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COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS

VOLUME OF BUSINESS GREAT—ROADS DECLARE EMBARGOS ON CAR LOAD SHIPMENTS—LOCAL SHIPPERS DISTRESSED.

The volume of business handled by the railroads of the country is a splendid indication of the prosperity of the country. The Southern Railway, New York, New Haven and Hartford, Central of Georgia, and other large railway systems have placed embargos on car loads and less than carloads of freight except live stock and perishable foods for human consumption. The agent for the Southern Railway at Asheboro showed a representative of the Courier yesterday a large list of terminals on which the embargo on freight had been laid. This is due to the immense prosperity and the enormous shipments in all parts of the country. Shippers in Asheboro and in this section of the State are greatly distressed over the fact that they cannot make shipments of goods sold. Thousands of cars loaded with freight are standing at terminals throughout the country.

WILL EXTEND OFFER

The clubbing offer mentioned in another column in which four magazines are given with a year's subscription to the Courier for only 18 cents extra will be extended a few days in order to enable those who neglected to send in their subscriptions before Christmas to do so now and take advantage of this great offer. A year's subscription to the Courier and these magazines costs only \$1.18. When renewing your subscription merely add the 18 cents and ask for the four magazines. Do not hesitate. The offer may be withdrawn before you take advantage of the rare opportunity to get your winter's reading at so little cost.

MR. J. FRANK STEED, STEEDS, WEDS MISS RUBY ASTOR CAGLE, ASBURY.

A quiet but impressive wedding ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Cagle, Asbury, Dec. 22, when their daughter, Ruby, was married to Mr. J. Frank Steed. There were a number of relatives of both contracting parties present to witness the uniting of these popular young people. The marriage vows were taken in the reception room, which was decorated in Christmas colors. Rev. J. H. Stowe, Asheboro, officiating. The bride and groom were preceded to the altar by Miss Maggie Cagle, sister of the bride, and Miss Harriette Hammer, cousin of the groom, who were the only attendants. Miss Katie Belle Cagle, sister of the bride, played Lohengrin's wedding march and softened the melodies through the ceremony, after which the bride and groom went by automobile to the home of the latter where a sumptuous supper was served. The bride is a most attractive young woman who has by her lovable disposition and sweet manner won a large circle of friends. The groom is the son of the late J. W. Steed. For a number of years he lived in Arizona but on the death of his father he came home to look after the business of the estate. The young couple have the good wishes of their many friends throughout this section of the State.

DENTON NEWS.

Christmas passed very quietly in Denton. There were entertainments and Christmas trees at the churches, and many visitors here as is usual during the holidays. No fireworks were allowed in the town and the absence of noise was quite noticeable. The effects of the "quart law" were felt and there was no drinking, no fighting and no accidents.

Mr. Earl Smith, of Denton, and Miss Erma Lanning, of Lexington, were married at the home of the bride's mother, December 24, Rev. H. L. Powell performing the ceremony. Mr. Smith is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Smith, and is an industrious young man of good character. Miss Lanning is a daughter of Mrs. Alex. Lanning, of Lexington, and is a popular young lady, well known here being a niece of Rev. Jeff. Lanning of this place.

Lexington's new furniture plant is nearing completion.

RANDOLPH MAN DELIVERS UNIVERSITY SERMON

The University sermon for December was delivered by Rev. S. S. Robins, a graduate of the University of North Carolina of the class of 1904 and later of Harvard University, who is now located at Kingston, Massachusetts. Taking as his text Matthew 19:16, "Master, what good thing shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Mr. Robins showed that the Christ's answer to the rich young man was a progressive interpretation of His own life.

"Keep the commandment," was the first answer that Jesus gave to the rich young man. This, Mr. Robins said, is the childhood stage of religion. These commandments are the tutors which educate and guide us in our Christian life. The child's point of view is that the commandments are limitations upon pleasure and upon life. This is characteristic of the first stage of religion.

The young man showed that he had passed the childhood stage of religion by his answer: "All these I have kept from my youth up; but what lack I yet?" Jesus answered—"Go, sell all thou hast, give to the poor, and come follow me." The central thing Jesus did in saying this was to tell the young man that religion has to do primarily with the central vocation or purpose of a man's life.

This question and answer brings us to the second stage of religion and of life itself—namely, youth. What is characteristic of youth? In that period man is awakening to the consciousness of his own strength, power and personality. Youth is the great period when we realize the lower nature that is in all of us. And yet it is also the period when we are reaching out and asking—What is there I do that is most worth while?

When Jesus gave this second answer to the young man, He was saying to him—"Salvation is an introduction into the spiritual life."

