

FRANKLINTON NEWS ITEMS

Our Regular Correspondent

Items of Interest Gathered From in and Near Our Sister Town Each Week

CLOSES ON WEDNESDAY

—Many people are in town this week doing their Christmas shopping.

—Eggs are scarce on this market just at this time. Thirty cents is the price per dozen when you get any.

—A large crowd went up to Raleigh Tuesday to attend the Federal Court, which is in session this week.

—The first brick were laid Monday for the new brick building being built by Ballard & Cheatham, on Main street.

—Rev. W. W. Rose, chaplain of Co. F, Franklin Guards, preached a fine sermon to the boys last Sunday at 3 o'clock at the M. E. church.

—A vaudeville and moving picture show put in three nights, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, here to small crowds at the graded school auditorium.

—B. T. Holden and W. H. Yarborough, of Louisburg, were visitors to our town Monday. We learn they were employed in a case in the magistrate's court, which came up before Esquire E. W. Morris.

—We think there is most too much of the "bomb" and cannon cracker throwing in Franklinton among the small and larger boys. They throw them in people's houses, yards, etc. This should be looked after more closely by the town officers.

—E. M. Edwards and C. C. Kearney have bought the entire stock of goods of L. H. Kearney and will enlarge the store building and put in a large stock of dry goods, groceries, etc., and do a general mercantile supply business, who'sale and retail. The title of the firm will be "The Farmers' Supply Co."

—Mr. W. A. Cooke made this year on one-third of an acre of land 6 barrels of good long corn. This is what we call real farming. The farmer should plant less, cultivate it well and make more to the acre and have less expense to gather. This year is a fair sample of what it cost to gather a crop with the present scarcity of labor and the high cost of the farmers' supplies.

Personal.

Miss Mary Kearney spent last week at Cardenas.

Miss Clyde Morris is visiting kinspeople in Cardenas.

Miss Lizzie Whitfield spent several days in Louisburg this week.

J. V. Finlayson returned from Johnston county Tuesday, where he had been attending court.

Thomas Blair and wife, of Wilton, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Shelton Wilson, this week.

Mrs. Bolden, of Richmond, is a visitor to our town on a hunting trip for the holidays, guest of Dr. A. R. Winston.

I. H. Kearney went to Raleigh Tuesday to attend a meeting of the Agricultural Department and A. & M. College.

"I had been troubled with constipation for two years and tried all of the best physicians in Bristol, Tenn., and they could do nothing for me," writes Thos. E. Williams, Middleboro, Ky. "Two packages of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets cured me." For sale by all dealers.

Big Hogs.

The people around town have had a "hog-killing" time this week and we give the weights of several. W. A. Cooke killed 7 hogs 11 months old which made him 1,918 pounds of meat.

H. M. Cooke killed 3 hogs weighing as follows: 645, 142, 170.

Fleming Fuller killed 2 hogs weighing 340 and 320.

F. J. Whitfield killed 2 hogs weighing 360 and 350.

Charlie White, 2 hogs weighing 240, 330.

B. G. Morton killed two hogs weighing 380 and 340.

Claude Wright, two hogs weighing 442 and 376.

W. T. Brown comes in with two 2-year-old hogs which beats them all, and tips the scale at 32 and 41 pounds each.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

Mr. Scott McGhee Killed.

A very sad and fatal accident occurred at the Farmers' Union cotton gin last Friday evening about 3 o'clock, when Mr. Scott McGhee lost his life by being caught on the driving belt of the gin and literally torn to pieces. His arms and legs were torn almost from his body and his skull burst. He lived only a few minutes after the doctors ar-

rived. It will never be known for certain how the accident occurred, as no one at the gin can tell anything about it. He came from upstairs to get a shovel to load his cotton seed and it is supposed he stumbled from the ladder which stands near the belt and fell on the belt, trying to catch. The remains were taken to the undertaking establishment of B. F. Cooke and prepared for burial. Many people viewed the remains at the undertaker's. He leaves a wife and several daughters, who have the deepest sympathy of this town and the whole community.

Sausage mills, stuffers and flavoring at L. P. Hicks'.

MASTERS OF CHESS.

