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**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE**

**EXAMINE THE ADDRESS ON YOUR PAPER.**—Our subscribers will please notice the date opposite their names on the margin of the paper. Do you know the meaning of the date? Well, we will explain: The date means that you have paid for your paper up to that time, and that you owe us for the paper from that date at the rate of one dollar and a half a year. But it means something else, too. It means that we want you to pay for your paper. If you want it a year longer send one dollar and a half, if six months send seventy-five cents.  
 We adopt this method of informing you of the date of the expiration of your subscription because it is cheaper and more likely to call your attention to the fact.  
 We hope our subscribers will take notice of the date and remit us at once. It is a small amount in each case, but it means a good deal in the sum total. Send along the money and we will send along the paper. That's a business and business is business.

**THE Rev. W. L. Mellichamp** held services at the county home on Thanksgiving day.

**CAPT. DAY** has moved into his new office on the second story of Evans' brick block.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular monthly session at Halifax next Monday.

No other preparation combines the positive economy, the peculiar merit and the medicinal power of Hood's Sarsaparilla.

**We brag—Why?** Because the Patent Sole Shoe wears longer, keeps in better shape than any other shoe in the market.

**EMPLOYEES** of the Coast Line are very much disturbed at the recommendation of Mr. Walters to reduce salaries all along the line to meet anticipated reduced receipts during the next year.

**WILL MOVE HERE.**—Mr. J. R. Tillery informed us a few days ago that it was his intention to make Weldon his home in a very short time. We will be glad to welcome him as he is a good business man and will doubtless engage in some business which will add to the material welfare of the community as well as his own. There is plenty of room in Weldon for such men.

**GOOD SALE OF TOBACCO.**—Mr. L. H. Hale, of Halifax, sold a lot of 2300 pounds of tobacco raised and cured by him in Richmond last week which brought him from twelve and a half to forty-eight cents per pound. Mr. Hale was well pleased with the success of his first sale. He has other tobacco which has not yet been marketed. Prices are improving lately.

**ANOTHER TELEGRAPH OFFICE AT LITTLETON.**—The Postal Telegraph and Cable Company has opened an office at Littleton with Mr. J. T. Gibson as manager. The line has run through Littleton to Raleigh for a year or two, but the office was not established until recently. The competition with the Western Union Company which this second office will cause will be beneficial to the people of that community.

**CONFERENCE CHANGES.**—The North Carolina Conference made several important changes at its annual session. A new district, Wilson, was added, increasing the number to nine. In making this district a portion of Warrenton district was taken, and Henderson station was added to Warrenton district. In this district Aurelian circuit was established. Weldon has been made a station and Smith's and Pierce's churches have been put on Aurelian circuit. A list of pastoral appointments for the coming year will be found on the first page of this issue.

**Children Enjoy**  
 The pleasant flavor, gentle action and soothing effects of Syrup of Figs, when in need of a laxative and if the father or mother be constipated or bilious the most gratifying results follow its use, so that it is the best family remedy and every family should have a bottle.

**ALMOST A DISASTROUS FIRE.**—What was a serious and calamitous being a disastrous fire occurred at the residence of Mr. John T. Gregory at Halifax Monday night. We did not learn the particulars, but heard that one room and the furniture it contained were entirely destroyed, while the whole house and the rest of the furniture were badly damaged by the heat and smoke. We are sincerely glad the damage was no greater.

**DOCTOR AND PREACHER.**—One of our physicians handed us the following lines, which we would suppose met his indorsement:  
 Parson and doctor joined in one  
 Most suitably we find;  
 The one the suffering body tends,  
 The other soothes the mind.  
 The parson shows the way to heaven;  
 And then, with tender care,  
 The doctor consummates the work,  
 And gets the patient there.

**RESIGNED HIS PASTORATE.**—The Rev. W. B. Morton recently tendered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church in this place and it has been accepted by the church. Mr. Morton will leave here sometime before the new year, but has not yet taken any other work. Since he has been pastor here he has built up the church considerably and made friends with everybody. He is universally popular here and the community will regret for him to leave.

