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POLENTA NEWS.

No preaching at Oakland last Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders, is confined to his bed with a case of grippe.

Rev. Mr. Williams, the new pastor of the Clayton circuit, will preach his first sermon at Mt. Zion on Sunday.

Mrs. J. F. Lee and children, of Benson, spent several days of last week, on a visit to Mrs. Sarah Barbour, Mrs. Lee's mother.

Dr. Ralph Stevens was in the neighborhood visiting Sunday evening. He is a favorite with us and we are always glad to see him.

On Friday evening of last week Polenta and Myatt's School engaged in a spelling match. The Polenta students proved to be too much for the Myatt students hence came out of the contest victorious. These two schools will spell against each other again Friday evening of this week.

The cotton growers of this township met recently and organized a Township Cotton Growers Association, electing the following officers for this year: President, T. W. LeMay; Vice-President, A. D. Taylor; Secretary and Treasurer, F. T. Booker. Every farmer in the township should belong to this Association. Without organization the farmers will never amount to much. Every other avocation is organized. Let the farmers arouse from their lethargy, and demonstrate to the world their determination to look after their interests by a thorough organization.

A Farmers Alliance has been re-organized in Cleveland township, by Mr. H. M. Cates, State Lecturer, with the following officers: President, G. B. Smith; Vice-President, W. H. Sanders; Secretary and Treasurer, F. T. Booker; Chaplain, D. M. Lee; Lecturer, Dr. E. N. Booker; Assistant Lecturer, Thad Stevens; Door Keeper, C. J. Holt; Assistant Door Keeper, Frank Wood; Agent Progressive Farmer, S. W. Booker. Mr. Cates is a fluent and entertaining talker. The next meeting of the Alliance will take place Friday night of this week. Typo.

Mr. James Roberts Dead.

Last Saturday morning Mr. James Roberts died at the home of his son Mr. J. D. Roberts, three miles from Smithfield. He was born in Smithfield in 1815 and was in his ninety-first year. He lived here until about a year before the civil war when he bought a farm on the Selma road two miles from here and moved to it. Before leaving Smithfield he ran a blacksmith shop for many years. Then there were almost no cast plows sold and the blacksmith was an important man in every community. He had a reputation all over the county as a fine blacksmith.

Since leaving Smithfield he led a quiet life on the farm. At the time of his death he was the oldest member of Smithfield Baptist church, having been a member more than sixty-two years. He joined on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1843, and was baptized the next day by Rev. James Dennis, the first pastor of the church. He led a consistent Christian life. His son with whom he lived says he never saw him take a drink of liquor nor heard him curse an oath. His life has been a good example to others.

He suffered much for a few weeks before his death. All that kind friends and relatives could do for him was done. He had traveled to the end of his journey and could not go further. He realized that death was near and said he was prepared and willing to go. His remains were placed in the new graveyard at Yelvington's Grove Free Will Baptist church Sunday morning in the presence of a large crowd of relatives and friends.

NOEL-HOOD.

A Popular Young Couple Are Wed in Selma.

Selma, Jan. 27.—On Wednesday evening at nine o'clock a pretty marriage was celebrated at the Baptist church when Miss Pauline Maybelle Hood became the bride of Mr. George Thompson Noel. The church was elegantly and artistically decorated and thronged by the friends of the popular young couple.

The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. H. W. Hood, and just before the entrance of the bridal party Mrs. J. A. Mitchner sang "Why Do I Love you." The bridesmaids and groomsmen passed down the centre aisle and formed a semi-circle, after these coming the little flower girls, Misses Mallie Hood and Pearl Harris, followed by the bride with her maid of honor.

At the altar she was met by the groom with his best man, Mr. J. H. Bennett. Then came the ring bearers, Master Keith Jones, dressed in white, carrying the ring in a calla lily. The bride was charmingly attired in white silk en train carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses and lilies of the valley, her veil being caught with real orange blossoms.

