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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 business and business is business.

WHAT did you get?

Do you like your present?

A happy New Year to you.

RESOLUTIONS are in order.

THE gripple does not yet abate.

TIGHT sleeves cause red hands.

NEXT Wednesday is Epiphany.

ANOTHER mile post has been past.

The price of cotton varies but little.

OUR merchants and business men are solid.

Schools of the town suspended for the holidays.

TRY to get along without a mortgage this year.

THE doctors and druggists are reaping a harvest.

LET us look to the future with renewed courage.

IT was the warmest Christmas known here for years.

NEXT Wednesday is old Christmas or Twelfth night.

MUCH work can be done in the garden and on the farm this month.

QUARTERLY meeting will be held at the M. E. Church next Sunday and Monday.

IF you don't have time to prepare those New Year resolutions the old set will do.

THE Board of County Commissioners will meet in regular session at Halifax on Monday.

THE wheels of fashionable machinery are beginning to move faster and faster every day.

TRAVEL over the several roads was good during the holidays on account of the low rates.

THE druggists are now supplying their customers with patent medicine calendars and almanacs.

A cold is a house disease and is caused by vitiated air, want of ventilation and outdoor exercise.

BEHOLD the year hopefully. "While the earth remaineth seed time and harvest shall not fail."

THE weather prophets are now beginning to "hedge," and are predicting a mild and open winter.

TWELVE tablespoons of flaxseed to one of water will make a poultice which will knock pneumonia sky-high.

NEXT year, girls, will be leap year. There will be fifty-three Sundays in 1892 and Christmas comes on Sunday.

With such sudden changes in the weather people should be careful that they do not contract pneumonia.

IT is a fashion nowadays for ladies to return calls when they know their friend is not at home, and leave their card.

THE first twelve days of January are said to indicate what kind of weather each of the twelve months will bring.

Read C. P. Knight's advertisement on 8th page of the ROANOKE NEWS.

AFTER to-day the girls will have the prerogative to pop the question. It is the privilege which leap year always brings.

THE almanac predicts fair and frosty weather until the 21st, cold until the 28th and cold and high wind to the 31st.

MURFREESBORO RAILROAD.—Murfreeseboro has at last gotten its railroad and regular trains will be put on on the 3rd. These trains will make close connection at Boykins with all trains on the Seaboard and Roanoke and Roanoke and Tar River railroads. The people of the town are jubilant at securing railroad transportation.

THE CONVICTS and THE GRIPPE.—The gripple is no respecter of persons and has invaded the penitentiary stockades and cells at the State farms in this and Northampton counties. On the farms near here forty cases have been reported though none of them have proved fatal. At Caledonia a large number of convicts have succumbed to it, and eight deaths have resulted.

NEW SERVICES.—On next Friday evening at the Episcopal Church at 7:30 o'clock, it being the regular weekly appointment for evening prayer, there will be services by the rector, including a lecture appropriate to the season. The members of the congregation are especially requested to be present as business matters will be presented for their consideration after the service is ended.

THE COUNTY ALLIANCE MEETING.—President R. A. Patterson of the County Alliance requests us to announce that the next regular quarterly meeting of the county alliance will be held at Halifax on Thursday, January 14th. All sub-alliances, if they have not already done so, should elect delegates to the County Alliances in accordance with the constitution and laws of the order.

THE WEATHER.—The weather has been quite changeable lately, though there has been but little extremely cold weather. Christmas day was the warmest ever known in this community, and on Tuesday night we were treated to a thunder storm which would have done credit to midsummer. Nearly all real winter weather occurs of late years after Christmas, and we may expect to have plenty of it before spring opens.

BARN, CORN and FODDER BURNED.—On Wednesday night of last week Mr. W. T. Herrin who lives about eight miles from town had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire. He had on hand about one hundred barrels of corn and a quantity of fodder all of which was destroyed. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary though no motive can be assigned for the deed. There is no clue to the rascal, who deserves to be severely punished if caught.

THE RAILROAD TAX CASE.—The injunction case to retrain B. I. Alsbrook, Sheriff of this county, from collecting levied taxes against the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company was to have been argued before Judge Connor at Wilson yesterday afternoon. The Railroad Company is represented by Messrs. W. H. Day and T. N. Hill and the county by Messrs. Mullen & Daniel and R. O. Barton. The case will go to the Supreme Court.