The last period in a man's life was expressed by Jesus in the words—"Come, follow me." Religion means in the first and last place work. If in his youth a young man has faced the great issue and has decided that his life shall make for something worth while, then the last period of life in which work predominates will be a source of pleasure to him. In its last analysis religion in this and every other case means work.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Next week will be observed as the week of prayer in the Presbyterian church. All the members and friends of the church are urged to be present. The following will be the subjects for consideration:

Monday—Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

Tuesday—Assemblies, Home Missions.

Wednesday—The Family Altar.

Thursday—Sabbath School Extension and Publication.

Friday—Foreign Missions. Services at 7:30 p. m.

ALFRED FINCH PASSES

After an illness of only six hours from a paralytic stroke Alfred Finch, a prominent farmer and highly respected citizen, died at his home near High Point Monday evening at the age of 68 years. Funeral services were held at Pleasant Hill church, this county, Tuesday afternoon. A widow, two sons and two daughters survive.

ELMORE-KIVETT

On Sunday afternoon Dec. 26th Mr. R. C. Lewallen with Mr. C. E. Elmore and Miss Berta Kivett, of Asheboro motored to Randleman. They arrived at the M. P. prison about 5 o'clock, where Mr. Elmore and Miss Kivett were happily married by Rev. J. B. O'Brian. Mr. Elmore is a member of the Bulletin office force and is a most excellent young man and Miss Kivett is one of Asheboro's charming young ladies and has a host of friends. After the marriage the happy couple was taken by Mr. Lewallen to the home of the parents of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Elmore, in Randleman, where they will spend a few days Christmas week. Friends both in Asheboro and Randleman extend congratulations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN—MISS BETTS LIBRARIAN—LIST OF BOOKS AVAILABLE.

The Randolph Sunday School Library is now open. The following list of books has been approved by the officers of the North Carolina Sunday School Association and by Dr. W. A. Brown, of the International Sunday School Association. These books can be sent through the mails at five cents each. Anyone desiring books will please write or call on Miss Marietta Betts, Librarian, Asheboro, N. C.

Elementary Division—Beginner's Department.
Stories and Story Telling, by E. P. St. John.

Who Was It? Stories, by Julia H. Johnston.

Primary Department.
Practical Primary Plans, by Israel P. Black.

All About the Primary, by Sudlow.
The Unfolding Life, by M. A. Lamoreaux.

Junior Department.
The Junior Worker and His Work, by E. A. Robinson.

Successful Boys' Clubs, by R. P. Anderson.

Fifty Missionary Heroes Every Boy and Girl Should Know, by Julia H. Johnston.

The Elementary Worker and His Work, by Jacobs-Lincoln.

The Boy and the Church, by Eugene C. Foster.

Secondary Division.
The Intermediate Worker and His Work, by Edward S. Lewis.

The Senior Worker and His Work, by Edward S. Lewis.

The Teens and the Rural Sunday Schools, by Alexander.

Church Work with Boys, by W. B. Forbush.

The Girl in Her Teens, by Margaret Slattery.

The Boy and the Sunday School, by Alexander.

The Girl and Her Religion, by Slattery.

Adult Division and Superintendents.
The Adult Worker and His Work, by W. C. Barclay.

The Successful Superintendent, by Wells.

Organizing and Building up the Sunday School, by J. L. Hurbutt.

The Graded Sunday School in Principle and Practice, by H. H. Meyer.

The Superintendent and His Work, by F. L. Brown.

How to Conduct a Sunday School, by Lawrence.

Miscellaneous.
The Country Town Sunday School, by G. C. Edwards.

The Sunday School Building and its Equipment, by Evans.

The Worker and His Church, by S. L. Beller.

The Making of a Teacher, by M. C. Brumbaugh.

Missionary Methods for Sunday School Workers, by Trull.

These books are especially adapted for Sunday School workers and it is earnestly desired that those interested in the advancement of Sunday School work take advantage of the opportunities afforded them to read these books. Books will be loaned for a period of two weeks. If any books are not returned at the expiration of this time, a fine of one cent each day will be charged the borrower for one week and after one week's delay, the fine will be increased to five cents per day.

If further information is desired, apply to the librarian or to the undersigned.

L. F. ROSS,

President Randolph County Sunday School Association.

JOHN VUNCANNON DEAD

John Vuncannon, a prosperous farmer residing at Seagrave, died Sunday night after a week's illness with pneumonia, aged 52 years. Surviving are his widow, three children, two brothers, Messrs. J. M. Vuncannon and Jake Vuncannon, of Rowan county, one sister, Mrs. Abe Parks, of Seagrave. The remains were interred in the family cemetery Monday.

Rev. John W. Stagg, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Orlando, Fla., died Thursday night in a sanatorium at Black Mountain where he had been several months. He was at one time pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Charlotte.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP

APPEAL TO THE PEOPLE OF RANDOLPH TO HELP POLES—16,000,000 SOULS IN DISTRESS.

The following letter appealing to every human being in Randolph county has been received from the American Polish Relief Commission.

