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FLORIDA SPECIAL WRECKED

On Its Trip North Last Saturday Morning Near Benson.

All the Pullmans Save One Were Untracked and Not a Life Lost Nor Any One Seriously Hurt.

Last Sunday's Wilmington Messenger has the following story of the wreck near Benson last Saturday morning:

The brag train of the Coast Line, the famous "New York and Florida Special" was destined to leave the rails and become embedded in a clay bank on her trip north yesterday, the accident occurring at 2:40 A. M., near Benson, which is thirty miles north of Fayetteville. The exact cause of the wreck is not known but it happened on the identical spot where the freight accident occurred the night previous. Railroad officials are not positive as to what caused the wreck and are now investigating the matter. The train wrecked is one of the most palatial in the United States and is the finest operated on the Atlantic Coast Line. But for the strong, heavy cars lost of life would have probably resulted but as it was not a passenger or member of the train crew were injured to any extent. Those who received slight injuries were: Miss Enden Hart, a passenger of West 92nd Street, New York, severe nervous shock; A. Dawson, a colored waiter, of Jersey City, injured about the back; S. Wiehoyt, colored waiter, of Jersey City, arm slightly hurt; and two other waiters whose names could not be learned were slightly hurt. Engineer James Bissett and Conductor Brooks were not hurt in the slightest degree.

Immediately after the wreck the engine proceeded to South Rocky Mount where a train was quickly made up and went after the passengers. With injured waiters, all the passengers proceeded on their way north. Dawson left for his home in Jersey City yesterday afternoon.

The "Florida Special" has a fast schedule and the train must have been running at a good rate of speed when she left the rails. Fortunately it was comparatively level where the accident occurred. The cars broke loose from each other as they left the rails and the trucks are buried up to the bodies of the cars in the clay. Several of the cars are laying at an angle of about forty-five degrees. Three cars were raised yesterday and placed upon the track and others will probably be got up to-day. Pullmans are very heavy and consequently are more difficult to get on the track than the ordinary light day coach.

At this season of the year the travel on the northbound Florida trains is light and there were but fourteen passengers. The accident occurring at the time of night it did made conditions worse as the passengers were asleep and the crash and jar as the train left the track caused them to be greatly excited and uncertain as to what they should do. Their fears were quickly pacified by the railroad employees who explained that there was no danger; that the train was only derailed.

The accident occurred at 2:40 in the morning and at 11:30 the track was repaired sufficiently to resume traffic.

The magnificent train appeared very differently yesterday morning from what it did when it left Florida. Then it was perfect both within and without and yesterday the brass railings and the vestibules were more or less injured and the articles within the cars thrown in every direction. This is the first mishap that has befallen this palatial train since it was put into service on the 8th of January.

WRECK NO. 1 AT BENSON.

The first wreck at Benson was extra southbound freight No. 338. This occurred at 8 o'clock on Thursday night and necessitated all main line passenger

trains of the A. C. L. due to pass Benson during the night to be detoured via Wilmington. No one was hurt in the wreck.

This wreck was also due to the breaking of a truck. Eight cars—four refrigerator and four coal cars—were piled in a conglomerated mass on the track. The wrecking train was sent out from South Rocky Mount and it took until 1 P. M. Friday to get the track clear. It was on the following morning at 2:40 when the "Florida Special" was wrecked at the same place.

It was indeed fortunate that not a life was lost in any of the wrecks.

KENLY NOTES.

Mrs. Dr. Peacock, of Fremont, is visiting friends here this week.

Mr. J. H. Davis has begun the erection of a small cottage on the corner of Academy Avenue.

Mr. W. R. Perkins, of near Pikeville, spent Sunday night here with his son, D. T. Perkins.

Mr. C. B. Bailey and Miss Emma Matthews spent Sunday with Miss Fannie Freeman near Taylor.

Misses Julia McEachern and Janie McNeel spent Friday night and Saturday with friends in Fremont.

Miss Kate Darden who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. Adams, in Fayetteville, returned home Monday.

Mrs. A. J. Smith and Miss Mary Hollowell visited friends and relatives in and near Goldsboro Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Edmundson, of Morganton, spent Sunday here as the guest of his son, Prof. F. A. Edmundson, principal of Kenly Academy.

