

Dr. John K. Ruffin is visiting relatives in Virginia.

Mr. Henry Bridgers, of Tarboro, was in the city yesterday.

Miss Laura Reed, of Winston, is in the city the guest of Mrs. P. D. Gold.

Miss Dunn, who had been in the city nursing Mr. David Oettinger, left yesterday.

Miss Mittie Byum returned yesterday from Greenville. Her cousin, Miss Harper with her.

Mr. J. B. Clements, of Henderson, who has been visiting friends and relatives returned home Saturday.

M. Henry Blount left yesterday to deliver the Annual Commencement address at the Whitakers Academy.

Mrs. C. P. Gaylor, and her niece and nephew, Normo and Alton, are in the city the guest, of Mrs. T. J. Herring.

Mrs. G. W. Norwood, of Raleigh who has been visiting Mrs. W. W. Cox, of Speight's Bridge, left yesterday for home.

Dr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson left last Wednesday night for Asheville to attend the meeting of the State Board Examiners of which Dr. Anderson is a member.

Mr. Hunter Fleming and Miss Winnie Fleming, of Kinston, who had been visiting their brother Mr. C. M. Fleming, returned to Kinston Wednesday.

Dr. N. B. Herring left this afternoon for Salem to present at the graduation at his daughter, Miss Julia, at Salem Female Academy. He goes from Salem to Asheville to attend the medical convention.

#### A Big Fish on his Hook.

Washington, May 29.—Captain Barnes, of the Senate, has returned here from Atlantic City, N. J., where he has been recuperating his health. He looks as brown as a berry and strong and vigorous. While at the New Jersey resort Captain Barnes had a most exciting experience during a fishing trip. Near what is termed the outer wreck, about three miles from shore, the fishing for sea bass is excellent. Going to the fishing grounds about the wreck Captain Barnes prepared himself for a day's sport. To more securely keep his line he fastened it about his body. His catch was satisfactory for an hour or two, when suddenly a heavy fish took his hook and darted off. The Captain says it felt as heavy as a huge shark. The line reeled out at great speed, despite the Captain's strenuous efforts to hold it, and he was fast following his line overboard into the seething sea, when the friction created by the line running over the side of the boat burned it in two.

Even now, ten days since his miraculous escape from furnishing food for the fishes the captain turns pale and shudders while recounting this most exciting episode.

C. Warren Woodard and bride of Wilson, N. C., are here on the honeymoon trip and are stopping at the Metropolitan. The happy couple have spent the past two days at the Metropolitan. The happy couple have spent the past two days at the Metropolitan. The happy couple have spent the past two days at the Metropolitan.

#### Elm City Items.

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Miss Susan Daughtry left Monday for her home in Rock Mount.

Mr. Frank Barnes returned home Monday from the State University.

Miss Sallie Barnes returned Wednesday from Greensboro Normal.

Mrs. J. L. Sharpe and children, of Raleigh, are here on a visit to relatives.

Mr. Peter Jones was in town several days last week the guest of Mr. R. S. Wells.

Mrs. Etta Taylor, of Black Creek, came Monday on a visit to her sister, Mrs. C. L. Perry.

Mr. W. L. Doles was called home Monday by the severe illness of his wife, we are glad to know she is greatly improved.

We regret to learn that on last Thursday Mrs. Martha Braswell was again stricken with paralysis, and is now critically ill, with no hopes of improvement.

The annual concert of the Elm City high school is expected to be given on next Friday night, the 26th of May. In getting up the concert Mr. Hays has been laboring under right many difficulties as the combined effects of measles, mumps and roseola has greatly reduced the attendance of pupils at school.

PHANTOM.

#### Dave Oettinger Dead.

During the past few months, while the genial and kind hearted Dave Oettinger had been battling with the disease, which all thought would result in death, the sincere sympathy of every heart in Wilson had been with him and his family.

But last Monday morning when it was told around the city, that Dave Oettinger had passed away every one knew that the sufferings of a good man were ended, and believed that he had gone to rest. For if a life in which much suffering is alleviated, in which many hearts are made much happier by his charity,—life free from immorality and vice does not entitle the liver to the title of christian, then few, very few will bear the name.

Mr. Oettinger was born about forty years ago in Washington D. C.

Early in the seventies he came to this city with his brother Mr. Jonas Oettinger, and for some years they were with Mr. Rosenthal. Later they both bought out this store and at Mr. Dave Oettinger's death, the large business done in the three stores on Wilson's principal street was a monument to the business integrity of each of these two brothers.

In 1891, Mr. Dave Oettinger married Miss Bertha Rosenthal, of Washington D. C. Two children blessed this union and no family was a happier one. Until last summer Mr. Oettinger was a very healthy man. During the summer season he contracted malaria, which so impregnated his system that before it was eradicated, enlargement of the liver was produced.

All that medical skill could do, was done to relieve the sufferings which were great, and until a few months ago, hope was entertained for his recovery. Later though it became evident that recovery was impossible and so he awaited death as a martyr. Last Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock he passed away.