Every boy and girl, man and woman, has something of the Christmas spirit—let every one show it by responding. The Bank of Randolph and the First National Bank of Asheboro will receive any contribution however small, and the Courier and the Bulletin will also receive any contribution and see that it is placed in the bank and forwarded to the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Treasurer, American Polish Relief Commission, National Headquarters, 12 and 14 East 46th Street, New York City, December 21, 1915.

"Sixteen million souls in Poland, mostly women and little children, are homeless and without food and clothing. Refugees from Poland who have sought shelter in Russia and France tell pitiful tales of the suffering and distress that pervade their native land.

"The winters of Poland are always looked forward to with dread, even by those insured to their hardships, but the present winter will cause suffering the like of which has never been known in the history of mankind.

"Widows and children—hundreds of thousands—are wandering in the wastes of Poland. Many descriptions have reached us of their emaciated forms, huddling in the cannon ruts and disease-laden trenches, and of starving processions of the old and sick, of feeble children and infants, stopping every now and then to bury one who had given up the struggle. Yet we, in America, are preparing to enjoy the season of Peace on Earth and Good Will Toward Men.

"Will you help to alleviate the sufferings of these unfortunate people?"

Yours very truly,

American Polish Relief Commission, A. Sterling, Sec.

Make Checks and Post Office Orders Payable to Guaranty Trust Company of New York, Treasurer.

WHITE-OSBORN.

Miss Lillian Osborn became the bride of Mr. Grover E. White Christmas morning at the Baptist parsonage, Rev. J. E. Powell officiating. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. White left for Chatham county to spend a few days with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. White.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Osborn, and has a wide circle of friends in Asheboro. The groom is an employee of the Cox-Lewis Hardware Company. He has made many friends in Asheboro during his stay here.

PROF. B. H. LEWIS MARRIED

Prof. B. H. Lewis, principal of Liberty high school, was married to Miss Cora Lou Butt, at Asheville Monday. We clip the following from the Asheville Citizen of December 28:

An interesting wedding of yesterday took place at the Langren hotel at 4:30 o'clock. The contracting parties being out-of-town people. The bride was Miss Cora Lou Butt, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Butt, of Marion, the groom, Mr. Bruce H. Lewis, of Liberty, N. C. Rev. Calvin B. Waller, of the First Baptist church, was the officiating minister. Miss Butt wore at the marriage ceremony her traveling gown, a tailored blue cloth, and she had as an only attendant, Miss Eloise Nichols, of Asheville. Mr. John Nichols, of Raleigh, was best man, and Mr. Harry Howell, of this city, was also present at the ceremony. Mr. Lewis is principal of the high school at Liberty. The honeymoon will be spent in Asheville, after which Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will return to Liberty.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

The 61st birthday of Mr. J. M. Canoy was celebrated at his home near Flint Hill, this county, Saturday. More than a hundred friends gathered to share the pleasures of the occasion. A long table was spread with good things to eat. After dinner Mr. M. U. Canoy made a short talk. Music was furnished by the Flint Hill string band.

GOVERNOR CRAIG PRAISED

Reports from convict camps over the state show that the three days' parole granted by Governor Craig to the trustees during the holidays was in most cases taken as an occasion by the fortunate ones to visit homefolks. Governor Craig has received letters from all over the country commending him for his action and northern newspaper men have passed the suggestion along as worthy of contemplation.

Two trustees of the Randolph road force located at Sophia were eligible for the three days holiday granted by the Governor. One of the men, whose home was at Troy, did not go home on account of the distance. The other, Pearl Balfour, colored, spent the three days with home folks in Asheboro. He came home Friday night and returned promptly to the camp Monday morning on the first train.

NOTHING IN THE CHARGE AGAINST THE ELDER BOYS

A special to the News and Observer says that Richmond friends of Dr. David L. Elder and Dr. Jeffrey N. Elder, from Trinity, N. C., who recently were arrested at Hopewell on a warrant charging them with criminal abortion said they understood that the physicians were contemplating beginning action for heavy damages against parties responsible for their arrest. The criminal cases were nolleprossed yesterday no evidence having been found to sustain the charges.

CAPT. LITTLE DEAD

Capt. John M. Little died at Charlotte Friday at the age of 72 years. Captain Little was an officer in the second company that left Anson county and later enrolled in the 23rd North Carolina volunteer regiment. He saw service at Manassas and in the peninsular campaign, and especially distinguished himself at Williamsburg. During the latter part of the war Capt. Little served as a conscript officer and was stationed at Asheboro.

MOULIN-SHELLEY

Mr. Emery L. Modlin and Miss Lola E. Shelley, of High Point, Route 3, were married Thursday afternoon Dec. 23, 'squire John Davis officiating.

