

POLENTA NEWS.

Mr. A. M. Barbour is doing a driving business with his saw mill. We are having a number of law suits hereabouts, mostly of a frivolous nature. Mrs. A. M. Barbour expects to spend Christmas with her relatives in Harnett county. Preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning and night by the pastor, Rev. R. W. Hines. As a result of poor crops and poor prices, the number of tenants will be largely decreased the coming year. Mr. J. E. Jones has purchased a part of the Sim Barbour plantation from Dr. E. N. Booker, its present owner. Christmas is nearly here. To some it will doubtless be an enjoyable occasion; to many it will be anything else but enjoyable. So "Sol" has called off that matrimonial affair that was to have taken place in December, and indefinitely postponed it. Eh! Mr. J. A. Price has taken charge of the Barbour mill and will be at the helm for the next twelve months. He has the reputation of being a most excellent miller. The public school at Polenta opened on the 9th, with Miss Mabel Culbreth in charge. She is a teacher of extraordinary qualities and has already created a favorable impression. Mr. Byron Johnson, who a year or so ago, left us, and moved to Raleigh to live, has moved back to his old home in this section. They leave us occasionally, but in nearly every case finally return. Mr. Charles Coats, of Clayton township, has rented the Finch farm and will engage in the culture of tobacco the coming year. He has a good deal of experience in the cultivation of the weed and will doubtless succeed. Mr. Joel Leighton, of Dunn, spent Monday night of last week in this community. He came to see one of the fair sex and so much taken in was he by her fascinating ways that he was loth to depart the following morning. The Christmas tree at Shiloh on Friday night of next week promises much enjoyment to the children of that Sunday School and community. Of course "Old Santa" will be on hand and superintend the distribution of the presents. As this is my last for the year 1901, allow me to congratulate you on the improvement you have made in "THE HERALD" during the year, and to wish you a larger success in 1902. It has done a great work for the county, and deserves the support of the whole county. May it continue to grow in popularity and usefulness. The Township Sunday School Convention will meet at Shiloh on Saturday before the second Sunday in January. Sunday School workers of note will be present and deliver addresses. The Convention will be called to order at 10 a. m. and continue until 1 p. m., after which an hour for dinner will be had and then an evening session. Let all the Sunday Schools be fully represented. On the second Sunday in December Rev. Mr. McLeod preached a sermon of great power on Christian Giving at Shiloh. He quoted copiously from the Bible to show that Christians in this day and time were more or less derelict in their duty in this respect. He put his whole soul into its presentation, and it evidently proved an eye-opener to many. At the close of the services the reverend gentleman tendered his resignation to the church as its pastor to take effect on the second Sunday in January. It is likely he will accept a call in the eastern part of the State. We reluctantly part with him and congratulate any church in securing the services of such an able, conscientious and hard-working pastor.

Turner's N. C. Almanac free.

To every subscriber who pays his subscription one year in advance we will give a copy of Turner's North Carolina Almanac. Every subscriber who has already paid up to December 1st, 1902, can get an Almanac by calling at our office. Remember you must pay a year in advance to get the Almanac.

W. A. Barnes, Clayton, N. C., beats them all on Christmas presents and toys. If you go you will find it so as I did.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Loomis D. Debnam, of Clayton, spent Wednesday here visiting Mr. C. W. Richardson. Thad H. Whitley, killed a hog Monday morning which weighed 416 pounds. Let's hear from the next biggest. The triplets of Mr. Jesse W. Bailey are doing nicely. Healthy and growing. They are receiving the very best attention. Is it worth while to say that it is cold over here? Monday the highest temperature was 27 degrees; the lowest 16 degrees. Olive Branch Lodge, No. 37 I. O. O. F., will confer the initiatory degree next Monday night, December 23rd, after which oysters will be served. Mr. C. N. Peeler and Miss Stella Passmore, teachers in the graded school, will spend Christmas at their homes in Cleveland county and Cary, Wake county. Mr. Robert Millard Nowell, celebrated his birthday Wednesday. He was the happy recipient of many beautiful and useful presents. We wish him many returns of the happy day. Guess how old he is? Mr. William G. Whitley and family, who have been living at their place near Mr. T. T. Oliver's "Whitley's place," left here Thursday for Durham, which they will make their future home. They have the best wishes of all. Mr. James G. Raper, one of Wilson county's most prosperous farmers, has bought Mr. E. S. Moore's Coonsboro farm and will next year put in a large crop of tobacco. If Mr. Raper works it as he does his Wilson county farm he will make a fine farm of it. It is splendid tobacco land. SENEX.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Dr. J. B. Robertson, who has been sick for several days, is improving, we are glad to state. Mr. M. E. Cotton, who has been here for some time with the Clayton Hardware Co., left Sunday night for his old home. The severe wind Sunday night did some damage to the new school house. The rafters were all blown off and the front was torn to pieces. Miss Lillie Gulley, the daughter of Mr. M. G. Gulley, died at her home near here Sunday evening, after an illness of some time. Mr. Sam R. Gulley and wife, of Durham, came down to attend the funeral. Last Thursday night two houses of Mr. H. W. Mitchell and one barn and stable of Dr. J. B. Robertson were destroyed by fire. It took hard work to save several other buildings from burning. M.

