposed extension of the A. & N. C. R. R. would run. This road must surely be extended, the exigencies of its surroundings emphatically demand it. If this extension is made, as it should be at once, then there will be no need of the North State Lumber Company's building a line of road at

all, as the A. & N. C. extension could serve them for hauling their logs, at reasonable cost, to their mill plant. This would give the A. & N. C. extension ready freight patronage at once, besides being sure to secure the mill plant for Goldsboro.

The time for action is at hand. Let Goldsboro take heed of the opportunity.

Pikeville Letter.

Dear Argus:—Mr. John B. Exum, of Saulton, was visiting in our town Tuesday.

Our young townsman Mr. John F. Fort left Wednesday for Baltimore, where he will spend some weeks with friends.

Charles, the little nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hosen, had the misfortune to fall from a fence last Wednesday and break his right arm just above the wrist. At this writing the little fellow is getting along very well, we are glad to know.

There was quite a crowd of country people in town Saturday evening, which made trade with our merchants brisk.

Mr. Richard Ezzell, of Johnston county, was in town Sunday on a visit to his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ezzell.

Miss Lizzie Parks, of Saulton, is visiting friends in this section.

Our young townsman, Mr. John T. Edgerton, will give a Sunday School lecture here next Sunday evening at 4 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend.

J. F. H.

Pikeville, N. C., June 13, '92.

Historical Societies.

Historical societies exist in a majority of the States of the Union which have been potent influences in stimulating historical investigation and in gathering historical material. Quite three hundred volumes have issued from the historical societies of New England and the Northwest, and in order to investigate properly any subject in our history one must travel or correspond with Madison, Wis.; Worcester, Washington, or Boston. No active historical society exists in North Carolina. Therefore, it has seemed wise to me—an individual worker, to invite all those interested in historical study to meet at Morehead City, June 27th, to establish a historical society in North Carolina—inter-collegiate in character, and seeking to embrace in its membership all earnest historical workers, in or out of schools, young or old.

The object of the society shall be to collect, embody and preserve, a library of books, pamphlets, maps, charts, manuscripts, papers and other material illustrative of State history; to rescue from oblivion the memory of its early life and pioneers; to exhibit faithfully the antiquities and the past and present condition and resources of North Carolina, and to take proper steps to promote the study of history by lectures and with legislative assistance, to publish and diffuse information relative to the history of the State.

Trusting to have your counsel and your sympathy, either in person or by letter, I am,

Most Respectfully Yours,

EDWIN A. ALDERMAN,

State Normal School,

Greensboro, N. C., June 14, '92.

IMMENSE TRUCK SHIPMENTS.

The Biggest day the Railroad has ever had.

Great quantities of truck are now leaving Newbern and the country near, Tuesday, the Atlantic and N. C. Railroad carried about thirty car loads and the steamer Neuse took out 41,000 packages—23,000 barrels of potatoes and 18,000 boxes of beans.

Saturday was a still greater shipping day. The steamer Enola took out 2,333 packages and the railroad—well, it had by 50 per cent the largest shipment it has ever had in one day since the trucking began. It had between 15,000 and 18,000 packages and nearly all of them were barrels of potatoes. It took four separate trains, aggregating sixty-two cars to carry them, and the cars were large ones, of 40,000 to 60,000 pounds capacity each, which makes them equal to 120 of the cars that were in ordinary use ten years ago. Notwithstanding the immense quantity the railroad made all connections with the entire shipment.—Newbern Journal.