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LOCAL

The sunset Tuesday evening was one of exceptional beauty, continuing long after the sun had set.

The wife of Mr. Alex. Nantz, who lives a few miles from this place, died on Monday, after a long illness.

A gentleman who lives just across the river, is happy over a recent addition to his family consisting of three young persons.

Rev. Dr. Milburn, the lecturer, preached here Sunday to a large congregation. He took for his text the 14th verse of the 1st chapter of John. Everybody who attended was greatly pleased with the sermon.

We are glad to welcome the Rutherford College Enterprise to our exchange list. This College includes a regular classical College, Business and female college under one management. The number of students is 278.

The friends of the late Rev. G. Wilson McPhail, D. D., formerly president of this college have erected a beautiful monument over his grave here, and have also placed a tablet to his memory in the chapel in the college building.

The comet can now be seen in the south-western sky soon after dark, as it sets about twenty or twenty-one o'clock, the best time to look for it is nineteen or soon after.

Our astronomical editor not having yet completed his calculations of the latitude and longitude of the visitor, nor when it will be brightest nor when it will return, we are unable to state these interesting facts to the public.

The elections in the societies for marshals and representatives will come off Saturday morning. Great interest is, as usual, taken in the result and the various candidates are exerting themselves to secure their election. This is especially so in the case of the chief marshal. The Phi's elect this important officer this year, and two candidates are in the field. Meanwhile the voters, or in Dr. Milburn's words, "the masses" are having a good time.

A HORSE THIEF ESCAPES.

After Shooting one of His Guards - A Narrow Escape.

The news was brought here Tuesday morning last, that Mr. Sam Pressley, son of Rev. Dr. Pressley, pastor of Coddle Creek Church, had been shot by a negro whom he was guarding. The man who brought the intelligence, came to summon Dr. Holt to see the wounded man. The extent and nature of the wound were not known before the physician arrived, and the family were in great suspense. When Dr. Holt had examined the wound, he found that the ball had penetrated the skin just above the right eye and had come out just above the left without causing any dangerous injury. The negro had been arrested for stealing a horse from Mrs. McClellan, who lives near Dr. Pressley. He was arrested and several young men were guarding him. By some means he got of a little distance from the men and finding that Mr. Pressley was the only one near enough to prevent his escape, he pulled out a pistol, shot at him and fled. He has not yet been captured, but the officers are on his track, and will no doubt soon find him. Mr. Pressley's wound was pronounced not dangerous by the physicians, being only a flesh wound.

More Speeches.

The Oratorical Club will hold its regular meeting in the old chapel Saturday night. The following are the orators of the occasion: Messrs. S. E. Chandler, N. L. Anderson, T. B. Finley, B. F. Wilson, C. S. Bratton and E. W. Faucette. Two or three of the speakers will be unable to appear, but the audience will be finely entertained by the others. Everybody should come to this meeting.
Dr. Milburn's Lectures.
The Celebrated Blind Orator and His Lectures Here—Fine Audiences &c.

Davidson College has been enjoying quite a treat for the last few days past. We have had the pleasure of listening to the famous blind orator, Dr. Milburn. He delivered three lectures at the old chapel—this place—and each time was listened to by a large and appreciative audience. Last Friday evening, January 25, he lectured on what "A blind man saw in Paris," Saturday, 26th, on "Sargent S. Prentiss," and Monday evening 28th, on "Aaron Burr.

He began his first lecture with Eulogy on the eye, and then entertained his audience with scenes and life in Paris, as a foreigner, (American) views them. He led his hearers along the Boulevard, the favorite resort of the Parisian, along Royal street to the church of the Madeleine, thence to the place Louis IV, or as it is now called place de Copsis; the historical quarter—where stood the Bastile, the city hall of Paris, and church of our Lady: thence through numerous streets and Boulevards to the Latin quarter, the home of the students and where stands the famous University of Paris, where the Palace of the Kings and Emperors is displayed. The arch of Triumph and even the Emperor and Empress themselves, taking an afternoon drive on the Boulevard; but now, Fallen, even the Queen and leader of fashion is brought before our view: he then gave an account of the manners of the people, relating of the profound reverence of the young toward the old, and in this young American can be taught a lesson. The ways of the American in Paris, and then the vices are held up, and the sin, the dark side of Parisian life. But space will not allow us to dwell on these scenes longer, and we pass to the next two.

The Life and Times of Sargent S. Prentiss, also that of Aaron Burr. In these, the lectures lost none of his charms, but gave an interesting account of these characters. The powers of Dr. Milburn are really remarkable; he has a fine voice, and with a high power of imagination and elaboration, he commanded the audience throughout his lectures and now holding them spell bound by his deep pathos, now convulsing them with laughter by the presentation of the ludicrous, and his speech ever flowing like a fresh riverlet flowing as if from some deep current, ever pure and sparkling, and ever ready to be taken in deep draughts by the thirsty traveler. Taking all in all that the words are spoken by the blind, that all these like and real scenes are presented with such exactness and beauty, and it is enough to shame many a man who has eyes but will not make use of them. But I am getting to hope that all will pay this gentleman a visit, should he ever happen to come in their vicinity, they will not regret it.