CHRISTMAS NOTES.—Christmas was spent very quietly in this community. All business was suspended on Christmas day and the day had the appearance of Sunday.

There was a Christmas tree the evening before Christmas for the colored Sunday school attached to Grace church; on Christmas morning there was service and a sermon, and at night a service for the children and afterward a celebration and distribution of presents at the hall. Trade was very good the day before Christmas and the crowd in town was very large.

THE N. C. LUMBER COMPANY.—We are informed that the North Carolina Lumber Company will soon enlarge its plant at Tillery by erecting eighty dry kilns and a planing mill. The work on these buildings has already begun and it is hoped they will be completed within the next three months. The company also contemplates building a standard gauge railroad several miles toward Beech Swamp for the purpose of hauling logs. These enterprises will give employment to more than a hundred people, and will consequently add much to the prosperity of the town.

Continued. The favorable impression on the first appearance of the agreeable liquid fruit remedy Syrup of Figs a few years ago has been more than confirmed by the pleasant experience of all who have used it, and the success of the proprietors and manufacturers, the California Fig Syrup company.

MOVED TO TOWN.—Mr. Paul Garrett is this week moving his family to town from Littleton. He will also conduct his wine business here, the stores under Literary Hall having been fitted up for his use. A part of his material and stock have already been moved in. Mr. Garrett will be quite an addition to the town socially and commercially and he is heartily welcome. He does an immense annual business and the additional facilities acquired by his removal to this place will be of great advantage to him.

DEATH OF MR. SANFORD PEPPER.—Mr. Sanford Pepper, an old and greatly respected citizen of this county, died at his home about two miles from town on Tuesday night. Mr. Pepper had been in very poor health for about two months and was almost helpless. On Monday he had an attack of paralysis, but expired suddenly after engaging for a while in a cheerful conversation with those around him. He was in his seventy-ninth year. He was a consistent member of the Baptist church, a good neighbor, a good citizen and a man of a kind and generous disposition. He leaves one son and several grand children.

THE TIMES ALMANAC.—The souvenir almanac sent out for 1892 by the Daily Times, of Richmond, is very handsome and unique. It has on one cover a photographed page of the Times and on the other a picture of the handsome building occupied by the paper. It is full of valuable and useful information and is really an artistic calendar. The Times is probably the best paper in the South, having its own telegraphic news service and able editorial and reportorial corps, as well as a most efficient business management. We wish the Times all success, and it richly deserves it.

DEATH OF MR. J. A. POWERS.—Mr. Jesse A. Powers died at his residence in this place on Thursday evening last and was buried on Christmas day at the family burying ground about three miles in the country, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. A. Green. Mr. Powers had been confined to his bed for two or three weeks with the gripple which developed into pneumonia. He had nearly recovered from both of these diseases, but died from heart disease from which he had suffered for several years. Mr. Powers was a native of this county where he lived nearly the whole of his life. He had been in the railway service for nearly forty years. He was an upright citizen, a good neighbor, a devoted husband and father. Last summer he connected himself with the Methodist church and was a consistent member. He leaves one daughter. A good man has gone.

THE RICE CROP.—The experiment of planting rice on Roanoke river lowlands which was tried at the State farms and watched with so much interest, has proved entirely successful. Mr. Pope, the Superintendent, informed us a few days ago that the crop had been gathered and had turned out as well as he could wish. Some of it did not quite mature because it was planted rather late. It will be remembered that the entire crop was submerged by freshets five times from the time it came up until it had headed, and the water stood over it each time several days from two to six feet. The deposit always left on the land by these freshets, it was feared, would destroy the plants, but they were not at all injured, although corn planted beside the rice was completely destroyed. It is clearly demonstrated that rice can be successfully raised on the lowlands without protection from the freshets at all. The demonstration ought necessarily to enhance the value of these lands and also to give the owners a valuable and easily and cheaply cultivated crop.

A man who has practiced medicine for 40 years, ought to know salt from sugar; read what he says: Toledo, O., Jan. 10, 1887.

Messrs. F. J. Cheney & Co.—Gentlemen—I have been in the general practice of medicine for most 40 years, and would say that in all my practice and experience have never seen a preparation that I could prescribe with as much confidence of success as I can Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by you. Have prescribed it a great many times and its effect is wonderful, and would say in conclusion that I have yet to find a case of Catarrh that it would not cure, if they would take it according to directions.

