

LOCAL BRIEFS

Mr. R. D. Holt is confined to his room by a sudden attack of illness similar to the one he experienced some months ago.

A FIVE horse belonging to Mr. Burt Paschall, of this county, and driven by two boys, became frightened just as he was entering town last Saturday near the rice mill and ran against a tree on the sidewalk with such force as to cause injuries that will end his life.

When all the family were away from home Friday night, some unknown person or persons tried to set fire to the residence of Mr. J. L. Tew in this city. After burning the window curtains and defacing the window sash the fire went out without doing any other damage.

The jewelry establishment of Mr. R. A. Creech, on West Centre street, contains a novelty in the shape of a clock. This queer timepiece that is attracting so much attention is known as the "Centerbury Chimes", and at every quarter of an hour the chimes ring out in melodious tones and at every hour the full chimes are heard and the clock strikes the number of the hour.

Mr. Newell Garrett, an old Goldsboro boy, whom many here of the school boys of 25 years ago remember, and who left here in 1872, was in the city Saturday for a few hours. He is now a Railroad locomotive engineer, in the employment of the Plant system in Georgia. He found many and startling changes in Goldsboro, and all for the better.

The stock trade of Goldsboro will open up in full blast immediately after the new year is ushered in, and it promises to be of immense volume this season. The farmers are in the best condition they have ever known. They have learned the virtue of living on the farm and by the farm—making their own "hog and hominy", and they are here preparing for more extended farm operations for the coming year.

The marriage of Mr. Robert Lee and Miss Ira Lee Stafford occurred Tuesday night at the home of the bride's parents in this city. Rev. John W. Gardner officiating. The groom is recently from Johnson county and is now an employe of the Wayne Agricultural Works, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. James Stafford, of the City Fire Department. Their friends wish for them a long life of happiness.

The enterprise Lumber Company of this city have exhausted all the timber within immediate reach of their tram road at the 14 mile post on the Midland Railroad which was constructed some few months ago for the purpose of entering the pine forests of that vicinity. Their engine and rolling stock have been returned to their tram road from this city to Neuse river and will work on that line until the company find a new field from which to supply their mammoth plant with round timber.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining in Post Office at Goldsboro N. C. Dec. 25.

MENS LIST.

- B—Major Best, J. J. Best, 2, Prof. B., Box 640. Charlie Brown, Lovet Barnes. C—Johnnie Cooper, William Cole. D—Hemp Davis. H—M Herring, county surveyor, J. A. Howell. J—Matthew Jinnett, J. C. Jones. P—A. L. Len Panes. S—Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stewart. T—James F. Trollinger. V—C. G. Vile, Dr. Vampill.

LADIES LIST.

- B—Gussie Butler. C—Rebecca Carson. H—Mary Fields, Livey Flowers. G—Lucy Genet, Mary Gardner. J—Nannie Jones. M—Harriet Moore. R—Luella Roberts. S—Milley Sasser, N. J. Smith. T—Fannie Toole. V—Luella Vann. W—Easter Williams, Esther Williams.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised, and give date of list. The regulations of law require I can't be paid on all advertised letters. John W. Bryan, P. M.



ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure. A cream of tartar baking powder. Highest of all in leavening strength—Largest United States Government Food Report.

THE PENITENTIARY. The Expense of Its Maintenance Lifted Entirely From the Shoulders of the Tax-Payers of the State—What Democracy Has Done for the People.

With the passing of Governor Carr and the advent of Governor Russell to the Executive chair of North Carolina it is to be reasonably anticipated that radical changes will be made in all the public institutions of the State, regardless of hitherto economical management and unapproachably a peerless administration, in order to make berths for party adherents who are athirst and long-hungry for the pap of public place. The greatest good to the greatest number is an old cardinal principle of Democracy, and Democracy means the people, and therefore that party which in its administration of power most lightens upon the shoulders of the people the burden—the cost—of government is the party for the people. Has Democracy done this for the people of North Carolina? Let the forthcoming reports of our public institutions to the coming Legislature answer this question: and their answer will surely set the people to thinking, each as to his individual responsibility for the consequences of the recent political upheaval that are now impending our Commonwealth.

During the twenty-five years that Democracy has reigned in North Carolina it has not only established the dignity of citizenship, regard for law, and immunity from oppressive legislation and racial indignities, but it has also shaken awake and into vigorous activity the sleeping limbs of her giant possibilities and led her up and away from her "Rip-Van-Winkle" epitaph of yore into the proudest prominence among all the sisterhood of States.

But we started out in this article to write particularly of the Penitentiary, the splendid administration of which will sustain the reflections that we have indulged in above. Our townsman Mr. W. H. Smith returned last Friday evening from a meeting of the Board of Directors of that institution, of which he is a member, and in conversation with him this morning he informed us that notwithstanding a loss of (\$60,000) sixty thousand dollars to the penitentiary this year by reason of the great floods (overflowed) on the State farms, (worked by convicts), the Board will still have on hand, after paying all the running expenses of the institution, (\$40,000) forty thousand dollars and dollars of CREATED surplus, without having touched a dollar of the \$25,000 per annum appropriated by the last Legislature for its running expenses, which sum can be covered back into the State treasury, and to the tax-payers, to the credit of Democracy, to the credit of the penitentiary Board of Directors, to the credit of the competent and honest administration of Superintendent Leazer, and to the credit of the sagacity of his Excellency Gov. Carr in the selection of so suitable a man for the head of this mammoth State institution.

