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NOT ONE SURVIVED.

Hundred and Sixty Victims of Alabama Mine Explosion—Fifty Bodies Recovered.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 21st.—Of the 160 miners of Virginia City who entered the mines yesterday afternoon so far only fifty bodies have been recovered. Notwithstanding the heroic efforts on the part of the rescuers to reach the entombed men, any idea that life may still remain among the unfortunates has been abandoned.

With the first ominous rumble of the explosion which wrecked the mine, by common impulse every one in the village rushed to the mouth of the main slope, fear struggling against hope for the safety of loved ones. The scenes at the mines this afternoon were the most harrowing that have ever been witnessed in the mining section of Alabama. The corpses were frightfully mangled and disfigured, and identification is almost impossible. Many of the bodies are so bruised, twisted, and discolored that negroes cannot be told from white men.

All day long at the mouth of the mine were waiting and moaning women and children whose relatives were among the unfortunates. One hundred families and three hundred children are left destitute and without means of support by the calamity.

BENSON NOTES.

Mr. John W. Strickland, of Fayetteville, spent a short time in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rose spent last Saturday and Sunday in Selma with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stallings.

Mrs. Callie Ryals, of Belfield, Va., is visiting relatives and friends here.

Several of our citizens went to Raleigh last Monday on business.

A social entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Lee on last Tuesday evening by the young people which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Rev. Mr. Souders, of Fayetteville, preached two most excellent sermons at the Methodist church here last Sunday morning and night.

Miss Nellie Parrish who has been visiting relatives and friends in Clayton for several days returned home last Tuesday.

Miss Sarah Stancil, of Wake county, is visiting at the home of her brother, Mr. J. C. Stancil this week.

Mr. King Parker has recently moved to Benson and will make this his home for some time.

Some unknown, disreputable character attempted to fire the guard house one night last week but some one being near extinguished the flames before any damage was done to the building.

Capt. Fitz, of Chatam county, who has been here for some time will soon move his family and they will make this place their home.

The Ladies Missionary Society met last Thursday evening and elected the following officers: president, Mrs. E. F. Moore; vice-president, Miss Effie Smith; secretary, Miss Neta Penny; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. L. Hall; treasurer Mrs. James Whittenton. The next regular meeting will be held on second Sunday evening in March at the Baptist church.

North Carolina Day was observed by the faculty and students of the Benson Graded School on Wednesday of this week, a very interesting and appropriate programme being well rendered and greatly enjoyed by all present.

SOLON.

Agonizing Burns

are instantly relieved, and perfectly healed, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. C. Rivenbark, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., writes: "I burnt my knee dreadfully; that it blistered all over. Bucklen's Arnica Salve stopped the pain, and healed it without a scar." Also heals all wounds and sores. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Messrs. B. M. Robertson & Co. have sold several car-loads of mules and horses on this market. Mr. Robertson is thinking of going away in a few days to buy a new supply.

The fertilizer plant is being installed at the Cotton Oil Mill. This is a great addition to the industries of Clayton.

Mr. Hal O. Ellis will soon open a grocery store in the stand formerly occupied by Mr. A. T. Beddingfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Adams spent Sunday with relatives here.

Messrs. Walter and Robert Barham, formerly of this place in the livery business but now in the merchandise business near Archer, were here last week.

Miss Christine Gower spent several days at home recently, accompanied by her friend and schoolmate, Miss Annie Denmark.

Mr. Ashley Horne spent a day or two in Greensboro last week on business.

Some of the mail carriers were prevented from making their trips Tuesday, on account of high water.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stallings have moved Emporia, Va., where Mr. Stallings will be engaged in the hotel business.

Mr. James Cobb, of Smithfield, was here Tuesday.

Messrs. Wilkes Barnes and Henry Pool went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. Carter went to Raleigh Tuesday to be in attendance at the legislative discussion of the Ward bill. We learn from today's News and Observer that the bill passed the House committee by a big majority.

Mrs. M. G. Gulley went to Cary Monday to visit her father and sister who are very sick.

Mr. J. G. Jones is visiting his brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Utley, of Wake, who is sick.

Mr. Platt, special agent of the Phoenix Insurance Co., was in our town Wednesday.

