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CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Following our usual custom, we will not get out any issue of THE GAZETTE during the week of the Christmas holidays. We have made our appearance regularly and promptly for fifty-one weeks of this year, and we feel that the staff, the printers, the mailing clerk, and in fact all *except the collecting agents*, have earned and should take a much-needed rest. We will fail to come to you for one week, and let each of you see how bad you miss us for that once. Bright and early on the morning of January 2, 1897, we shall greet each of you again, in entering upon our journey for that year.

The year just closing was one that was fraught with much of the weal or woe of the people of this great State, and we believe that the result of the political battle recently fought will prove to be for the best interest of the entire people. THE GAZETTE did energetically its humble part in helping to bring about the much desired result. Eternal vigilance being the price of liberty, we beg pardon for suggesting that the maintenance of the liberty gained will be equally as hard a task as the gaining of it was. In this connection we will be pardoned for saying that THE GAZETTE will again be a potent factor in helping to preserve the liberty recently won, and its reading by the public will help it to carry forward the latest news as to the doings of both friend and foe.

To the many readers who have during 1896 favored us with renewals and subscriptions, as well as kind words and sympathy, we return our grateful thanks, and we shall strive in the future, as we have in the past, to meet their approval and win their esteem and confideuce. We are striving, in our humble way, as best we can to edit a journal *actually* devoted to the best interest of our *entire* people.

By excepting our collecting agents, we mean that they will call upon you during the Christmas week. Prepare to meet them.

May the God of Peace guide you in all things, and may the lines be cast in pleasant places for each of you. We extend to each of you our sincerest wish that you may each spend a pleasant Christmas, and enter upon a joyous, happy and prosperous New Year!

In bidding you adieu for 1896, we beg to again thank you for all you have done for us during the time named, and hope to receive a continuance of your favor in 1897.

May Heaven's choicest blessings attend each one of you, is the wish of THE GAZETTE.

RECORDS OF CRIME.

Attorney General Osborne's report shows that 17,079 criminal actions were disposed of in the courts during the two years ending June 30th last, an increase over the preceding two years of 2,542. Of the persons tried 9,125 were white, 7,918 colored and 25 Indians. Of these, 15,693 were males and 1,386 females. The number of convictions, including submissions, were 11,258, and 2,822 were acquitted. *Nol pros.* was entered in 2,929 cases, and 70 were dismissed. The character of offences were as follows: 82 murder in the first degree, 76 in the second degree; 28 rape, 59 assault with intent to rape; 47 arson; 14 burglary in the first degree, 51 in the second degree; 33 manslaughter; 56 house-breaking; 99 forgery; 2,886 larceny; 13,648 other crimes and misdemeanors. Not a single execution was reported during the two years, and this is very remarkable. There were two lynchings—James F. Bergerson (white) in Beaufort County, charged with murder, and Robert Chambers (colored) in Mitchell County, charged with chloroforming and attempting to rape a white woman. George Reaves (white) of Ashe County, charged with murderous assault, was rescued by a mob of his friends and has never been recaptured. There were 101 escapes, 33 more than during the two years previous. There were 43 less cases of murder in the first degree than during the two years previous, but in all other crimes enumerated there was an increase. The report shows that for the two years ending in 1892 there were only 13,271 criminal actions, and for the next two years 14,537.

"THE SUN DO MOVE."

On Tuesday, December 1st, Mr. N. B. Broughton, the defeated Democratic legislative candidate, was closeted with our two colored lawyers, Ed. Johnson and Dave Lane, at their office for some time; and on Thursday, December 3rd, colored lawyer Dave Lane called upon Democratic lawyer Wesley Jones, who is known as one of Broughton's attorneys, and held a consultation for quite a while. On the following Friday afternoon at a late hour Mr. Broughton served notice of contest upon James H. Young, who had defeated him before the people. On Tuesday of this week lawyers Wesley Jones and Dave Lane were in consultation with said Broughton at the office of said Jones. We want it distinctly understood that we do not object to any of these meetings and consultations, but we rather rejoice to know that men of our race have become so well versed in the law as to be employed as attorneys by a Democratic candidate whose friends have made a great fuss because white men voted for a negro against that identical candidate. In the words of Rev. John Jasper, of Richmond, we are led to exclaim that "the sun do move." Let us after this hear no more of white men being abused and ostracised for voting for Jim Young against Broughton.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14, '96.