The interment was to be in Washington D. C. and so Monday night before the remains were taken away, services, in part were held by Rabbi Myerberger. The local lodge, of Masons, of which Mr. Oettinger was a prominent member assisted.

In Washington on Tuesday afternoon suitable ceremonies were held and the body was interred.

Thus passes away a most worthy citizen, a kind hearted gentleman, an ideal husband and father and a true friend. Although after the customs and traditions of his fathers he was a Jew "of the strictest sect", yet with "orderly walk and godly conversation," he exemplified the life and teachings of the man Christ Jesus.

As a mason, Mr. Oettinger's place can not be filled. He was Past Master of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 117, and Past High Priest, of Mt. Lebanon, Chapter No. 27. Masons of this city sent Messrs. J. W. Williams, W. J. Boykin, Dave Woodard, Thos. Bell, E. H. Adams and F. S. Davis, to Washington with the remains, and these gentlemen acted as pall bearers.

The masons of Wilson and the state will feel and mourn the death of Mr. Oettinger.

#### The Commencement at the Graded School.

It was an audience of Wilson's best people which crowded the chapel at the Graded School last Friday morning, to hear the address delivered by Dr. E. A. Alderman, president of the State University.

Promptly at 10:30 o'clock, Mr. Geo. W. Connor, ex-superintendent of the schools, with a few well chosen and appropriate remarks, introduced the speaker. To those who know and have heard Dr. Alderman, it is unnecessary to say that his address was one of purest diction clearest logic, and noblest thought. For one hour the speaker kept his audience unto himself, delighting them with his pure flow of purest English thrown into a grand appeal for all that is good and pure and noble in Southern manhood. His theme, "The South must expect her best development from the education of its young manhood," was a popular one and so handled as to impress his audience with the practicability of the plans proposed.

Dr. Alderman plead for education of heart and hand and showed that since the death of the illustrious Vance, North Carolina has had no leader who possessed the fawn and brain to lead the people.

The address was elegant in its simplicity and was characteristic of the speaker.

The peroration was a good appeal for practical results along the lines suggested by the address.

After the speaking, Prof. Mangum,

the superintendent of the schools, apologized for the omission of the annual commencement exercises by the children, giving as a reason that the smallpox scare, the epidemics of mumps and the weather had delayed the children so much that no time was left for extra preparation.

#### Picnic.

Although last Wednesday was very raw for the 24th of May, yet it was picnic day for the Sunday school at Barefoot's chapel, and, thanks to the untiring efforts of Superintendent "Coon" Farmer, everything passed off nicely.

The crowd had gathered early and when the speaking began at 11:30 o'clock, the house could not accommodate the crowd.

The exercises were opened with singing and then a very fervent prayer was offered by the Superintendent.

Superintendent E. P. Mangum of the Wilson public schools, was then introduced by S. G. Mewborne Esq., of this city.

Mr. Mangum's address was forceful and earnest, fervidly and yet calmly delivered and abounded in wholesome advice. His plea was for a realization of the responsibility of a Sunday school teacher, and of the true relations between pupil and teacher. Mr. Mangum at his conclusion introduced Mr. Henry Blount who in his inimitable manner, delighted his audience and kept them laughing for a half hour with a recital of anecdotes, which made the crowd forget everything but to laugh.

After the speaking and a short intermission, dinner was announced, and such a dinner! Barbecue, and cornbread, ham and lightbread, chicken and biscuit, cracker and pickle, strawberries and cakes, were only a part of the good things under which the tables fairly groaned.

Ample provision had been made for the children, their table being a low one and nobody was in their way.

Everybody had a plenty and several barbecues were uncut. These people know how to prepare. Everybody had a good time and every one present hopes to get an invitation again next year.

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#### The Storm Last Thursday.

A fierce wind, rain and hail storm passed through this county and directly over this city last Thursday afternoon doing much damage.

Court was in session in Wilson and the noise of the wind and falling hail rendered it impossible for the business to proceed.

The storm lasted only a few minutes, but reports show a great deal of damage. The storm entered the northwestern end of the county and passed over to the southeast.

The track of the storm was marked by unroofed houses, blown-down trees and demolished fences.

Special instances of the violence of the storm are many.

On Cozert and Washington's farm in Taylor's township, a tobacco barn was unroofed, and much fencing destroyed. At Mr. Haywood Edmundson's place near this city a mule was killed by lightning and the boy with the mule was stunned.

At Elder Jas. Woodard's some little damage was done to a prize house, the tin roof being blown off.

At Mr. Jim Privett's north of the city an old buggy house was completely demolished.

At the Bynum place owned by Mr. F. W. Barnes, eight fine oaks in the beautiful grove were blown down.

But right at the city was the greatest damage done, Mr. T. B. Sugg's cow house on his dairy farm, between the city and Judge Connor's, was blown down and several cows slightly injured. The building was a total wreck. A little boy, son of the milkman, was in the building trying to get out the cows, was knocked down by the flying timbers and badly hurt. His leg was crushed and his head severely bruised by a heavy timber striking him and knocking him on the ground.

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