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Hymn of Thanksgiving.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is bright,
The gleam of the day and the stars of the night,
The flowers of our youth and fruits of our prime,
And blessings e'er marching the pathway of time.

We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is dear:
The sob of the tempest—the flow of the tear;
For never in blindness and never in vain
Thy mercy permitted a sorrow or pain.

We thank Thee, O Father, for song and for feast—
The harvest that glowed and the wealth that increased;
For never a blessing encompassed Thy child
But Thou, in Thy mercy, looked down and smiled.

We thank Thee, O Father of all, for the power
Of aiding each other in life's darkest hour,
The generous heart and the bountiful hand
And all the soul-help that sad souls understand.

We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be—
For hope that our future will call us to Thee;
That all our eternity may form through Thy love
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

—Will Carleton.

The fearful loss of life caused by the mine disaster at Cherry, Illinois, is appalling to contemplate. Nearly 400 wage earners have been cut off, leaving hundreds of widows and orphans who were dependent upon them for a living. Such disasters are entirely too frequent, but how they are to be stopped is an unsolvable question. They should, however, impress upon the minds of all the great importance of being exceedingly careful at all times.

Print Paper.

Print paper is a thing of the first necessity. The spruce wood from which such paper is mainly made is getting in very short supply in the United States. There is, however, a great store of spruce timber in Canada. Under such circumstances it would have seemed prudent to invite importation from Canada by reducing the duty on pulp and paper. This course was recommended to Congress after exhaustive examination of the whole field by a specially appointed committee of the House of Representatives; but such recommendation was without avail in tempering the final scheme of tariff revision. A Canadian paper manufacturer says: "The present duty on our paper sent into the United States is \$1.67 a ton, and to this the revised tariff bill adds twenty-five per cent. ad valorem, which means an additional \$5, making the net duty \$6.67."

It will be seen that in order to protect the print paper makers in the United States we have cut ourselves off from our natural source of chief supply; put a premium upon the destruction of our remaining spruce forests; needlessly offended a neighboring country, one of our best customers, and imposed a tax on the dissemination of knowledge. This is a specimen of the downward tariff revision accomplished at the extra session of the Congress.—The Philadelphia Record.

Parrish-Mitchener.

Last night at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's father, Mr. N. R. Mitchener, near Wilson's Mills, Mr. Joseph W. Parrish and Miss Eliza Mitchener were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Lane, pastor of the Christian church at Dunn. Mr. Walter Parrish, of Smithfield, brother of the groom, was best man, and the maid of honor was Miss Mary Mitchener, sister of the bride. The contracting parties are both popular and have hosts of friends who wish them much happiness on life's journey.

TO CLOSE ON THANKSGIVING.

Smithfield Merchants Have Decided to Close Their Stores Next Thursday, the Day Set Apart by the President as a Day of Thanksgiving.

The President of the United States has designated next Thursday, November 25, as a day of National Thanksgiving. It is a fine custom and one that should engage the minds and attention of the people to a greater extent than has prevailed heretofore. People are too prone to forget the source of all good things and go on revelling and boasting of their own success. It is well, now and then, to call a halt and take an inventory of our blessings; then we shall be ready to exclaim as did one of old, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

The merchants of Smithfield taking heed to the President's proclamation have decided to close their stores next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and enjoy a day of rest. The following has been handed us which shows how generally the day will be observed by our business men:

"We, the undersigned merchants of Smithfield, agree to keep our stores closed on Thursday, November 25, 1909, Thanksgiving:
Signed: W. L. Woodall, W. M. Sanders, Smithfield Hardware Co., N. B. Grantham, Spiers Bros., S. C. Turnage, City Grocery, H. P. Butler, L. E. Watson, Cotter-Underwood Co., Johnston & Holt, Cotter-Stevens Co., Austin-Stephenson Co., The Ellington Buggy Co., S. B. Johnson, Davis Bros., R. I. Wallace, Hood Bros., T. Kramer, Peedin & Peterson."

In the Courts.

Only two cases were tried before his Honor, J. A. Wellons, Mayor, this week, and one before Commissioner J. A. Narron.

The first that of Soney Sanders, which was tried last Saturday. The evidence brought out the following facts:

One day during court week Soney, who is a darky living in Neuse River Islands, came to town and began to cuss things out. A warrant was issued for him but he skipped before it could be served. On arriving in town with a bale of cotton for sale Saturday he was accosted by Chief Barham, who took him before Mayor Wellons, who after hearing the facts fined Soney \$10.00 and costs \$5.95.

The second case was that in which Sallie Spence indicted Mary Smith and Louisa MacDonald for the larceny of \$4.75. When the case came on for trial it was proven that Sallie was very much under the influence of blind tiger liquor at the time she alleges the larceny took place, and could not swear which of the defendants took the money from her. Whereupon Mayor Wellons discharged the defendants and taxed Sallie with the costs of the case; to-wit, \$7.95. Thus Sallie by reason of her spree is out \$11.80.

