

**SONG OF THE RIVER.**

Clear and cool, clear and cool,  
By laughing shallow and dreaming pool;  
Cool and clear, cool and clear,  
By shining shingle and foaming weir;  
Under the crag where the ezel sings,  
And the ivied wall where the church bell rings,  
Undeified for the undeified;  
Play by me, bathe in me, mother and child.

Strong and free, strong and free,  
The floodgates are open, away to the sea;  
Free and strong, free and strong,  
Cleansing my streams as I hurry along  
To the golden sands and the leaping bar,  
And the taintless tide that awaits me afar,  
As I lose myself in the infinite main,  
Like a soul that has sinned and is pardoned  
again,  
Undeified for the undeified;  
Play by me, bathe in me, mother and child.  
—Charles Kingsley.

**TOLD BY THE FEATURES.**

**How Character Can Be Read in a Person's Countenance.**

Teeth that are long and not narrow denote large, liberal views, strong passions and heroic virtues; if they are long and narrow, a weak character is denoted. Evenly growing teeth show a better disposition and better developed mind than those that crowd and overlap.

Long noses are cautious and prudent; short ones impulsive, and tip tilted ones hopeful, impulsive and joyous. Deep colored eyes, with well arched lids, both upper and lower, show a truthful and affectionate nature. An eyebrow slightly curling at the outer edge indicates a jealous nature. There is a whole world of telltale indications in the apex of the ear. If it lies close to the head, the owner possesses a refined nature, but if the top starts away from the head at a well defined angle that person has an uneven disposition and is not to be relied upon.

If a girl's thumb lies flat or drops a little, marital submission to the master mind is indicated. If the thumb has a tendency to stand at right angles to the hand, the damsel owning it is headstrong. A person of weak character has a pendent thumb; the strong character has a strong, erect thumb.

Fingers which bend backward mean powerful determination. If they are round, strength, both physical and mental, is indicated. Stubby fingers are grasping fingers. Finger nails that are rounded show refinement; if long and rather square at the top, firmness and energy are denoted.—Leslie's Weekly.

**Lightning Measures Itself.**

In the investigation of natural phenomena scientific men are often assisted automatically by the very phenomenon they are trying to unravel. Lightning sometimes measures itself, for instance, and shows the scientist in a very easy way how far it penetrated the earth and how wide it was.

When a lightning meteor strikes a bed of sand and penetrates it, the heat causes the silica in the sand to melt, and thus a glass sheath is formed under the surface. These tubes are called fulgurites, and vary in diameter from a quarter of an inch to three inches. They sometimes go down to a depth of 30 feet, and at others only a few inches. They are occasionally dug up and preserved in laboratories and museums.

When such a meteor strikes a rock, it does not go far below the surface, and the fulgurite consists of a small piece of glassy substance.

**Nicknamed by Royalty.**

On one occasion Queen Victoria's strong sense of humor led her to make a remark which would undoubtedly have greatly annoyed the subject of it had he not remained in happy ignorance. Indeed not till after the death of those concerned was the story repeated by the person to whom it was made. Lord John Russell, the famous statesman, who was one of the queen's most valued prime ministers, was extremely small, and when his engagement to a very tall and beautiful young widow became known his future royal mistress observed that he should be known as "the widow's mite."

**A Dog Was Their King.**

In Ethiopia the people once went so far in their fanaticism as to elect a dog as their king. The animal so chosen was kept in great state, surrounded by a numerous train of officers and guards. When he fawned upon them he was supposed to be pleased with their proceedings, but when he growled it was understood that he disapproved of the manner in which their government was conducted. These indications of his will were implicitly obeyed.

**Fallacy in Education.**

A story is told of a French girl's high school visited not long ago by an inspector who asked a pupil how long it required to "soft boil an egg." She answered, "From 20 minutes to half an hour." The next replied, "Three-quarters of an hour." The third thought that "about 15 minutes would do," and the fourth responded brightly, "Just five minutes." Yet those girls knew all about the egg from a scientific point of view.

**BENSON BUDGET.**

Mr. Jesse Weisiger, of Dunn, spent last Sunday in town with T. Q. Hall.

Register of Deeds J. W. Stephenson was a visitor among us Saturday.

Mrs. E. F. Moore spent four days last week with her mother near Spilona.

Mr. Geo. Barber, of Smithfield, visited his sister in-law Mrs. Jernigan, near town Sunday.

Mr. Jno. W. Holmes will open a grocery business in the store recently occupied by Mr. W. H. Ivey.

Mr. Herbert Beet, of Warsaw, spent Sunday and Monday in town, the guest of Mr. Wade H. Royal.

Miss Sallie McArn, of Maxton, is visiting at the home of our clever R. R. Agent, Mr. R. S. Dickson.

Mr. J. M. Morgan and family are spending this week with relatives in Smithfield and attending court.