Some of the Greatest Blindfolded Players of the Past.

Playing at chess without seeing the board is a much older accomplishment than is generally known even among chess players. Busecca, an Italian, as early as 1266 played three games at once, looking at one board, but not at the other two. His three competitors were skilled in the game, but he won two games and made a draw of the third. Ruy Lopez, whose name has been given to an opening; Mangiolini, Terone Medrano, Leonard da Cutis, Paolo Bol, Salvia and others who lived between the thirteenth and seventeenth centuries were able to play the game without seeing the board. Father Sacchieri of Pavia early in the eighteenth century played three games at once against three players without seeing any of the boards.

It remained for Philidor, the greatest genius at chess known up to his time, to play blindfolded in England in 1783 against three of the best players then living, winning two games and drawing the third, surprising his antagonists and the throng of onlookers by keeping up a lively conversation all the while. Philidor's achievement as to the number of simultaneous games has been far outdone by Paul Morphy, Paulsen, Blackburne and several of their successors. But Philidor, lively Frenchman that he was, still holds the palm as a chess enthusiast and player at the same time.

Philidor was the assumed name of Francois Andre Danican, born at Dreux in 1755. He was educated as a court musician for Louis XIV. He composed music to Dryden's "Alexander's Feast" and to many operas, all long since forgotten. Danican's fame does not live in music, but as Philidor, the chess player. As a chess player he visited Holland, Germany and England. In 1749, while in England, he published his "Analysis of Chess," a work which has taken its place among the classics of the game. He died in England Aug. 31, 1795.—Exchange.

HIS UNIQUE ANTIQUES.

They Were Sold One by One, Yet the Set Remained Intact.

An old curiosity dealer of Paris recently found a new snare for the eternally guileless amateur. He put in his window five dolls dressed in vaguely medieval clothes. Collector No. 1 came in and asked to buy one of them. The dealer could not divide the lots, as they were a valuable set, representing the five senses. After long persuasion the amateur at last carried one off at a very long price.

Collector No. 2 followed. Could he have one of the dolls? "Out of the question, sir; a most valuable set, representing the four seasons." After more long persuasion and at a still longer price one of the dolls was sold. When amateur No. 3 called the three dolls were the three graces, a most valuable set, which could not be divided. By offering an enormous sum he carried off one of them.

Amateur No. 4 called and wanted to buy one of the two dolls. What was monsieur actually proposing? The two dolls were Adam and Eve, sculptured and dressed by some forgotten medieval artist. The pair could not possibly be parted. The collector eventually carried off Adam for a gigantic sum. Amateur No. 5 called and asked: "How much for that curio? Evidently an odd one of a set."

"An odd one of a set!" screamed the dealer. "It is a unique piece. Does not monsieur perceive that it represents Agnes Sorel, the favorite of Charles VII.?" And the amateur secured the unique piece for a fabulous amount.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

He Was Observant.

The supervisor of a school was trying to prove that children are lacking in observation. To the children he said, "Now, children, tell me a number to put on the board."

Some child said "Thirty-six." The supervisor wrote sixty-three.

He asked for another number, and seventy-six was given. He wrote sixty-seven.

When a third number was asked a child who apparently had paid no attention called out:

"Seventy-seven. Change that, you darned faker!"—Everybody's.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XIV.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 31, 1911.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Mal. iii, 1 to iv, 3 (Instead of Review)—Memory Verses, iii, 16, 17—Golden Text, Mal. iii, 7. Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Although a portion of this prophecy has been assigned as our lesson, the lesson suggests a study of the whole prophecy. The words "my messenger" of iii, 1, are just a translation of the word "Malachi" of i, 1, and through the messenger we learn "the burden of the word of the Lord," which is, "I have loved you" (i, 2). We are reminded of Deut. vii, 6-8, where the only reason given why the Lord chose them for a special people unto Himself is "because the Lord loved you." Compare Jer. xxxi, 3; John iii, 16; xiii, 1; xv, 9; I John iii, 16. Who is this that so loves unlovely people? Even He who says: "I am a great King. My name shall be great among the nations. I am the Lord. I change not" (i, 11, 14; iii, 6). What does He ask in return for such love? Simply that they hear His message, lay it to heart and give glory to His name, walking with Him in peace and equity, even as Levi did (ii, 2, 5, 6), bringing in all the tithes and proving Him as ready to pour upon them more blessing than they could receive (iii, 10); for He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think (Eph. iii, 20). How did they requite such love? They despised His name by offering polluted bread upon His altar, by offering the blind, the lame and the sick for sacrifice; by offering to the Lord what they would not offer their earthly ruler and by calling all their so called graces a weariness (i, 6-8, 12, 13). They wearied the Lord with their words, saying, "Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them" (ii, 17). They robbed the Lord of hosts in tithes and offerings and yet said, "Wherein have we robbed thee?" They said, "It is vain to serve God, and what profit is it that we have kept His ordinance and walked mournfully before Him?" They called the proud happy and set up those who wrought wickedness (iii, 8, 13-15).

