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**November 7, 1883. John T. Seibels,
Master, to L. T. Wilds, 191 acres,
bounded by lands of Saml. McCormick
and others; consideration \$764.**

**November 1, 1884. Frank Belton to
L. T. Wilds, 12 acres, bounded by
lands of J. D. Harrison and others;
consideration \$72.**

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The Longtown Club.

The Longtown Democratic Club met on Saturday, the 14th inst., and reorganized by electing the following officers and also electing delegates to the County Convention:

President—J. D. Harrison.

1st Vice-President—R. C. Reeves.

2nd Vice-President—T. J. H. Jones.

3rd Vice-President—Joseph Stewart.

Secretary—Levi Moore.

Treasurer—W. Mathus.

Member County Executive Committee—D. W. Tidwell.

Delegates to the County Convention—D. W. Tidwell, J. D. Harrison, R. C. Reeves, G. Smith.

The president appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee—G. W. Wilds, J. P. Jones, W. Mathus.

Committee on Registration—S. McCormick, E. P. Jenkins, W. H. Haynes.

The meeting was well attended and much interest manifested, and from present indications the old Longtown Club will still sustain their past record.

Resolutions of thanks were passed for the able and efficient Major T. W. Woodward, who has always led the old Fairfield Democracy to victory—and not only their thanks, but their suffrage for any position at their hands.

Resolutions were also passed endorsing the Hon. H. A. Gaillard for Congress; and honorable mention was also made of our past representatives—Messrs. Douglass, McMaster and McMeekin. But for fear our sister clubs may think we are endeavoring to take in the whole field, we refrain from more, yet we think, without flattery to ourselves, we can take a more unbiased view than most of the clubs, from the simple fact that we have never had a candidate for any position, and therefore have no horses to swap, nor axes to grind.

We will welcome in our midst the entire crop of candidates. The trout season is about over, but catfish and blackberries are abundant, with the promise of a little mutton. Come soon.

J. D. HARRISON,
President.

LEVI MOORE, Secretary.

**January 28, 1884. E. D. Wilds to
Sallie D. Harrison, 20½ acres in Bear
Creek township; consideration \$82.80.**

**January 18, 1884. Commissioners
of the Sinking Fund to Sallie D. Har-
rison, 109 acres in Wateree township;
consideration \$436.**

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RAILROAD MEETING.

Messrs. Editors: The joint meeting of Rossville and Gladden's Grove townships, in the interest of a railroad from Rutherfordton, N. C., by Rocky Mount to Camden, held to-day at Mount Zion church, was a grand success in every respect. The crowd of both ladies and gentlemen was large, handsome and intelligent. Representatives from Liberty Hill, Longtown, Winnsboro, Chester and other sections were present and in full accord with the object of the meeting. The meeting was addressed by Mr. J. K. Henry, the regular orator for the occasion, Major Julius Mills, of Chester, and Col. J. D. Blanding, of Sumter—all of whom made eloquent and telling speeches. The people, after the speaking, seemed to be ready to take steps towards building the railroad, which they are fully persuaded they could not possibly do without.

After the speaking the crowd enjoyed immensely the splendid dinner provided by the ladies. Messrs. Simmons and Fischel, of Chester, each had up an establishment from which they supplied the crowd with cool and refreshing lemonade, etc. Mr. Stark Martin's steam saw mill near by supplied the whistle.

The following committees were appointed to work for the railroad in their respective townships:

For Gladden's Grove--W. S. Hall, G. H. McMaster, Jas. B. Johuston, Dr. J. A. Scott, Danl. Hall, Jr., C. S. Ford.

For Township No. 5—Saml. McCormick, N. A. Peay, John Hollis, John D. Harrison, D. W. Tidwell, B. F. Boulware, L. T. Wilds. x.

Rocky Mount, August 11, 1885.

[FOR THE FAIRFIELD COURIER.