Mrs. Florence Hughes, of Shannon, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Alford, for several days returned home Monday.

Rev. C. S. Churchill filled the appointment of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Alford, at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday morning and night.

A local telephone exchange has been established here by Bailey Bros. & Kirby which connects Moores School House, Boyett's, and also several of the dwellings and business houses here.

Mrs. Dora Gilbreth, of Smithfield, has purchased a choice lot on Maxwellton Heights and will in the near future erect a handsome dwelling thereon, also Mrs. J. B. Yetvington has purchased a lot there and, we understand, contemplates building a new residence in a short time.

Having accepted a position in another county, to which I will go February 1st, I cannot longer write the Kenly News Items. Mr. D. B. Sasser, has agreed to take my place here as HERALD correspondent and any one who learns of any news will be doing both him and THE HERALD a favor by reporting it to him.

D. T. P.

Thompson-Daughtry.

On Wednesday of last week at 6:00 o'clock P. M. at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Phebe Daughtry, Mr. L. B. Thompson and Miss Mary Daughtry were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. D. T. Creech, J. P., officiating.

Those in attendance were: Richard Thompson with Miss Harriet Langly, Charlie Edwards with Miss Etta Daughtry, Hardee Pearce with Miss Geneva Thompson, S. R. Brady with Miss Lula Langly, Henry Brady with Miss Fanny Edwards.

After the ceremony the party returned to the groom's mother's where they spent the evening pleasantly.

The groom is well known in his vicinity as a courageous young man, while the bride is a comely and dutiful young lady.

We wish the young couple much happiness and success in all their undertakings.

A WITNESS.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. John H. Parker and Miss Minnie Parker spent Sunday in Goldsboro, the guests of Mrs. E. F. Pate.

Mr. F. M. Hood, of Greensboro, Mrs. M. Harris and Mrs. Rebecca J. Honeycutt and grandchildren are here to attend the marriage of Miss Pauline M. Hood to Mr. George T. Noel.

Rev. F. A. Bishop, the pastor of the Methodist church here, is on a visit to Wilmington this week. He has been preaching some excellent sermons and all are invited to come to hear him.

The Selma Supply Company has been organized and will do a general mercantile business in the old stand of Whitley & Richardson—having purchased the stock of goods of the old firm. They ask for a share of the trade and expect by prompt attention to the wants of their customers to merit it.

We regret to learn that Mr. R. B. Whitley has sold out his entire interest in the firm of Whitley & Richardson and will shortly move to Wendell to engage in business. We regret to lose him and his family from our town. It is a loss to the town. We wish them success in their new home.

Squire John H. Parker had a double marriage at the Selma Cotton Mills last Saturday night. The contracting parties were Miss Gillie A. Price to Mr. Daniel Arthur Wallace and Miss Viola Capps to Mr. Daniel Crawford Sellers. They were married at the same time—that is, one ceremony tied both couples.

United States Commissioner, I. W. Massey, Esq., is busy this week with blockaders. Tuesday he had Mr. James W. Hughes before him and on the evidence bound him over to Federal Court in the sum of \$100, with his father, W. H. Hughes, as his bondsman. Wednesday he had Will Tyner from Boon Hill Township on a capias and bound him over to Federal Court in the sum of \$100, with W. M. Rose as his bondsman. Thursday he is to have Mr. G. Perry Adams and Mr. Jos. Adams of Boon Hill before him on a charge of illicit distilling. 'Tis said that their still was destroyed some three weeks ago by Messrs. Pool and Banks.

Jan. 24th. SENEX.

BENSON NEWS.

Mrs. J. F. Lee is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. Barber, near Clayton.

Misses Medie Holder, and Mary Pearson, of Dunn, visited Mrs. W. D. Boon this week.

Mrs. Daniel Parker and Miss Anna Parker, of Smithfield were visitors in our town last Monday.

An oyster supper will be given here on Thursday night, Feb. 1st for the benefit of the Woman's Missionary Society.

A protracted meeting will be held at the Free Will Baptist church here beginning first Sunday in February. Services will be conducted by Rev. H. H. Goff.

