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SOMETHING DOING IN SCRANTON

DURING THE PAST WEEK—A PYTHIAN ENTERTAINMENT—LADIES' BAZAAR A GRATIFYING SUCCESS.

SCRANTON, May 28—Quite a number of important events took place in Scranton last week and more are scheduled this week. At the present rate it will not be long before we will acquire the name of the little place that does big things, or something like that.

Last Wednesday night Mr Thomas H Lindsey, a prominent Pythian of North Carolina gave an entertainment under the auspices of the K. of P. lodge and his thrilling stories and laughable impersonations were very interesting and enjoyed by all who were so fortunate to attend. The history of Pythianism in our town should be an inspiration to other lodges. In this town a Pythian lodge has been established but a few years and today it is in a healthy and thriving condition and has the names of some of our best citizens on the roster. The members are zealous workers and the lodge is in the front rank of fraternal orders hereabouts.

The bazaar given by the Ladies' Sewing circle on last Friday night was one that should long be remembered, as it was such a swell affair. There were many visitors from other towns and cities who spoke of having a good time and we are glad to hear them thus express themselves.

The silk quilt, which was voted off for the most popular lady present was awarded to Miss Olive Lavender, a beautiful young lady of New Zion, but for the past eight months who has been attending school at this place. She received 1,031 votes.

The silk sofa pillow, which was voted for the most popular gentleman in town, was awarded to Mr Eugene M Lowman, cashier of the Scranton bank. He received a vote of 162. Among those that attended were: Mrs J B Johns and Miss Kate Johns of Spartanburg, Mrs M H Wootton and daughter of Kinston, N. C., Misses Lena Severance, Blanche Phillips, Rosa Carter, Eloise Sturgeon, Ola Lovett, Miss Jervey, Miss Stuckey, Mrs W H Fair, Will Joyner, M M Mortey, E M King, Tracey Askins, E M Williams and Dr W L Whitehead of Lake City.

Mrs M H Wootton and daughter of Kinston, N. C. are visiting Mrs Fred Hines at this place.

Mr and Mrs D L Lee are taking in the Jamestown exposition this week.

Mrs J B Johns and daughter of Spartanburg are visiting the home of Rev J W Truluck this week.

Miss Bessie Cusaac of Sardis is visiting her brother, Mr Geo. C Cusaac, at this place.

Mr W T Myers of Cowards was in town today.

Mrs W E Carter of Lake City spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Dr W S Lynch left Sunday night for Anderson, where he has gone to attend the meeting of the Grand Lodge K. of P. He was accompanied by Mr J. I. Daniels of Hannah and Hon. W. E. Gause of Cowards.

Mrs S E Graham of Wilming-

ton, who has been visiting relatives at Scranton, returned to her home this morning.

Miss Laura Morris returned to her home at New Zion Saturday after spending several days with friends in town. She was accompanied by Miss Chessie McKnight, who will spend a few days with the former at her home.

Mr John Lavender and sister of New Zion visited friends here last week.

Mr and Mrs M J Kirby of Timmons ville were noted in town Monday.

Mr E M Lowman spent Sunday with his parents at Timmons ville.

The amount raised by the Ladies' Sewing Circle last Friday night was \$32.50, clear of all expenses, which will be applied to a fountain that is to be erected on the school-house yard.

Rev. J. W. Truluck preached a very interesting sermon in the Baptist church Sunday, receiving membership of four who were baptized at the Cockfield landing Sunday afternoon.

M. R. M.

DEATH OF MRS MCKINLEY.

Wife of the Martyr President Passes Away.

CANTON, O., May 26:—At 1:05 o'clock this afternoon Mrs William McKinley fell into the sleep that knows no awakening. The transition from life to death was so peaceful and gradual that it was with difficulty that the vigilant physicians and attendants noted when dissolution came.

The body of Mrs McKinley will be placed in the vault in West Lawn cemetery which holds the remains of her husband, until the completion of the mausoleum on Monument Hill, when both caskets will be transferred to their places in the tomb.

Mrs McKinley's life of almost 60 years has been familiar to the nation by the fact that more than half of it was a period of invalidism. Through all this, however, she showed a firm and unwavering belief in the career of her husband and by her cheering words, in spite of personal afflictions, encouraged him when there was darkness at hand.

She believed that his star of destiny would never set until he had become president and for more than a quarter of a century cherished that belief until her hopes were realized.

After President McKinley's death she expressed a desire to join him and prayed daily that she might join him. Later, however, she frequently told friends she desired to live until the completion of the McKinley mausoleum, which is the gift of the nation, and which is to be dedicated on Monument Hill, September 30, next.