The Democratic scheme to defeat Senator Pritchard's re-election is a characteristic piece of Democratic effrontrey. The Democratic Committee here has taken the matter in hand and the Chairman of the Committee is very confident of the election of a half-breed, free-trade Democrat. No Populist can vote for Pritchard, say these Democratic manipulators, unless he has been bribed by Hanna, and upon this assumption the cry of "Stop thief!" has been raised in the State to influence Populist sentiment against Senator Pritchard. Personal appeals, it is said, have been made to the Populist members-elect of the Legislature warning them that every Populist who hesitates to declare his opposition to Pritchard's re-election will subject himself to suspicion. The story that Hanna will send a bribery fund to the State is a Democratic lie. It is so understood by Populists, and accepting their own statement in that behalf as conclusive, it will not influence a single Populist vote in the Senatorial election. Another preposterous combination scheme to defeat Pritchard is the ready acquiescence of the anti-Pritchard combination to elect a silver Republican. An influential Populist member of the Legislature, wrtiing of this phase of the contesst, says:

"If Pritchard is not a silver Republican, there is not a Republican in the State who can fill that requirement, and if Pritchard cannot be elected no other Republican in the State is a possibility. I consider neither Dr. Mott nor Col. Dockery, whose names are being pressed, silver Republicans. The former is an independent silver man who voted for Russell on personal grounds, and Dockery is a Populist. As a Populist, I believe in the free coinage of silver, and if silver should be the only consideration in the election of Senator Pritchard's successor, I shall not hesitate to vote for Senator Pritchard. I recognize certain political obligations incident to the Senatorial election in 1894, and I am not ready to repudiate them. In taking this position I am sustained by the Populists in this county and district."

And it may be said that this statement from an Eastern Populist is not the only one of the same sort that has been recently communicated to Senator Pritchard. The tricksters, whose business just now is to frighten the Populists with the baseless cry of Hanna's corruption money, will soon be without occupation.

WHY SHOULD SENATOR PRITCHARD BE DEFEATED?

It is not because his record on the silver question is not consistent. His public record is unassailable. He has supported silver at every opportunity in the proceedings on that question in the Senate. He has kept faith with the people who elected him to the Senate. He has not been remiss or indifferent in his allegiance to silver and has done all that the most zealous silver advocate could do, short of abandoning the Republican organization. So it is not his silver record that demands his defeat. The tariff will be the issue in the next Senate, and the Southern free-trade Democrats fear Pritchard's unanswerable arguments in the coming great tariff debate. That is the confessed secret of the present Democratic opposition to his re-election. On the tariff issue the Democratic factions can unite. It is the one hope of realignment and the only shadow of a hope of escape from complete party disintegration. The most blatant free-trade Southern Democrats who were loud in their professions for silver during the campaign, since their return to Washington privately boast that the silver agitation is dead and they are not a bit sorry. The fight henceforth is on the tariff, and if Senator Pritchard is defeated the free-trade Democracy will re-organize the Senate, obstruct all tariff revision and strike a fatal blow to the great industrial interests of the South. From all advices received here, the situation warrants the confident assertion that the Populist party in North Carolina will not contribute to this national calamity through Democratic ascendency in the next Senate.

OCCASIONAL.

After Dr. Curry In Richmond.

The following is from the Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday:

"'In Saturday's issue you published an article headed, 'Dr. Curry on the Flag,' in which the Doctor is quoted as saying, 'What has the United States Government done for the public schools in North Carolina to demand that the flag should hang over them; it never gave a cent to North Carolina schools?'

"'He also refers to the people of the South as 'enemies' of the colored race. Was the Doctor indulging in sarcasm, or was he, in fact, endeavoring to show the sentiments of the Southern people?

"'Has the government ever demanded that the flag should hang (I would prefer the word 'float' or 'wave') over any other building than those owned by it? And further: Is Dr. Curry to be understood to mean that we should show respect, devotion, and loyalty to the flag in proportion to the amount of revenue we derive from the government Treasury? I would like to know. "READER."

"We feel sure that Dr. Curry was not properly reported in the telegraphic dispatch in question."

The Dispatch of the day before took occasion to endorse Dr. Curry's remarks as follows: "Dr, J. M. Curry is a remarkably clear-headed man, and in no respect more so than as regards the United States flag over purely State schools, and the matter of the suffrage."

Now it seems to doubt that correctness of the report. Of course we have only to any that the report first made in this paper of the address made here was "properly reported," without regard to any opinion about the views expressed.—*The News and Observer*.

The News-Observer Continues to Abuse The Negro.

DUNN, N. C., Dec. 4.—(Special.)—It carries us back to the days of '68 when we saw, yesterday, in the town of Lillington, a white man on trial before a a coal-black negro magistrate.—*News and Observer*.

Now isn't it just as legal and fair for the white brother, when he violates the law, to be tried by a respectable, decent and competent negro magistrate, as it is for a negro, when he violates the law, to be tried before a white magistrate? The negroes are free American citizens as much as any body. This country is their's as much as it is anybody's. A great number of us are just as capable to perform the duties of this State and the government as anyone of our white brothers. The laws of this country gives the negro the rights of free American citizenship, the right to hold office—and why do you keep on abusing them?.

"More Russellism." It is very small and unfair in any Democrat or Democratic newspaper to pretend and insinuate that Russell is to blame for the election of colored magistrates, when they ought to have sense enough to know that a majority of the people of each township in the state elects their own magistrates and not Judge Russell.

