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STATE NEWS NOTES.

Items of Interest to North Carolinians Clipped and Culled from the State Papers.

The board of aldermen of Wilmington have granted license to sixty saloons.

The school committee of Raleigh township, Wake county, has adopted a resolution recommending the passage of a compulsory school law for that township, which includes the city of Raleigh.

Beginning with the first, three large towns of the State—Charlotte, Greensboro and New Berne—became dry. At New Berne Saturday some of the bar men sold whiskey at auction to close out their stock.

S. E. Cole, a policeman on duty in Belmont Park, in the suburbs of Charlotte, was killed Monday afternoon by a negro named Will Springs. The negro was disorderly, and in the attempt to arrest him, he killed the officer.

The shipments of manufactured tobacco from Winston-Salem during the past month footed up 3,213,070. This is an increase of 131,790 pounds over December, 1903. The shipments that month amounted to 3,081,310 pounds.

The board of aldermen of Wilmington have decided to increase the liquor license tax from \$264 to \$600 per annum, the increase effective May 1st. The action of the board is a compromise, the high license advocates holding out for \$1,000.

One of the oldest women in the State, Mrs. Lucy Parmenter, of Charlotte, died at the home in that city Saturday, aged 104 years, her death due to a stroke of paralysis. She was six years older than her husband, who survives her, 98 years old.

The board of aldermen of Asheville five weeks ago refused to renew the license of the distilleries operating in that town. Twice application for license was renewed and twice refused. But last Saturday a special meeting was held and a majority of the board voted for the license to run six months.

The sensation of last week in Raleigh was the murder of the venerable Mr. J. H. Alford by his business partner, Raymond D. Bynum, a middle-aged man. The trouble grew out of business differences and the killing seems to have been a cold-blooded affair. The murderer immediately fled. He was captured Monday in Gates county at the home of his sister.

The Week's Gayeties.

The past week has been one of fun and gaiety for the young people of Smithfield. Among the many social functions that have been highly enjoyed none have been more so than the Phantom Party at Mrs. Pettway's Saturday night. The majority of the guests were robed in white with faces masked and a ghostlier scene would be hard to imagine. All enjoyed the fun till a few minutes before twelve when they went to the court house and different churches to ring out the old year and ring in the new.

Other very enjoyable gatherings were the parties given by Mrs. Will H. Lassiter on Thursday evening and those by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith and Miss Bettie Cobb on Friday evening.

The younger set gave a delightful reception at Sanders Hall Thursday night that was enjoyed by all.

Greatly in Demand.

Nothing is more in demand than a medicine which meets modern requirements for a blood and system cleanser, such as Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are just what you need to cure stomach and liver troubles. Try them. At Hood Bros. drug store, 25c., guaranteed.

KENLY NOTES.

Miss Annie Strickland returned Sunday to Lucama.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, spent Monday here.

Mr. Walter Edgerton, of Smithfield, was on our streets Wednesday.

Mrs. Jno. G. High visited friends in Smithfield Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Jno. G. High and daughter, Eva, returned from Tarboro Thursday.

Misses Mary Hollowell and Leone Edgerton have returned from a visit to Wilson.

Miss Alma Boykin, of Taylor, spent Tuesday and Tuesday night with friends here.

Miss Ross Darden who spent the holidays with friends near Sutton returned home Thursday.

Messrs. Will and J. H. B. Tomlinson, from near Smithfield, made a business trip to our town Wednesday.

Mrs. B. D. Bullock, from near Taylor, spent several days here this week, the guest of her sister, Mrs. J. G. High.

Mr. J. T. Howell, of Rocky Mount, spent several days here this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Howell.

Mr. Walter Morris, of Society Hill, S. C., a former student of Kenly Academy spent several days here this week with friends and school mates.

The railroad surveyor was here one day last week making a survey for the side track for the Simmons Lumber Co.'s large lumber mill which they will place here in the early spring.

The teachers of Kenly Academy after spending the holidays at home returned Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. School opened Wednesday and the prospects for the spring term are bright, nine new students being enrolled.

Mr. Joe B. Pierce, a farmer who lived near here, moved Tuesday into Mr. Jno. Hinnant's cottage near the Academy, and Mr. W. H. Austin, of Wilson, who is sales agent for the Perry Nursery, of Rochester, N. Y., also moved here Tuesday. We gladly welcome them to our town.

REX.

Morgan-Ward.

Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at "Tanglewood," the beautiful country home of Mrs. S. P. Tomlinson, Mr. D. F. Morgan, of this place, and Miss Florence Ward, of Nash county, were married in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the contracting parties. The groom entered the beautifully decorated parlor with his best man, Mr. Claud Sanders, and was joined by his bride, with her maid of honor, Miss Zula Tomlinson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Suttle, of this place. The parlor had been beautifully decorated in evergreens and presented a lovely appearance when the bridal party entered, the pendant, beneath which they stood while the ceremony was performed, with its lighted candles, adding much to the beauty of the interesting scene.

Mendelsson's wedding March was skillfully rendered by Miss Fannie Freeman, of Kenly.

The happy young couple have many friends here and elsewhere who wish them "bon voyage" on life's uneven sea.

Spilled Her Beauty.

Harriet Howard, of 209 W. 34th St., New York, at one time had her beauty spoiled with skin trouble. She writes: "I had Salt Rheum or Eczema for years, but nothing would cure it, until I used Bucklen's Arnica Salve." A quick and sure healer for cuts, burns and sores. 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

Books for winter reading at THE HERALD OFFICE.

SELMA NEWS.

Accidental Killing at Pine Level—Death of Jack Rains—Other Items of Interest.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mrs. Henry L. Watson, which occurred at her home in Raleigh on the morning of January 4th. She leaves her husband and son, Walter L. Watson, Esq., who is city attorney of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. John C. Scarborough and Mrs. Dr. R. J. Noble; and three brothers, David T. Moore, of Raleigh; Edwin S. Moore, of Greenville, S. C.; and James T. Moore, of Birmingham, Ala., to mourn her loss. Her remains were brought to Selma today on the noon train and interred in our cemetery.

Wednesday night about eight o'clock Mr. W. Henry Westbrook, a merchant at Pine Level, was accidentally killed by Mr. Randall Davis. It seems that a crowd had been shooting Christmas guns in honor of old Christmas in front of Westbrook's store. Wishing to close up he got those inside out and closed his door. Just then Davis said: "I am going to shoot. Some one in the crowd said, 'Well, shoot up.'" He returned around, putting his gun on his shoulder and pulled the trigger as he turned. Westbrook turned off and received the whole load in his back just at the joint of his shoulder blade. The hole made by the load was about two inches in diameter. Westbrook then turned and walked about fifty or sixty feet and fell and was dead before he could be reached. He leaves a wife and four children—the oldest about twelve, the youngest less than three months. When will boys learn to be careful with guns and pistols?

Last Saturday night at 12 o'clock the boys here blew out the old year and in the new year. Just as the clock was striking 12 an engine began to blow the alarm whistle—then the whistle at the oil mill began, then the deep tones of the chemical works began, then the bells of the churches added to the din. Those who were not expecting it thought it fire and came out to look. It reminds us of a time in Smithfield some thirteen years ago when the boys did the same thing and a certain county official who had just been elected on hearing the fire bell ran up the hill and on to the court house. As he was not exactly built on the lines of a sprinter he was out of breath when he caught hold of the railing of the court house steps. He had seen no fire nor heard any one cry fire, so he gasped out to Charlie Johnson, who was ringing the bell, "Where—where's the fire?" "Ain't no fire—ringing out the old year," says Charlie. "You blamed fool—you blamed fool, quit ringing that bell," said our county official and fell on the steps to get his breath.

Mr. Jackson Rains, who was reported as being very sick last week, died at his home here surrounded by his family, Wednesday morning. He leaves to mourn their irreparable loss two daughters and two sons, Mrs. Hines, of Goldsboro, and Mrs. C. J. Joyner and Messrs. Ira T. and Charlie L. Rains, of Selma. Mr. Rains was an old Confederate veteran and had a good record as a soldier and was complimented on the battlefield by Gen. W. R. Cox for his bravery. He was buried with Masonic honors by Selma Lodge No. 320 Thursday afternoon. Rev. J. O. Guthrie preaching his funeral.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin V. Green are visiting their sons, Messrs. W. B. and A. V. Driver, two of our enterprising and energetic merchants.

Mr. Albert M. Noble returned to Hobgood Sunday after spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble.

Mr. Alex Green returned to Selma Friday after spending the holidays with his mother in Baltimore.

All of our teachers have returned to their work and all the visitors are gone—and 'tis very dull, Jan. 5.

SENEX.

Farmers Protective Association.

The farmers of Bentonsville Township, met at Bentonsville December 31st, 1904, and organized an association. E. T. Westbrook was elected President, and J. T. Langston, Secretary. C. S. Upchurch, J. C. Bass, J. T. Atkinson, W. N. Rose, and J. M. Beasley were appointed a committee to look after the interest of the organization. Forty-five names were enrolled as members.

