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THE NEWS FROM CLAYTON.

The Week's Events in This Thriving Little City Briefly Told for Herald Readers.

Clayton, N. C., Dec. 22.—We wish every reader of the Clayton items a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mr. J. M. Beaty, of THE HERALD, was in town Monday looking after business matters.

The toy shops here are crowded every day with shoppers. Notwithstanding the tough weather there have been numbers of country people around every day.

In a few days now, the store occupied by Mr. C. H. Ellis will be moved and the new street recently surveyed will be finished.

Mr. Jesse W. Hilliard and family will move back in town about the first of the year. Mrs. Hilliard will be connected with the Clayton Millinery Co. and Mr. Hilliard will put in a full line of fine dry-goods in connection with the millinery department. Mr. Hilliard promises to give us a much needed enterprise, a ladies' outfitting store.

There will evidently be some changes in Clayton about the first of the year but as usual they will in almost every case be for the improvement of conditions in all lines.

Dr. H. H. Horne and family will arrive here Thursday from Hanover, Mass. Dr. Horne will be here only a few days and will be glad to have his friends in to see him while here. Mrs. Horne and the children will be here until Easter.

Miss Lilleur Beale, of Franklin, Va., is here to spend the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Will H. McCutlers.

There will be a Poverty Party at the Academy on New Year's eve. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the band.

About twenty of the Clayton boys and girls who are attending college are already at home for the holidays. They are all glad to be at home again and we are glad to have them.

All the teachers of Clayton High School are spending the holidays at their homes.

Messrs Gower and Wallace have moved to their new home on Main street. They have now one of the handsomest barber shops in the county. All the interior work, papering, decorating, etc., was done by the United Art Co., of this place.

THE NEWS IN BENSON.

Gathered and Reported by The Herald's Regular Correspondent.

Benson, N. C., Dec. 23.—Mr. Troy Holmes is here from Wilmington to spend the holidays.

Mr. C. W. Gold, of Raleigh, spent last Friday in our town.

Miss Nellie Lassiter, of the Four Oaks section, is visiting Miss Inez Parker.

Mr. A. R. Evett, of Norfolk, Va., left Tuesday morning for his home to spend the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Johnson, of Dunn, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Britt are visiting their parents at Clinton.

Rev. Mr. Blalock preached an able and instructive sermon at the Free Will Baptist church here Sunday morning.

On Wednesday night the Sun Beam class of the Baptist church gave an entertainment which was enjoyed by a large audience.

North Carolina Day was observed in Benson High School last Friday with readings, recitations, etc., from North Carolina history.

Rev. D. F. Putnam filled his regular appointments Saturday and Sun-

day at Blackman's Grove and Four Oaks. Rev. W. C. Royal also filled his regular appointment at Sardis Sunday morning.

The public debate which took place at the Auditorium of the Benson High school last Friday night between the members of the two literary societies was listened to by a large crowd.

Of the teachers of the Benson High school who have left for their homes, are Miss Zula Bruton who left Tuesday night for her home at Fayetteville; Miss Mae Beck left Wednesday night for Henderson; Misses Mamie Page and Lillian Markham left Wednesday morning for Durham; Mrs. Toler who will leave later for lower Johnston; Miss Macie Glasgow for Shelby, and Prof. Royal for Fayetteville.

On Monday afternoon the boiler at the mill of Mr. J. W. Wood, Jr., exploded blowing the top off the mill house and completely wrecking the mill. A piece of iron from the mill weighing about 100 pounds fell in front of Mr. A. L. Barefoot's store, on Main street, one hundred and fifty yards from the mill. Fortunately all the hands were in the gin house when the explosion occurred and no one was injured.

POWHATAN NEWS.

Mr. Henry Pool, of Clayton, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mr. C. H. Medlin spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilson county.

Mr. J. C. Ellis, of Clayton, attended church Sunday.

Messrs. M. M. Jones and Grover Ellis, of Wilson's Mills, spent Sunday in our midst.

Mr. Archie Jones, of Raleigh is home to spend the holidays.

Mr. A. Sullivant, of Princeton, is in our community.

The basket picnic and vocal union which was to be held at New Chapel the fourth Saturday in December has been postponed. The date will appear later.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Green are all smiles now-a-days—it is a boy.

The many friends of Mr. W. H. Pool are glad to see him out after several days of sickness.

Mr. I. W. Jones has purchased a gasoline engine.

Miss Emma Stephenson, of Clayton, is spending the week with Mrs. Bruce Green.

A. H. J.

This is Worth Reading.

Leo F. Zelinski, of 68 Gibson St., Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I cured the most annoying cold sore I ever had with Bucklen's Arnica Salve. I applied this salve once a day for two days, when every trace of the sore was gone." Heals all sores. Sold under guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. 25c.

ARCHER NEWS NOTES.

Archer, Dec. 22.—A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all. Many of our people are moving and getting ready for the coming year.

All the public schools around here are closing up for the holidays.

Miss Emma Castleberry will give a Box party at Archer school house Wednesday night for benefit of the churches.

Mr. A. N. Smith left Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. J. H. Brannan, near Selma.

Your correspondent is informed that a double wedding was solemnized at Corinth church last Sunday, the contracting parties being Mr. E. R. Williamson, of Archer, and Miss Ruth Jordan, of Wilson's Mills, and Mr. Thomas Jordan, of Wilson's Mills, and Miss Sudie Creech, of near Antioch.

