

CONDENSED FOR BUSY READERS.

H. T. Hudson, until Jan. 1st, chief clerk in State Auditor Dixon's office at Raleigh, has become editor of the *Cleveland Star*, published at Shelby.

Sam Blackburn, Station agent, at Pineville, and Miss Juanita McAdams, of Siler City, were married at the home of the bride's parents recently.

The recent Receiver's Sale of the Montgomery Mining Company, of Troy, was confirmed in the Federal court at Greensboro last week. The property brought \$10,000 on the day of sale, but when the confirmation was opposed by the minority stockholders, the bid was raised to \$25,000, which was agreed to.

H. Brooks, a well known citizen of Salisbury, died one day last week. He had been a member of the I. O. O. F. for over fifty years.

Jno. D. Rockefeller gave \$3,000, 000 to the University of Chicago, as a New Year's gift.

Owing to the excessive rains and consequent failure of crops in China it is estimated that 4,000,000 people are destitute. The authorities are unable to cope with the situation.

The arrival of E. S. Blackburn at Greensboro Thursday was followed by a flat denial by him of the alleged charges made by him against Mr. Hackett, Governor Glenn and Lieut. Governor Winston. He says the statement was sent out without his authority.

Six of England's best armored cruisers will represent that nation at the Jamestown Exposition naval display.

James McCrea, of Pittsburg, 1st, vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was last week elected president of that road, to succeed the late President A. J. Cassatt.

The Interstate Commerce Commission will investigate the block systems of the Southern and the Baltimore and Ohio Railway systems. This action is in view of the recent disastrous wrecks on their roads.

J. G. May, of Gibsonville, has taken charge of the Guilford county jail, succeeding D. F. Buick.

When a rabid dog attacked the children of Mrs. C. E. Fesperman in their home at Spencer, last week, the mother displayed rare courage by whipping the dog into a room and clothing the door, saving her children. The animal leaped through a window glass and was shot by the father as it left the premises.

The J. Randall Presnell Williams Lumber Co., of Philadelphia, will establish a big lumber plant at Salisbury. It will be one of the largest in the State.

During the past year eleven new corporations were chartered for Lexington, and February 1st a new bank will begin business. Property values have increased \$142,708.

The Cullowhee Copper Mines, of Jackson county, have closed down, and fifty families are without means of support. No reason is assigned for the suspension.

In a head-on collision on the Rock Island Railroad, near Topeka, Kan., Wednesday last, 30 persons were killed and forty injured.

Griffith Luterloh, of Hadley Township, Chatham county, has small pox, which he thinks he contracted at Sanford, from a negro who was allowed to wander around the streets.

In a tenement section of New York Wednesday, a \$100,000 fire rendered a thousand people homeless and burned fifty horses.

Henry C. Frick, who is now in control of the Pennsylvania Railway and named its new president, has bought a \$5,000,000 lot in New York on which he proposes to build a \$4,000,000 residence. The *Chattanooga Times* thinks he should have had the presidency of the road since, in view of this \$5,000,000 proposition, he needs a hefty salary.

Investigation has developed the fact that E. Spencer Blackburn cannot contest the Election of R. N. Hackett, in the eighth Congressional district according to the revised statutes, which provides that notice must be given within 30 days after canvassers determine result. Thirty-two days passed before there was any development.

An important meeting of the friends of temperance will be held at the court house at Raleigh January 24th. The call was issued by State Chairman, J. W. Bailey.

Upon applications of W. P. Ragan, attorney for F. H. Nicholson, a stockholder in Blackburn's "Tar Heel Club," a receiver has been appointed for that organization. The club was organized two years ago for the purpose of furthering the interest of the Republican party in the State but, proving a failure a receiver was demanded.

MYSTERY ENVELOPS DEATH.

Lexington Man Found Dead in a Ravine at Danville, Va.

The body of James M. Thomas, a superintendent for Lane Bros. contractors, whose home was at Lexington, was found dead in a ravine near Danville, Va., last week. He was about 60 years old and leaves a widow and seven children.