In the Commissioner's Court before J. A. Narron, John Turner Batten was bound over to the December term of the Federal Court under a \$200.00 bond for aiding and abetting in the blockading of corn whiskey.

The Evening Day.

That bright star in the west these nights is Venus, the brightest of all the planets. It is the nearest to us of all the planets. It is the nearest to us of all the heavenly bodies, except the moon. It is nearly the size of the earth, being 7,700 miles in diameter. Its density is about the same as the earth's, slightly greater. There are signs of an atmosphere, but there cannot be much. It always presents the same side to the sun, and it shows to us phases like that of the moon. It presents a smooth surface, across which are some irregular and peculiar markings. It never seems to cross the sky, like Mars, Jupiter and Saturn, because it is between the earth and the sun. It will rise higher in the sky till December 2, and then sink slowly to the west, and thereafter rise above the sun as a morning star.

Venus is the planet of love, and there is no sight anywhere that so starts the tender emotions as that of Venus. But if this should not happen, gazing at the beautiful orb for a few moments takes one's thoughts so far from earth that he feels that there is an upper world, indeed, and that it is very fair.—Ohio State Journal.

D. P. Evine, an employee of the constructing force now engaged in building the Southbound Railway, between Winston-Salem and Wadesboro, was killed last week by a premature explosion of dynamite.

Miss Maggie Hutchins, the tenth victim of pellagra in Durham, died Friday night. It was the second case among the whites.

TO DRIFT ACROSS POLE.

Captain Amundsen to Spend Four Years in the Arctic Regions.

New York, Nov. 16.—Capt. Roald Amundsen, the discoverer of the Northeast Passage, was the star passenger by the Scandinavian American liner United States, in today from Copenhagen and Christiansand. He said that while he believed that Dr. Cook reached the Pole, he was reluctant to say anything more about the subject except to reiterate his faith in Dr. Cook.

Captain Amundsen said that he had come here to make preparations for an expedition to the Arctic which he calculated probably would keep him away from civilization somewhat more than five years. The primary object of the expedition will be to explore the ocean depths of the region, to study the currents and temperatures and the character of the Arctic Ocean bottoms. He will start from San Francisco in July, 1911, in the 400-ton auxiliary gasoline schooner Fram, which was used by Nansen in his trip to the North and which is now in the Norwegian Navy Yard.

Captain Amundsen said that the secondary object of the trip was to get a peep at the North Pole, in fact, to drift across it. He might fall in this expectation, but he believed the drift will take him there.

Asked if it were true that he was going to Greenland to get proofs in support of Dr. Cook's declaration that he had discovered the North Pole, Captain Amundsen said: "I haven't time for that." He said he had read only a few lines of Dr. Cook's story. His experience with Eskimos was that they were generally truthful, but he doubted their ability to understand maps, especially if the maps marked expanses of water. Sextant observations in Polar observation were valuable, but the intelligent man could master the art of making them in three months. The truth of all polar claims to discovery depended finally on the veracity of the explorer. He did not see why Dr. Cook was not competent to make observations as well as any other scientist.

SELMA NEWS.

Selma, Nov. 18.—On Wednesday, November 17, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Nathan Wall, Mr. Phillips Wiggs and Miss Rosa Wall were married.

Mr. John A. Mitchener's new hotel, which it is rumored will be named "The Inside Inn," will be opened about the first of December.

Mr. W. H. Stallings is having a heating plant installed at the Merchants Hotel. Then the guests will never have to complain of wet wood. Improvements come slowly but steadily.

Mr. N. E. Ward has purchased some nice mules from the Wilson Live Stock Co.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton's nice gray mare died Sunday. It was a heavy loss, he having been offered \$350.00 for her about three weeks ago.

As an object lesson as to what good roads will do for a community we call attention to the road from Selma to Smithfield. Before the good road was made a load for a two horse team from Smithfield to Selma was from three to four bales of cotton. This week wagons have been hauling cotton from Smithfield to the Cotton Mills here and bringing from six to eight bales at a load—just twice as large a load as formerly.

New Telephone Subscribers.

Subscribers of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company will please note that the following subscribers have been added to the list.

Mr. S. M. Jones residence No. 15 L.
Mr. J. C. Ennis market No. 47.
Mr. S. C. Turnage Store No. 48.
Mr. A. M. Noble residence No. 2 J.
HENRY P. HILL, Manager,
Smithfield Exchange.

Oyster Supper at Wilson's Mills.

We are requested to announce that an oyster supper will be given at Wilson's Mills on Wednesday night, November 24. The proceeds will be given to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville. The public is cordially invited to attend.

On the farms of England last year there were 1,494,089 horses employed.

FOOTBALL GAME CANCELLED.

The University of North Carolina and Virginia Will Not Play Football Next Thursday.