McKOY NOTES.

Mr. Rasnal Smith spent last Sunday with friends near Hobton. Mr. John B. Lee and Miss Arabella Gilbert will be married Wednesday. Misses Prilla Gilbert and Clyda Lee made a pleasant trip to Newton Grove last Sunday. Mr. J. G. Smith, traveling salesman of the Benson Organ Co., will move to Benson in the near future. Monday Mr. P. B. Tart had the misfortune to lose his dwelling house and contents by fire. The fire was discovered on the inside of the building in the early part of the morning. Every effort was made to save the house but the flames had gained too much headway to be checked. A few articles were saved from the dining room. Mr. Tart is a progressive young farmer and had just completed his house. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss of the building and property amounts to several hundred dollars. P.

AROUND SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mr. Thos J. Holt, of Chapel Hill, is at home for the Xmas holidays. Miss Ludie Peterson left for Raleigh Thursday, where she will spend the holidays. Little Miss Alice Sanders left for Raleigh Wednesday to spend the Xmas holidays. Mr. W. G. Whitley and family left for Durham Wednesday where they will make their future home. Mr. Will C. Smith arrived Sunday from Guilford College, where he has attended the fall term of school. W.

ROME RIPPLES.

Much pork is being killed this week in this section. A good many of our farmers will plant tobacco next year. There were no services at New Zealand last Sunday, owing to the unfavorable weather. Mr. Julius Eldridge, of Durham, is home for the Christmas holidays. He has a good position in a Durham drug store. Mr. P. B. Tart had the misfortune to lose his dwelling and its contents by fire Monday. The loss is about \$1,000 with no insurance.

BENSON BUDGET.

Hugh Royal is with Benson Drug Co. Benson is to have a telephone exchange. G. W. Cavanaugh now occupies his new residence on Market street. Julius Eldridge, of Dunn, is greeting his friends here this week. W. D. Boon and Misses Nellie Parrish and Esther Smith left Wednesday for Raleigh to attend Charles Boon's wedding. Miss Sallie Whittenton, of Harnett, returned to her home Tuesday, after a week's visit to her brother, J. W. Whittenton. Rev. P. D. Woodall, of Rocky Mount, has been visiting relatives here. He preached a splendid sermon to the Methodist congregation Sunday evening. Jerry Smith, col., is only nine years old, but he is no novice in the art of appropriating other people's property to his own use. He was finally caught robbing Postmaster Boykin's money drawer in the post office.

BY JUCCS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

Pompey, Squash and Patt have just arrived at Watson's, the peanut man. They have been on a long voyage to South America gathering up fruits for Watson, such as

Cocoanuts, Bananas Oranges, Grapes, and other tropical fruits. Patt, in your speech, why do you say ladies before gentlemen? Why, Pompey, because ladies is first, bejazer. Not that they came here first, but soon after Adam came Eve come; that made the man first. They opened a school and Adam stood head, but the first word given out to spell was Constantinople. Adam could not spell the word; Eve spelled it and cut Adam down. So, since that time women have stood head. So, ladies and gentlemen, when you come out to Smithfield call to see us. We can amuse you with our lion, tiger, and a nice line of performers, such as tight rope walkers and horseback riders, bejazer.

STRAYED.

Strayed from my place one large red Jersey sow with white face, marked with a slit in right ear, a crop from left ear with a half moon from the underside of left ear. One red pig with black spots strayed with her. Any person finding them will please notify me. R. D. DUNN, Overshot, N. C.

An Evangelist's Story.

"I suffered for years with a bronchial or lung trouble and tried various remedies but did not obtain permanent relief until I commenced using One Minute Cough Cure," writes Rev. James Kirkman, evangelist of Belle River, Ill. "I have no hesitation in recommending it to all sufferers from maladies of this kind." One Minute Cough Cure affords immediate relief for coughs, colds and all kinds of throat and lung troubles. For croup it is unequalled. Absolutely safe. Very pleasant to take, never fails and is really a favorite with the children. They like it. J. R. Ledbetter, Hare & Son, Benson Drug Co., Hood Bros.