We are not in favor of the election or appointment of incompetent men for office, let them be white or black. In the above case the writer did not seem to have any charge against the negro magistrote at Lillington except that he is "a coal-black negro."

The writer failed to state that this negro magistrate was not a gentleman, or that he is incompetent. We advise the author of the clipping above, that if he wants to avoid being tried by a negro magistrate not to violate the law. See?

W. S. M.

Favors Col. James E. Boyd.

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 30, 1896.

Dear Mr. Editor: I don't often write anything for publication. I should not ask for space in your paper now but for a matter which seems to me to be of considerable importance to the people of the State of North Carolina.

It has been charged, and not without apparent reason, that the Republican party never considers the South when it comes to distribute its high honors. Such should not be chargeable to any national party, least of all the great Republican party.

Perhaps one reason why the South has never received more at the hands of the party, is because the leaders of the party in the various Southern States never act with sufficient union and aggressiveness.

It seems hard for them to single out a man and push him for any highly honorable position with that harmony of action and earnestness of purpose to impress any Republican administration with the special fitness of any particular man, or the justice of his or their claims. This evil could be easily remedied.

Now, as to North Carolina, she seems to be in a position to fare handsomely at the hands of the administration-elect—if she is not to be barred by some such circumstances as seen in the foregoing.

Why should North Carolina not have a cabinet position this time? There seems to be no good reason why she should not. She is fortunate in having several distinguished men, who would fill such a position with much credit.

And amongst these there seems to be none better fitted than Greensboro's most eminent citizen, Col. James E. Boyd. I have neither the time nor the disposition to elogize Col. Boyd here now, but will simply state that with my limited knowledge of public men, it is my humble opinion that Major McKinley's cabinet, composed of whoever it may be, will have no man in it more eminently fitted for the place assigned him than Col. Boyd would be, to any place the President-elect might call him. The Colonel represents all the best interests of the South. He is orthodox on the finance question and every essential doctrine of the Republican party. He has been one of the most faithful devotees for almost a quarter of a contury, worshiping continually at her shrine, and at none other.

Besides Col. Boyd's personal relations with Major McKinley, his originality as a McKinley man make his chance equal to the best.

And we believe with the united support of the party in the State his appointment would be almost a certainty. I am sure there is no good Republican in the State who does not believe him worthy of the fullest support the party can give.

His appointment would not only give general satisfactisn to the party in the State and South, but would meet the endorsement of the hosts of his admiring political opponents as well.

We should be glad to hear from others with reference to this matter.

J. ELMER DELLINGER, M. D.

Buck Baldwin---He Turns Up In Raleigh.

We give below a little extract from the Raleigh *News and Observer* of last Sunday;

"That is What a Negro Preacher Gets for Voting the Democratic Ticket.

"Rev. Charles C. Baldwin is an honest and industrious colored man who formerly lived in Chatham county, but is now a resident of Raleigh. He has been a consistent Democrat for many years. He got on very well until the late election. Since then he has had to bear much social ostracism from his own race because of his politics. He had employment to cut wood and do other work for negroes. Since the election they have refused to give him work and have made his life as uncomfortable as possible. The old man is a quiet citizen, conducts himself well, preaches the gospel when not otherwise employed, and has the confidence of all who know him. It is a shame that he should thus be ostracised and the bread denied him because of his position in politics."

Well, Bro. Daniels, we really did not know what had become of the Rev. C. C. Baldwin—had not heard of him since he skipped from this county on account of some charges in regard to corn and potatoes that were missed near Brown's Chapel.

We imagine that Solicitor W. P. Bynum, Jr., will be very glad that you have found him.

You will doubtless have an opportunity to show your grateful appreciation of this old colored man's services by going into the courts to testify as to his good "honest" character.

Rev. C. C. Baldwin, sometimes called "Buck" Baldwin, was right widely known in Chatham. Two years ago he made a speech here in the France-Farrell-Kelly-Mitchell republican meeting in which he strongly avowed that he was a republican. We see the *News and Observer* says, "He has been a consistent democrat for many years." Well, Bro. Daniels, populists and republicans have been saying that that meeting and ticket was a democratic affair and they also know that after this speech democrats hauled him around the campaign. You may be right in that, though we are not sure that we fully comprehend the meaning of a "consistent democrat."

Some time after the election this Rev. C. C. Baldwin got into trouble about the charges preferred against him; spent some time looking for a physician to examine him—he said his head was wrong and he wanted a doctor to examine him and see if he was responsible for what he had done—and finally he left us, and Bro. Daniels has found him!

Well, Bro. Daniels, you came from Washington to save the state and failing in that, in order to redeem yourself, you are now trying to save Rev. Buck Baldwin, are you? Bravo, Josephus!

If you cannot succeed in the great matter of saving the state, who knows but that you may succeed in the small matter of saving Rev. Buck Baldwin from "social ostracism?"—*Chatham Citizen.*

Another Out of the Way.