When last seen he was in company of three persons in the same neighborhood when his body was found. He was known to have a large sum of money on his person, but when found there was nothing but a bankbook and private letter on his person.

A live full grown chicken, tied to a button on his coat adds to the mystery which surrounds his death.

Fletcher Harris, Geo. Stevens and Albert Adkins have been arrested, at Danville, pending an investigation as to their identity proving to be the three persons with J. M. Thomas the day of his mysterious death.

MONTGOMERY NEWS.

Cullings From the Montgomerian—Marriages and Other Interesting Notes.

Charlie Russell and Miss Geneva Hall, of Troy township, were married a few days ago. May happiness attend them all through life.

Mr. Wade Crawford, of Opbitz, and Miss Vernia Zachary, of Wadeville were married last week. The bride is a beautiful young lady and very popular wherever she is known. The groom is a clever and industrious young man. We wish them a long, useful and successful life.

Mr. Littleton Dennis, of Uwharrie is nearly 82 years old but is still active and will be with us some time yet. Mr. Dennis has 7 children living, 48 grand children living, and 38 great grand children living. There are 17 grand children dead, and 15 great grand children dead, aggregating in all dead and living 119. If you can beat this trot out your man.

Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Randolph will be held in their Banking house on Thursday January 10th, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before it.
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DOUBLE WEDDING.

Watkins-Burton and Wade-Frazier.

Troy, January 4.—A double marriage ceremony was solemnized here Wednesday night at 8:30 o'clock in the M. E. Church. Mr. W. H. Watkins, Jr. of Ramseur, to Miss Alice Burton, and Fred H. Wade, of Deorum, Ga., to Miss Bettie Frazier, were the contracting parties. Rev. N. R. Richardson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church South, at Asheboro, officiated. The church was decorated, the entire altar being adorned with ferns and lilies of the valley. The church was filled to overflowing with the friends of the contracting parties. Mrs. Watkins was dressed in a going-away gown of brown, and Mrs. Wade in blue. Miss Bon Wade and Miss Zula Bruton, maids of honor, were dressed in net over pink tulle, with black picture hats. Each carried a shower bouquet of pink roses.

Mr. Ernest Watkins, of Ramseur, and Mr. Clyde Capel, of Troy, were best men. The following were the bridesmaids: Miss Maie Shamberger, of Biscoe; Miss Bessie Coffin, of Asheboro; Miss Lola Allen and Miss Maggie Wright, of Troy. All wore white tulle over white tulle, with pink girdles and pink shoes with black hats, each carrying white carnations. The groomsmen were as follows: Mr. W. C. Toomey, of Lumberton; Mr. C. B. Russell, of Asheboro; Mr. Clifford Frazier, of Greensboro, and Mr. C. A. Cochran, of Troy.

There were six little flower girls—Mary and Louise Bruton, Mary and Grace Smitherman, Josephine Wade, of Troy, and Sarah Louise Coe, of Ramseur. Mrs. Ben T. Wade was at the organ and played Lohengrin's march while the bridal party filed in. During the ceremony Heart and Lovers was played in a low soft tone. Then was played Mendelssohn's wedding march as they retired.

This was one (or two) of the prettiest weddings of the season.

Mrs. Watkins is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bruton, of Troy. Mrs. Wade is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frazier, of Troy. The happy pair left immediately after the benediction for the station, where they took passage for Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. Watkins will live at Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Wade will reside at Deorum, Ga., for awhile. Rice rained down upon them at the stations, at Troy and Asheboro, in copious showers. The bridal party spent the night at the Elwood, at High Point.

"They like the taste as well as simple sugar" is what one mother wrote of Kennedy's Laxative Cough Syrup. This modern cough syrup is absolutely free from any opiate or narcotic. Contains Honey and Tar. Conforms to the National Pure Food and Drug Law. Sold by Standard Drug Co. and Asheboro Drug Co.

A Girl is Dead if Single.