Mr. Editor: You will please oblige me by inserting the accompanying list of officers of "Hagoods Brigade" in your next sheet. They were captured at Town Creek, N. C. on 20th February last and are now incarcerated at Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C. When I left, they were in good health and their prospects of a speedy exchange encouraging:

11th S. O. INFANTRY, — *Field and Staff*
1st Lt. Hickman, Ensign.

Line Officers.

Capt. Westbrook,
2nd Lt. Frank Cassidy,
" " Ellis.

21st S. O. INFANTRY, — *Field and Staff*
Major Wilds,
Ass't. Sur'g. Smith,

25th S. O. INFANTRY, — *Field and Staff*
Col. O. H. Simonton,

Line Officers.

Capt. Bartlett,
" Jos. Hannahan,
" Mayock,
1st Lt. Dibble,
2d. " Chimer.

27th S. O. INFANTRY, — *Field and Staff*

Ass't. Sur'g. Jos. Cane,
1st Lt. A. D. Simmons, Adjutant.
" " Jos. Tupper, Ensign.

Line Officers.

Capt. J. Blythe Alston, Co. F.
" Holeman, Co. G.
1st Lt. H. W. Hendrix, Co. C.
" " S. Proctor, Co. E.
" " Julius Etueganin, Co. F.
2nd. " Abbott White, Co. G.
2nd. " Jno. Preston, Co. H.
2nd. " A. Cadworth, Co. I.

Very Respectfully,

CHAS. M. HOPKINS,

1st Lt. Co. D., 27th S. O. Infantry.

DEATH OF MRS. GEO. WILDS.

LONGTOWN Dec. 16 1891.—We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Minnie Wilds wife of Mr. George Wilds of Lower Longtown. She died at her home on Monday, 14th inst., after two weeks' illness. She was a lady of many amiable qualities, beloved by all who knew her. She leaves surviving her a mother, husband and two children. The funeral services were held on Tuesday at the Longtown Presbyterian Church at 11 o'clock a. m., of which the deceased was a consistent member. The sympathy of the community is with the afflicted household. Peace to her ashes.

E. H. D.

LONGTOWN NEWS.

At the Presbyterian church in this place, on the evening of the 4th inst., by the Rev. J. A. Wilson, of Ridgeway, Mr. G. J. Wilds was married to Miss Nannie, daughter of Mrs. Anne Crawford, all of Longtown.

It was indeed a very pleasant affair and a complete success in every way. Promptly at 8 P. M., the bridal couple with their attendants, marched up the aisle, the bride herself standing beneath the beautiful bell and arch of evergreens. The fair bride looked lovely in her flowing drapery of tulle and white, beautiful wreath of orange flowers, and the brides maids also, as they stood flooded with the soft light of the chandeliers above. Mr. W. C. Erwin with Miss Mary A. Wilds, both of Darlington; Mr. H. S. Melli-champ with Miss Rosa McCormick, and Mr. J. P. Jones with Miss Cattie Provence, all of Longtown. After the marriage ceremonies were performed the invited guests then repaired to the residence of Mr. L. T. Wilds, brother of the bridegroom. After receiving congratulations of relatives of relatives and friends, all present adjourned to the spacious dining room where was spread a very nice repast of turkey, mutton, etc., flanked with all the delicious dishes, that the tastes and ingenuity of the ladies could desire.

After supper we assembled in the parlor and passed the time delightfully in pleasant social intercourse and music, both vocal and instrumental. Nearing the approach of the "weds" hours, we dispersed to our respective abodes. Long life and prosperity to the newly wedded couple.

Mrs. Belle Seabrook and three little daughters, of Wadmalaw Island, S. C., Mrs. L. R. McCormick and family, of York, Miss Mittie McCormick, of Columbia, Mr. R. E. Wilds, of Darlington, and Miss Mamie Edmunds, of Ridgeway, are visiting friend and relatives in Longtown.

T. H. J.

LINKS FROM LONGTOWN.

Cotton is about all out and in market.