WHITAKERS, N. C., Nov. 27th.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to relate the marriage of our first cousins in a few words:

The marriage of Mr. Samuel Jenkins to Miss John Anna Ransom (both of this place, the latter formerly of Warrenton) took place Wednesday night, November 25th, in the store-room of Rev. Peter Brown's residence. Mr. Brown in the usual form, declared the couple man and wife. We wish for them an abundant success through life. The wife is to leave in a few days for Northampton County. Poor husband! What are you going to do? Prepare for the wife, or will she prepare for the husband? We trust the parents of the bridegroom will soon become satisfied and make no complaint.

People cannot at all times have things to work as they would have them. My advice to the young men and ladies is, be sure you are right before you begin to tread the soil of a lifetime journey. We should first see our way as it begins to light up, and then may we ask mama or papa to give us their daughter! There should not be a young man so cruel as to take the daughter of any father or mother unless he saw some way he could make her enjoyments greater. Nor should any young lady follow any young man without having these facts in view. Let every young man remember the man who walks the rope across the Niagra is timid, compared with the man who tries to walk the "hair" between right and wrong. Very respectfully yours,

J. W. WATSON.

Eastern Snap-Shots.

"Some murmur when their sky is clear.
And wholly bright to view,
If one small speck of cloud appear
In their great heaven of blue;
And some with thankful love are filled,
If but one streak of light—
One ray of God's great mercy gild
The darkness of their night."

The A. M. E. Zion Conference is in session at Wilson, ere we reach the press. We hear of preachers becoming elated with their entertainment. This is the home of the courtly Vick, the dignified Winstead, the amiable and refined Miss Ada G. Battle. It's no surprise!

Two petitions went before Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson asking the appointment of two additional commissioners representing the Democratic party. While we have naught to say of those who failed, the teachers have every reason to rejoice at the appointment of Thos. H. Gatlin. He, with Superintendent Wilkinson, put the educational machinery in motion eleven years ago, and the plans laid down by him in 1885, have been followed strictly since. We feel that for four more years the friends of education will be in the saddle. Our misgivings are gone. The need of the hour is unflinching friends of a high-toned common school system. Every teacher who is truly consecrated to the work of making the world better by having lived in it, should "about face," and labor for supervision of our public schools. The are a bulwark to our public institutions.

What man will be so small as to remain mute because he may not have a place in our State schools, and see a vicious hand despoil what is best in our educational fabric—the State Normals.

Eastern Carolina is white with snow.

Mrs. Olivia E. Austin passed a creditable examination before Supt. Wilkinson last week. St. Augustine does good foundation work. She was for years a pupil of that school, and pupil-teacher—place held by the accomplished Miss Bridgers.

It is time that apparently smrat men, who are advancing up the ladder of fame, as they think, had learned that one can dig his own pit—don't create dissensions in a purely Christian society, doing charitable work among the poor of Tarboro. The Humble Workers Circle of King's Daughters will move on, administering to the wants of the poor sick of the community.

The way to elevate politics is to do everywhere like they do in Wilmington, appoint men to positions who are doing something, and are not waiting for something to turn up. No "loafers" wanted under the McKinley administration. No man who has ever run as an independent candidate for the Legislature against the party's choice, need apply at the pie-counter in this year of McKinley, Russell and White—with a whoop for Jeter C. Pritchard, the next United States Senator.

Several white candidates for the Rocky Mount postoffice.

Hon. J. C. Dancey was called home from the Virginia Conference to the bed-side of his wife.

In a previous issue we named the "big four," its not that, but "five." Hon. John H. Hannon, of Halifax, is in the gang. He's a winner if there is anything in nobleness of a grateful heart. "Adieu."

Well, the election is over! The victory goes to one party and defeat to another. The men who were heard on the hustings for the last three months will be heard no more for four years. And the men who are every day making honorable race history will be heard, while the patriots after pie will march on to Raleigh and Washington to get his slice. But the masses, oh, the masses—Well! better not say, unless Prof. Hunter, of Raleigh, or Prof. Pearson, of Durham, can tell us.

Mr. B. S. Stephens, Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons, passed through Monday, en route for Edenton. W. W. Watson, of Whitaker's, Senator Person, of Rocky Mount, L. L. Battle and Mr. W. R. Harrison were on deck Monday.

Prof. Logan D. Howell is continually adping laurel to an already distinguished reputation as a North Carolina educator. The observance of Thanksgiving Day by the Raleigh Graded Schools speak for themselves, as an advanced step along progressive lines, that angels applanded. We congratulate Profs. Hunter, Capehart and Bunch, as well as Raleigh teachers, in having the young "Prince of North Carolina educators" as your leader. Many district teachers in this section shall expect Prof. Howell to throw himself in the fight for the public schools of North Carolina. Increased taxation for the schools and first-class county supervision.

Hon. James H Young passed through the "Boro" en route for Edenton, to attend the Grand Lodge of Masons. We were glad to greet this most popular of North Carolina's political leaders. Collector Young would sound nice. But, oh! the Raleigh postoffice has charms for him.