Lane Locals.

LANE, May 27:—The public school here closed last Friday and Miss Gertrude McAdams left this morning for her home at Honea Path. We all hate to see her leave, but we hope she will be with us next session.

Mr J A McCollough has returned from a trip to Bennettsville.

Mr W T Mitchum is quite sick at this time. I hope he will soon be up again.

BLUE EYES.

TEXAS CROP BROKE ALL RECORDS.

Census Figures as to Last Year's Cotton Production.

WASHINGTON, May 19:—The census bureau has issued its first complete statement relative to the cotton crop of the United States for the year 1906 by States. The total crop of 1906 is placed at 13,305,265 bales, compared with 10,725,602 for 1905 and 13,697,310 for 1904. Expressed in 500-pound bales, crops are 13,595,498 for 1906, 10,804,556 for 1905, and 13,679,954 for 1904. The 1906 crop is 25.8 per cent larger than that of 1905 and but two-thirds of 1 per cent less than the record crop of 1904.

The average production of cotton in the United States for the last five years is 11,790,558 bales, or 1,804,940 bales less than the crop of 1904. Of the total production of 1906 the territory west of the Mississippi river contributed 7,233,210 bales, or 53.2 per cent, while the States east contributed 6,362,288 bales, or 46.8 per cent, which compares with 44.8 and 55.2 per cent for the combined production of these sections for the four prior to 1906.

The production of Texas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory in 1906 amounted to 5,200,199 bales, or 38.2 per cent of the total for the country, compared with 30.5 per cent in 1905, a gain of 7.7 per cent. The production of 918,375 bales in Oklahoma and Indian Territory gives the new State a respectable rank among the cotton-production States, it being larger than the combined production of North Carolina and Tennessee and only 55,415 bales less than that of Arkansas. In 1899 the combined production of Oklahoma and Indian Territory was 217,990 bales, the crop having increased more than four fold in eight years.

Cotton ginning is now reported from every county in Oklahoma except two, and from every recording district in the Indian Territory except three.

The 1906 crop for Texas ex-

ceeds all previous records, the State having contributed 4,281,824 bales, or 31.5 per cent. of the country's production. The next largest contributor is Georgia with 1,626,330 bales, or 12 per cent; Mississippi 1,569,530 bales, or 11.5 per cent; Alabama 1,284,421 bales, or 9.4 per cent. The combined production of these four States is 8,762,105 bales, or 64.4 per cent of the total for the country.

The States of Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina and Virginia each produced less cotton in 1906 than in 1905, the combined loss amounting to 338,762 bales.

HOMICIDE NEAR GREELYVILLE.

One Negro Man Kills Another at a Woman's House.

GREELYVILLE, May 25:—News was received here early this morning of the killing of Mose Parsons by Wesley Stagers, at the house of Susan Keels, about four miles from this place.

Magistrate S M Bradshaw, held an inquest this morning. The woman, Susan Keels, was the first witness. She said that about 10 o'clock last night she heard a noise at her window and on opening it she saw Wesley Stagers standing near the window. She told him to go away. About this time Mose Parsons came up when Wesley shot him with a shotgun loaded with small shot, the load taking effect in left side. Mose walked a few steps and fell on his face dead. His open knife was found by his side.

Wesley has given himself up and is now lodged in jail.

Change of Schedule.

The following change of schedule went into effect on the A. C. L. railroad May 27, 1907:

NORTH BOUND.

No 80, due to leave 7.41 A. M.

No 50, due to leave 6.36 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

No 51, due to leave 10.52 A. M.

No 89, due to leave 9.17 P. M.

J. P. TAYLOR, Agent.

Kingstree, S. C., May 27, 1907.

CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

Scholarship and Entrance Examination to Freshman Class.

The examination for the award of scholarships from Williamsburg County and ADMISSION TO FRESHMAN CLASS will be held at the County court-house on Friday, July 5, at 9 a. m. Applicants for scholarships may secure blank application forms the county Superintendent of Education. These blanks must be filled out properly and filed with the county superintendent before the beginning of the examination. Those taking the examination for entrance to the Freshman class and not trying for a scholarship should file their application with the President Mell. The scholarships are worth \$100 and free tuition. One Scholarship student from each county may select the Textile course, others must take one of the Agricultural courses. Examination paper will be furnished, but each applicant should provide himself with 'scratch paper. The number of scholarships to be awarded will be announced later.

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