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## Clayton News.

Misses Ione Gulley and Carlotta Barbour spent Monday night in Raleigh.

Miss Swannanoa Horne, who is at Baptist University, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Oscar Creech, of Wake Forest, is spending a short while with her parents.

Hon. Ashley Horne and ex-Sheriff Edlington are away this week in the interest of Mr. Horne's campaign.

We are mighty glad to have such good reports as to the growing sentiment of prohibition in this county.

Mr. Bernhouse, of Princeton, was here Wednesday on business with the Clayton Manufacturing Co., of which he is superintendent.

Our town is now in a very healthy condition. All the sick folks are on the road to recovery. Clayton is really a splendid health resort.

We notice that farmers are taking advantage of the slight rise in the cotton market and have brought in quite a number of bales lately.

Misses May Kemp and Ella Brady, of the Baptist University at Raleigh, were the guests of Miss Ione Gulley from Saturday afternoon until Monday.

Next Tuesday will decide the fate of the special school tax. Our people, we believe are generally in favor of the proposition, still we do not hear it discussed for or against. It's a very quiet matter.

Beginning Monday, the 18th of May, the commencement exercises will begin at Clayton High School. Quite a nice program has been arranged and we hear that the management has secured Dr. Kilgo to deliver the commencement sermon.

The Clayton boys had a good time with the Salisbury team on Clayton's diamond last Friday; score was 4 to 2, and on Saturday 6 to 1 in favor of Clayton both times. After Clayton's boys got straightened out this season, they are surpassing their past record, which was a mighty good one.

The Clayton Cotton Mills shut down one or two days in each week beginning with this week. The operatives get good wages however and this shut down will not materially affect them, as the mill people have kindly consented to allow them rent-free until the mill begins regular time again, which will evidently be only a short time.

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## Temperance Speakings.

Mr. R. H. Gower and Mr. L. H. Allred will speak on temperance at Oakland Presbyterian church second Sunday in May at 3:30 o'clock.

Prof. I. T. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beaty will speak on temperance at Hickory Cross School house second Sunday in May at 3:30.

## Miss Moore's Appointments.

Miss Elizabeth Moore, State Organizer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, makes appointments as mentioned below. Her plan is to have one public meeting at each place for everybody to attend and afterward organize the women for temperance work.

Clayton Cotton Mills Sunday, May 10th, at 11 o'clock.

Clayton, Sunday, May 10th, 3:30.

Wilson's Mills, Sunday night, 8:00 o'clock.

Pine Level, Monday night, May 11th.

Benson, Tuesday night, May 12th.

Four Oaks, Wednesday night, May 13th.

Kenly, Thursday night, May 14th.

Princeton, Friday night, May 15th.

## A Leading Citizen Passes Away.

Mr. Christopher Radford was born March 25th, 1835, and died May 3rd, 1908, in his seventy-fourth year. His health had been failing for some time and a few days ago he was taken to Wilson Sanatorium with the hope that something might be done to save his life but he grew worse and could not even return home alive.

His body was brought home Sunday night and placed in the cemetery Monday afternoon in the presence of a large number of acquaintances and friends. The burial service was conducted by Rev. D. P. Bridges.

November 7th, 1860, Mr. Radford was married to Miss M. A. Upchurch. There were born to them four girls and six boys, only five of whom are now living. These are Mr. Walter L. Radford, of New York; Mr. Howard Radford, of Smithfield; Mrs. D. O. Uzzle, of Wilson's Mills; Mrs. J. D. Underwood and Mrs. J. E. Marier, of Smithfield. His first wife died January 2, 1892, and later he married Mrs. Zilphia Massey who survives him.

Mr. Radford was a man of great energy and plenty of good sense and had accumulated, considerable property, a large part of which he has given to his children. Years ago when he farmed himself he followed the intensive system and was one of the best farmers of that time. He made his property by farming. He was a good citizen and kind neighbor and was always able and willing to give good advice to the people who went to him for advice. He was known extensively in this county and hundreds of people will regret to hear of his death.

He never united with any church but left the assurance with his loved ones that "all is well."

## Parson-Lassiter.

Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride in Bentonsville township, Mr. Pascal H. Parson and Miss Lucy Lassiter were united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Squire W. N. Rose, Jr. The marriage was a quiet affair, witnessed only by friends and relatives.

The attendants were: Mr. J. H. Parson and Miss Annie Lassiter, Mr. T. J. Lassiter and Miss Lessie Rose, Mr. J. O. Herring and Miss Annie Keen, Mr. John H. Langston and Miss Eugenia Herring.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy young couple accompanied by several friends and relatives left for the home of the groom's parents in Sampson County where a reception was tendered them.

The bride, a popular young lady of Bentonsville, has a host of friends who wish her much joy in her new life. Mr. Parson is one of Sampson's progressive young farmers and is well known in Sampson and Lower Johnston. We wish them much success and happiness in their voyage over the seas matrimonial.