I see some fields of fall oats—those of J. E. Jones, L. T. Wilds and J. E. Robertson. They will measure several inches high.

We have had some little sickness in this section of late, mostly colds.

Our Representative, Mr. J. D. Harrison, was called from the capital on the 30th ult., having a very sick child with croup. I am glad to hear that the child is out of danger and he returned to Columbia on Monday.

The Baptist brethren gave a hot supper on the 30th ult. It proved to be quite a success, the proceeds amounting to \$30, which will go to finishing the Baptist chapel. There was a very fine cake voted off for the prettiest girl present, Miss Maggie Jenkins being the successful candidate. The cake realized \$7.

There was a large gathering of friends and relatives to witness the marriage of Mr. Geo. J. Wilds and Miss Minnie L. Crawford by the Rev. Mr. Wilson, of Ridgeway, at the Longtown Presbyterian Church. I will not try to describe the costumes of the beautiful bride and bridesmaids, as I am afraid I could not do them justice.

J.

WINNSBORO, S. C.

Wednesday, November 25, : : 1891

We publish today a letter from Mr. L. T. Wilds which gives a very interesting account of the planting, curing and cultivation of tobacco, which crop has proven very remunerative in some sections of the State. What Mr. Wilds tells our readers today is of special interest just at this time when farmers are beginning to turn away from cotton in the hope of finding some crop which will make them more money. Again it is the pioneers who reap the benefit of new crops for after a crop has become an established staple there is danger of over-production as with cotton at present. A great deal of money has been made in Darlington and Florence out of tobacco and we hope some of our people will give it a trial also. We understand Mr. Wilds will plant about ten acres next year. We wish him success.

—Among the delegates to the recent meeting of Synod was Mr. W. E. Wilds, who represented the Longtown Church in Fairfield County. Mr. Wilds is a native of this county, having for many years lived near this place.—Darlington Cor. to the State.

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and cotton gin, all run by water. He
is thinking of adding a flouring mill.

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A CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

As previously announced not long since by your correspondent, that the Longtown Theatrical Company of this place would give an entertainment for the benefit of the Longton (hair) school, came off on Thursday evening, December 21st, and was quite a success, much enjoyed by every one. Those who did not attend certainly missed a fine treat. The manager, Miss Estline Williams, deserves great credit, for she certainly conducted everything with efficiency and in an up-to-date manner, like the usual school. The following was the program:

Welcome—(recitation)—Joe Hudson.

Mysterious—(recitation)—Sallie Jones.

Christmas Hymn—(recitation)—Fannie Haynes.

The Beautiful—(recitation)—Blanche Stevenson.

"Writing Wif Ink"—Hemphill Hudson.

Song—"Far Away"—Misses Harrison, Jones, Hudson and Wilds.

Two Ears and One Mouth—(recitation)—Dot Matheson.

The Little Bullets—(recitation)—Jimmie Stewart.

"December"—(curtain)—Herbert Reeves.

Little Miss Mischief—Lula Moore.

Song—"Chickadee"—Juvenile choir, 1st to 3rd grade.

At Home and at School—Marie Jones.

Dialogue—"Need of Good Names"—Lila Stewart and Pearl Reeves.

Tableau—Killing Two Birds With One Stone—Misses Jones and Wilds.

"The Middle One of Three"—(recitation)—Tommie Wilds.

Two Little Girls I Know—(recitation)—Rosebud Haynes.

Song—"Her Bright Suits Hants No Skill."—Eunice Stewart.

Dialogue—Sally's Record—Sallie Lee Harrison, Mary Harrison.

Scout Claus—(recitation)—Sallie Brown.

A Small Boy—(recitation)—Tommy Haynes.

Song—"Christmas Carol"—Misses Jones, Harrison, Moore, Reeves and Hudson.

Street Play—Lila Harrison.

T. M. Dolly—Delphia Robinson.

T. F. Miller—Mattie Moore.

Very Small—May Matheson.

