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NEWS FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS

Items of Interest from Various Places as Viewed and Told by Those on the Field.--Personals.

From Timberlake.

Beam Reams carried a load of the weed to Roxboro on last Thursday and was well pleased with prices.

Miss Lucy Rogers, of Gorman, spent last Thursday with the writer's wife and her mother, Mrs. W. A. Barton, and they were glad to have Miss Lucy as their guest as she was a neighbor in gone by years and is a close relative.

One of our young gents who was ashamed to shave in the presence of his parents or friends secluded himself by going to the spring, using that as a mirror to shave by, and his scheme proved to be a success.

The schools in our township have all started off well as to the number of pupils, and they are making splendid advancement in their studies.

P. L. Tapp, of Scuffle Town spent last Sunday with R. I. Satterfield of Roxboro, Route 5.

Dock Lawson came to Barton's mill a few days ago and passed off some lively yarns with Mr. Dunn, and Mr. Lawson liked so well that he expects to return again as soon as what grain he had cracked gives out.

Miss Helen Mason, who is the teacher of District school No. 5, is now unable to teach as she has a bad case of grippe, and a Mr. Bridgestock is teaching in her stead.

Brud Blalock has opened up a wood and black smith shop at this place, and is ready to serve his customers.

Robert Ashley called in his neighbors on last Tuesday and succeeded in cutting lots of fire and flue wood.

On last Thursday Roper killed another hog weighing 280 pounds, and on the same day W. A. Barton killed two, one weighing 200, and the other 219 so we wound up hog killing in this community for this season.

One of our young men was escorting a lady home from a party, and blundered against a stump, and fell full length beyond the stump, ever since his accident that stump is better known by the name of the red stump.

I understand that Rev. G. T. Watkins, of Roxboro has been called to the First Baptist church of Goldsboro, and I am of the opinion that Roxboro and Person county never had a more active and stronger minister, and the growth and development of the churches that he served bears me out in my statement, and his place will be difficult to fill, while the Lord is able to supply the right man. The people of Person of all denominations in this part of the country are loath to give Brother Watkins up, and Goldsboro will find him to be a powerful builder of mental and spiritual issues.

It seems that Bethel Hill Institute is some what unfortunate of late as a recent fire swept away the dormitory. However, some of our liveliest schools as their dwellings seemed to spring up almost out of the ashes of their previous dwellings consumed by fire; but every enterprise that amounts to much has to pass through the ashes and smoke of fiery trials, and the most bright and valuable jewels have to stand the greatest fire. Follow your

thoughts down through profane and Bible history and see that my remarks are true.

Our farmers have entered the new year very hopeful as they have bid farewell to the old year with its success, failures, sickness, sadness, prosperity, sorrowful partings and panic, and have grasped the hand of the new year trusting to be guided up to 1909 with wheat in their garners, corn in their cribs, meat in their smoke house, money in their pockets, a good bank account, good laws to live by, to have lots of good friends and to provide well for the mental training of their children.

ROPER.

Durham, Route 5.

Mr. Sam Clayton and son, David, have the grip. I wish them a speedy recovery.

Frank Holloway is reported as being very ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Mattie Latta and son Phillip, of Lebanon township, are very sick with pneumonia.

Joseph Shields is suffering from an attack of rheumatism.

Mrs. Jack Carroll is having lumber hauled to build a new barn and stables and do repair work.

Our people through here are busy cutting wood and crossties. Rev. Mr. Hackney, of Burlington preached at Mt. Hermon church Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Mrs. Ben Hester has been suffering right much with neuralgia.

Little Janie Hester has been right sick but is improving.

Well, as news is scarce, this week and our editor is opposed to correspondents writing poetry, although my hair and whiskers have grown out long enough for me to be a pretty good one (if this was the only requirement.) I will close and warm my nose and little toe before it snows, 'cause they are froze, by the wind that blows. B. F. H.

Death of Mr. Horton.

Thomas B. Horton, of Chatham county, brother of Mrs. R. J. Hooper and Mrs. P. F. Carter, of this city, died at his home, Saturday morning at 6 o'clock. Mrs. P. F. Carter, Carrie and Miss Fannie Hooper left Saturday morning to attend his funeral Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. Horton has two sisters in Virginia and one brother in Colorado. He has many friends in Durham that will be pained to hear of his death.

Mrs. Brown Dead.

Mrs. Narcissus Brown, aged 72, died Monday morning at 3 o'clock, at her home in East Durham. She was buried today at the Watts burying ground, four miles from Durham, at three o'clock. Rev. J. W. Downey of the Baptist church, conducting the funeral services.

Mrs. Brown leaves three sons, Messrs. W. R., C. F. and H. E. Brown. She had been ill a long time.

News was received in the city the first of the week that John Graham former agent here for the Southern railway was seriously ill in Asheville, where he has been for some time hoping to regain his strength. His wife, who was here, left at once for his bedside.

BIG SLANDER CASE IS ENDED.