It has been recently circulated by some one through a mistake that the Benson Graded School would close about March 1st. We are glad to say that this is untrue, as the school will close at its regular time, about the last of May. Prof. Allen announces that he will open a normal department about March 1st for the benefit of the teachers, which will continue until the commencement next May. The school row is making rapid strides, the attendance being much larger than ever before, and new students coming in daily.

Solon.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature on every box. 25c.

Prof. Cullom's Music School.

Prof. A. N. Cullom, principal of the Cullom School of Music of Wilson, is conducting a vocal music school at the Smithfield Baptist church this week. He is assisted by his daughter Miss Blanche Cullom.

The class is much larger than was at first expected and much interest is being taken in the work. Prof. Cullom is a teacher of many years' experience and is thoroughly familiar with the rudiments of vocal music. He is teaching musical composition and it is wonderful how quickly many of his pupils are learning to harmonize a piece of music.

Dr. J. H. Hall, President of the National Normal School of Music, of Dayton, Va., will arrive tomorrow to assist Prof. Cullom for one week, or until the close of the school next Friday night. While here Dr. Hall will lecture to Prof. Cullom's class one hour each day on the theory of music. He will also give voice lessons to those desiring to take.

Dr. Hall is one of the greatest voice teachers in the United States and also has a reputation in Europe. He is the author of several song books and also several works on musical composition. The people of Smithfield are to be congratulated upon having this eminent vocal music teacher with them for a week.

Prof. Cullom gives two lessons daily, the hours being from 3 to 5 in the afternoon, and 7:30 to 9:30 at night.

Beginning next Monday Prof. Cullom will sell tickets at half price—one dollar each—for the remainder of the school. Those who have not yet entered can now do so for next week by seeing the secretary, Mr. D. H. Jones. This is a rare opportunity for all those who are interested in vocal music, as they can get Dr. Hall's lecture's in addition to Prof. Cullom's at the low price of one dollar.

The school will close next Friday night with a concert, and an address by Rev. J. T. Jenkins, of Wilson. The price of admission to the concert will be, adults 25 cents, children 10 cents.

Fitzgerald-Gurley.

Pine Level, N. C. Jan. 24—The marriage of Miss Alcebell Gurley to Mr. Robt. L. Fitzgerald, which occurred last Wednesday, January 17th, at 3 o'clock P. M. was a social event of particular interest. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gurley, near Pikeville, and was witnessed by many friends of the contracting parties. The home was tastefully decorated for the occasion, the color scheme being white and green.

Mr. Carl Gurley acted as best man and Miss Annie Fitzgerald as maid of honor. The bridal party entered the hall to the strains of Lohengrin skillfully rendered by Miss Mildred Gurley, sister of the bride. Standing beneath an arch of evergreens and awaiting them was the Elder John W. Gardner, of Goldsboro, who took their vows and after a benediction pronounced them no more twain, but one, soon after which many congratulations and hearty good wishes were received.

The bride was attired in chiffon broadcloth and carried white chrysanthemums.

The bride is highly refined and possesses all the charms of person which go to make sweet womanhood, while the groom is an energetic and popular young man, being the Cashier of The Bank of Pine Level, and well known in banking circles.

Evidencing the esteem and popularity of both bride and groom were many handsome and costly presents, which were much admired.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the home of the groom in Pine Level, where that evening an elegant reception was tendered them.

Watson for Shoes.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. W. E. Stallings is having his new residence painted. Mr. W. H. Ellis is doing the work.

Mr. Marvin Ellis, of Mount Airy, spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ellis.

Rev. J. V. Williams, of the Methodist church, is holding revival services at the church this week, in the evening.

On account of the illness of the principal of the school at which Miss Allene McCullers teaches music, she is at home for awhile, to the delight of her many friends.

Clayton Lodge, No. 137, Knights of Pythias, installed the following officers for the ensuing term at their meeting Monday night, January the 15th: W. I. Whitley, C. C., J. W. Hilliard, V. C., W. H. McCullers, Prelate, John T. Talton, K. of R. and S., E. G. Richardson, M. W., J. W. Massey, M. of E., A. S. White, M. of A., J. M. Gurley, I. G., B. M. Robertson, O. G. The Lodge meets each Monday night at 7:30.

