

LOCAL NEWS FROM SCRANTON.

Things Seen and Heard in Town and Environs.

SCRANTON, June 18:—Scranton seems to be gradually growing larger and her citizens are of course delighted to see their town so rapidly building up. Several families have recently moved here to make this their future home. But we regret to see now and then families leaving and going else-where to live.

Mr and Mrs L H Little, who have been living in Scranton for the past ten months, will leave Thursday for Marion, where they will make their future home. Mr and Mrs Little have made many friends here and we hate very much to see them go.

Mr J C Lynch has erected a new dwelling house on church street, which helps the looks of that part of town very much.

Mr P M Lee and family of Conway have become residents of our town. We extend our heartiest welcome.

Mr Hartwell Graham of Wilmington, N. C., visited the Misses Graham Sunday.

Dr Willard McKnight left Thursday night for Charleston, where he has gone to accept a position in that city.

Miss Carrie Miller of Kingstree was the guest of Mr J E Sports last week.

Mr J P Turner of Hannah (Florence county) passed through town Monday en route to Florence, where he has gone as a juror to attend court.

Mrs W S Lynch and daughter, Miss Mary Olive Lynch, and W S Lynch, Jr., accompanied by Mrs Fred Hines and son, Matthew, visited friends in Kingstree last week.

Mr O H Graham, who has been attending Clemson college, returned home last week to spend his vacation.

Mr L O Hinson of Cowards was among the visitors here last week.

Messrs O B Carter and E M Lowman visited friends at Timmonsville Sunday.

Mr Archie A Duncan, traveling salesman for the Geer Drug Co., of Charleston, was in town this week.

Mr John Wiggins of Rosemary passed through town this morning, on his way to Friendfield to visit his parents and friends.

The star mail route from here to Sardis will be discontinued after next Saturday and will be replaced by an R F D route. This will make three R F D routes for Scranton.

Mrs Alex Cooke, who lives near Bass' bridge, fell dead Monday. Her death was supposed to have been caused from heart failure. She leaves a husband and several children to survive her.

Mr and Mrs J A Gantt of Florence spent a few days in town last week with relatives and friends.

Master Harvey Parker is visiting friends at Florence this week.

Mr N B Sturgeon is at Effingham this week.

Mr Lorey Turner of Hannah was seen in town Monday.

Miss Dora Matthews and Mr Sam J Matthews of Cowards were guests of Mr and Mrs J M Coward Sunday.

Mr Lee Byrd of Live Oak, Fla., is visiting friends at Scranton.

Mr H B Lee went to Florence today on business.

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TROUBLE AT HYMAN.

Obstreperous Negroes Cause Race Riot to be Apprehended.

Reports from Hyman say there was considerable uneasiness in that community Saturday night and Sunday because of a threat of a race riot. It seems that the trouble arose from a negro threatening and cursing a white man, and the white man drawing a pistol and trying to shoot the negro. Other white men interfered and separated the two, and caught the negro when he was trying to escape from the store. A crowd of negroes gathered quickly and threatened to "use up" the white man when he went home, but he was accompanied by other white men and the negroes did not make the attempt.

On Sunday the negroes gathered at their church in that village and the white people were fearful lest they might mean to give trouble and were ready to meet them, but there was no trouble.

It is said that this is the third time that there has been a threat of trouble in that community and that the people are getting restless over the situation. They say that the leaders in this sort of trouble must be sent away from the community and they expect all the race who want peace and good order to help them in maintaining it and sending off and keeping off the men who make the trouble.

If a riot should break out in that community the people in all surrounding communities are ready to flock to the assistance and put down the trouble. Many of them are anxious to get even with some of the agitators. Quick and easy communication could be had with Florence. —*Florence Times*.—June 18.

A Feathered Weaver.

The crafts are nearly all represented in bird life, but perhaps the most striking achievement is that of the tailor bird of Asia. When preparing to make a nest these birds choose a plant with leaves about the size of a man's hand. These they proceed to make into a bag. They pluck the boll of the cotton plant and actually spin it into thread with their bills and feet and there-with literally sew together the edges of the chosen leaves.

A Modest Village Blacksmith.

The little village could not boast of having many entertainments, and a concert was an event which was looked forward to with delight by the inhabitants. It was at one of these "musical feasts" that a stranger sang with great feeling "The Village Blacksmith."

In response to a vociferous encore the singer was about to start "Rocked In the Cradle of the Deep," when the chairman tugged his coat tail.