Compromise in Suit by Mrs. Garner.

There was great interest manifested in Durham in the outcome of the great slander suit of Mrs. William R. Garner against Thomas M. Thomason, which was tried in Oxford last week.

The jury at the convening of court Saturday morning brought in a verdict of guilty.

A compromise was then agreed upon by the terms of which Thomason, the defendant, was to pay into the criminal court the sum of five hundred dollars to cover the cost of action that he was to pay an additional sum of two hundred dollars for the benefit of the prosecuting witness, Mrs. Garner, it being understood that this was to be applied to payment in part for her lawyers and additional sum of fifty dollars was paid in to cover the cost in two civil actions against Thomas M. Thomason, and Gus Flemming, these being for five thousand dollars each and brought by Mrs. Garner as a result of the criminal action. Under the compromise all three actions go off the dockets and the entire matter ends.

Thomas M. Thomason, the defendant in this action, is a farmer and saw mill man, who lives about three miles from Creedmoor, Granville county, and he is backed by some of the most prominent citizens of that section and that county, many of those who side with him being men of large means. The prosecuting witness, Mrs. William R. Garner, lives in Creedmoor, and she, too, has large backing in the way of influence and plenty of money, and inasmuch as her name was connected with that of Dr. J. F. Sanderford, a physician of large practice, who keeps four horses with which to handle his extensive business, there is much influence from this source. There is no doubt but that Granville county has been stirred by this fight as it has not been stirred in many years.

The twelve men who tried the case are all farmers and men who are more or less prominent in their sections, one of these, Mr. T. D. Clements, having served the county as clerk of court. The twelve men were given the case late Friday afternoon and soon afterwards went to supper. This was before considering the matter. After supper there was a hung jury for sometime and they retired, returning the verdict Saturday morning. These men who tried the case are: Messrs. J. S. West, H. W. Davis, W. T. Lumpkins, W. E. Morgan, J. P. Adecock, R. M. King, Charles Loftis, R. Y. Crews, C. L. Floyd, T. D. Clements, J. N. Hicks, and C. R. Gordon.

There were thirteen lawyers interested in the case, eight of these appearing for the defendant and five for the State. Eleven of these were present and made speeches in the case. It was a hard fought legal battle, every inch of the ground being contested from the very beginning of the case until the jury returned the verdict.

MORE THAN 100 WITNESSES.

But the large array of lawyers was not all. There were more than one hundred witnesses, many of these being bankers, business men in all walks and callings of life, professional men, prominent and leading farmers, men and ladies. At the beginning of the trial in order to see that the case was given a

fair show the witnesses were all separated and brought into the court room one at a time. Not stopping here the court decided to keep the jury together and thus be free from any outside influence that might develop and the twelve men were kept shut from the outside world from Tuesday morning when the case was called until Saturday morning when the verdict was returned.

This matter began just about a year ago, that is, it first began to show itself then. It was later in the year, in the early fall when it came to the ears of Dr. Sanderford and also to Mrs. Garner and to her husband that Mr. Thomas M. Thomason, a prominent citizen had quoted his son-in-law as saying things that damaged Mrs. Garner's character and also injured Dr. Sanderford. Then Mr. Thomason was arrested and given a preliminary trial before Justices Taylor and Burwell, who sent him to court under a small bond. In all the trial that has followed Mr. Thomason has not denied that he said some things that he had heard, but he has denied that he knows anything of his own knowledge, and then had large numbers of witnesses summoned to prove the character of the prosecuting witness. The other side responded in kind and there was the hard fight on from then to the present time. It was a fearful bitter trial.

Damage Suit Settled.

A damage suit that has been through the courts once and again and the lawyers of the courts each side was settled in the superior court Monday. This was the result of Mrs. J. W. Allen against the Durham Traction company for the sum of \$20,000 on account injury she received while getting off a car near Five Points.

The terms of the compromise were not made public, but it is talked on the streets the Mrs. Allen received \$2,500 and some say that the amount she received was \$5,000.

Another important case was compromised last week, though no record is made of it. That suit was against the Standard Oil Company with Robert Perry, administrator of Tom Lunsford, plaintiff. This action was for \$5,000 and was for the death of Lunsford who lost his wife in an explosion of a gas tank. Lunsford a green hand and lit a match that caught the gas causing the explosion and the death of himself and Webb Holloway. Mrs. Lucy Holloway has a suit now against the Standard Oil company amounting to \$60,000. This will not be tried at this term of court, most likely, but it is a very interesting matter and its settlement will cause a big fight.

The city schools celebrated Lees birthday last Monday with appropriate exercises. Addresses were delivered by the following ministers at the schools named: Dr. Mims spoke at the high school, Rev. C. J. Thompson at the Fuller school, Rev. G. T. Adams at North Durham school, Rev. E. R. Leyburn at Edgemont and Rev. S. S. Bost at Morehead.

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| Banking House, | 13,000.00 | Deposits, | 781,657.23 |
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