President J. B. Dudley, of the A. and M. College, of Greensboro, Messrs. L. D. Kenneday, Elijah Lane, Henry Green, Toomer Dixon and Hon. John T. Howe, of Wilmington, were welcome visitors to the "Boro."

The hustling A. R. Middleton, Esq., who like his friend Young, is a member of all the fraternities, passed through and met J. W. Lloyd, his evil genious, who is also a candidate for Assistant Doorkeeper of the House of Representatives. This writer would advise John to keep an eye on Middleton.

New Hanover is to be congratulated in sending to the General Assembly such a scholarly Representative as John T. Howe, who is a member of one of the best families of the race in the State.

A great crowd was in town on Monday to witness the filing of bonds by the recently-elected county officers.

The election of Thomas H. Gatlin, Esq., for chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, was a deserved compliment to a deserving gentleman. He is the soul of honor. While the white and colored teachers alike regret losing Samuel S. Nash, they feel that Gatlin is a sentinel on guard and the educational interests are safe.

The Humble Workers Circle of King's, of Tarboro, at the residence of Mrs. Chanie Lawrence, elected Miss Portila P. Newton of the graded school, secretary, in place of Mrs. J. C. Jones.

At a special entertainment complimentary to Mrs. Smith, of New York, a cousin of the venerable George C. Caine, toasts were given. Mrs. Smith delivered an entrancing address, and was responded to by Mrs. R. J. Simmonson and Mrs. C. M. Epps. Mrs. Simmonson, naturally gifted with speech, responded happily to Mrs. Smith. The Circle was pleased to greet Mrs. Cherry, the mother-in-law of Congressman White, in this meeting. Mrs. Francis Savage is regarded as a King's Daughter in fact.

Mr. Elijah Lane pretends that he is a young man on his first legs. Oh! not so. We know the courting old fox!

N. C. Conference.

Editor The Gazette:

The recent session of the North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Church, which was held in Newbern, was in many respects a most enjoyable gathering

It was the first meeting of that body in the present quadrennium, and was presided over by Bishop James A. Handy, D. D., the new chief pastor of the Second Episcopal District, which embraces Maryland, the District of Columbia, Virginia and North Carolina.

Bishop Handy stamped the impress of his genious as an able prelate upon all who came under the influence which emanated from him. He inaugurated a grand policy for this quadrennium, which has aroused the brethren to activity along all lines for the advancement of the church, and which bids fair to produce grand results, morally, religiously and educationally.

He duly impressed upon the ministry the importance of improvement in their financial reports for the benefit of the general church, but he did not fail to emphasize the greater importance of the salvation of souls.

Each preacher was profoundly inspired by the timely words of advice and godly counsel that fell from the lips of the Bishop, and returned to the various fields of labor, as it were, bound in the spirit with a new determination to work with with more zeal than ever to capture souls for Jesus and build up the Church of God.

The proverbial hospitality of the citizens of Newbern was sustained to its usual high mark, in entertaining the Conference. Bishop Handy was most royally entertained by Rt. Rev. C. C. Petty and his amiable wife; and Dr. E. J. Gregg, of St. Stephen's Church, of Wilmington, was likewise entertained by Dr. R. S. Rives and his good lady. The broad-hearted, wide awake and thorough going business man of Newbern, Prof. Isaac H. Smith, who entertained the whole Conference at a grand banquet on the closing night, comes in for special mention for his generosity and effort to crown the hospitality of the people of Newbern in a most signal manner.

The banquet under the management of Prof. Smith, as Most Illustrious Soverign Grand Master of Ceremonies, was all that could be desired from an intellectual standpoint, as well as otherwise; the speeches that were made on the occasion being e perfect "feast of reason and flow of soul."

The professor is a candidate for Recorder of Deeds of the District of Columbia, and all present signed a petition in his favor for the said position under the forthcoming administration, and bade him God speed.

The twenty-eighth session of the North Carolina Conference in Newbern, will not be soon forgotten.

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Apex Normal and Collegiate Institute.

APEX, N. C., Nov. 27, 1896.

Dear Editor: It has been quite a while since we voiced a word through your columns. Even now, before we speak of our own concern, allow us to congratulate you for a brave battle fought and a glorious victory won, especially so for us negroes. It has been said that thou art a Moses, but we say that thy name shall be no longer Moses, but Joshua, because thou has not only led the children into the wilderness but hath led them victorious across the Jordan and the strong fortifications of the common enemy, the Democratic party, have fallen before thee. Therefore, be thou henceforth and forever, known as the Joshua of North Carolina.

You know some of the children wandered and were bitten by the serpents, but they are dead.

The Apex Normal and Collegiate Institute is progressing. We have forty-six pupils in attendance; four counties are represented. Fifteen young ladies and one gentleman constitute the music class, which is so amiably and skilfully taught by Mrs. F. R. Howell. We are satisfied that this school is properly located, and is destined to reflect credit upon its founders and a blessing to the race. Our present needs are:

1st. Five hundred and fifty dollars to pay the indebtedness and complete our present building.

