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NEWS IN BRIEF.

State fair at Raleigh Oct. 18th to 23d, inclusive.

Supt. Benbow is the right man in the right place.

How does it sound—Miss Genie Upham assistant postmaster?

Francis Deaton, town surveyor, is busy laying out new streets and grounds.

A laundry to be located at the power house is among the sure improvements.

Mr. Shaw expects to have his livery stable ready for business by the first of November.

Holly Inn is now being enlarged to double its former capacity and will open for the season Nov. 15th.

After Nov. 1st the Casino will be open for boarders at the usual rates—\$4.50 per week, dinners \$2.50.

The two fawns born here last April are growing fast and add greatly to the interest in the ever popular deer park.

The new photograph gallery will be located in the general store building which is now in course of construction.

Hotel Melver is full to overflowing with workmen engaged on the numerous new buildings being erected in the village.

The bath rooms in the Casino will be a much needed improvement, and will be open to the public by the payment of a small fee.

Postmaster Couch has sent his resignation to Washington. It is expected that Charles D. Benbow will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Town Surveyor Deaton has in hand the construction of a new map of Moore county. When it is finished we shall all know "where we are at."

It is rumored that through trains will soon be run from High Point through Pinehurst to Aberdeen, connecting with the Seaboard Air Line at that point.

An improvement in our water supply system is contemplated, whereby the water can be forced through the pipes for house use before reaching the storage tank.

Plans are being made for the erection of a number of houses on the outskirts of the village for the use of workmen, which will be rented at very reasonable rates.

"The Palmetto" continues a popular apartment house, nearly every suite being taken. The two vacant suites can be rented for the season for \$45 and \$60 respectively.

A circulating library will be opened in connection with the post office when the new store building is ready for occupancy. Miss Genie Upham will act as librarian.

"The Cedars" will again be used as a lodging house in connection with the cafe the coming season. There are a few rooms still vacant. Information can be obtained of C. D. Benbow, agent.

One of the pleasantest drives around Pinehurst will be the road to Carthage—when the commissioners so improve it that a stranger will not be led astray by the numerous old roads left by the lumbermen.

Mr. Everett Couch has resigned as assistant postmaster, and Miss Genie Upham has been appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Couch will enter the employ of the Southern Pines Electric Light Co.

The Magnolia house will soon be opened under the management of J. L. Pottle of Jefferson, N. H. This will be Mr. Pottle's second season in the Magnolia and will no doubt be successful as in the past.

"Pine Rest" will be used as an annex to the Holly Inn as last year, and will be in charge of Mrs. J. H. Atwood, which is a sufficient guarantee that everything possible will be done for the convenience and comfort of every guest.

The old Aberdeen and West End railroad, now known as the Aberdeen and Asheboro railroad, makes connections at Asheboro for High Point and Greensboro. We are informed that Mr. Page intends to improve the service in the near future.

The winter cottages in and around the village are rapidly filling up, and inquiries are continually being received from northern people regarding the climate, advantages, accommodations, etc., of this section of North Carolina and especially of Pinehurst. There is no better place for northern people to spend the winter season than in Pinehurst, as is evidenced by the fact that many of the people who are now renting cottages spent the last winter season here.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. L. Goodrich has been appointed foreman at the village farm.

N. McKinnon, formerly of Lowell, Mass., is a popular clerk in the general store.

Uncle Perry, ex-engineer at the pumping station, has been in town during the past week.

Mrs. Drew and daughter Nettie will occupy suite No. 2 at "The Palmetto" the coming season.

Mr. J. R. Bicknell of Malden, Mass., writes that he will again visit Pinehurst during the winter season.

Miss Kitty Dees, stenographer to Supt. Benbow, has returned from a vacation which she spent at Newbern.

Charles E. Vale has returned from his vacation in the north and is busy with his camera taking views in Pinehurst and vicinity.

Dr. Bradbury and family recently returned from a visit north, and are now settled in their pleasant home on Magnolia road.

Harry Stillings the popular electric car conductor during last season, will again occupy that position on Nov. 1st.

Mrs. Alice Hubbard and family of "The Oasis," Dogwood road, have returned from a visit to relatives in Madison, Wis.

Mr. J. S. Bagg of Syracuse, N. Y., who spent last winter in Pinehurst, expresses his intention to again visit us the coming winter.

T. J. Ellenwood of Brooklyn, N. Y., has engaged a suite of rooms in "The Dartmouth," which he will occupy as soon as the building is finished.

F. L. Hightower, painter and contractor, has taken the contract to paint the buildings now under construction by Bain & Longest in our village.

Mrs. A. E. Upham who conducted the Casino so successfully during the past season will again assume charge during the season commencing Nov. 1st.

The return of E. H. Fisher of Boston for the season is eagerly looked for. As end man in a first class minstrel entertainment he has no equal—in Pinehurst.

Mrs. M. A. G. Taylor and daughter May, of "The Waldheim," Chinquapin road, have returned from their old home in Providence, R. I., where they spent several weeks of the summer vacation. They are glad to get back to the sunny south.

Mrs. R. M. Couch who has recently removed to Southern Pines, will be greatly missed in our religious services. She could always be depended on to give her personal assistance to maintain the meetings.

Mr. R. M. Couch, formerly town superintendent, has removed to Southern Pines, where he will resume the management of the Ozone Hotel which he conducted previous to his connection with Pinehurst.

Gen. H. B. Carrington and family of Hyde Park, Mass., will reside in Pinehurst this winter. We have very pleasant recollections of his son Chase and daughters Henrietta and Jane, who were of so much assistance in the entertainments in the village last season.

When people talk about there being a better state than North Carolina, every potato slightly winks its eye, every cabbage shakes its head, every beet gets red in the face, every onion feels stronger, every oat field is shocked, rye strokes its beard, corn sticks up its ears, and every foot of land kicks. The horses even denounce the statement with a neigh, and the printers grab their shooting sticks, says the Durham Sun.

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