Yours truly, L. L. GORSUCH, M. D., Office, 215 Summit St. We will give \$100 for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured with Hall's Catarrh Cure. Taken internally. F. J. CHENEY & Co., Props., Toledo, Ohio.

Have you seen the Patent Sole Shoe? If not ask your dealer for it. John, try the Patent Sole Shoe. They are the best I ever saw.

DEATH OF MRS. LOUISA CHEEK.—Mrs. Louisa Cheek, wife of Mr. F. J. Cheek, died at her husband's residence in this place Tuesday, at one o'clock, after an illness of about two weeks with the gripple, in the 66th year of her age. She was a daughter of the late Willis Johnston, Esq., and sister of Col. John Willis Johnston, of this county. She had been for many years a member of the M. E. Church and led a Christian life, beloved by her neighbors and all who knew her. She lived in Warren County many years of her married life and afterward in this county near town. Several years ago the family moved to town and have been living here ever since. The funeral services took place at the residence yesterday at 3 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Green, and she was interred in the cemetery. She leaves one sorrowing son, Capt. Willis T. Cheek, three other children having died after reaching maturity.

A DESTITUTE FAMILY.—A very remarkable case of destitution and suffering has been lately reported from the upper section of the county. A family of ten persons, parents and eight children, are in very needy circumstances. The mother has been an invalid for fourteen years, four of the children are deaf and dumb, and consequently have not been developed mentally and are entirely helpless. One of the four who is eighteen years old, only weighs about thirty-five pounds and is bed ridden. The father, who is a hard working farmer, has only an ox to cultivate his land and this year made almost nothing. On Christmas a number of the good people of Littleton and Weldon sent them a very much needed supply of clothing and provisions. This is a case worthy of help from the county commissioners and we hope it will be brought to their attention.

MARRIED.—Col. Thos. J. Drewry, the capable junior principal of the far famed Horner School, Oxford, N. C., and Miss Lucie N. Morecock, a young lady of great personal worth and attractions—were married December 23d, in Norfolk, at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Kader Biggs. Dr. W. E. Evans, pastor Granby Street M. E. Church, performed the ceremony in the presence of a few select friends.

The couple was attended by Dr. W. E. Drewry, of Petersburg, brother of the groom, and by Miss Helen Morecock, sister of the bride. The bride looked charming in an elegant light gray traveling dress. In her hand she carried a bunch of bride's roses.

After the marriage there was a reception and luncheon which, in point of elegance could not have been surpassed. The parlors and the dining-room had been most tastily and magnificently decorated with ferns and flowers.

The bride is the daughter of Capt. J. E. Morecock, of this county.

LECTURES AT SCOTLAND NECK MILITARY ACADEMY.—Prof. W. C. Allen, Superintendent of the Scotland Neck Military School, with his usual energy and devotion to all that pertains to education has arranged for a series of lectures to the students during the spring term upon subjects calculated to awaken their ambition and stir them up to greater effort in their studies. On the fifth of February President Winston of the University will lecture on "The Importance" of collegiate education. In the early part of March Donnell Gilliam, Esq., will deliver an address; in the first part of April there will be a lecture by the Rev. C. M. Donaldson, of Norfolk. The subjects of the two last lectures have not yet been selected. Other distinguished speakers will also be secured for dates later in the session. This is an admirable plan and will be most beneficial to the students.

There are now sixty-five students at the school, and Prof. Allen says the number will be materially increased during the spring term. He has already had many letters announcing the matriculation at an early day of more students. With a corps of most efficient instructors, under the Superintendent of Prof. Allen, who is an experienced educator, together with the great advantages which it possesses by reason of location, etc., this school is certain to be a most successful institution.

The itching of the scalp, falling of the hair, resulting in baldness, are often caused by dandruff, which may be cured by using Hall's Hair Renewer.

Matrimony is all right so long as both husband and wife like to read their old love letters to each other.

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MORE TRAINS FOR THE COAST LINE.—On January 4th, 1892, the Atlantic Coast Line will put on another through train from New York to Florida, leaving New York at 9:30 a. m., arriving at Jacksonville 7:00 p. m., next day (only one night out.) making three through fast trains per day, with through Pullman Palace Sleeping Cars from Boston to Jacksonville; New York to Tampa and Fort Tampa (alongside steamer for Cuba); New York to Jacksonville; New York to Thomasville; New York to Savannah.