2d. A dormitory for the young ladies.

3d. The co-operation of the leaders of our people.

To obtain these three essentials Rev. F. R. Howell, pastor of the Blount Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., has been appointed traveling and soliciting agent by the Board of Trustees. We need not comment upon the integrity and ability of this gentleman; he is well known throughout the State. Therefore, all persons who desire to help better the condition of the race, we most kindly entreat to deposit something in the hands of this worthy brother for our institution.

W. H. MORRIS, Prin.

FRANKLINTON, N. C.,
December 7, 1896.

The Gazette Pub. Co., Raleigh, N. C.

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: We, the Grand United Order of O. F., will have, on the 20th day of this month, a grand united rally for interest of the young lodge, and Brother J. H. Young, you are truly invited as a worthy brother to come and participate with the many friends of the Grand United Order of O. F. We hope, Brother Young, you may put this in the GAZETTE for us and don't fail to come yourself, as one word from a worthy brother, like you is meat and grace to the many thirsty souls. Brother Young, a kind word in time of distress often gains many friends. Now, let me speak one word to the GAZETTE. Now, reader, if there is any one newspaper that should be appreciated it is the GAZETTE; it's said, let good enough alone, so in the mean time, don't forget and take some other newspaper for if you do, if there is where you'd make the mistake. The bestis cheapest. So when you are looking for the best newspaper to read simply drop Bro. W. S. Mitchell 50 cts. for three months for GAZETTE, or 75 cents for six months, or $1.50 for one year, which length of time, the many things you often hear others speak of you. can bear testimony. Just tell everybody that a friend in need is a friend in deed so go for your best friend first well. Who is your best friend? Why it's the GAZETTE. I don't like my dollar like I do the GAZETTE, for the GAZETTE don't go back on me. The GAZETTE'S my Annie, I'm her Joe, so I'm a subscriber, never to part little GAZETTE is my sweetheart.

Yours for GAZETTE,
G. L. GREENE.

EDITOR GAZETTE: Please allow me to say, through the columns of your much loved and worth paper, that on Sunday, November 29, the New Providence Baptist Church held its dedicatory exercises, as per appointment. Sunday morning the Sunday School exercises were conducted by Superintendent Jas. Taylor and Miss Mittie A. Powell. The exercises were carried out nicely. At the conclusion Rev. A. A. Jones made an excellent Sunday school address.

After an intermission of ten minutes the congregation reassembled to hear the dedicatory sermon by Rev. T. O. Fuller. A. M.

Brother Fuller used for a text Psalm 100:4–5. Rev. Fuller is so well known all over the State as a noble divine that the sermon needs no comment. Suffice it to say that the sermon was replete with profound and logical truths and wholesome instruction, and held the audience spellbound from beginning to end.

After the sermon we went to the school house where the sisters had the tables heavily ladened with good things to eat. And when we had partaken to our heart's content we returned to the church and heard some nice music rendered by the Juniper Level and Providence choirs.

We were expecting to raise $50, but owing to the inclemency of the weather our crowd was cut off, and we raised only $29.34.

The rally will be continued on second Sunday, instant, for those who could not get out on the fifth Sunday. With the money we have and what we collect Sunday, we will begin painting the church immediately.

Respectfully, D. J. AVERA,
Shaw, Dec. 8, 1896. Pastor.

Call on Mr. J. L. Alston, corner of South and McDowell Sts., for your cheap groceries, etc. He will treat you right.

The North Carolina Teachers' Educational News.

P. W. MOORE, EDITOR.

The Piedmont section is signally blessed with schools and colleges.

The A. and M. College opened under favorable conditions, pointing to a good attendance. The first day's enrollment was a hundred per cent. greater than that of last year. President Dudley bestirred himself, and the fruits of his efforts are manifest. A course in stenography has been added. It is the intention of the managers to make the institution just what it ought to be—a complement of the public schools and a place where the youth of the race may equip themselves especially to meet the demands of the industrial world.

Bennett College reports a good attendance. President Chavis lets no stone rest if the turning will increase the usefulness of that institution. The institution offers normal, academic, scientific, classical and music courses. Its alumni are represented in every profession.

Livingstone College opened late, on account of the Centennial of the A. M. E. Z. Church.

Biddle University, from reports, will have an increased enrollment. Many students are expected from Georgia.

The Graded and the Normal schools of Goldsboro are in a flourishing condition. The standard of the graded school has been raised, and the advantages now afforded are excellent. The faculty of the graded school consists of Rev. C. Dillard, Principal; Miss J. A. Amee, Assistant Principal, and Miss Susie McLawd, Mrs. E. E. Smith and Mrs. M. E. Dortch.

Dr. E. E. Smith, Principal of Fayetteville State Normal, writes as follows: "We have enrolled to date 131 students from seven different counties. This enrollment surpasses that of any previous year at the same time. Our schools are flourishing."

The public schools of Wilmington are crowded.

