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Friday, August 30, 1901.

Rural Free Delivery in Johnston.

Through the efforts of Congressman Pau Johnston county is to have several free delivery mail routes. Mr Barr, of the Postoffice Department, will be here Saturday and inspect and establish the routes as soon as possible.

We understand that four or five new routes are to be established at once, with a probability of others being established soon.

One route will go out from Smithfield along the Clayton road by Mr. B. R. Jones. Another will start from Smithfield and go down the river road by Mr. C. S. Powell's, and return by the Princeton road.

Another is to start from Four Oaks and go out in the direction of Bentonville.

A fourth route is to be established, starting from Bagley and running out in the Emit section.

Plans are on foot for the establishment of a route to connect the Emit and Wakefield routes.

All these routes will do a great deal of good for the sections through which they pass. All the people have to do to get these routes is to make application, giving full information etc., to the Postoffice Department. We are glad to see the interest that is being manifested in these rural free delivery routes and we hope the day is not far distant when every man in the county can have his mail delivered almost at his door daily.

Advantages of Rural Free Delivery.

Rural free delivery of mails is scientific. On purely theoretical grounds the postoffice ought always to deliver the matter entrusted to it at the door of the addressee. The distance to be traveled from sender to receiver of mails is precisely the same whether the whole trip be made by the postal employee or he be met part way by the person for whom it is intended. Furthermore, the cost of making the trip is always paid out of the sum total of the nation's capacity to do work. It makes but little difference ultimately whether the labor is paid for from Government funds collected by the sale of stamps or otherwise, or is done by each man directly without intervention of the United States Treasury at all; it all comes from the people anyhow. The only question that need be asked is whether there will be more waste of time, a longer number of empty trips by the farmer, who never knows when there is mail for him or by the postman, who always knows whether there is something to deliver; and to this there seems to be but one answer. Postmaster General Charles E. Smith in his last report summarizes the results attained as follows: "Rural delivery has now been sufficiently tried to measure its effects. The immediate and direct results are clearly apparent. It stimulates social and business correspondence, and so swells the postal receipts. Its introduction is invariably followed by a large increase in the circulation of the press and of periodical literature.

"The farm is thus brought into direct daily contact with the currents and movements of the business world. A most accurate knowledge of ruling markets and varying prices is diffused, and the producer, with his quicker communication and larger information, is placed on a surer footing. The value of farms, as has been shown in many cases, is enhanced. Good roads become indispensable, and their improvement is the essential condition of the service.

"The material and measurable benefits are signal and unmistakable.

takable. But the movement exercises a wider and deeper influence. It becomes a factor in the social and economic tendencies of American life. The disposition to leave the farm for the town is a familiar effect of our past conditions. But this tendency is checked, and may be materially changed by an advance which conveys many of the advantages of the town to the farm. Rural free delivery brings the farm within the daily range of the intellectual and commercial activities of the world, and the isolation and monotony which have been the bane of agricultural life are sensibly mitigated. It proves to be one of the most effective and powerful of educational agencies.

"Wherever it is extended the schools improve and the civic spirit of the community feels a new pulsation; the standard of intelligence is raised, enlightened interest in public affairs is quickened, and better citizenship follows. With all these results clearly indicated by the experiment as thus far tried, rural free delivery is plainly here to stay. It cannot be abandoned where it has been established, and it cannot be maintained without being extended."

The objections are: Fourth-class postmasters and star route contractors are thrown out of some work, and the custom of large numbers of farmers is diverted from its former channels, a little disturbance of business of indefinite proportions but of real consequence, yet soon remedied by a readjustment of relations. The balance in favor of rural free delivery is so great, the reception by farmers so enthusiastic, and the demand for its extension so widespread and urgent that the Postoffice Department now makes an estimate for it as no longer an experiment, and Congress in its liberal appropriations appears to have accepted this view. The growth of the administrative work at Washington has been so great that additional room is now being provided for the force of employees.