If you should go where I went and see the beautiful line of Christmas presents at W. A. Barnes' store, Clayton, N. C., you would be surprised and would say as I do that he is headquarters for presents and toys. He has a large table loaded and packed with ten cent goods. I never saw such bargains before.

FRESH OYSTERS.

Fresh oysters received at Smith's Bakery, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Oysters served any way you want them. Eggs wanted. W. G. SMITH, Prop.

HEAL THYSELF.

Ninety-nine of every hundred people suffer to some extent from indigestion, heartburn, nervousness, constipation and dyspepsia. "Coleman's Guarantee" positively cures such cases. "Take it, eat what you want and be happy." Price 50c. large bottle, at druggists. For sale by Hood Bros. and Benson Drug Co.

WANTED.

One thousand bushels cotton seed at the Ed. Moore plantation near Selma. Will pay Selma market for same. J. R. Raper. D20-4t.

For shoes of any style, grade or quality, or sizes, light or heavy weight, in or out-door wear, very cheap, go to W. G. Yelvington's Store.

We have on hand a few single entry Ledgers and Day Books which we will sell at a bargain. Call and ask for prices.

BEATY, HOLT & LASSITER.

That Cough Hangs On

You have used all sorts of cough remedies but it does not yield; it is too deep seated. It may wear itself out in time, but it is more liable to produce la grippe, pneumonia or a serious throat affection. You need something that will give you strength and build up the body.

SCOTT'S EMULSION

will do this when everything else fails. There is no doubt about it. It nourishes, strengthens, builds up and makes the body strong and healthy, not only to throw off this hard cough, but to fortify the system against further attacks. If you are run down or emaciated you should certainly take this nourishing food medicine.

Sole and Fr. so. all druggists. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

AXES, AXES, AXES, at Cotter, Underwood & Co.

ANOTHER CAR LOAD OF FURNITURE

Opened this Week.

TWO STORES—At the old stand, next door to Dispensary, and in the new hotel building next door to W. M. Sanders. Everything in the Furniture line positively cheaper than you can buy elsewhere.

OUR \$15.00 SUIT

consisting of a 6 ft. 2 in. bed, large bureau 24x30 French Glass, wash stand to match, can't be beaten for the money. While at the factory, our buyer picked up a bargain in

COTTAGE CHAIRS

in split, cane and rattan seat, will be sold at reduced prices. Yours for low prices,

The Smithfield Furniture Co.

FARMERS WAREHOUSE.

Notice below and you can draw some idea of what we are doing at this late day in the season at the Farmers Warehouse. Our sales for December, with the exception of one day, have not fallen under three thousand pounds. Our daily average has run a little above four thousand.

Our Prices Have Been Good AND VERY GOOD.

One of the best and highest sales ever made in Smithfield was made by us last Friday, December 13th. Our break of 6,510 pounds brought \$1,199 93, an average of a little above 18 cents per pound. One barn of tobacco sold at the Farmers Warehouse by R. R. Creech on Friday, December 6th, brought \$166.60. One barn sold by him on December 13th, brought \$230.46. One load of tobacco sold at Farmers Warehouse by Stancil Bros. on Friday, December 13th brought \$386.86.

Sell with us. BOYETT BROS.

The Problem Solved.

JOHN, Dear John, we owe much of our happiness to that new merchant, L. E. Watson, at Smithfield. We might have married long ago if some other merchant had sold us goods cheap like he does. He has only one price, but that suits me. No one else can touch him.

His Xmas Goods

have arrived. And John, old boy, I'm going to buy you a present, and you must buy me one. Do likewise and be happy.

L. E. WATSON,
Smithfield, N. C.

Look! DIXIE PLOWS 88c Each

We Sell

Hardware and Furniture Regardless of Cost

Our Furniture is made in Dunn and we can save you the freight. We carry the largest line of Rubber, Gandy and Leather Belting. Engine and Mill Supplies for this part of North Carolina, and can fill your orders promptly. Write us for prices.

Dunn Hardware and Furniture Company,
DUNN, N. C.

REDUCED Prices of Clothing

In order to move our stock of Clothing, we will give the following **CUT PRICES:**

\$17.50	SUITS	FOR	\$15.00
15.00	SUITS	FOR	12.50
12.50	SUITS	FOR	11.00
10.00	SUITS	FOR	9.00
8.50	SUITS	FOR	7.50
7.50	SUITS	FOR	6.50

Youth's and Children's Suits

Reduced in Same Proportion.

Nice Line Overcoats,

\$3.50 TO \$15.00.

RAGLAND CUT.

Positively no goods charged to any one at cut prices.

BATTLE AXE SHOES.

They sell easier and stay sold better than any staple shoe made. L. M. Reynolds' fine shoes for men and boys, \$2.00 to \$4.00.

HATS. Our line of Hats is complete. Stiff and felt.



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