"Better sing the old 'un over again, mister," he whispered. "I 'appen to be the chap you've been singing about—the village blacksmith—and I reckon it'd only be fair to me if you was to sing it all over again and pop in another verse sayin' 'as 'ow I let out bicycles.'" —*London Mail*.

A Conscientious Parson.

A wedding took place a short time back in a large town in the north of England, the service being conducted by a rather eccentric vicar. Two days after the ceremony he called at the house of the bridegroom's mother, but she happened to be out, so he said he would call again, which he did later in the day, carrying two large bags under his arm.

This time he found her in. So he began by asking them to clear the table a little. Then he opened the green bags, from which he took the registers. These he opened and in a most solemn tone said:

"Mrs. Williams, you have forgotten to dot the 'i' in Elizabeth."

The family breathed once more. —*London Answers*.

Chaining the Child.

She may have been either a wicked little girl or simply one of those children who refuse absolutely to "stay put," but whatever her ailment her mother certainly made enough of a parade of it. The pair were strolling along the other afternoon, and around the left wrist of the child was a stout dog collar of leather, to which was fastened a heavy chain of steel links, the end of which was held firmly in the mother's right hand. The chaining might have been done in all kindness, but the effect on the passing throng was to arouse a keen sense of pity for the child. —*New York Press*.

FATHER'S LESSON.

The Trick of Teaching as He Tried It on the Boy.

"Don't lop down on the couch that way, Bobby," the tired little mother implored. "Stand up and pull down your sweater and try to remember. Henry," she added, lifting a flushed, almost tearful face to her husband as he entered the room, "this boy simply can't learn anything by heart, do you know it? It's a physical impossibility. Here his teacher has assigned two pages of the 'Lady of the Lake' to be committed to memory before tomorrow morning, and I've worked with him all the evening, and he can't say the first two lines now! Why, at his age I used to recite long selections at the church entertainments. All our children did. He must take after your side of the family."

"My side! Well, that's a good idea! I think I spoke a few pieces at school myself. Let me have the book. Probably you haven't the trick of teaching—that's the main thing. Here, son, come in the other room and let your father have a try with you."

A half hour followed, during which the paternal voice grew louder and louder, while the listening wife grew first tranquil, then merry.

At last the folding doors opened. "Come, son," said Bobby's father in a voice that cracked the whip. "Show your mother what you've learned in half an hour."

"All he needed was to have it impressed on his mind that the last words in every two lines rhyme," he added as he placed the open book in his wife's hands and pointed to the couplet about the famous stag: "But ere his fleet career he took The dewdrops from his flanks he shook."

"Go on, son," he commanded again. "They rhyme in twos, remember."

"Yes, sir," Bobby swallowed hard. "But—but ere he took his fleet career—He—he shook the dewdrops from his ear!" was the triumphant finish. And then Bobby wondered why his mother laughed until she cried.—*Exchange*.

Changed, Yet the Same.

A southern man, who has for some years past been established in New York, recently visited his former home in Virginia. While there he was busy renewing old acquaintances. Among these was the son of an old preacher whom the former Virginian remembered as having invariably discoursed on the same topic.

"Heard father since you've been back?" asked the son.

"I am sorry to say that I have not," said the other. "Tell me," he added, with a smile, "is he preaching that same old sermon?"

"Oh, yes," replied the son, not at all taken aback by the question, "but for the last year or two he's been hollering in different parts of it." —*Lippincott's*.

Lamb and the Scotchman.

Charles Lamb said he never could impress a Scotchman with any new truth; that they all required it to be spelled and explained away in old equivalent and familiar words and phrases. He said he had spoken to a Scotchman who sat next to him at dinner of a healthy book.

"Healthy, sir! Healthy, did you say?"

"Yes, healthy."

"I dinna comprehend. I have heard of a healthy man and of a healthy morning, but never of a healthy book."

Made It a Good Omen.

Napoleon III. did a graceful thing to avert an ill omen. Captain Jean Coeurpreux in a ball given at the Tuileries tripped and fell. But Napoleon held out his hand to help him up, saying as he did so: "M. le Commandant, this is the second time I have seen you fall. The first time was by my side on the field of Magenta."

Then turning to the lady he addressed:

"Henceforth Captain Coeurpreux is commandant of my guides."

Self Command.

"Self command is the main elegance," "self control is the rule," says Emerson. He is enforcing that rule of manners which bids us avoid the exaggeration that causes loss of power and heat that makes our inferiors our superiors. He quotes from the austere, reserved, eloquent St. Just, "Keep cool and you command everybody," and from the wily old Talleyrand, "Above all, gentlemen, no heat."

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