The conditions shown justify the opinion more than once expressed by the Postoffice Department, that the United States must follow the lead of France, England, Germany, Austria, and other countries, whose closely settled lands sooner suggested it, and established a free delivery service everywhere. It is already manifest that the service is in some respects superior to that of the older countries, and where it is fully developed and running smoothly Americans and foreigners will alike be surprised if it is not clearly superior in all its details.

Believing Dr. Seth Arnold's Balsam a reliable remedy for all bowel disorders, we hereby guarantee every 25c. bottle sold by us to give satisfaction or money refunded. Hood Bros. Allen Lee.

BIG EXCURSION.

We will run an excursion from Dunn via Wilson to Wilmington and Ocean View Tuesday September 3rd, and will be prepared to carry all who wish to go. Fare for round trip \$1.75. Passengers taken at all points from Dunn to Pikeville. Train passes Smithfield about 7:30 o'clock. H. F. EDGERTON, DR. J. C. GRADY, J. T. EDGERTON, Managers.

Paylor & Lassiter have moved to the Riverside and their trade has followed them, and gaining more trade every day. They lead, others follow.

W. G. Yelvington has the best Kip Tie Shoe for men at \$1.25, and the best Ladies Dongola lace and button dress shoes at \$1.25 in the city.

SMITHFIELD MARKET

CORRECTED EVERY THURSDAY.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Cotton (8 to 8 1/2), Eggs (12 to 15), Chickens (12 to 25), Granulated Sugar (6 to 6 1/4), Corn (90), Potatoes (45 to 50), Feed Oats (55 to 60), Fresh Pork (6 to 7), C. R. Sides (3 1/2 to 4), Hams (13 to 13 1/2), Lard (11 to 12), Cheese (15), Butter (20 to 25), Dried Apples (7 1/2 to 10), Coffee (8 to 10), Sheep Skins (10 to 80), Salt Hides (7 to 8), Hides-Green (4 to 5), Hides-Dry Flats (6 to 12), Tallow (5), Beeswax (20), Meal (1.75), Flour (23.00, 2.25), Fodder (90 to \$1.10), Hay (per hundred, \$1.00), Wool (washed, 20).

Send us your Job Work. Neat work at living prices.

NEW PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKS

At State Contract and Exchange Prices. Paper, Inks, Slates, Tablets and all school supplies at

HOOD BROTHERS, DRUGGISTS.

WAR! WAR! WAR!

Our nation as well as other nations have for some time past been pursuing a course of war, but R. F. SMITH is engaged in a war that is not any less important to his fellow man, and that is to teach them that they cannot do a more dutiful thing than to

Furnish their bed rooms with nice Beds, Bureaus, etc., their parlors with nice Rugs, Parlor Suits, Organs and Pictures.

It makes our homes brighter; it puts a cheerful smile on every child's face in the home and not only the children but the husband and wife.

Again what is of more use around a home than a good BICYCLE for the boys and girls to attend the errands? What would please your girl any more than to give her a nice ORGAN so that she may spend her happy hours playing sweet hymns for the family.

PICTURES AND FRAMES.

How could you do a better thing than to have the pictures of some loved one enlarged and framed. COFFINS. And last, but not at all the least, what becomes us better than to show respect to our loved ones when they have passed away, by giving them a nice, decent burial.

Now these problems I ask you to consider and give me a trial. Watch this space.

Yours earnestly but honestly,

R. F. SMITH, BENSON, N. C.

A28-4m

...NEW GOODS...

Just received at our store a large stock of new goods for the fall and winter trade. Big stock of

Dry Goods, Dress Goods and Trimmings, NOTIONS AND HATS.

Shoes to fit and suit everybody. Dress Shoes a specialty.

Clothing for Men, Boys and Children

It will please you in quality and price.

The ladies are invited to examine our new millinery.

SETH ALLEN & BROTHER, BENSON, N. C.

A28-3m

NEW GOODS!

INTERESTING PRICES!

We have just received direct from the manufacturer two solid car loads of

FURNITURE.

Study These Prices.

Solid Oak Bed Room Suits

SUIT NO. 1.

Oak Bed 5 feet 2 inches high, Oak Dresser 18x44 inch case, double shaped top, 18x20 inch French bevel glass; Washstand to match.

\$12.50

SUIT NO. 2.