Among the country gentlemen who stopped in to see us for the past week are: Messrs. M. H. Jones, S. D. West, Walter Barham, D. A. Jones, H. W. Duncan, J. S. Elms, J. S. Wall, Jr., N. B. Barnes, Z. B. Austin, E. S. Lancaster, R. C. Tiner, Simeon Batten, W. H. Mumford, A. B. Strickland, W. M. Wilder, Needham Branch, J. Lloyd Stephenson, W. D. Eatman, H. Pool, J. M. Corbett, S. N. Beddingfield, J. C. Barbour, Wm. Jones, Ed Johnson, Atlas Batten, G. R. Whitley, Rev. C. E. Gower, and Paschal Pool.

Clayton High School pupils enjoyed a half holiday on the 22nd. We all appreciate the patriotic spirit of the faculty, that prompted them to this, the anniversary of the birth of the Father of his Country.

The great entertainment about which so much has been said takes place at the academy hall to-night (Wednesday.) A full write up will be given next week.

We regret to note that Miss Ruby Ellis, who was one of the star actors in the drama that is played here to-night, is indisposed and her place had to be filled by some one else.

Feb. 22nd. "YELR."

Bank of Fayetteville Closed.

The Bank of Fayetteville, a State institution at Fayetteville, was closed Saturday by State Bank Examiner Ellington, who alleges that there is a shortage of \$28,000 in the accounts of John C. Haigh, cashier, and Geo. G. Myrover, teller. Both men were arrested and subsequently released on a bond of \$10,000 each. R. T. Gray, of Raleigh, has been appointed receiver for the bank.

The Bank of Fayetteville was organized in 1870 and was capitalized at \$175,000. The January statement furnished the corporation commission showed deposits of \$317,000, total assets \$520,000, and capital stock \$166,000.

The House Monday after a seven-hour session passed the naval appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$99,914,359.

PEACE PROSPECTS BRIGHTER.

News Confirmed That Russia Has Practically Agreed Upon the Terms.

London, Feb. 21st.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegraph Company from St. Petersburg confirming the Associated Press advices of February 17th and February 18th from St. Petersburg to the effect that peace under considerations on which Russia is prepared to make peace have practically been agreed upon. These are as follows:

"Korea to be placed under Japanese suzerainty;

"Port Arthur and the Lia Tung peninsula to be ceded to Japan;

"Vladivostok to be declared a neutral port with an open door;

"The eastern Chinese railroad to be placed under neutral international administration;

"Manchuria as far North as Harbin to be restored as an integral part of the Chinese empire.

"The difficulty lies in settling the question of the indemnity upon which it is known that Japan insists but it is thought that this difficulty is not insuperable.

"The most trustworthy opinion at St. Petersburg is that in view of the international situation and the enormous difficulty of carrying on the war, peace on the terms outlined will be concluded within a comparatively short time if the indemnity question can be arranged, but it is quite possible that Russia will risk another battle before a decision is reached."

Supt. Pickard Killed at Wilson.

Mr. R. O. Pickard, a most estimable gentleman, superintendent of the Wilson cotton mills and superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday school, was late this afternoon shot and instantly killed by a young white man named Wiley House, who was recently an employe at these mills. House, accompanied by Charles Norton, went to the mills and was ordered out by Mr. Pickard. Norton turned to leave and House drew a pistol and shot Mr. Pickard, who fell and died instantly. House endeavored to escape but was caught.

Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN & CO., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada.

Challenge From Hood Bros.

Hood Bros. are seeking the worst case of dyspepsia or constipation in Smithfield or vicinity to test Dr. Howard's new specific for the cure of those diseases.

No confident are they that this remarkable medicine will effect a lasting cure in a short time, that they offer to refund the money should it not be successful.

In order to secure the quickest possible introduction Hood Bros. will sell a regular fifty cent package of this medicine at half price, 25 cents.

This specific of Dr. Howard's will cure sick headache, dizzy feelings, constipation, dyspepsia, and all forms of malaria and liver trouble. It does not simply give relief for a time; it makes permanent and complete cures.

It will regulate the bowels, tone up the whole intestinal tract, give you an appetite, make food taste good and digest well, and increase vigor. Joy and happiness will take the place of that "don't care whether I live or die" feeling.

KENLY NEWS.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton left for Goldsboro Monday to attend the meeting of the State Council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. which convenes there this week.

There is some talk of electric lights for Kenly. A local Mfg. Co. is investigating and figuring on a proposition to make to the town. We hope they will succeed, for better lights of some kind are badly needed.