**LANDS NOT RENTED TO THE STATE.**—It is reported that the lease by the Board of Penitentiary Directors of General Ransom's farms in Northampton county, which it was announced had been consummated, has not been completed and will not be for the reason that General Ransom would not agree to rent them the land unless they bought his stock, and this the Directors declined to do. It is a matter of satisfaction to the people that the land was not rented because they believe the Penitentiary already controls more land in this immediate section than is good for it.

**TOBACCO EXPOSITION, BALL AND GERMAN.**—We return thanks to the management for invitations to the Tobacco Exposition at Rocky Mount on yesterday and a grand ball and German tonight. The exposition was under the management of men who knew how to make a success of it and doubtless did. To day there is to be a grand land sale and to night a ball and German. They are given under the auspices of the Queen City Club of which Dr. J. R. Braswell, is president, and J. H. Baker, Jr., is secretary. The floor managers are H. R. Thorpe, J. C. Braswell and J. Berger. The committee of invitation are Dr. G. L. Wimberly, John L. Arrington and J. H. Guthrell.

**NORTHAMPTON TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.**—Hon. T. W. Mason has accepted the invitation of the Northampton Teachers Association to deliver an address at the next session to be held at Lasker, December 12th.

The teachers seem to be doing good work for the cause of education, and they are to be congratulated upon their success in securing the services for their sessions of such eminent men as Hon. F. D. Winston, Dr. Taylor, of Wake Forest College, Dr. Crowell, of Trinity College, and Hon. Thomas W. Mason, than whom no man is more highly esteemed in Eastern Carolina.  
 An interesting programme has been arranged for the meeting which includes, besides Mr. Mason's address, music, readings, and discussions of five subjects pertaining to school work.

**PATAPSCO GUANO CO., VS. TILLEY.**—This case was tried at the late term of the Superior court. The facts were that Mr. J. R. Tillery had bought a lot of Peruvian guano from the plaintiff giving his notes for the purchase money. When the guano was delivered Mr. Tillery complained of the fact that it contained a good deal of stone and refused to pay the notes and suit was brought to recover the amount represented by the notes. On the trial, we are informed by Mr. Tillery, his counsel moved to amend his answer which was denied by the court, the Judge saying he would try the case upon the record as it stood. After the jury had rendered its verdict the motion of plaintiff's counsel to amend the complaint was allowed and judgment rendered upon the verdict in accordance with the amended complaint. To a layman this seems hard to understand. But as Mr. Tillery says, he was told that it was law. The case will go to the Supreme court on appeal.

Thousands of lives are saved annually by the use of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. In the treatment of croup and whooping cough, the Pectoral has a most marvelous effect. It allays inflammation, frees the obstructed air passages, and controls the desire to cough.

**TRINITY BEATS THE UNIVERSITY.**—The game of foot ball between the Trinity College and the University of Virginia teams at Richmond on Saturday resulted in victory for the Trinity boys. The Richmond Times in its account of the game pays a high tribute to Mr. E. S. Whitaker, who is a native of this county and a son of Mr. Ferdinand Whitaker. It says:  
 "This ended the game which had been won by the extraordinary work of Daniels and the splendid strength that Whitaker had given to this centre. It had been won because the Trinity team, as a whole, were better players. They played together easier than did their opponents. Their captain had complete generalship over his men and the Darhams, Daniels and Whitaker played the game."

**LITTLETON ITEMS.**—Last Sunday, (the 29th), was a gloomy day in town. All the young people were dressed in their best and all day long on account of the heavy snow fall. No smiles were exchanged on that day between the lassies and the lads. Nearly all the cotton made this year will probably be marketed soon. The crops are much shorter than was anticipated by anyone.

Mrs. Agnes Check, the wife of Capt. Willis Check was in town a few days last week, to the delight of her many friends.  
 Mr. Joe Etheredge has recently purchased a handsome residence on the avenue which he will occupy after Christmas.

Mr. J. H. Bobbitt has nearly completed his spacious building on Main street.  
 E. T. Clark, Esq., of Weldon, was in town a few days ago on professional business.

Rumor says that several marriages will take place here soon.  
 Services were held in the M. E. Church here on Thanksgiving day by the Rev. J. M. Rhoads.