Yet He said: "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you. I will rebuke the devourer, and all nations shall call you blessed, for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts" (iii, 7, 12). He is the same as when He pleaded with them before the captivity, saying, "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thine help." "O Israel, return unto the Lord thy God, for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity" (Hos. xiii, 9; xiv, 1). "Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord. . . . only acknowledge thine iniquity. . . . Turn, O backsliding children, . . . for I am married unto you" (Jer. iii, 12-14). In the midst of all the unbelief there was, as there always has been and will be, a faithful remnant referred to in iii, 16.

Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another, and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name." I have quoted the whole verse, for it seems so marvelous that God should keep a special record of those who even think upon Him. Many have been comforted by this blessed assurance. Then see how He speaks of them in verse 17, "My jewels," or, as in the margin, and the following passages, "Special treasure" (Ex. xix, 5; Ps. cxxxv, 4; Deut. vii, 6; xiv, 2; xvi, 18). Compare I Pet. ii, 9; John xvii, 23; Tit. ii, 14, revised version. The return of verse 18 is that which is more fully described in chapter iv and referred to in Matt. xxv, 31; Col. iii, 4; II Thess. i, 7-10; Rev. xix, 11; Ps. i, 1-3. It is the coming of Christ with His saints of Zech. xiv, 5; I Thess. iii, 13, and the former passages just quoted when with His redeemed ones. He will execute His judgments on the ungodly and show mercy to His land and His people. It will be the day of vengeance upon His enemies and the time of redemption for Israel (Isa. xxxiv, 8; xxxv, 4; lxxiii, 4). When He shall come as the Sun of Righteousness (xiv, 2) then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun (Matt. xiii, 4) and as the brightness of the firmament (Dan. xii, 3). There will be, however, an event to precede that which is not mentioned in the Old Testament, the first stage of His return. His welcome to His elect church: out of all nations in the air when He shall be to them as the morning star, which is always seen before the sun rising (Rev. xxi, 16; ii, 28-28). It is after the removal of the church (I Thess. iv, 16-18; I Cor. xv, 51, 52; Rev. iv and v) that the great and dreadful day of the Lord, so often mentioned in the prophets and fully described in Rev. vi to xviii, shall come on the earth. Then shall Israel be purified according to iii, 2, 3; iv, 6; Zech. xiii, 8, 9. John the Baptist, who came in the spirit and power of Elijah to herald the first coming of Christ, was the messenger of chapter iii, 1, and the voice of Isa. xl, 3, but the real Elijah will be the herald of Christ's second coming in glory to judge the nations and set up His kingdom with redeemed Israel as the center in their own land and Jerusalem the throne of the Lord (Isa. lx, 21; Jer. iii, 17). "It was after John the Baptist had been beheaded that the Lord Jesus said, "Elijah truly shall first come and restore all things."

HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR

Presents For Xmas

If you have not and it is a boy or man you want it for don't you think that it shows better judgment on your part and will be more and longer appreciated on the part of the one you intend to make the gift for you to make that gift a nice suit of clothes, an overcoat, a hat, a nice pair of shoes or something in this line that will be of service to them?

Our line of suits, overcoats, shoes, hats, gents furnishings, hand grips, suit cases and in fact everything a man or boy needs is full and complete with the markets best goods.

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