Oak bed 6 feet 2 inches high, Oak Dresser 19x40 inch, double shaped top, 30x24 inch French bevel glass; Washstand to match.

\$16.50

GOLDEN OAK CHINA CLOSETS

Swelled Glass Sides and Door, six feet tall, 40 inches wide, 18 inches deep..... \$12.50

OAK BUREAU,

18x40 inch shaped top case, 18x20 inch A. W. glass..... \$5.00.

A complete stock of everything in the furniture line at unheard of prices. We positively will save you money if you see us before buying. Remember we are the up-to-date furniture people of Johnston county.

Organs and Sewing Machines of the best makes at low prices.

SMITHFIELD FURNITURE CO.

NEW STOCK.

This is to call your attention to our new stock of Hardware recently opened up in our new double story brick building.

WE HAVE

Stoves, Hollow Ware, Carpenters' Tools,

BUILDING MATERIAL,

Farm Implements Tinware, Crockery, Wagon and Buggy Material, Buggies, Harness, Mill Belting, and a full line of General Hardware. A full line of both

WAGON AND BUGGY HARNESS.

Several kinds of buggies with prices down cheap. A solid car of stoves on hand. Every one fully guaranteed. By getting them in car lots we can sell very cheap.

September 1st we shall open

A General Wood and Blacksmith Shop

FOR HORSE AND MULE SHOEING,

Repairing Carts, Wagons, &c. Carts and wagons made to order. We are fully prepared to do any business in our line with you and ask your patronage.

Selma Manufacturing Co.

SELMA, N. C.

N. E. EDGERTON, President. M. C. WINSTON, Vice-President. C. W. RICHARDSON, Sec. and Treas.

SUMMER GOODS

At Reduced Prices,

Table with 3 columns: Item, Price, Item. Includes BOYS' 75c. SUIT FOR 60c., BOYS' \$1.00 SUIT FOR 75c., BOYS' 1.25 SUIT FOR \$1.00, BOYS' 2.00 SUIT FOR 1.60, BOYS' 2.50 SUIT FOR 2.00, BOYS' 3.00 SUIT FOR 2.50, BOYS' 4.00 SUIT FOR 3.00.

MENS' \$3.50

SERGE COATS FOR \$3.00.

MENS' \$4.00 SERGE COATS 3.50

MENS' \$5.00 SERGE COATS FOR \$4.00.

Alapaca Coats, Duck Suits and Cotton Coats at greatly reduced prices. Sixty men's Suits at cost and less than cost. These are all very good values. One, two, three and four of a kind.

SHIRTS.

\$1.00 Shirts for 75c. 75c. Shirts for 50c.

Straw Hats at Cost.

We want to clean up our summer goods to make room for fall and winter stock. Remember we clothe you, we feed you and we feed your stock.

GRANTHAM, AUSTIN & CO.,

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

Next to Bank.

SEE OUR

BARGAIN COUNTER.

WE HAVE LOTS OF STUFF WITH PRICES CUT IN HALF.

ON THIS COUNTER YOU WILL FIND

Pant Goods, Calicoes, Lawns,

GINGHAMS, TOWELS, BELTS,

Napkins, Table Covers, Suspenders, Hosiery. Twenty-five pairs of

LADIES' TAN SLIPPERS AT ONE-HALF PRICE,

And Lots of Other Things.

We will for the next twenty days sell all low cut shoes at cost.

Fruit of the Loom Bleaching, 7 1-2c.

ONLY 10 YARDS TO A CUSTOMER.

Best Galico at 5c.

Light Galico at 4c.

All Fancy Lawns at Cost.

A visit to my store will convince you that we have used the knife very freely in our prices. Remember these prices will last only twenty days.

W. L. WOODALL,

Smithfield, N. C.

S. R. Morgan,

Cabinet Maker

and Undertaker,

SMITHFIELD, N. C.

will repair furniture and frame your pictures. Full line of Caskets and Coffins Men's, Ladies' and Children's Burial Robes and Shoes, Hose, Gloves, &c. Thanks to my friends and patrons for past patronage. Hope to serve you in future.