On account of the large number of first-grade children at the Williston school, another teacher has been appointed. The new teacher is Miss M. Ellen Noyes, graduate of St. Augustine.

Miss Alice Pauline Bennett, a Wilmington student, died at Estey Seminary, Shaw University, November 9, and was interred in Pine Forest Cemetery, at her home, November 11.

Rev. P. V. Hazel has opened a day-and-night school. He believes in uplifting the race by means of an educational lever.

Miss Dimmie Dixon, graduate of the Williston school, has an excellent school at Greenville Sound.

Miss M. Waddell Howe is holding the fort at Masonboro school.

Miss C. G. Hawkins will teach at Brunswick.

Mrs. Jno. Norwood has an excellent school in Brooklyn.

The James City Public School is under the management of Mr. C. E. Physic, a recent graduate of the Elizabeth City State Normal. He is assisted by Miss Minnie L. Martin (Scotia Seminary), and Miss Nancy J. Walker.

The public schools of Craven county opened under favorable prospects.

The High School at New Berne is under the efficient management of Rev. W. A. Byrd and Prof. A. W. Wethington. They have a very good school.

Prof. Fonville is Principal of the New Berne Graded School.

The Kittrell College and Normal Institute opened its tenth academic year, October 1, 1896. It was a gala day for this institution for two reasons especially: In the first place, the institution was to experience a change from a mere normal to the higher place of a college. In the second place, all were quite anxious to see the new building which is in erection for the habitation of the young ladies. These two novel features were matters of proud interest to students and teachers.

The college department opened its first semester October 1, 1896. All have felt the need of this department for a long time.

The steady growth of the work has made its addition indispensable. The hungry minds of the students demanded something better than a normal diet. As the results show, the addition was none too soon, for already two of the college classes are represented, namely: Freshman and Sophomore classes. You will remember that, on the night of February 7, 1896, the Allen building was destroyed by fire. This made it necessary for the young men to give up their home—"South Hall"—to the homeless girls, while they were roomed here and there in the smaller buildings on the campus.

You may imagine, then, the delight of boys and girls, when it was announced to them upon last Friday, 6th, that the new Allen Home was ready to welcome the anxious hearts who were to inhabit it.

I am told, Mr. Editor, that there was an "Appreciation Act," played on the night of that happy "Friday." Just what the nature of that "Appreciation Act" was, Mr. Editor, I really do not know. But believe me, it is a fact (?).

The new Allen building is 120 x 100 ft. It is three stories high. There are sixteen rooms on each floor, designed to accommodate 192 girls. There is also a chapel hall, 60 x 40, a dining hall of the same dimensions as the chapel and a basement for culinary use.

The building is not quite finished. But it is nevertheless being occupied.

Our teaching force is indeed competent. It consists of graduates of Wilberforce University, Hampton, Howard and Lincoln Universities and the Mission College at Norfolk, Va., and an alumnus of our own Kittrell Institute.

The number of boarding students enrolled is, 76 with a large proportion of girls.

While the majority of the counties of this State are represented, we have students from South Carolina, Virginia and the Nation's Capital. Added to the force of teachers, comes Mr. C. G. O'Kelly, an accomplished musician and mature scholar. With this addition, what more can we wish, but money?

But modestly hid behind these blessings, is the renowned figure and personage of one of the noblest and best of earth's mortals, Superior John R. Hawkins, the power and glory of this work. His zeal, sacrifice and personal activities have given this great machine its life and impetus which the world must feel and know. and in all this he, in turn, has been inspired and lifted up by the strong and fervent love of a noble and godly wife. And we gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God, in giving back to her her health and strength, of which by sickness she has been deprived since the 2d day of October last.

And with one voice, teacher and student join in singing:

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow!"

Public Schools.

EDITOR GAZETTE: We have read with much interest an artitle in a recent number of the *Biblical Recorder* headed, "The Distressing Condition of our Public Schools." We fully agree with the editor of that paper, that this is the most important matter now before the people, and that our public school system ought to be fundamental to every question to be considered before the forthcoming Legislature. And that the condition of the system is alarmingly distressing and utterly insufficient to the needs of the Commonwealth, and that reform along this line is more to be desired and indispensable than all other problems now confronting us. With 35 out of every 100 people more than 10 years old in North Carolina, who cannot read and write, and with 616 districts in which there were no schools last year (according to Superintendent J. C. Scarboro's report), and with an average of $95 appropriated for each school district—not enough to pay board, purchase reading matter and provide such advantages as are necessary for a good teacher in our public schools—how can such a condition be remedied? We surmise that there is a want of public interest in this matter; that there is an alarming and distressing indifference, locally beclouded (too frequently) with sheer ignorance and mismanagement of public school interes's.