**MESSRS. KEY & CO., STATESVILLE.**—On another page we publish an article from the Atlanta Journal showing the growth of the largest wholesale liquor firm in North Carolina within the past nine years. Mr. P. B. Key, the head of the firm, was at one time in business at Enfield, this county, and was most favorably known as an upright and energetic business man. He afterwards removed to Statesville where he entered into business and by hard work, energy and pluck has made a fortune for himself and established a business which amounts to nearly half a million dollars a year. Under the excellent management which has characterized the firm heretofore it bids fair to continue its growth until it becomes mammoth in its proportions. The firm handles only North Carolina goods of the purest quality and their brand on a package is sufficient guarantee that it is what it should be.

Mr. Key's friends in this section, of whom there are many, will be greatly pleased to hear of his financial and commercial success in Statesville. He is also President of the Long Island cotton mills and a director of the First National Bank. We regret to know that Mr. Key's health has given away under the hard work to which he has devoted himself, but hope he will soon recover entirely by the rest which he is now taking.

**COMMUNICATED.**  
*Eds. Roanoke News:*  
 DEAR SIRS:—Please allow me through your excellent paper to express my hearty appreciation of the keen interest which you and the citizens of Weldon and other friends have taken in the matter of the base attack made on me on the night of the 19th inst.  
 During the six years and six months of my residence in Weldon I have found the citizens as clever and respectful as any people with whom I have ever lived. More than once they have given me unmistakable proofs of their genuine friendship. This dastardly assault does not reflect even the lowest type of our citizenship.  
 Even since I first knew the people of Weldon I have held myself in readiness to speak in behalf of their many excellencies, and I wish to give this final expression of my high appreciation of the people who for nearly seven years have done so much to make my stay pleasant. If always in the future I may live with so good a people, I shall congratulate myself.  
 W. B. MORTON.  
 Nov. 30, 1891.

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**THE CANAL COMPLETED.**  
 WATER ENOUGH NOW READY FOR A HUNDRED FACTORIES AND THOUSANDS OF SPINDLES.  
 WELDON DESTINED TO BE ONE OF THE LARGEST BUSINESS AND MANUFACTURING CENTRES IN THE SOUTH.

On Thursday last, Thanksgiving day, the work of building the canal had finished and a party of gentlemen consisting of Messrs. S. P. Arrington, J. S. Battle, J. T. Gooch, T. A. Clark, M. Riddle and others went to the head of the canal about eight miles up the river for the purpose of raising the gates which were to let in the stream which is to give life and prosperity and thrift and wealth to this community and entire section. Mr. T. A. Clark, one of our most respected citizens had thrown the first shovel full of earth from the canal when the work of excavation began on March 4th, 1890, and it was most appropriate that he was asked to turn in the first water. He raised the gates with his own hands and the water flowed in. The next morning the people in town awoke and found the canal full of water, and the waste way pouring it out again into the river to go on its way to the mighty ocean. This sight so long looked for and hoped for and prayed for by those who knew the great results which are bound to follow gladdened the hearts of all who beheld it, and our people have already taken fresh courage and feel greater hopes of the future, because there is that in their midst which must and will bring great enterprises here and consequently increased prosperity to everyone who lives here or will hereafter live here.

The present capacity of this canal is 2,500 horse power, but is capable of being developed to 16,432 horse power. The company, which is composed of wealthy men, has a capital stock of \$400,000, and with the means at their command they can develop the canal to its full capacity as fast as there is need or demand for it. It is, according to Professor Holly, the eminent hydraulic engineer, the second largest water power capable of development in the United States, that at Minneapolis being 25,000 horse power. These things being true there can be no possible doubt of the brilliant future in store for this town. It will probably be years before the full fruition of these hopes are realized, but the beginning of this great development has already begun, the town having long since felt the impetus given by even the commencement of work on this tremendous undertaking.