PLEASANT GROVE ITEMS.

Christmas is almost here and we notice that a great many of our people are practicing that old and lamentable habit of having "whiskey" shipped here from Virginia. We trust that this kind of business will soon be stopped.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stephenson spent Sunday with Mrs. Stephenson's mother in Meadow township.

Mr. H. D. Lambert, one of the teachers from Pleasant Grove attended the "Teachers' Association" at Smithfield last Saturday and reports a very interesting contest in Hill's North Carolina History between the teachers.

We learn that Mr. Lawrence Stephenson, of Pleasant Grove, and Miss Kizzie Denning, of Harnett county, were happily married Sunday. The writer wishes them much success and happiness.

REPORTER.

Martin-Driver.

On Sunday morning, December 13, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winston, Mr. Eddie Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin, and Miss Ara Driver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Driver, were united in the holy bonds of marriage by J. E. Winston, Esq.

The attendants were: Mr. Eugene Manning with Miss Dorcas Driver, Mr. Haywood Stallings with Miss Lula Driver, Mr. Tommie Stallings with Miss Harriet Stallings, Mr. Canley Driver with Miss Martha Stallings.

Quite a number of their immediate friends were present. After attending church at Antioch the happy groom and bride, accompanied by their many friends, returned to the home of the bride's father where they found a sumptuous dinner waiting them. May life's sweetest blessings be theirs.

A FRIEND.

Medicine That is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that is—Electric Bitters; a medicine, which is a health-giving tonic, and is the only medicine that will cure malaria, says W. C. Kieffer, M. D., Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at Hood Bros. drug store.

Reuben Barbee is Discharged.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 21.—Tonight after a lengthy hearing, Mayor Graham discharged Reuben Barbee of the charge of killing Engineer Holt. The evidence was not sufficient to hold in the face of the alibi that the defendant established. This leaves the Holt murder as dark as it was the moment after it was reported to the officers on the morning he was killed. The discharge of Barbee leaves the officers absolutely in the dark. There is now no clue.

The case of Reuben Barbee consumed all of the afternoon, the trial being before the mayor. The case began at 1:20 o'clock and it was near dark when the adjournment was taken until tonight.

Barbee stood charged with the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt at the coal chute on the early morning of December 3. His reliance was to prove an alibi, but the State thought that it would establish a complete case. Barbee swore he was at home all of that night.

STRAYED—I have taken up a stray white and black sow. Owner can get same by paying for charges and this notice. O. R. Rand, Smithfield.

ACTIONS OF TREACHEROUS BAND.

Another Confessed Night Rider Betrays Secrets of the Outlaws and Trembles with fear While on the Stand.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 22.—When Mrs. Emma Jackson, one of the State witnesses, this afternoon in the night riders' trial was excused from the stand she turned to Judge Jones and said: "I will not leave the court room without armed protection. I know these men."

Mrs. Jackson told a vivid story of several visits of the riders, corroborating Fred Fehringer's testimony in many details, as did other witnesses, and identified by name at least 27 members of the band. She was followed on the stand by her daughter, Miss Dora Jackson, an 18-year-old girl, who corroborated her mother.

Russell Trembled With Fear.

The last witness of the day was Will Russell, another alleged night rider, who has turned State's evidence. Russell came to Union City after the Rankin killing and made a confession. He was trembling with fear and could scarcely raise his voice above a whisper. The attorney general had to repeat most of his answers in order that the jury might hear them. Russell is under constant guard, but says he fears that he will be killed in spite of these precautions.

Russell's story was practically the same as that told by Fehringer and corroborated it in every essential detail. Cross-examination was deferred until Wednesday morning.

Ordered Her to Burn House.

Mrs. Jackson said the riders came to her home, forced her to dress and accompany them to her father's with her husband and daughter. They ordered her to kill some dogs she owned and burned her father's house. She identified Carrett Johnson as the leader. The riders came back two nights later, she declared, forced her to go to her father's, half clad, and said there had been some talking done. They whipped her father and then her sisters. She said she recognized Garrett Johnson and several others. A third time they called to force her to get rid of her sister's little child because the latter had quarreled with another neighbor's child. They told Mrs. Jackson that if they had to come again they would whip her. A fourth time they came to whip her father because he testified before the grand jury. On the last visit Gerrett Johnson, said the witness, asked her if she had talked. She replied: "No Mr. Johnson, I have not."

"If you were a man" Johnson retorted, "I'd blow your brains out. We will hang you if you talk."

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GOT WRONG ROBE—Some one through mistake took the wrong buggy robe from the office of the River side Warehouse last Tuesday evening, December 15. If the person who took it will return to THE HERALD, he can get his own robe.

FRIENDS

AND

ENEMIES

Nearly everybody who is anybody, has some of both—but some good man has said, "The man you do not like, is probably the man you do not know."

Think about that. :: It is good. If you do not like us, we believe the reason may be found in the fact that you do not know us. If you do like us, tell your neighbor. If you don't, tell us—we'll make it right if it can be done

Yours cordially,

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LADIES WATCH LOST—Early in November, 1907, my daughter lost a gold watch on the church yard at Pisgah Baptist church 4 1/2 miles west of Smithfield. The number of the movement is 12,251,403 and the No. of the case is 151,191. The watch is a Waltham 0 size and fancy engraved. A reward will be given any one helping us to find it.

CHARLES W. KNIGHT, Kenly, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

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