As poetry when read is sometimes not recognized as such, so when it is printed one may miss the link. Laughter may have its little run, and this early in the New Year we commend this clipping from a Florida exchange. No ballots asked on the truth or falsity of the contents, since it is not sacrum expression. The Florida paper sets forth thus:

"If the young lady who dropped the following poetic effusion near the post office will call at his office she can obtain the original copy and other papers of interest."

Here's the way it reads:
"Fell me not, in idle jingle, marriage is an empty dream, for a girl is dead that's single, and things are not what they seem. Life is dead that's single, and things seduce a fib, man thou art to man returneth has not been spoken of the rib. Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way, but act, that each tomorrow finds us nearer marriage day. Life is short and youth is fleeting, and our hearts though light and gay, pleasant drums are beating wedding marches all the way. In the world's broad field of battle, in the bivouac of life, be not like dumb driven cattle be a heroine—i wife. Trust no future however pleasant—let the dead past bury its dead. Act, act in the living present, heart within and hope o'er head. Lives of married folks remind us we can live our lives as well; and departing leave behind us lots of kids to shout and yell such examples that another, wasting time in idle sport, forlornly mounted bracer seeing shall take heart and court. Let us then, be an and doing, still contriving, still pursuing and each one a husband get."

Died.

Died Dec. 17th 1906 of fever Miss Adgie Wallace. The loving daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Wallace. It was sad to see one so promising and young die. She was just entering the bloom of youth being only 14 years old. There is not only a vacant seat made and a sweet voice hushed in her sad home; but there is an empty seat and no one to answer to her name at the roll in our Sunday School class at the Baptist church, where she so promptly attended.

Dear Adgie your room is so lonely and so still,
For there, there is no one your place can fill.

Oh! we would not call you back here to stay,
When you have such a bright home far far away.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

LESSON II, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 13.

Text of the Lesson, Gen. 1, 20, to II, 3. Memory Verses, 20, 27—Golden Text, Gen. 1, 27—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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God, having again made everything beautiful on this earth and having filled the air, the earth and the sea with living creatures, completes His work by creating man in His own image to rule over all, and the Scriptures make it clear that it is the eternal purpose of God that man shall rule over and control all things on earth. "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet" (Ps. viii, 6). That this shall be the conclusion of the whole matter we learn from I Cor. xv, 25-28. The present condition, with an assurance of the future, is seen in Heb. ii, 8, 9, "We see not yet all things put under Him, but we see Jesus."

"Let us make man in our image" is strongly suggestive (to say the least) of the council of the Trinity and carries us over to Isa. vi, 8, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" where we have both the Unity and the Trinity. There is some light upon the likeness or image of God in which man was created in Col. iii, 10, with Eph. iv, 23, 24, but Christ is spoken of as the image of God in Col. i, 15; Heb. i, 3; II Cor. iv, 4; and when the story is finished His redeemed shall be like Him (Phil. iii, 20, 21; I John iii, 2). Now it is our privilege to become more like Him every day, beholding Him at God's right hand for us and accepting all things as from Him (II Cor. iii, 18).

The creation of the first man and woman, described in these words, "So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them" (verse 27), is more fully set forth in chapter II, 7:21-25, and must be received exactly as here stated, for it is a direct revelation from God Himself concerning the way He did it, and it is beyond the power of man to find out otherwise. We see, therefore, in Adam and Eve the finest man and woman that ever walked this earth—Adam the finest man, Christ excepted, and Eve the finest woman without exception. Since God is clothed with light as with a garment (Ps. civ, 2) they, being in the image of God, must have been clothed with light also, a halo or glory which was a part of themselves as truly as the coverings of birds and other creatures was a part of themselves. They had no "put on" clothing such as we wear, and in that sense they were naked (II, 25).