T. M. Dolly—Mattie Moore.

Does Santa Claus Have a Guide?—(recitation)—Bertha Matheson.

The Light, the Gift, the Secret—Lila Harrison.

A Catastrophe—(recitation)—Tommy Reeves.

Sally—(singing a Song for Christmas)—1st to 3rd grade.

Supper—Sallie Jones.

A Decorous Day—Becky Brown.

Dialogue—"An Error"—Pearl Reeves and Joe Hudson.

Norma Pervertite—(recitation)—Will Matheson.

The Gipsy's Warning—Misses Jones, Wilds, and Mr. Henry Neidichamps.

Tableau—"The Gipsy's Warning"—Lila Harrison.

"Who is Waterbury's Boy?"—J. D. Harrison.

A Merry—Linder Kelly.

De-po, De-po, De-po, De-po—Nick Matheson.

Dialogue—More Than She Bargained For—Linda Jones, Eunice Harrison, Carrie Wilds and J. D. Harrison, Jr.

Our Presidents—George Wilds, Jr.

The Quack Doctor—Jimmie Moore.

Tableau—Jealousy, in two acts—New—Maggie Brown.

Two Little Stockings—(recitation)—Arthur Brown.

"The Oyster Resurrection"—Fannie Jones, Cordie Reeves, J. D. Harrison, Jr. and Jimmie Moore.

Song—"Good Night"—Misses Harrison, Reeves, Jones, Moore, Wilds and Hudson.

The company is a good one, and for a beginning they all did nicely and are indeed a credit to themselves. They are talking of repeating the entertainment some time in the future.

After the "Good Night" song the audience dispersed to their respective abodes.

Verbe.
Longtown, Dec 23, 1899.

**Misses Anna Wilds, of Columbia,
and Mae Seabrook, of Wardenslaw
Island, are at Mr. G. J. Wilds'.**

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Wednesday, October 17, - 1900**BRYANT AND LONGTOWN.**

The weather has turned considerably cooler. The past few days reminded us quite forcibly that winter is fast approaching. Farmers are now busily engaged harvesting their corn and the remainder of the cotton which is very little. This is the first year we ever remember of the crops being almost all picked in September. Crops are very short in this section, both cotton and corn. The cotton crop especially is very poor; however, the high price is certainly a source of great gratification to us and will in all probability fully compensate for the loss in yield. We were highly gratified with the advice given the farmers by the editor in last week's issue in regard to sowing more grain, etc. Now is the opportune time. Let us sow grain and endeavor to raise our own hog and hominy.

The Upper Longtown school opened on the 1st inst. The school is under the efficient management of Miss Fannie Lee Ford, of Mitford. About 26 scholars have been enrolled.

The lower school opened on 1st inst. Miss Brice, of Chester, has charge of the school this year.

Miss Sallie Lee Harrison left last week for Greenville to attend the Presbyterian College at that place.

Mr. W. E. Mellichamp left Monday for Greenville to attend Furman University.

Mr. Albert Mellichamp left for Edgefield recently to attend the Co-Educational Institute.

Mr. Wm. Sanders left for Richmond, Va., some time since to enter a medical college at that place.

Mr. L. T. Wilds, of Columbia, was in Longtown last week looking after his business interests here.

Mrs. Burrett, after an extended visit to her father, Mr. S. McCormick, has returned to her home at Braidentown, Fla.

Miss Lottie Durham and Mr. Lex Durham, of Oakland, spent Saturday night at Mr. M. Mellichamp's.

Miss Anna Wilds has returned home, much to the regret of her many friends.

Mrs. Bankhead left on Monday to visit her daughter in Chester county.

Mr. Jas Bankhead, of White Oak, was in Longtown on Sunday.

Mrs. Jenkins and family have moved to Columbia.

Mrs. Sara Stewart left some time since for Columbia to visit her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Wells.

Messrs. Tom and Clifford Smith, of Winnsboro, visited their parents, Mr and Mrs. D. G. Smith, some time since.