Miss J. H. Boon & Son have moved into their large new store between Cavenaugh & Co., and the Bank.

Rev. W. A. Forbs, pastor of the Methodist church, baptised two persons at Ivey's pond Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Leeson, the organ man, puts a fuss in very many of our homes, but it will be music when we learn to play.

When Mr. C. T. Johnson boarded the train last Sunday for the Northern markets, he said, "Put me off at Buffalo."

Mr. Thos. L. Haydon, of Richmond, Va., took a seat in the hay wagon Tuesday night to the delight of those who met him.

Mr. Wade H. Royal has sold out his entire stock of groceries to Mr. R. B. Brady, who will continue the business at the same stand.

Mr. J. D. Morgan, one of the county's best farmers, sold the first bale of new cotton on our market last Friday 30th. J. E. Johnson bought it at 10c.

The ladies of the Baptist church will give an ice cream supper Thursday night in the Farmers Warehouse, which promises to be a very interesting occasion.

Mr. J. P. Lee, of the Banner Warehouse, after spending a few days with his family in Durham, returned last Tuesday and is making things lively in the tobacco market.

Misses Bernice Ellington, Kate Cummings and Julia Ferrell, of Raleigh, are visiting Mrs. E. F. Moore this week. We heartily welcome them. They brighten our social circle.

The young people of town, too numerous to mention, enjoyed a hay ride Tuesday night till "Old Dan," the hustler, said they had gone far enough and balked. No kind of persuasion, even from the prettiest girl in the wagon, would induce him to go further from home, and we didn't.

**FOUR OAKS ITEMS.**

Miss Ella Massengill is visiting friends in town this week.

Miss Lula Blackman, of Gift, is visiting Misses Cilda and Ita Cole this week.

Miss Alice Stephenson, of Elm City, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. E. Stanley.

Mr. Thos. D. Snead, Sr., of Glenmore was in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. E. K. Leeson, who represents Darnell & Thomas, of Raleigh, was in our midst Monday.

Mr. Julius Baker, of Kinston, made a short visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. P. Baker, Sunday.

Mrs. Esrom Johnson, of Spilona, accompanied by her son and daughter visited relatives in town last week.

The cotton season has opened and our boys can find employment in the fields now gathering the fleecy staple.

Misses Bernice Ellington, Kate Cummings and Julia Ferrell, of Raleigh, visited relatives in our section last week.

Services at the M. E. church Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m., and at 7:30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. S. A. Cotton.

Mr. J. K. Exum, our newly appointed postmaster, has made several changes in around the post office building which adds very much to the convenience of the public.

Dr. Nat Holland, of Clayton, who has been on a few days visit to his sister, Mrs. E. P. Baker returned home Tuesday.

Messrs D. W. and B. B. Adams made a business trip to Norfolk, Petersburg and other points Wednesday, returning Saturday.

Mrs. K. T. Exum who has been confined to her room with fever for the past few days, we are glad to note is improving, though slowly.

Mr. Elias Rose, of Smithfield, who has been delivering Masonic lectures to the lodge at this place for the past two weeks returned home Saturday.

The public school taught by Mr. W. D. Allen closed Saturday. Mr. Allen is one of our most successful teachers and we hope to have him again.

Mrs. E. F. Moore and little son William, came up Thursday to be present at the ice cream supper. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sanders.

Mr. Needham G. Lambert, of Benson, has associated himself with Mr. J. K. Exum in the blacksmith business and will move his family here soon.

Mrs. G. W. Cavenaugh and Miss Lila Creech, of Benson, were guests of Mrs. C. Creech Tuesday night. They came down to be present at the ice cream supper.

Massengill Bros., have moved their stock of goods into the store recently repaired by them opposite Mr. W. E. Stalling's, which furnishes them with a great deal more room for their fall stock.

The ice cream supper Thursday night of last week, under the management of the ladies of the Baptist church was a success indeed. Your correspondent learns that the sum of \$12.00 was raised clear of expenses for benefit of church.

**NEXCES  
County Commissioners.**

Board met Monday in regular session with all members present.

W. H. Raynor was granted peddler's license free of cost.

A bridge was ordered built across Sam's creek in Clayton township.

It was ordered that an election be held under Section 72 of the School Law, in that part of Wilson's Mills township between Neuse river and main Poplar branch for the purpose of voting on a special tax for schools.

A bridge connecting Bank's highland bridge with main bridge was ordered built.

Under Section 12 of Chapter 235 of Public Laws of 1901, upon petition of 60 freeholders from Clayton township, the convict system of road working was ordered by the Board of County Commissioners to be established in said township. For the purpose of carrying into effect said system, it was ordered that 10 cents on the \$100 and 30 cents on the poll be levied.

**GREAT WEALTH**

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**Notice to Farmers.**

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