One result of the blessing of the Lord is always fruitfulness (verses 22, 28). See in this connection John xv, 8, 10; Iy, 36; Rom. vi, 22; vii, 4, and notice in Lev. xxv, 21, that the blessing of the Lord upon an ordinary sowing sometimes produced three times the usual increase. The Rev. Ver. of Prov. x, 22, is beautiful in this connection, "The blessing of the Lord it maketh rich, and toil addeth nothing thereto." In verse 20 we have the first "Behold" in the Bible, and how precious suggestive it is that we find it in connection with these words, "I have given you." I do not think that there can be a more inspiring, uplifting Bible study than that of the things freely given us by God, beginning with "the unspeakable Gift" of His dear Son and going on with Rom. viii, 23; I Cor. ii, 12, etc.

Chapter II, 1-3, clearly belongs to this first section of Scripture and tells the story of the first day which God specially blessed, but notice in verse 1 the word "finished," and if resting in Him who said when He died for us, "It is finished," then be quite sure that He will perfect all that concerneth us (Ps. cxxxviii, 7, 8; Phil. i, 6). The sentence, "His work which He had made," used three times in verses 2, 3, suggests believers as His workmanship (Eph. ii, 10), in whom and through whom He will finish all that He has begun, but unless He is allowed to work in us both to will and to do the things pleasing in His sight all will be only wood, hay and stubble to be burned. The words "created and made" (verse 3) cover the creation record of chapter I, 1, and also the whole six days' work, the making all things out of nothing and then fashioning anew, the created matter after the catastrophe. His resting from all His work takes us to Heb. iv, 10, "We who have believed do enter into his rest; * * * for he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His." There is a resting in Christ as our Saviour when we see and accept His finished work of redemption, but there is also restful service with Him as we take His yoke and learn of Him to live in the Father's will.

As the seventh day was sanctified or set apart for man to give his whole time to knowing God and learning to rejoice in Him (see Isa. lviii, 13, 14), so we, His workmanship, must consider ourselves as indeed set apart for Himself, a people for His own possession (Ps. lvi, 3; Th. ii, 14, R. V.). There is much to be learned from the numbers in Scripture, and we have here considerable light on the significance of the first seven numbers. It does not require much keenness to see "abundantly" associated with five, and "finished" or "perfected" associated with seven. Any one can see by counting that "God" is mentioned thirty-five times in this first section, and when we let God work in us as He is now working here we will be five times seven, or abundantly finished. That will not fully be till Eve (the church) is built and brought to Adam's side, and then the kingdom and dominion will be ours with Him.

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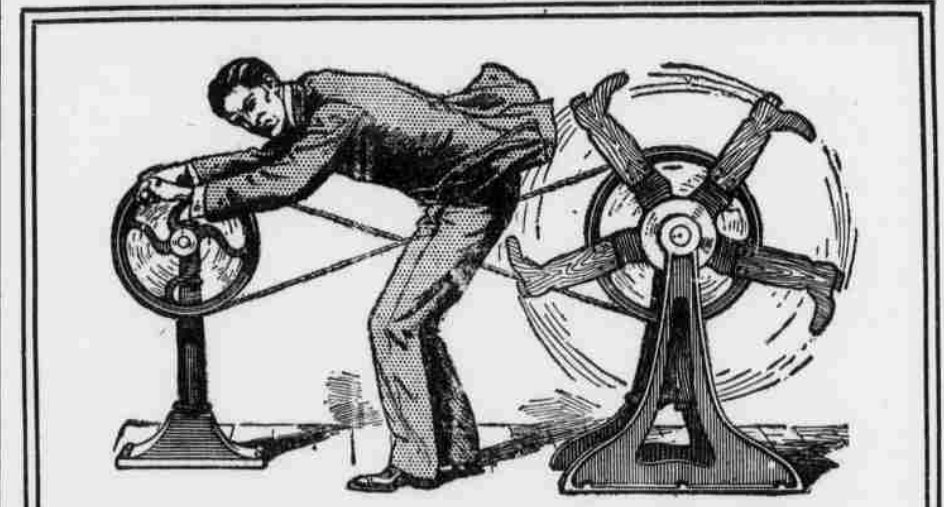
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