E. T. Westbrook, W. N. Rose, G. H. Toler, J. T. Atkinson, and Stephen Westbrook were chosen representatives to attend the farmers meeting to be held at Smithfield January 7th, 1905.

The following resolution was passed: We, the farmers of Bentonsville Township, do pledge ourselves to hold our cotton for better prices, and also to cut off the acreage of cotton 25 per cent, and reduce the use of commercial fertilizer 40 per cent.

February 4th, 1905, was the date set for the next meeting. A copy of the proceedings were ordered to be sent to THE SMITHFIELD HERALD for publication.

J. T. LANGSTON, Sect'y.

Farmers Meet in Boon Hill.

At a meeting of the farmers of Boon Hill township held at Princeton Saturday Dec. 31st 1904, the following resolutions were offered and suggestions made and adopted:

1. That we favor a reduction in the acreage of cotton 25 per cent throughout the South and we bind ourselves to same reduction.

2. We advise the holding of all cotton on hand until the purchase shall be consistent with its value.

3. Believing the use of commercial fertilizers have been detrimental to the best interests of the farmers of the South we ask all farmers of the South to use only home made manure and not buy or use any commercial fertilizers for cotton.

4. We believe the best interest of the South will be subserved in not selling any cotton seed but use seed for manuring purposes. We pledge our best efforts to carry out same and ask the hearty co-operation of each and every farmer in the cotton producing states.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. Oliver.
D. T. Creech.
A. F. Holt.
Louis Braswell.
J. R. Holt.

Committee.

The following committee were elected to attend the county meeting on 7th.

G. T. Boyett.
R. D. Thompson.
J. S. Eason.
A. F. Holt.
Walter Baker.
C. Warrick.
W. M. Rose.

J. S. Bunn, Secretary.

Appointments.

Rev. J. D. Morris is expected to preach at Liveoak Baptist church second Sunday at 3 o'clock, at Pine Level third Sunday morning and night and at Sardis fourth Sunday morning.

Rev. D. F. Putnam is expected to preach for Hood's Grove church second Sunday at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 3 o'clock, at Paulina second Sunday at 3 o'clock, third Sunday for Blackman's Grove at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 3 o'clock and for Trinity church third Sunday at 3 o'clock and Saturday before at 11 o'clock. Fourth Sunday Four Oaks morning and night and Oliver's Grove at 3 o'clock.

J. M. BEATY
for Committee.

Constipation and piles are twins. They kill people inch by inch, sap life away every day. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will positively cure you. No cure no pay. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. —Selma Drug Co., A. H. Boyett, Druggist.

ARCHER NEWS.

The Farmers of Wilders Meet and Pass Resolutions.

The entertainment given by Miss Hattie Wall last Tuesday evening in honor of her guest, Dr. Albert Woodard, of Chapel Hill, was a delightful occasion.

Little Eddie Stott, son of Mr. Charles Stott, was kicked by a mule last Friday afternoon and seriously hurt—his jaw bone being broken and his tongue badly torn up. Drs. Young and Griffin, of Clayton, were called in and gave the necessary medical assistance.

Mr. Everett Pulley, an aged and esteemed citizen of Wilders Township, died Sunday morning. He was buried Monday afternoon at the family burying ground with Masonic ceremonies. His funeral was preached Monday morning at the residence at 11 o'clock.

The farmers of Wilders met at Archer Lodge Saturday afternoon and adopted the following resolutions:

We, the farmers of Wilders Township, have assembled ourselves together to use our best efforts to better our condition as farmers, knowing that there is something wrong with the commercial world by forming trusts and combinations so as to rule the prices of our produce and to keep the prices below the cost of production. While the raw material has fallen considerably the manufactured goods have gradually advanced. Therefore, be it resolved:

1st. That we join our sister townships in the county and aid in passing such resolutions as may seem best.

2nd. That we pledge ourselves to stand together and abide by any and all resolutions that may be passed at our county convention to better the condition of the sales of cotton and tobacco and other products of the farm.

3rd. That we ask the reporters of the condition of crops not to make any report to the Agricultural Department, Board of Trade, or any private individual whereby they may be able to learn the amount and conditions of the ensuing crop.

4th. That a delegation of not less than ten men be appointed to the county convention to be held in the town of Smithfield on the 7th day of January, 1905, and have the full power to vote the sentiment of this, Wilders Township.