Mr. D. J. Smith tells us of one of the latest watermelons. Mr. Smith says he found this melon sometime about the middle of October and decided to keep it until Christmas. He pulled the melon leaving a short piece of the vine attached, carried it to the house and put the vine in a bottle of water. This kept the melon preserved until on December 26th, Mr. Smith cut it and found it in perfect condition and as fine as any melon he ever cut.

Our very popular agent, Mr. Jno. W. Massey, left here once on account of the heavy work required of him. He was succeeded by Mr. W. F. Weathers who after trying the job for awhile, also resigned, later the Company seeing that the work was really too much for one man, reinstated Mr. J. W. Massey, giving him an assistant in the person of his brother Mr. P. H. Massey. On January the first, the Southern gave Clayton a night man, which is a very great convenience to the travelling public.

Jan. 4. Yelir.

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt, of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up phlegm from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c. and \$1.00 at Hood Bros., druggists. Trial bottle free.

—Rev. J. V. Williams, who has been appointed by Bishop Wilson as pastor of Clayton circuit to take the place of the late Dr. J. J. Renn, was in Raleigh yesterday. Mr. Williams, who is widely and favorably known, is a native of Hyde county, and at one time was connected with a large mission work in New York City. He is a worker, and the Clayton circuit will gain an impetus because of his earnestness.

May Live 100 Years.

The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., now 70 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic Dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases, Blood Disorders, General Debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. Price only 50c.

Our Mr. Long is now in the West buying a car of mules and horses. Austin Stephenson Co.

Farmers Meeting.

The largest and most enthusiastic farmers' meeting ever held in the county was the meeting of the Southern Cotton Association held here Monday, January 22nd. They came from all sections of the county. The court house was almost full and the number was estimated at three hundred.

The association was called to order by the president, Mr. E. J. Holt, who offered words of welcome and made some important suggestions. Having served the association as president he resigned and Mr. William M. Sanders was elected in his place. Mr. J. M. Beaty was elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. W. M. Sanders taking his place as chairman spoke of several important matters. He mentioned the great work done by the association during the past year, told of his trip to the convention recently held at New Orleans and reminded the farmers that a big acreage and a big crop this year would mean six cents for cotton. Mr. Ashley Horne who always gets attention when he talks made an interesting speech. He spoke of the depleted condition of the State treasury of the Southern Cotton Association and the work of the executive committee in raising funds to carry on the work. He called attention to the great resources of Johnston county and showed the ability of the South to supply the world with cotton. He opposed immigration. Mr. Horne took an active part in the work and did as much or more than any one else in making the meeting a success.

Mr. C. C. Moore, the State President, next addressed the association. He discussed all phases of the work. He said the association had helped to advance cotton twenty dollars per bale and well deserved the support of farmers and business men.

Mr. R. H. Gower made a good speech. Among other things he spoke of the great progress Johnston had made in farming and how near we are in number of bales to the largest cotton county in the State—only about four hundred bales behind.

Prof. Ira T. Turlington was called upon and spoke encouragingly of the work of the association and the large attendance at this county meeting.

Sheriff J. T. Ellington said a few words and as usual pleased his hearers.

Messrs. J. Walter Myatt, George W. Johnston Rufus Sanders, D. H. Bagley and W. G. Wilson were elected an executive committee.

Mr. Walter A. Edgerton in some appropriate remarks answered the call of many who wanted to hear him speak.

Mr. C. M. Wilson offered a resolution that the acreage for the county should not exceed that planted in the year 1905 which was adopted.

MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Immediately after the adjournment of the association the executive committee with the president and secretary held a meeting. Mr. J. Walter Myatt asked to be excused and Mr. T. W. LeMay was elected to take his place as a member of the county organizer.

The president was authorized to employ a man to visit the gins and find out the number of bales ginned and the weight of each bale raised in 1905.

As the county and State are so much behind in their financial support of the Southern Cotton Association it was decided to ask the farmers to send ten cents for each bale of cotton raised in 1905 and the treasurer was instructed to call on the business and professional men for a contribution to help in raising funds.