Miss Anne Hood, sister of the bride and maid of honor wore blue silk, and carried white carnations and fern. The bridesmaids were Misses Ethel Masten, Enola Mitchener, Siddle Hood, and Nettie Hooks; they wore white organdie with pink girdles and carried pink carnations. The groomsmen were Messrs. R. M. Nowell, H. McNeill, C. P. Harper and J. B. Waddell. The ushers were Messrs. J. R. Hood, G. W. Evans, T. W. Creech and J. D. Anderson.

A large number of beautiful and costly presents were received. The happy couple left on the 11:30 train for Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia.—News and Observer.

KENLY NOTES.

Miss Kate Brown, soliciting agent for the Oxford Orphanage and the Orphan's Friend was in our town Wednesday.

Rev. Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, filled his regular semi-monthly appointment here at the M. E. Church Sunday night.

The Dennis Simmons Lumber Company are having two deep wells bored at their mill site here, and have begun the building for installing their new plant.

Miss Estella Fentress, who is teaching school near Pinkney, Wayne county, spent Saturday night and Sunday here as the guest of her cousin, Mr. D. T. Perkins.

Mr. Clyde Tilghman and family, of Wilson, who will superintend the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company's plant here, moved here this week, and are boarding with Mr. L. Z. Woodard.

A large gathering of young people, accompanied with the string band of our town were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sasser, Tuesday night. The evening was enjoyably spent.

Quite a number of young people had a very pleasant time Saturday night at Mr. Jno. G. High's, the occasion being a party given by Mr. D. T. Perkins in honor of a visiting cousin, Miss Estella Fentress. Various games were played until about 10 o'clock when a bounteous supply of fruit was served.

Mr. H. F. Edgerton has just installed a plant supplying his home, G. G. Edgerton & Son's large store, Dr. J. C. Grady's drug store, the Merchants Hotel, and the Bank of Kenly with Acetylene gas lights. To visit these places at night almost makes you think you are in a town lighted by electricity.

Max.

Mrs. Ferguson, 95 years old, mother of Judge Garland S. Ferguson, died Monday night at her home near Waynesville.

THEN AND NOW.

BY J. T. E.

I'm thankful I lived in the good old days
When the boys were boys sure enough,
When the girls disdained all paddings and stays
And sometimes took a little snuff.

No hankering then for the wasp-like waist
And the "Grecian bend" was unknown—
When a boy met a girl suiting his taste
He knew her "shape" was all her own.

The boys then had good reason to know
When they went hunting for a bride,
That they would not find her a "scare-crow"
When togs and pads were laid aside.

And we then thought Solomon's sayings good—
Learned the maxims by him compiled—
And at the head of the list this one stood:
"Spare the rod and you'll spoil the child."

All the boys knew what a "spanking" meant,
For Dad and Mam spanked them by turn—
Mammy's licks were light—when Dad the switch bent
Jee-wilkins! how it did burn.

If we judge by the teachings of this age
And what is practiced in our schools
Why then old Solomon was not a "sage"
He'd have to be classed with the fools:

In those days when a boy started to school
He knew what would be the "out-come"—
A flogging at school for breaking a rule,
Meant another when he got home.

Now it's: "sonny" please do and 'son' please don't"
Thus they plead with him day by day.
And this "sonny" will and this "sonny" won't
If he chooses to do that way.

Oh! spanking is good for the boy, I know,
For it helps to loosen his hide;
And it makes his muscles expand and grow
And knocks out of him all false pride.

If fear of flogging restrains not the boy,
I'd like for the preachers to tell
The sense of the argument they employ
When threatening the sinner with hell.

Narrow Escape

On Friday afternoon, January 19th, Mr. R. I. Lassiter and his daughter, Miss Nellie, came near losing their lives while on their way home from Smithfield. His horse seemed anxious to travel until he reached the narrowest place in the embankment just beyond Swift Creek when he seemed to lose his strength and fell over going off the embankment into the canal 15 feet below. His weight pulled the buggy over, throwing the occupants into the canal below, the buggy landing on top of them.