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"By the road of by-and-by one arrives at the house of never."—Spanish Proverb.

A bag of charcoal suspended in a cistern will purify the water, and meat wrapped and packed in charcoal will keep fresh for weeks.

Bellows may be used with great efficiency while sweeping down stairs. First, sweep the stairs carefully, then with the bellows blow out the dust from the crevices and corners.
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Care of the Household.

BY "EXPERIENCE".

Let home be the place for comfort. For want of it how many households are wrecked; the young driven away from its shelter, and its inmates, haunted with the specters of joys they have never known. Let there be physical as well as mental comfort. Pleasant chairs to rest in. Soft lounges for tired limbs or for a cozy nap to cheer the system for a resumption of labor. These should be in the living room, and will give it its home aspect, whether it be kitchen or sitting room. (We ignore most parlors. It should be the sunniest and most pleasant room of the house, and if flowers can be added in winter, still fairer will be the picture. There should be light, comfortable places for sewing, not subject to the opening of room or closet doors. If the household is a busy one, do not let its labors extend to the evening. It is real economy to make this a time of rest or easy employment. The mind is invigorated and improved, and the lady works the better for this period of rest. The home is made attractive if some regular time is given to innocent recreation, so much needed by the young. Let not the pleasures be stolen. It desecrates the mind and plants the first seeds of deception and dishonesty. The father who would spend hundreds of dollars to bring back the renegade son, will not spare at the beginning the little expenditure that would save that son from forming low tastes, and place his aims above mere sensual delights. A preacher once said, "If we press in the good it will press out the evil." Order in the house is, of course, essential, but not the order of chairs put straight to the wall or cushions never rumpled, but the order of things put to their right places when not in use; the order that makes noiseless the running of the general machinery. The looking ahead to see if articles are missing or stores run out. Who has not seen tables where the family seemed like jumping jacks, in their continued risings to bring articles that were forgotten or found requisite when too late. "Home is not four bare walls. It is the gathering-place of the virtues, the school of the heart. It does not need splendor to make it happy. Love is the beautifier there. Self depart, and the welfare of others reigns. Sweet concessions and gentle sympathies make its music. The father's love gives to the child the first dawning of the love of the Universal Father for his children. The mother's love, like His whose life was a daily sacrifice that multitudes might live in a better way of life, who raised woman to the position which Christianity is elevating every day, and with it raise the promise and possibilities of her offspring.

With her lies the foundation and care of the home. She is the priestess who keeps its alters sacred. Let her make her duties there a life study. Let them be illuminated with true knowledge; that she be "as wise as the serpent and as harmless as the dove." As she sows the seed will bring tares or wheat.

And the angel standeth
To record the labor done;
Whether it shall come back a cause,
Or tell a crown is won.

When a lady living in New Jersey sent to New York for a doctor, she apologised for asking him to come such a great distance. "Don't speak of it," said the M. D. "I happen to have another patient in the neighborhood, and can thus kill two birds with one stone."

New Hotel at Round Knob.

At Round Knob, on the Western North Carolina Railroad, a large and elegant hotel has just been completed, which will greatly add to the comfort of pleasure seekers who visit that part of the State. The hotel is situated in a beautiful locality and is surrounded by some of the most picturesque scenery in the mountains. Near the hotel is a pretty valley, in the centre of which lies Crystal Lake, a beautiful body of water, on which are numbers of boats for the accommodation of visitors. But one of the most interesting things about it is a fountain which throws its spray to the height of 268 feet, the highest in the world. Everybody who visits the mountains next Summer, should by all means spend a while at this delightful resort.

In an Iowa county a man and his wife are both candidates for the office of School Superintendent, the man as Republican and the woman as Democratic nominee. It being settled that the honor of the position will be enjoyed in any event by the family, the anxiety of the opposing candidates centres in the question relating to the care of the baby during the ensuing term of office.

A carpet, especially a dark one, often looks dusty, when it does not need sweeping; wet a sponge in water, (a few drops of ammonia helps brighten the color,) wring it quite dry, and wipe off the dust.

A teaspoonful of borax, put in the last water in which clothes are rinsed, will whiten them. It is especially good to remove the yellow tint, time gives to garments that have been lain away two or three years.
A little girl recently went to visit her grandfather in the country. She is fond of milk, but firmly refused to drink any while there, without giving any reason. When she was asked, "You had nice milk there to drink, didn't you?" "I guess I didn't drink any of that milk," she indignantly replied. "Do you know where grandpa got it? I saw him squeeze it out of an old cow?"

**FRUIT TREES.**


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