5th. That we recommend the farmers of this township to reduce the acreage for cotton for the year 1905 25 per cent, and to market the present crop as slowly as is consistent with their needs.

J. D. Murphy, Chm.
W. R. Carroll,
J. B. Oneal,
W. A. Newton,
V. R. Turley,
R. H. Biggs,
J. R. Barnes.

Committee.

Mr. J. W. Barnes was made permanent chairman and Mr. A. D. Atkinson secretary.

S. L. W.

January 3rd, 1905.

—Mrs. F. P. Whitley died at her home near here December 23rd, leaving a husband and five children to mourn their loss. She was buried in the family burying ground the next day. She was a member of the Methodist church.

Sickening Shivering Fits

of Ague and Malaria, can be relieved and cured with Electric Bitters. This is a pure, tonic medicine; of especial benefit in malaria, for it exerts a true curative influence on the disease, driving it entirely out of the system. It is much to be preferred to Quinine, having none of this drug's bad after-effects. E. S. Munday, of Henrietta, Texas, writes: "My brother was very low with malarial fever and jaundice, till he took Electric Bitters, which saved his life. At Hood Bros. drug store; price 50c., guaranteed.

In Memoriam.

Sudie Edmundson Stevens, oldest daughter of the late Samuel Stevens and Sallie Sanders Stevens, was born in Johnston County, February 14th, 1883, and died at the home of her mother in Goldsboro, November 29th, 1904, and was laid to rest in Willowdale Cemetery November 30th. The subject of this sketch was one of the loveliest characters that ever lived—timid, quiet, gentle as a dove; no murmur or complaint ever fell from her lips. Absolutely unselfish of self she was always anxious as to the welfare of others; she moved through life an angel of love and affection. Everybody loved Sudie. She joined St. Paul's M. E. church at Goldsboro May 11th, 1902, under the ministrations of the Rev. M. Bradshaw and was faithful to death and to-day rests in the bosom of her Saviour whom she loved and trusted. Her life was a benediction and was beautiful and bedecked with thousands of little acts of love and kindness—each day witnessed some lovely, helpful act. During her long sickness she exercised that patience that set as a jewel in her lovely Christian character.

We miss her but we mourn not as those who have no hope, for we know that her Redeemer liveth and we know that she rests well; that she through the portals of death has gained life eternal, for she gave positive evidence just before death that she had seen the Lord; wherefore while we are sad, our sorrow is sweetened with the thought that she is at home with the blest, awaiting our coming. She leaves a widowed mother, a brother, two sisters, and a host of relatives to mourn her loss. She rests well. Sleep on, my lovely niece, till the resurrection morn.

UNCLE WILL.

Smithfield, N. C., Jan. 3rd, 05'.

Report of the Cotton Ginned.

The following bulletin, sent out from the Census Bureau at Washington will be of especial interest to the cotton farmers of this section:

Up to December 13th the number of bales ginned was 11,917,477, counting round bales as half bales. The items are 11,747,403 square, 276,602 round and 85,728 Sea Island. The total number of all kinds of bales reported was 12,109,823. The totals reported for the various States were: Alabama, 1,329,326; Arkansas, 769,713; Georgia, 1,796,195; Indian Territory, 431,969; Kentucky, 1,252; Louisiana, 893,193; Mississippi, 1,415,824; Missouri, 39,653; North Carolina, 659,135; Oklahoma, 294,041; South Carolina, 1,085,721; Tennessee, 271,870; Texas, 2,303,133; Virginia, 15,101.

These figures cover over the reports made by the agents of the Census Bureau up to December 13th last, and are the total for that canvass. Up to the same date in 1903 86.8 percent of the entire crop had been ginned, while in 1902 96 per cent had been ginned up to that date.

There will be two more canvasses, one taking the work up to January 16th, next, and a final up to same date in March.

R. J. P. Baker Died Suddenly.

Mr. R. J. P. Baker, a prominent farmer living near Four Oaks, died quite suddenly Tuesday evening. He returned Sunday from a visit to his sons at Jacksonville, Fla., apparently in perfect health. Tuesday evening he went to his woodpile to cut some wood for the night and loaded a wheelbarrow to take it to the house. Just before starting he fell back, gasped two or three times and died. He was buried yesterday afternoon at Four Oaks cemetery.

Army Enters Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, Jan. 4.—The victorious army of Gen. Nogito-day formally entered and occupied Port Arthur. Plans are on foot for a banquet to Japanese officers on January 10th.