Mr. Lassiter and his daughter were both knocked unconscious for an instant. As soon as he regained consciousness he thought that his daughter was killed, but at that time she screamed and he hurried to her assistance, rescuing her from the mud and water into which she was thrown. Neither was very seriously hurt. Miss Nellie's face was cut up some and Mr. Lassiter's shoulder was badly bruised. The great wonder is that they escaped with their lives.

(Crowded out last week. Ed.)

Concert at Sanders Hall To-Night.

Prof. A. N. Cullom, who has been conducting a school of music here, will close tonight with a musical concert at Sanders Hall. The concert will be given by the pupils of Prof. Cullom's music class, assisted by Prof. Cullom's family and Dr. J. H. Hall, President of the National Normal School of Music, of Dayton, Va. The concert will consist of recitations, solos, quartettes, choruses, glee songs and sacred songs. An enjoyable evening is promised to all who attend. Admission, adults 25 cents, children under twelve 10 cents.

No County Meeting Saturday.

We notice in several papers that farmers meetings are advertised for all counties next Saturday. There will be no meeting in Smithfield that day as we have so recently held a convention.

W. M. SANDERS,
President.

—Mr. John A. Massey has accepted a position with Cotter-Underwood Co. and will help them in their stores.

Farmers Meetings.

The Southern Cotton Association has done all in its power to help the farmers by advocating reduction of acreage and arranging for the gradual marketing of the crop and in other ways. Cotton is now bringing twenty dollars per bale more than it sold for a year ago. It is important that the Association should continue its good work and it will if the farmers organize and stand loyally by it. Townships must be organized as well as States and Counties. Arrangements have been made with Mr. James P. Canaday as organizer for Johnston County. Every farmer and business man is asked to help him by attending the meetings to be held in every other way possible. We give below appointments which have been made for him. He will speak to the farmers and take the names of all who want to join the Association. At some of the places other speakers will be present and aid him. The time will be at eleven o'clock each day.

Kenly, - Saturday, Feb. 3
Four Oaks, Monday, " 5
Smithfield Tuesday, " 6
Selma, - Wednesday, " 7
Wilson's Mills, Thursday, " 8
Clayton, - Friday, " 9
Elevation, Saturday, " 10
Benson, - Monday, " 12
Be sure to attend these meetings.

W. M. SANDERS, J. M. BEATY,
President, Sec. & Treas.,
Smithfield, N. C.

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.

Mrs. J. E. Hardy, mother of Mr. H. B. Hardy, representative of the News and Observer, died last week of pneumonia. Mr. Hardy is sorely afflicted. He had buried his wife just ten days prior to his mother's death.

CLAYTON NOTES.

Mrs. Torraine, of Burlington, who is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. D. J. Thurston, is very sick.

Some new families are coming in every now and then to Clayton. There's still room for a few more good folks.

Mr. L. M. Jones, who is in the employ of the S. A. L. Railroad at Norfolk, Va., spent a few days here with his parents recently.

Mr. John L. Johnson, formerly of this place, was here for a few hours this week. We think he contemplates locating here again soon.

Our enterprising townsman, Mr. J. D. Eason, has just returned from St. Louis where he purchased a big lot of fine mules and horses.

Rev. Dr. Moore, of Raleigh, presiding elder for this district, presided over the Quarterly Meeting at the Methodist church last Saturday and Sunday.

We fear the Clayton Times is dead. If it isn't dead it's pretty sick and hasn't been out for the past two weeks. We hope however that there's nothing serious in it.

Miss Pauline Guley, one of the students of Clayton High School, is very sick with pneumonia. She is under the care of Drs. Young and Griffin and we hope that she will soon be restored to health.

Miss Irene Hinton has returned from Emporia, Va., where she went to attend Mrs. W. E. Stallings who has been ill with grippe. Mrs. Stallings is now at the home of Mr. Stallings' parents.