## Methodist Baracas Enjoy an Evening Together.

Mr. J. H. Woodall called the Baraca Class of the M. E. Church together last Friday night in the K. P. Hall. About 30 members were present and were guessing what the object of the meeting was when the president announced that they were called together to become better acquainted with each other. Short talks were made by Rev. J. H. Shore, T. R. Hood, W. S. Stevens, and J. D. Spiers. After which cream and cake, the complements, of Supt. T. R. Hood and the teacher of the class, was served.

Immediately after which each member of the class made short talks.

A short business session was held and Mr. S. W. Myatt was elected reporter to fill the place of Mr. Jas. N. Cobb resigned.

The class now numbers 44 and are quite enthusiastic.

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## Cannot Hide Behind the Primitive Baptists.

(News and Observer.)

In North Carolina, strong in numbers and strong in character and sturdy independence, there is a church that in all their long life has stood firm against any encroachments upon the rights of the individual or any possible connection between Church and State. In their adherence to true personal liberty, the right of every man to worship God in accordance with his own views, and faith in the Bible as the only light for men the Primitive Baptists set an example to men of every church. It is the right of every man to vote as he thinks right and to be free in his religious liberty. No church has or should have control over these inherent rights of man. Therefore when preachers go into politics they do err, for they are called to preach a higher gospel than any political party ever created.

More than a hundred years ago, when certain "religionists" attacked Thomas Jefferson because he won the right for religious freedom and put an end to all connection between Church and State, the Kehukee Baptist Association of Eastern North Carolina passed resolutions of thanks to Jefferson for the signal service he rendered to religious liberty. One of the best of the many good letters written by Mr. Jefferson was to the Kehukee Association in which he expressed his appreciation of the action of that body. From that hour to this good day the Primitive Baptists of North Carolina have been foremost in standing for the true Jeffersonian principles as citizens, but they have never permitted politics to enter their churches.

When the question of State Prohibition was first presented, its opponents sought to secure the powerful support of the Primitive Baptists by contending that the bill had concealed in it an attack upon personal liberty and looked toward church control of politics. They well knew that if any bill, no matter how good its purpose, would imperil either of these principles it would be attacked by the members of that church and by thousands of other good men in other churches and not members of any church. It was a shrewd bid to try to get good men to fight the bill on principle while they could buy up the purchasable voters and, hiding behind good men get a respectability for their cause which advocacy of the whiskey traffic could not secure for them.

Some days ago the editor of this paper addressed a note to Elder P. D. Gold, the editor of Zion's Landmark and the ablest leader of the Primitive Baptist church, asking his views upon the pending State Prohibition proposition. Everybody who knows Elder Gold knows that he stands against whatever is Wrong and for what he conceives to be the Right, and that he does so with toleration and charity for others. Answering that letter, Elder Gold writes as follows, giving permission to print his views:

## Elder Gold's Views.

"To the Editor: From my youth I have considered whatever encourages drunkenness a damaging business, to good morals and everything else that is praiseworthy. Therefore, I have never from the outset of this prohibition campaign intended to vote for the manufacture or sale of intoxicating drinks.

"While I do not consider that Prohibition, as it is called, will exterminate the evil of drunkenness, yet I cannot give my vote for what might seem to encourage the great evil of drunkenness.

"I would love to live in a country where every man is sober. 'It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.'—Rom. 14:21.

"Let every man vote in this matter as seems right to him, or not vote. Bitterness should not be encouraged, but liberty of conscience should be allowed. Let your moderation be shown. I do not desire to control the votes of others. I desire to preach the Gospel which contains every good thing, and prohibits every evil.

Respectfully,

P. D. GOLD,

"Wilson, N. C., May 2nd."

In this brief letter Elder Gold has given the chief reason that will actuate good men in refusing to vote "for the manufacture or sale of whiskey." Every sensible man knows Elder Gold states the truth when he says: "I do not consider that Prohibition, as it is called will exterminate the evil of drunkenness." Of course it will not do that. It will lessen the evil and remove temptation, but no human law can make men good. Elder Gold while looking at the question as it is and not carried away by any false hopes, adds, "Yet I cannot give my vote for what might seem to encourage the great evil of drunkenness." He then quotes the Word of God in support of his view and concludes with righteous admonition to "Let every man vote in this matter as seems right to him or not vote. Bitterness should not be encouraged but liberty of conscience should be allowed."

This wise statement of Elder Gold, in line with the strong article by Elder L. H. Hardy in Sunday's News and Observer and the views of Elder Harris copied from Webster's Weekly, and the attitude of other leading members of the Primitive Baptist church is conclusive proof that the Anti-Prohibition writers and advocates encourage drunkenness and causet a brother to stumble. There is no sin per se in a good man taking a glass of wine or other stimulant. The high plane upon which the advocates of State Prohibition place their position is that quoted by Elder Gold from the twenty-first verse of the fourteenth chapter of Romans: "It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby, thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak." The whole argument for State Prohibition is thus summed up in these words of Paul. It is that argument that will have weight with good citizens and give a great majority for State Prohibition.