Miss Lillian Ayres, of Nichols, S. C., has accepted the position of Music teacher in Kenly Academy, which was made vacant by the resignation of Miss Maggie Whitley.

The S. S. Earle Mfg. Co. have shipped two car loads of shuttle blocks this week.

Misses Cora and Essie Sasser, accompanied by Miss Emma Matthews, one of the teachers in Kenly Academy, spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sasser, near Princeton.

The Kenly Mfg. Co. have their machinery about ready for operation. They gave a portion of it a trial run Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Darden made a business trip to Wilson Wednesday.—Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lewis, from near Pleasant Grove church, Nash county, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Lewis' sister, Mrs. J. G. High.

The Bank of Kenly was closed Wednesday, the day being a national holiday.—The R. F. D. carriers here also had a holiday Wednesday.

The Philologistian Liturgical Society of Kenly Academy will give the Thaliam Society and the board of trustees a reception at the academy tonight Wednesday.

Mr. I. J. Creech spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near Benson.—Mr. Geo. Evans, of Selma, visited his parents near here Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. Jarvis Edgerton visited friends at Lumber Bridge Saturday and Sunday.—Mr. C. B. Bailey spent Sunday with relatives near Connor.

REX.

A Marriage at Benson.

On the 19th of February, 1905, Mr. Tommie Jones and Miss Annie Jernigan were happily married in the rear parlor of Mr. H. I. M. Lucas, in the evening just as the clock struck three. The ceremony was performed by Rev. N. H. Gibbs, the wedding march was rendered by Mr. O. M. Mangum. The attendants were Robert Dorman and Miss Gertie Lucas Harvey Stewart and Miss Lucy Jernigan, Archie Stewart and Miss Lottie Barnes, Riley West and Miss Mollie Raynor, Luther Jones and Miss Kitty Stewart, Ed Holmes and Miss Mamie Ryals. We wish them much success as they sail over the sea of life.

A Friend.

Big Hogs in Sampson.

Mr. J. T. Williams, of Lydia, Sampson County, killed three of the finest hogs of our section—one three and a half years old making 943 pounds, one two years old making 742 pounds, the other 531 pounds, making a total of 2,216 pounds of dressed meat. Mr. Williams is a successful hog raiser.

Mr. S. A. Lassiter, of Johnston county, may try it again.

JUMBO.

Grave Trouble Foreseen.

It needs but little foresight, to tell that when your stomach and liver are badly affected, grave trouble is ahead, unless you take the proper medicine for your disease, as Mrs. John A. Young, of Clay, N. Y., did. She says: "I had neuralgia of the liver and stomach, my heart was weakened, and I could not eat. I was very bad for a long time, but in Electric Bitters, I found just what I needed, for they quickly relieved and cured me." Best medicine for weak women. Sold under guarantee by Hood Bros., druggists, at 50c. a bottle.

HIS HEAD BLOWN OFF.

Awful Fate of Grand Duke Sergius, in Moscow, Russia, Last Week.

Moscow, Feb. 17th.—While Grand Duke Sergius was driving to-day from the Nicholas Palace through the senate quarter, his carriage was followed by two cabs. At the law courts a sleigh, in which there were two men, one who was dressed as a workman, went quickly ahead of the Grand Duke's carriage. The sleigh then slowed up to allow the carriage to pass and at that moment a bomb was thrown beneath the carriage. The force of the explosion broke all the windows of the law courts and the report was heard outside the city. The carriage was blown to pieces, nothing but four wheels remaining. The horses were not hurt and bolted. The Grand Duke was instantly killed. His head was blown off, actually being separated from his body, which was frightfully mangled. He was so frightfully burned by the explosive with which the bomb was charged that he died while being carried to a hospital. On the arrest of the murderers, neither of whom was known to the police, one of them coolly said: "I don't care. I have done my job."

Death of Thomas H. Atkinson.

Thomas H. Atkinson, aged 71 years, who until a few years ago was a resident of Johnston county, N. C., died suddenly last night at his home in this city. The interment will take place at Rock Creek cemetery in this city. Mr. Atkinson's wife and a number of children survive him. His sons are Robert J., Dr. Wade H., Dr. Thomas H., Joseph R. and Albert S. Atkinson, the first named being a resident of New Orleans, and the others of this city. The daughters are Mrs. L. S. Cannon of this city and Mrs. Charles E. McLean of Burlington, N. C. His wife was Miss Martha A. Richardson of North Carolina.