The President of the Clayton Cotton Mills has just issued a statement of the condition of the Mills, which reflects credit on the entire management and especially on the President, Mr. Ashley Horne, in his untiring energies to make a success of what ever he has in charge.

Last week we were pressed for time and did not get in an account of the splendid entertainment given by Prof. Thomas H. Lindsey, principal of Clayton High School. Not boasting because Prof. Lindsey is one of us—but honestly this was the grandest treat we have ever had.

Jan. 1st. YELIR.

Prof. Cullom's Music School.

Quite a number of our people have taken considerable interest in the music school conducted here by Prof. A. N. Cullom, of Wilson. Prof. Cullom makes a specialty of the teaching of church music and those who have heard him are well pleased with his methods of instruction. He not only teaches how to sing, but also how to write musical compositions. We are confident that his visit to Smithfield will arouse a new interest in church music and cause the people to try to make the song service in our churches more interesting and more spirited and more devotional. He has done a good work here.

The Teacher Not Guilty.

Last Saturday a very interesting trial was held in the court house here before Justice Z. L. LeMay. Miss Daisy Edgerton, who is teaching a public school near Kenly, was the defendant. She was indicted for whipping one of her pupils—unmercifully, so the prosecution contended. Mr. Ed. S. Abell represented the prosecution and Mr. James A. Wellons the defense. The question at issue was submitted to a jury of six men who rendered a verdict of not guilty.

Beats the Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. druggists. 25c.

Southern Cotton Association.

My fellow farmers: The duty has been put upon me to organize township branches of the Southern Cotton Association.

You will see by papers and by posters sent out the days appointed for organization in the different townships. I earnestly ask each and all to meet promptly at the times appointed in your respective townships.

Some of the best men of the county have promised to aid me in this work. I want more help. Let each reader of this attend and get his neighbors do likewise. There has never been in all the agricultural history of the South a subject of such vast importance to our people as the cotton subject. It means millions of money saved or lost at present and in the future—saved if well organized and proper steps are taken.

Not only are farmers urged to attend and help in this work but all classes of our people. The merchant, mechanic, manufacturer, doctor, lawyer, teacher, preacher—all should be interested in the subject, because upon it depends our common prosperity.

It is not a political fight, nor the fight of any sect or creed. Not a farmers' fight merely, but a Southern fight in which the interests of all are involved.

Such a financial victory as has been won the past year is simply phenomenal. It should inspire faith in the most skeptical.

My fellow citizens, do your full duty in this matter. Be sure to attend and establish the work in your own neighborhood.

J. P. CANADAY,
County Organizer.
Benson, N. C., Jan. 31, 1906.

SELMA NEWS.

We are glad to see Mr. C. W. Smith out again after a fight with rheumatism.

Mr. A. E. Fitzgerald has accepted a position in the post office here as clerk.

Mrs. S. H. Scott, of New Bern, spoke to the Woman's Home Mission Society Wednesday night on the work of the Society.

Work has begun on the Methodist parsonage, Mr. D. H. Price being the contractor, which means it will be finished at once.

Mr. R. B. Whitley is at Wendell this week, we are glad to be able to state that Mr. Whitley will not move his family away as was at first reported.

Messrs. Beau Cherry and Thos. Argall Vick, of Sanford, are here this week looking after Mr. Vicks property. Mr. Vick is a son of Mr. Lawrence W. Vick who lived here some years ago and who died in Greenville, N. C., about twenty years ago.

We regret to have to announce the death of Mr. James Roberts, one of the old men of our county, if not the oldest. He was ninety one years of age—a full score of years past man's allotted time. At the time of his death he was living with his son, James D. Roberts, Esq., about four miles southeast of Smithfield. He was buried last Sunday at Yelvington's Grove where a large number of people had gathered to pay the last tribute of respect to him. He was a quiet, inoffensive man who always took a great deal of interest in the questions of the day. He left three sons and two daughters, his wife having died exactly seven years ago, to mourn their irreparable loss.

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 puss 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.