It is claimed by some that steam is as cheap as water power, but that cannot be true, because steam cannot be furnished for twenty dollars per horse power per year, and that is the estimated price placed upon the water power owned by the Roanoke Navigation and Water Power Company. We know several instances in which the saving made by using water instead of steam would amount to from fifteen to thirty dollars per horse power, and this saving would add materially to dividends. In addition to this saving there are other considerations which make the water at this place most desirable. It is in the heart of a country which produces thousands and thousands of bales of cotton, thousands and thousands of bushels of grain, and possesses acres and acres of hard and soft woods of every variety, all easy of access and after they are converted into manufactured articles within a few hours of the great markets of the eastern States. The town being at the junction of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line puts it within twenty-four hours of New York, three hours of Richmond, two hours of Norfolk, and five hours of Wilmington, at each of which places there is ocean communication and cheap freights to all parts of the world, and quick all rail transportation to the large cities of the wealthy east and the great west. Besides all these advantages there is still another which should by no means be overlooked. We refer to the climate which is mild enough at all seasons of the year to permit mills and machinery to run without interruption either on account of cold or heat. There are no extremes of cold and heat, and notwithstanding the impression among some that the health of this community is endangered by the presence of malaria it can be solemnly affirmed that the vital statistics of the town will compare favorably with those of any town in the temperate zone. The death rate here for some years has been five to the thousand and some of these were from causes not local in their nature but liable to occur in

any part of the world at any time.  
 That these facts are recognized and understood by the outside world as well as here at home is clearly demonstrated by the announcement that within less than a week after the water was turned on Mr. J. S. T. Evans sold one half of a mill site owned by him on the South side of Second street which has a fall of forty feet, for \$1,500. The preliminary arrangements are now in progress toward the formation of a stock company for the purpose of manufacturing fancy and ornamented wood work which will give employment to many people. The gentlemen at the head of this enterprise are men of ability and energy and some of them are familiar with the business, having been engaged in work of that nature.  
 These will doubtless be followed by others and these in turn will bring others still and thus will the town grow both in population and business importance. Weldon is also a splendid distributing point for business, having eighty-four trains going in every direction of the compass every day in the year.  
 A hearty, cordial and genuine welcome awaits every one who will come here to build up himself and the town whether his business be small or great.

**POPULAR PEOPLE.**

SOME OF THE FOLKS YOU KNOW AND THEIR DOINGS.

Miss Kate Prescott is visiting friends in Petersburg.  
 The Rev. Baylus Cade was in town a few hours last week.  
 Judge Bryan spent Wednesday night of last week in town.  
 Miss Lucy Mills, of Wake Forest, is visiting Mrs. P. A. Lewis.  
 Mrs. T. H. Chavasse returned home from a visit to Raleigh Monday.  
 Mrs. W. T. Shaw returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Wilson.  
 The Rev. W. L. Mellichamp is attending the Convocation at Littleton this week.  
 Sheriff Alsbrook went up to Raleigh this week to deposit three prisoners in the pen.  
 Misses Addie Bain and Susie Temberlake, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. T. H. Chavasse.  
 Mr. B. G. Green, a successful attorney of Kansas City, was in town this week on a visit to his brother, Dr. I. E. Green.  
 Miss Carrie Hall, of Scotland Neck, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Raleigh and Pittsboro, returned home Tuesday.

At the N. C. Conference last week the Rev. J. A. Lee was on the standing committee on conference relations; Rev. P. N. Stainback on the committee on Books and Periodicals; Dr. B. Zollicoffer on the Temperance committee.

Mr. Charles T. Wood, a native of this county where he still has many relatives, was here on a visit a short time ago. Mr. Wood is a type and is now business manager of the Richmond county Herald, a Democratic newspaper published at Stapleton, New York. He is getting on quite successfully, we are glad to say.  
 Mr. Morton Riddle, of Petersburg, who for the past eighteen months has been superintending the construction of the canal of the Roanoke Navigation and Water Power company, having completed his work left here Saturday for his home. While here Mr. Riddle made friends with everybody by his cordial, genial disposition and his universal courtesy. Our people exceedingly regret his departure and sincerely hope that he will again come among them. The ROANOKE NEWS for itself and the community wishes him success and prosperity.

**PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENT.**—At the contest for the best loaf of bread made with Sugar Coated Yeast on Dec. 2 1891 Annie Coleman was awarded the prize of \$5.00. There were six loaves presented, and all were of excellent quality. Sugar Coated Yeast is now for sale by all grocers.  
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