Dr. E. H. Harrison will move into the house recently occupied by Mrs. Jenkins.

D. H. E.

Oct. 19, 1900.

Mr. W. E. Wilds is having a store
built in Lower Longtown.

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There was a sociable at Mr. R. C. Reeves' on Friday evening, 28th ult. Quite a crowd was present, and a very pleasant evening spent. Excellent music on the piano was rendered by Miss Anna Wilds, of Columbia, Miss Alice Walker, of Winnsboro, and Miss Annie Reeves.

Miss Alice Walker, of Winnsboro, is visiting Miss Sallie Lee Harrison.

Miss May Seabrook, of Columbia, is visiting at Mr. G. J. Wilds.

Last Spring Rev. J. A. Wilson distributed among the Sunday school children of the Longtown Presbyterian congregation a lot of cotton seed—a pint to each one—to plant a “Missionary patch”, and last Wednesday the different crops were collected together and sold to Mr. L. T. Wilds, the highest bidder, for thirty dollars, which sum will be used for foreign missions. After the sale a dinner was spread and your correspondent explored the regions of Turkey, Greece and Tart(ery), and although he failed to find a sham, jayfat and ham were there in such abundance he did’nt Noah thing. J.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Wilds and family,
of Columbia, are at Mr. George Wilds.

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At a meeting of the Longtown Alliance, on 19th inst., the following delegates were elected to attend the County Alliance that meets on 25th inst: E. P. Jenkins, A. F. Peay, Geo. J. Wilds, James Marthus.

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New Hope....	J. E. Stevenson....	Albion.
Greenbrier...	T. W. Robertson...	Rockton.
Monticeilo...	A. B. Rabb.....	Monticello.
Hick'ry Grove	W. F. Jackson...	Winnsboro.
Union.....	J. M. Steele.....	Winnsboro.
Blythewood..	W. W. Smith...	Blythewood.
Shady Grove.	J. B. Morrison..	White Oak.
Horeb.....	C. A. Robinson.....	Horeb.
Gum Spring..	T. C. Leitner..	Blythewood.
Jenkinsville..	W. J. Yarboro.	Jenkinsville.
Mossy Dale...	J. L. Czuthen.....	Horeb.
Cool Branch..	M. C. Feaster..	Crosbyville.
Centreville...	Jno. E. Flanigan.	Ridgeway.
White Oak...	S. R. Johnston..	White Oak.
Oak Grove...	T. M. Jordan....	Winnsboro.

OFFICERS COUNTY ALLIANCE.

President—T. S. Brier, Albion.
 Vice President—D. P. Crosby, Feaster-ville.
 Secretary—R. A. Meares, Ridgeway.
 Treasurer—L. T. Wilds, Ridgeway.
 Lecturer—J. B. Turner, Winnsboro.
 Assistant Lecturer—S. R. Rutland, Rockton.
 Chaplain—W. G. Smith, Rockton.
 Doorkeeper—J. B. Morrison, Blackstock.
 Assistant Doorkeeper—J. B. Patrick, White Oak.
 Sergeant-at-Arms—W. W. Smith, Blythewood.
 County Organizer—W. L. Rosborough, Albion.
 Business Agent—J. B. Crosby, Winnsboro.
 Chairman Executive Committee—T. P. Mitchell, Woodward.

LONGTOWN,

June 21. We drop you a few lines concerning our Alliance, and will take great pleasure in seeing it in print in your next issue.

Our Alliance met at their usual place of meeting on Saturday, the 1st inst., and elected the following officers to serve during the ensuing year;

President—L. T. Wilds.

Secretary—R. B. Lewis.

Treasurer—George Wilds.

Lecturer—Saml. McCormick.

Chaplain—Jas. Raffle.

Door-keeper—H. Boss.

Business Agent—W. R. McCormack.

We would have been pleased to have retained the services of the retiring president, Saml. McCormack, but the constitution made him ineligible to succeed himself.