The Thanksgiving game of football which was to have been played between the teams of the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia next Thursday has been cancelled at the request of the Virginia team on account of the death of Archer Christian, Virginia's half back, who was so badly injured at Washington last Saturday in the game with Georgia University that he died twelve hours later. Young Christian was from Richmond and only 18 years old. Unless there can be some modifications in the brutality of the game football ought to go. Deaths resulting from injuries received in the game are getting to be too frequent.

VERDICTS, 120; HANGINGS, 3.

Northumberland County's Fourth Execution Probable This Week.

Suabury, Pa., Nov. 14.—This county, which has had 120 first degree murder verdicts in the 150 years of its existence, is to have its fourth execution next Thursday unless there should intervene a reprieve in the meantime—a contingency that is unlikely. The condemned man is Stanley Marcavitch, who murdered a fellow-countryman, and he has practically given up hope of escaping the gallows.

Northumberland ranks second in the United States for unatoned murders, being exceeded in this unenviable record only by Hardin county, Kentucky. Of the 120 who have been sentenced to death here over half found refuge in insane asylums, a few were pardoned, several committed suicide and a number died in jail pending retrials and longdrawn-out appeals.

Over 75 per cent. of the murders in this county have been committed by foreigners in the coal regions, and the 120 first degree convictions represent but a small percentage of the homicides, many of the murderers having been acquitted and a large number getting second degree and manslaughter verdicts.

New Advertisements.

The Cotter-Stevens Co. makes an interesting announcement about the Buck Junior Range in this paper, page eight.

Butler's Bargain House has some attractive prices in this issue. See ad on page four.

NO REASON FOR IT.

When Smithfield Citizens Show the Certain Way Out.

There can be no just reason why any reader of this will continue to suffer the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the dangers of diabetes of any kidney ills when relief is so near at hand and the most positive proof given that they can be cured. Read what a Smithfield citizen says:

Mrs. W. L. Stevens, Third street, Smithfield, N. C., says: "I have no hesitation in recommending Doan's Kidney Pills as I know them to be worthy of the highest praise. I suffered from backache and dull pains across my loins for a long time. This trouble made me very restless at night and as a result of the loss of sleep, I arose in the morning feeling tired and with but little energy to commence the day's duties. The contents of one box of Doan's Kidney Pills brought me entire relief and since using them, I am able to sleep well, arising in the morning refreshed. Doan's Kidney Pills proved so beneficial to me that I advise others afflicted in a similar manner to use them."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50c. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

A handsome new jail in Iredell county has just been completed. The jailer and his family moved into the jail last week, and have as fine residence quarters as can be found in Statesville.

DO YOU WANT A COAT SUIT CHEAP?

We have a few suits left. All wool, Satin lined, Colors Blue and Gray, tailored in the latest fashion. These suits have sold and are cheap at \$17.50 and \$19.50 per suit, but as we have only a few suits and sizes left, your choice \$14.98.

Men's and Boys' Clothing

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| Men's Overcoats | \$5.00 up | No old stock to show you. All new goods bought this fall. |
| Men's Suits | \$5.90 up | |
| Boys' Suits | \$1.25 up | |
| Boys' Overcoats | \$2.00 up | |
| Men's Pants | \$1.25 up | |
| Boys' Pants | 25c up | |

SHOES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY, 25c TO \$5.00 PAIR.

Ladies' Misses' and Children's Hats, 50c. to \$8.50 Each—
Everything in Dress Goods 5 cents to \$1.00 per yard

**Butler's Bargain House
Smithfield, N. C.**

Pay up and get a Turner's Almanac for 1910.

LISTEN! LISTEN!

The winter weather is here and we are prepared to show you the most extensive line of fall and winter Dress Goods and Wearing apparel ever brought to Johnston county. Notwithstanding the high price of cotton and the continued advance in dry goods, we can sell you goods at old prices as I purchased my fall stock early and bought very heavy. If you are in need of a suit or over coat be sure to see my line before purchasing. My departments are all complete. Come in to see my line of Ladies Coats, Coat Suits and Sweaters or any thing else you need to wear. Remember the big cash store sells you better goods cheaper.

Yours Very Truly,

**PRESTON WOODALL
Benson, N. C.**

**SPIERS
Coat Suits**

Two Special Styles Just Received

39-inch, all wool, striped, very handsome Coat Suit, striped tico lining, all colors, \$10.00

40-inch, all wool, striped satin lined, jet buttons; a handsome garment, all colors, \$12.50

The above are special values. We have others cheaper and also some higher priced.

Does Not Stimulate

Ayer's Sarsaparilla does not stimulate. It does not make you feel better one day, then as bad as ever the next. It is not a strong drink. No reaction after you stop using it. There is not a drop of alcohol in it. You have the steady, even gain that comes from a strong tonic and alterative. We wish you would ask your doctor about this. He knows. Trust him. Do as he says. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

What are Ayer's Pills? Liver Pills. How long have they been sold? Nearly sixty years. Do doctors recommend them? Ask your own doctor and find out.