## Strong for Prohibition.

The report of the committee on temperance adopted by the Raleigh District Conference of the M. E. Church South held in Franklin, May 5-7, 1908, follows:

We greatly rejoice and lift our hearts in thankfulness to God for the marvelous growth in public sentiment in favor of temperance and for the many signal victories that have been won over the saloon and dispensary in North Carolina in the past few years. This crusade has been waged until there are at present, only a few places in our State where alcoholic liquors can be manufactured and sold under the sanction of the law. This is the result of an awakened public conscience against the curse of the liquor traffic, to the social, religious, educational and business prosperity of our people.

We heartily commend the work of every agency that has contributed to the success of this movement. We would call attention especially to the great work done by that part of the secular press, that has stood for temperance and prohibition.

The question of absolute prohibition in North Carolina is to be submitted to the vote of the people on the 26th of May.

We urge upon the ministry and laymen of our church the supreme importance at this time of personal work and the thorough organization of all our forces for this great battle of ballots. Let us work and pray from now until the election, to make the majority so great for prohibition, that this hydra-headed monster will be buried beyond the power of a future resurrection. We pledge ourselves to assist in every way possible, our officers in the execution of every law enacted against the making and selling of intoxicants. We will keep constantly before our people the disciplinary requirement to totally abstain from the use of all alcoholic stimulants as a beverage.

JNO. H. SHORE, Chairman.

## Benson Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Holland, of Kenly, visited Mr. Geo. Holland, Sunday and Monday.

Mr. J. L. Hall took his son James, Jr. to the hospital at Fayetteville Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. D. F. Putnam assisted by Rev. Mr. Mangum, of Selma, is conducting a series of Four Oaks this week.

Among those on the sick list are Mr. H. R. Weeks, Mr. Mac Stewart, Mrs. N. T. Ryals and Master James Hall.

So far there has been only one case before Mayor Britt this week. J. Allen took on too much booze. The fine and cost was \$4.05.

The Well's Carnival Company's show was here Friday and Saturday nights. A large crowd witnessed their performances each night.

The Benson Graded school will close May 20, 21, 22. A prominent speaker will be on hand to deliver an address. An interesting program will be rendered.

Among the visitors in town recently were Dr. and Mrs. Hood, of Kenly, E. S. Abell, of Smithfield, H. M. Barber, of Polenta, Bragden Johnston, of Baie's Creek, Dr. Spence, of Cokesberry, Miss Mittie Creech, of Smithfield, and Miss Lizzie Keen, of Four Oaks.

On last Thursday night some unknown parties entered the store of J. H. Boon & Son and proceeded to take what suited them. Mr. John McClamb, the night watchman, discovered the parties while in the store but they managed to make their escape by the back door before they could be taken.

The hard times and the panic do not seem to hurt our town. Every one reports business good and to show that it is, the deposits in the Farmers Commercial Bank amount to about \$25,000. Benson can boast of a bank as strong and safe as any town in the State of its size. May 7, 1908. REPORTER.

## Selma News.

Prohibition is growing every day.

Mr. A. J. Williford, of Raleigh, was in town Monday.

The Selma Livery and Live Stock Company have another load of horses.

Rev. W. H. Pucket, left Tuesday morning for Franklin to the District Conference.

Ground has been broken for the Episcopal church here and it will be pushed to completion.

Mr. L. H. Allred spoke on prohibition at the Woodard school house last Sunday afternoon to a good crowd.

Base Ball is the rage here. Our young men practice every spare minute and are determined to have the best team in the Johnston County League.

Mr. Albert M. Noble was over here Wednesday to visit his parents. He had the misfortune to sprain his ankle in a ball game here last Friday.

Work on the stores of W. E. & D. C. Smith and the Masonic Lodge is progressing rapidly. If material can be kept for the workmen, in six weeks the buildings will be finished.

Dr. and Mrs. R. J. Noble have returned from Birmingham where they went to attend the meeting of the Southern Railway Surgeons. Mrs. Noble stopped at Greenville, S. C. to visit her brother, Mr. E. S. Moore, a former citizen of Johnston County.

Last Sunday Rev. A. L. Ormond, of the Kenly circuit, preached two fine sermons here Sunday, and Rev. W. H. Pucket preached for him at Princeton. Mr. Ormond was on this circuit some ten years ago and made many friends here. All were glad to see and hear him again.

Messrs. Wm. G. and James G. Earp left here this morning for Louisburg, N. C., to visit their brother, George S. Earp, who was shot by two negroes Monday night. Mr. Earp is a policeman in Louisburg. The full particulars have not been learned. It is hoped that the wounds are not serious. SELMA, May 7. SENEX.

## Be Sure to Register.

If you voted in November, 1906, and now live at the same place you lived then, you are ready to vote. If you have moved into the county since then or moved into another township, or become twenty-one years old, you must register to get ready to vote. Clayton is the only township having two precincts and if you have moved from one of them to the other you must register again. Persons living in town who have moved from one ward to another must register. We advise every man to register whether he expects to vote or not and we think every man should vote. Be sure to register as you may be very anxious to vote at the election, even if you care nothing about it now. Any time this week or next you go to the registrar he will put your name on the book. He will be at your voting place tomorrow and on Saturday of next week. Do not put off or neglect this matter. Registration books are open now but will close Saturday evening, May 16th. Saturday, May 23rd is challenge day.

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