On January 18th, the magnificent "New York and Florida Special," running through to St. Augustine, Fla., will also be added, making in all twenty-four trains each way per week, the most complete service ever offered to Wilmington, Charleston, Savannah, Florida and Cuba. The equipment and general character of train service over this line is equalled by few and excelled by none, while the "Florida Special" is without doubt the finest train in the world. The beautiful drawing room cars, the "Ideal" and "Superb" will, as heretofore, form part of the equipment of these trains. They are the only complete drawing room cars ever built, and are run exclusively over the Atlantic Coast Line.

This line is so situated that two hours south of Richmond tourists encounter the influence of the Gulf Stream, and all the conditions which constitute the genial and balmy Southern climate, making it the natural as well as the shortest and most popular route from the North to Florida—Wilmington Star.

POPULAR PEOPLE.

SOME OF THE FOLKS YOU KNOW AND THEIR DOINGS.

Sheriff Alsbrook was in town Monday.

Miss Mamie Morris, of Wilmington, is visiting friends in town.

Mr. R. O. Burton has been in town several days on professional business.

Mrs. W. H. Day spent Christmas in town and returned to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. Jim Briggs, of Danville, spent the holidays with friends in this community.

Mrs. Bettie Badger spent several days in town last week and returned to Raleigh Monday.

Miss Hyde, of Oxford, who has been visiting Mrs. W. R. Smith, returned home Thursday.

Miss Estelle Williford, of Rocky Mount, is visiting the family of her brother, Capt. B. B. Williford.

Mr. Andrew Campbell and family left Saturday for Sanford, which place they will in future make their home.

Mr. Raleigh Daniel, a student of Wake Forest, and Mr. S. B. Pierce, a Trinity student, are spending the holidays at home. They will return to school next week.

We are glad to learn that Dr. J. A. Collins, of Enfield, who has been ill with an attack of the gripple is better. Dr. Collins is one of the ablest physicians in North Carolina, and one of the best men, and his numerous friends will rejoice to hear of his entire recovery.

The Rev. W. B. Morton preached his last sermon as pastor of the Baptist church in this place Sunday night and left Monday for his home in Anson county. After several weeks of recreation he will go to Wake Forest which will be his headquarters for a while. This community regret to lose Mr. Morton and wish him well wherever he may locate. He was universally popular here and was a faithful shepherd.

The male train is seldom late, but the train of a female is always behind.

"Do you know Mrs. Gossip is a very reliable woman?" "Indeed!" "Yes, whatever she says goes."

"Tommy—"What part of speech is 'woman'?" Papa—"Woman is no part of speech at all, my son. She is the whole of it."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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—WAS IT CANCER?

In the summer of 1890, something began to appear on my face, similar to a cancer. I tried various remedies, but nothing gave relief until I used S. S. S., which entirely cured me. I used only six bottles.—W. F. Stearns, Alexander City, Ala.

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Our treatise on the blood and skin will be mailed free to all applicants.

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LEAP YEAR IS COMING.

The days of 'ninety-one quite fast are drawing to a close. And 'ninety-two then come in To end the ladies' woes.

If you ask why, the only reply Explaining all the cheer, Is that the year divides by four, And hence it is leap year.

But, ladies dear, a word to you As onward days do creep; And that is this—whatever you do, Please look before you leap. —Philadelphia Press.

The question is frequently asked, "Why is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral so much more effective than other cough remedies?" The answer is, simply because it is the most skillful combination of anodynes and expectorants known to medical science.

Let a pretty woman go to a man with her troubles, and in his sympathy he will fall in love with her, and add to them.

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As a family medicine these pills are unrivalled.

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They will relieve Colic, Sick Headache, Acid Stomach, and all the evils attendant upon indigestion. They are the cheapest and best remedy offered for Dyspepsia in all its forms. For sale by

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Yours truly, J. C. BENTON. Mr. Benton is also President of First National Bank, Winston, N. C., and is one of the foremost men of the South.

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Parties desiring to rent any or all of these lands can apply to me by letter or in person. S. M. GARY, agent, 12-10-91. Halifax, N. C.