Miss Shelley is the highly esteemed daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shelley. Mr. Modlin is the son of Mr. T. L. Modlin. They will make their home on High Point Route 3.

RICE-BARKER

Dec. 29 the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Barker, Randleman, was the place of a beautiful home wedding when their daughter, Miss Maude, became the bride of Mr. W. T. Rice, of Ramberg, S. C., Rev. J. B. O'Brian officiating.

The home was beautifully decorated with holly and fern. Only a few near relatives and friends were present. The bride wore a beautiful blue going away suit and soon after the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Rice amid showers of rice and many congratulations, boarded the train at Randleman for Ramberg, S. C., where they expect to make their home.

Mr. Rice is a native of Georgia but now a citizen of South Carolina. He is bookkeeper in a mercantile house in Ramberg. Mr. Rice is a young man of most excellent qualities and it is not at all surprising that he should woo and win one of North Carolina's fair daughters. Mrs. Rice is a lady of refinement and is one among Randleman's most popular young women, an experienced milliner and has been employed by a wholesale house in Baltimore and was a representative sent to different cities and towns. On one of these trips she first met Mr. Rice.

TO OBSERVE EMANCIPATION DAY

The colored people of Asheboro will observe the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation Saturday. They have arranged a good program for the occasion.

Cotton Ginned in Randolph

The census bureau shows the number of bales of cotton ginned in Randolph prior to Dec. 13, 1915 to be 643 bales, as against 777 bales for the same period last year. J. S. Ridge, Special Agent.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

ITEMS OF LIVE NEWS GATHERED FROM OUR EXCHANGES AND CONDENSED IN BRIEF FORM FOR BUSY READERS.

Mr. E. C. Gregory, of Salisbury, son-in-law of Senator Overman, is one of the incorporators of a company with offices in Salisbury for the manufacture of munitions.

S. I. Horton, a prominent citizen of Wakefield, shot and killed Bossie Hopkins and wounded John Grady, both negroes, Monday night after a quarrel. Joseph G. McNeely, of Greensboro, and Miss Fannie Bell Reece, of Salisbury, were married at Salisbury Wednesday of last week.

Edwin C. Miller, a prominent business man of Charlotte, was instantly killed Saturday afternoon when a Southern train struck his automobile on a crossing one mile south of Cornelius.

At the home of the bride's parents at McLeansville Saturday Miss Beulah Montgomery was married to Mr. Edgar L. Henley, of Greensboro.

Lexington has a Juvenile court which has been in existence for three months. The sessions of the court are under the care of the Recorder.

Miss Louisa Hill, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Joel Hill, of Lexington, was married to John C. Bower, Solicitor of the 12th judicial district Tuesday evening of last week.

Mrs. Ada Martin McDonald, wife of Senator D. A. McDonald, died Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock at her home at Carthage, at the age of 50 years.

Mrs. Laura G. Snipes died of pneumonia Saturday afternoon in the city hospital at Winston-Salem at the age of 32 years. She is survived by her husband, W. Frank Snipes, seven step-children, her mother, and three sisters.

The road commissioner of Davidson county have authorized the building of a good road from Reeds to the Yadkin River, via Yadkin College. This road is a part of the Boone Highway which stretches for a thousand miles between Lexington, N. C., and Warrenton, Mo.

Billie Gray, who killed Lafayette Langley at his home six miles from Wilson December 23, committed suicide in the home of his victim Sunday afternoon while the house was being surrounded by a posse. It is thought that he had returned to kill Mrs. Langley who was fortunately not at home.

Geo. W. Palmer died Monday afternoon of last week at the home of his daughter at Linwood, Davidson county, aged 82 years.

According to Sheriff C. C. Shaw, the taxes of Davidson county were better paid up before Christmas than in any like period in the history of the county.

S. C. Wood, a Salisbury merchant, was kept in his room for several days as the result of a peculiar accident. While cutting a piece of meat for Christmas dinner the butcher's knife which he was using slipped and cut a long gash in his knee.

Mr. Frank R. Henley was killed at Method last Sunday when he came in contact with a live wire. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Henley formerly of Guilford county, but now of Crew, Va.

CANAAN NEWS

Mr. J. S. Kinley, who has been sick for some time, does not improve. The storm Saturday did little damage in this community.

A nice Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree were given by the school here Friday.

Fox hunters of this section captured a grey fox near Sheriff Birdhead's farm Saturday.

Mr. A. Ridge and family, of Pinson, are visiting relatives in this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred and Gurney McDowell, of High Point, are spending Christmas with home folks.

Mr. Moodie Hunt and sister, Miss Zoffie, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ward Saturday.

Mr. W. C. Fine had the misfortune to get his buggy torn up while returning from a fox hunt Christmas day.

Mr. Jesse McDowell, of Albemarle, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McDowell.

Mr. Earlie Hill, of Pinson, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. C. Hill, at Jackson Creek.