

NEWSY HAPPENINGS.

WAR talk. In time of peace prepare for war. The days continue to grow longer. The coal dealer makes light of things. FARMERS are busy preparing for crops. TODAY is 10 hours and 12 minutes long. THE oil mill directors had a meeting Tuesday. AN advertisement is a divided paying investment. ADVERTISEMENTS never quit work on holidays. THE river is remarkably low for this season of the year. A business that won't stand advertising, won't stand long. Only the stupid people now-a-days do not read advertisements. THE leap year girl should learn to pay the bills like a little man. THE reason truth is stranger than fiction, it is so much scarcer. MOON now in its first quarter, and nights growing bright again. EVE was the first woman to complain that she had nothing to wear. THIS is the time to begin getting your farming implements in order. THERE is talk of a telephone line from Weldon to Roanoke Rapids. If you don't see what you want consult the advertisements in this paper. It is rumored that work is to begin here this year on a large cotton factory. THE street lamps are very much neglected. They are often not lighted at all. AN advertisement is on terms of familiarity with the richest man as well as the poorest. SOME subscribers seem to imagine that what they owe, like wine, improves with age. MERCHANTS here inform us that trade has held up remarkably well since Christmas. It is reported that there will soon be a change in the schedules of the Seaboard Air Line. DID you see the sun rise this morning at 7:06? Well, if you will look, you will see it set at 5:18. THE business men of Weldon and Roanoke Rapids should work together for the good of the two towns. Exposure to cold, damp winds, may result in pneumonia unless the system is kept invigorated with Hood's Sarsaparilla. HELP YOUR TOWN.—The best way to help your town is to stand up for it as a loyal citizen under any and all circumstances. In this way every citizen of Weldon can contribute to its welfare. If the people who live here go about eternally with long faces and everlasting croaking, what can they expect of strangers? Fortune helps those who help themselves and if you would see your town prosper you must go to work and help it along in its struggles. It requires a united effort on our part to place Weldon where she should be. DEATH NEAR GASTON.—Mrs. W. B. Vincent died at the home of her husband, near Gaston, last Saturday morning, at 4 o'clock, of cancer; aged about 30 years. Mrs. Vincent was formerly Miss Lillie Coker, a daughter of the late W. D. Coker, of Northampton, and was highly esteemed by all who knew her. She was a consistent member of the Baptist church, and was a lady of the purest Christian character. Her remains were taken to her former home, near Garysburg, last Sunday and laid to rest in the family burying ground. She leaves a devoted husband, one child and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss. THE NEWS extends its sympathies to the bereaved. PANACERA SPRINGS.—The wedding bells again. This time it is for Dr. John H. Harrison, of Brinkleyville, to Mrs. Helen Thorne Owens, at Bethel church on the 5th of February—so the cards say. The farmers have started their plows and the smoke is ascending from the low, rich bottoms, where plant beds are being burnt. We don't see the pretty little blue bird. This will be the third year of their disappearance. Shall we never see them again? Great will be the pity. It is quiet and rather dull in this section at present. On the 12th of February Halifax will fight a main of cocks in Danville, Va., vs. Virginia. This makes me think of old times forty years ago. CATARRH IN THE HEAD.—Is due to impure blood and cannot be cured with local applications. Hood's Sarsaparilla has cured hundreds of cases of catarrh because it purifies the blood and in this way removes the cause of the disease. It also builds up the system and prevents attacks of pneumonia, diphtheria and typhoid fever. Hood's Pills become the favorite cathartic with every one who tries them. 25c. Taylor makes faces of all kind in his gallery. Weldon, N. C. Don't forget Taylor's gallery, Weldon, N. C., when you want good photographs.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.—The stockholders of Roanoke Rapids Power Company held a meeting at Roanoke Rapids last Thursday. It was a very full meeting and every one present expressed themselves as being fully satisfied with the developments so far. Among those present were W. M. Habliston, president; W. G. Maxwell, vice president; Winthrop Chanler, secretary and treasurer; Major T. L. Emry, Charles Cohen, W. S. Parker, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, J. Armstrong Chanler, and others. Matters of importance were discussed but nothing was given out for publication. UNCLAIMED LETTERS.—The following unclaimed letters remain the Weldon postoffice: John Brown, E. A. Bennett, James G. Branch, Charles Bunting, John Cary, Mrs. Mary Clanton, Bennett Cook, Mrs. Warren Dickens, Miss Nancy Carter, Bob Eaton, John Falkon, Mrs. Veni Freeman, Mrs. Silvia Falkner, James Goodwin, John Girtman, Miss Mattie Hyman, Miss Ella Hudson, Geo. Hasty, H. T. Harris, Chas. Harris, Mrs. Wade Johnson, Miss Lou Jones, Miss Lucy Miles, James Bohem, Sherman Arch, R. S. Alston, Geo. Owens, M. Peyronet Pierre, James Prescott, Ealy Pittman, Miss Rosa Pittman, Colie Roberts, Fannie Roberts, P. M. Simmons, Miss Mary Scott, Miss Van Savage, Miss Fannie Skinner, Miss Isabella Tate, Hettie Wilkins, Miss Sallie Walker, Miss Susie E. Williams, Maryetta Wilkins, John Wilson, C. F. Mohake. MAYOR'S COURT.—In the Mayor's court last Friday night three of the Roanoke Rapids brickmasons were before him on a charge of carrying concealed weapons and resisting an officer. There was no evidence as to the concealed weapons, but the Mayor decided that there was evidence to justify him in sending two of the parties on for trial, the third man was discharged as there was no evidence against him. Mr. T. C. Harrison appeared for the defendants and made an able argument for the defense. The defendants are all clever looking gentlemen, and they claim that they did not know that the men who arrested them were officers, when they resisted, but thought that they were about to be robbed. The Mayor required a bond of \$100 each for the appearance of two of the defendants at the next term of Halifax Superior court, which was promptly given, Major Kearny becoming their bondsman. THE OIL MILL.—The Weldon Cotton Seed Oil Mill is nearing completion and will be ready to run in three weeks. The machinery in the mill is very complicated and very costly. Few people have the least idea of the great amount of machinery it takes for an oil mill. We must confess that we were somewhat astonished when we visited the mill last Tuesday to see the great number of machines, wheels, shafts, spouts, screens, hullers, flint, tanks, etc., required to make the cotton seed oil. Our old friend, Mr. T. A. Clark, who is never happier than when working among machines, is superintending the putting in of all spouts and shaftings. Mr. Clark is a fine millwright, thoroughly understands his business, and takes pride in explaining the complications to those who are enough interested to make inquiries. Superintendent Mims is pushing the work as rapidly as possible. The placing of the machinery, however, is a job that cannot be done hurriedly. The work requires accuracy and nice judgment in every adjustment.

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