Six hundred and sixteen districts with no schools in one whole year evidence not only incapable school officers, but a want of public sentiment—healthy and vigorous. When the State, through its representatives, shall provide better teaching facilities in the preparation of teachers, training them professionally, and then increase the public appropriations sufficiently, by taxation, so as to provide a school within each district, to run from four to six months every year, managed by competent and capable officers, interested thoroughly in the intellectual and moral elevation of the children thereof, thus creating such a healthy sentiment, locally, for increased taxation as will be necessary to sustain a good system of public instruction everywhere—then will North Carolina get her eyes open to the fact that her boundless resources of wealth are not primarily to be unfolded from the bosom of her diversified soil, and varied and prolific forests, waters and healthful climate, but in the unfolding and development of the boys and girls, whose patriotism, ingenuity, skill, loyalty, Christian manhood and womanhood will be the most precious gem of wealth in which the Commonwealth could possibly invest.

A. B. VINCENT,
Pres. State Teachers' Association.

Sunset Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to California Without Change of Cars.

Leaving Washington, D. C., Saturday, November 14, and every Saturday thereafter, the Southern Railway (Piedmont Air-Line) and Sunset Route will operate Personally Conducted Tourist Excursions to San Francisco, Cal., without change of cars, conductors or porters. The route is through Atlanta, Montgomery, New Orleans, Houston, San Antonio, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California. The cars are the very latest pattern of Pullman Tourist Sleeper, beds equal to those of any standard sleeper, lunch, lavatory (private apartment for ladies) and toilet facilities of the most approved style. Three and one-half days to New Mexico and Arizona, four days to Los Angeles and Southern California, and five days to San Francisco, Portland, Oregon, through the semi-tropical garden of the South, and via picturesque Mt. Shasta in seven days, with only one change of cars. Tacoma and Seattle, Washington, the afternoon of the seventh day. Such service and facilities for trans-continental travel have never before been offered. The tourist car fare, $8.00 to San Francisco and intermediate points, and railroad fare the same as any other line, effecting a saving of $25.00 to $30.00. For further information and reservation inquire of any Southern Railway agent or A. J. Poston, General Agent, 511 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C.

NOTICE.

Latta Unsversity will be closed during the Christmas holidays for all the session for the purpose of rebuilding the buildings that were consumed by fire last May, and also additional buildings. The University is located in the village of Oberlin, N. C., one and one-half miles west of the capitol building in the city. The location is the very best for a school, being out of the busy city, but within easy reach by means of the electric street cars. It is enough to say, that there has not been a single case of serious illness since the establishment of the school. Each dormitory is heated by stoves and hearths, so every necessary comfort is secured. The terms are very reasonable—$7.50 per month. Those desiring to reduce their expenses by work will be taken at the lowest possible rates: young men $6.40 per month; young women $5.40 per month; day students $1 per month. A small incidental fee will be charged.

The school will reopen on the 7th day of October, 1897. Our purpose is to make it one of the largest schools in the South for the race. Law and Medicine will be added. The institution is wholly non-sectarian in its religious instruction or influence. Yet earnest attention will be given to Bible study, applying its truths to daily life and conduct, that a thorough Christian character may be obtained. It is open to all students of either sex. None but competent teachers will be employed.

For further information, address the President, Rev. M. L. Latta, D. D.

I will leave for the North and Europe the latter part of December or the first of January, and will return time enough to have buildings completed by the re-opening of the school. The University will contain eight buildings.

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WILMINGTON, NEWBERN & NORFOLK RAILWAY COMPANY.

IN EFFECT SUNDAY, OCT. 27, 1895.

DAILY, EXCEPT SUNDAY.

STATIONS.	North-Bound. 8
	P. M.
Lv. Wilm'gton Mulberry St.	2 00
Leave Jacksonville	3 58
Leave Maysville	4 30
Leave Pollocksville	4 44
Arrive Newbern	5 20

STATIONS.	South-Bound 7
	A. M.
Leave Newbern	9 20
Leave Pollocksville	9 56
Leave Maysville	10 09
Leave Jacksonville	10 42
Ar. Wilmington Mulberry St.	12 40

Trains 7 and 8 makes connection with Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad for Morehead City and Beaufort.

Connection at Newbern with steamers to and from Elizabeth City and Norfolk Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Steamer Geo. D. Purdy makes daily trips between Jacksonville and New River points.

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J. W. MARTENIS, Traffic Manager

ATLANTIC AND NORTH CAROLINA RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

IN EFFECT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1894.

GOING EAST. 3 Pas'ng'r Daily Ex. Sunday. Arrive	Leave.	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pas'ng'r Daily Ex. Sunday. Arrive	Leave.
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 20	Goldsboro	11 00	....
4 25	4 30	Kinston	9 38	9 43
5 50	5 58	Newbern	8 07	8 20
7 28	7 33	Morehead City	6 32	6 37
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with Wilmington & Weldon train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11:35 a. m., and with Richmond and Danville train West, leaving Goldsboro at 2 p. m., and with Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Richmond and Danville train, arriving at Goldsboro 3 p. m., and with Wilmington and Weldon train from the North at 3:05 p. m.

No. 1 train also connects with Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk for Wilmington and intermediate points.

S. L. DILL, Superintendent.