Mr. Atkinson was born in Johnston county, N. C. He was a large planter and served in the cause of the Confederacy. He had to leave the Confederate army for physical reasons and subsequently devoted his time and means to manufacturing salt for the soldiers.

Mr. Atkinson's grandfather was a revolutionary soldier and lived to be eighty-one years of age. He belonged to the 10th North Carolina regiment in the war of independence.

After the civil war Mr. Atkinson followed the life of a planter, until he retired three years ago and came to this city to live. His sons who reside here are engaged in various pursuits. Wade H. Atkinson is a physician, Thomas H. Atkinson is a druggist, Joseph R. Atkinson is a real estate dealer, and Albert S. Atkinson an engineer in the employ of the district government.—Washington Letter in Friday's Raleigh Post.

Now Numbers 253 Members.

The executive committee of the Johnston County Branch of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of North Carolina met here Saturday and examined the books of the Association. The committee found the business of the Association to be in excellent condition.

The Association in this county has 253 members with a total insurance of \$165,546 in force. The officers of the association are Jas. H. Smith, of Elevation, President; and Jas. A. Wellons, of Smithfield, Secretary and Treasurer.

Poisons in Food.

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food—or money back. 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store. Try them.

SELMA NEWS.

Messrs. H. D. Hood and W. B. Driver went to Goldsboro Wednesday.

The rainfall here Sunday was 3.10 inches, the heaviest we have ever had in the winter.

Miss Annie S. Noble, who came home from Spartanburg, S. C., last Sunday, returned Wednesday, after a very pleasant visit to her parents. Her eyes are much improved by Dr. Calhoun's treatment.

Robert Millard Nowell, Esq., spent Sunday in Clayton.

Our lights do us a lot of good in the early part of the night, for it is very dark.

Mr. M. C. Winston went to Wake county Tuesday.

Bad roads, worse roads, and the worst roads ever seen, is the talk of every one now.

Mr. Pat Parker, the efficient R. F. D. carrier had his knee severely hurt last week by his horse jumping against a tree with him. We are glad it is no worse.

Mr. Maurice Waddell at home for a few days now.

SENEX.

A Horrible Death.

Last week Mr. James Pilkinton and Mr. W. P. Evans started down Neuse River with a raft of timber for Goldsboro. On their way they went too near the land and struck a tree which broke loose one or two of the logs and interfered with the steering arrangement. They lost control of the raft and Mr. Evans became so frightened that he jumped into the river contrary to the advice of Mr. Pilkinton. He sank, but a little later Mr. Pilkinton saw him partly out of the water with his arms around a tree. Mr. Pilkinton finally got control of the raft again and tied it to a tree and went back in search of Mr. Evans. He tracked him to a slough and swam across that and after a long search at about eight o'clock Saturday night found him nearly frozen and almost unconscious. He died Sunday morning from cold, hunger and exhaustion.

There was a freshet in the river and they were on a small piece of land which was entirely surrounded by water. It will be remembered that last summer Mr. Evans was struck by lightning and almost killed. He was a very poor man and leaves a large family who were entirely dependent on him.

In Memory of G. H. Toler.

Last Thursday morning, February 16th, a sad death occurred in Bentonsville Township, Johnston County. Mr. G. H. Toler, one of the Board of County Commissioners, passed from time to eternity. He was of a prominent family, was thirty-six years old and the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Toler. It was a sad loss to his family and friends. He was a man of excellent qualities; kind, gentle, and faithful, and was respected by all who knew him. His funeral was conducted at his late residence Friday afternoon by Rev. N. H. Guyton, of the M. E. Church, and he was laid to rest in the family burying ground in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives. We extend our sympathy especially to his wife and little daughter, Maude, his father and mother, his brother, S. S. Toler, of Rocky Mount; his sisters, Mrs. D. G. Rhodes, of Wayne County; Mrs. J. I. Massey, of Princeton, and Mrs. J. J. Dupree, of Dunn.

Had he asked us, well we know we should say, O spare the blow. Yes, with streaming tears should I cry Lord, we love him, let him stay. In love he lived, in peace he died. His life was asked, but God denied. Feb. 19th. B

Rev. J. C. Crisp, a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference, died at South Washington, N. C., Friday, February 17th, very suddenly of heart disease. The remains were sent to Charlotte, N. C., for interment. Mr. Crisp was 39 years of age.