Our Alliance is flourishing and booming, taking in new members and receiving applications for membership almost at every meeting. We have a membership of about thirty, and we meet the first and fourth Saturdays of each month.

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RAILROAD ORGANIZATION.—A sufficient amount of stock in the Cape Fear and Cincinnati Railroad having been subscribed to allow an organization of the company according to the terms of their charter, the stockholders met in Winnsboro on the 16th inst. and organized by electing the following board of directors: G. H. McMaster, Samuel McCormick, T. K. Elliott, A. S. Douglass, J. G. Wolling, J. S. Douglass, L. T. Wilds, John P. Jones and J. E. McDonald. The directors elected Mr. G. H. McMaster President, and Mr. J. C. Caldwell Secretary.

A large acreage has been planted in spring oats. I hear that our friend Mr. J. D. Harrison had twelve plows putting in this crop a few days ago. The fall grain is looking well. I notice the fine appearance of Mr. L. T. Wilds' wheat and oats, both vigorous and growing rapidly, because so well fertilized and put in—like everything he does in the farming line, *well done*—and consequently successful. By the way, his younger brother, Mr. Geo. Wilds, seems to be fast following suit.

THE FARMERS OF LONGTOWN,

The Longtown Farmers' Club met at their usual place of meeting on the 3rd inst. The business of the Club was first attended to, and then followed a spirited debate, on the subject: "Is farming profitable in this State? If not, why not?" The debaters were Messrs. J. D. Harrison, T. C. Mellichamp, L. T. Wilds and R. Reeves. Mr. Mellichamp came first, and in a short address held up the bright side of the picture, admitting, though, that there were dark lines drawn across the aureole of this great and world-wide industry at this time and in this State. He supported the fact that some are finding farming profitable, and further that an unbroken success is possible. He likened agriculture to the "golden tub upon which Diogenes sat while the sun shone and turned over him while it rained."

Mr. Wilds came next, dwelling mostly on the miseries of the planter, the present system of farming, worn-out lands—the cause and remedy. Speaking of past and present iniquitous mode of clearing away all original woods, he said: "Does it speak of successful farming, of prosperous homes of improved lands? No; it proclaims dire calamities, such as droughts, floods, etc.—no forest to attract or retain moisture, or regulate rainfall. After the slashing down comes a few years' cultivation of this newly cleared land under the grip of the lien, then comes what it known as the old field with yawning gullies, some briar bushes and short leaf pine—gone—lost to the uses of mankind by his folly. Such is one reason why our country groans under the weight of bad crops, empty corncribs and general demoralization."

Mr. Harrison began with his usual force, and telling argument. He put forth no visionary scheme or gilded theory by which the farmer might rise to prominence or reach and grasp the glittering prize, but in plain talk pointed out some "why nots" of successful farming. "Without thought, judgment, prudence, economy and personal attention no one can meet prime success on the farm, be other things what they may." He was opposed to the use of commercial fertilizers. When used on land successfully they exhaust it. Money paid for them can be better spent. Touching on the Lien Law, he said: "I has been and is now one great power for upholding indigence and half-culture, not only with the negro but so with numberless whites who are not self-willed and energetic enough to turn from it as long as they can reach it."

Mr. Reeves, with enthusiasm, made a fierce onset upon the inconsiderate Carolina planter who would in the future be so careless as to go begging at the door of the Western corncribs and meat houses. His utterances were substantial and contained solid facts.

The president, Mr. Samuel McCor-

mick, read some very interesting pieces on the cultivation of young crops with the harrow, which put forth the expediency of using horse power as much as possible on the farms, as preferable to that of a large number of hands.

Work is badly behind in this section, owing to successive heavy rains. Cotton is rather small, grass is vigorous and the farmer's countenance is sad. The Wateree has beaten all past records. River planters have lost all their corn. Upland corn shows a fine stalk. Sunshine or grass, is the question now.

W. R.

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