In the four years of his now closing administration Gov. Carr has at all times had an eye single and sagacious to the best interests of the people, and to a permanent lifting from their shoulders of as much as possible of the expenses of government. To this end he has done more than any other Governor the State has had. He has demonstrated that the penitentiary can be so managed as to sustain phenomenal loss by flood and drought and still be self-sustaining

and surplus creating: he has leased the North Carolina Railroad at a certain and increased revenue to the State, regardless of political transitions and business depressions; and he had arranged to make the Atlantic & North Carolina Railroad, which has, on the whole, been an incubus upon the shoulders of the tax-payers since its construction, a revenue paying investment to the State and the private stockholders for a term of years, covering into the State Treasury a handsome sum every year, and not contingent upon the success or failure of any administration of the road appointed along political lines.

But these lessons the people will learn as the days come and go of Russell's regime. The ARGUS has an abiding faith in the people. They may go wrong some times, but they are giants enough to retrieve when they discover their errors—thanks to the peerless privilege of American citizenship. In this country the people are supreme and do not become disheartened and morose by their own errors, because they know their power and their right; they imbibe it in the air as an inheritance of liberty and the prerogative of citizenship.

Here, the veriest pauper, though bare-headed and in rags, understands his kingliness, and the poorest child, be it ever so humble, who stands hungry at this glad Christmas tide before the fruiter's teeming window knows that a pineapple is not a turnip. As some stray sheep on the mountains marks from a distance how the flock browses by day and is penned in the fold at night, so the people watch the trend of parties and the drift of government. The stray sheep may come back experienced in pasturage and not the worse for its fleece being torn by briars, and so the people will return to their moorings of safety when rough experiences shall have taught them that it is better to "abide in the ship"—the old ship of Democracy.

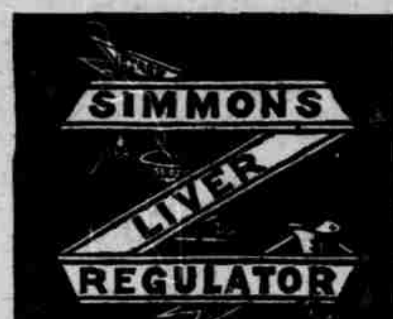
CHRISTMAS AND THE FATHERLESS.

To the Editor: At the Orphans' Home, Barium Springs, N. C. Thanksgiving Day is an occasion for thanksgiving to God and to God's people. It is also a day of expectancy, because the home is made the recipients of the thank-offerings of God's people. It is a matter of satisfaction that this year was generally observed, and that the donations were so liberal, especially as sickness and pressure of duties prevented the superintendent from using the press to inform the public of the wants of the fatherless. We wish to acknowledge with thanks the kindness of all who made the Orphans' Home the recipient of their offerings. May the Father of the fatherless accept their offerings and reward them abundantly. The gift this year are not as abundant nor valuable as those of last year's Thanksgiving season, yet our orphan household is much larger and therefore their wants greater. Now it is desirable that there be no necessity for issuing appeal to the friends of the Home to relieve the wants of the fatherless. To prevent this it will be necessary for Christmas to be made the occasion of large additions to the support fund by cash contributions and donations in kind. Eighty-two children gathered at the Orphans' Home look to the Presbyterians of the State for the supplying of all their wants. Send flour, meal, rice, sugar, molasses, meat, butter or anything that children can eat or wear to the Orphans' Home, Barium Springs, N. C., and checks to Mr. J. A. E. Oates, treasurer, Charlotte, N. C.

May the Lord give His fatherless ones favor with His people. Supt. Orphans' Home. Barium Springs, N. C.

Asheville Citizen: Prof Ernest P. Mangum has been elected superintendent of the graded schools of Wilson, N. C. Prof. Mangum was at one time principal of the Orange street school in Asheville.

An Important Office. To properly fill its office and functions, it is important that the blood be pure. When it is in such a condition, the body is almost certain to be healthy. A complaint at this time is catarrh in some of its various forms. A slight cold develops the disease in the head. Droppings of corruption passing into the lungs bring on consumption. The only way to cure this disease is to purify the blood. The most obstinate cases of catarrh yield to the medicinal powers of Hood's Sarsaparilla as if by magic, simply because it reaches the seat of the disease, and by purifying and vitalizing the blood, removes the cause. Not only does Hood's Sarsaparilla do this, but it gives renewed vigor to the whole system, making it possible for good health to reign supreme.



GOOD FOR EVERYBODY and everyone needs it at all times of the year. Malaria is always about, and the only preventive and relief is to keep the Liver active. You must help the Liver a bit, and the best helper is the Old Friend, SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR, the RED Z.

Mr. C. Himrod, of Lancaster, C. H., says: "SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR broke a case of Malarial Fever of three years' standing for me, and less than one bottle did the business. I shall use it when in need, and recommend it." Be sure that you get it. Always look for the RED Z on the package. And don't forget the word REGULATOR. It is SIMMONS LIVER REGULATOR, and there is only one, and every one who takes it is sure to be benefited. THE BENEFIT IS ALL IN THE REMEDY. Take it also for Biliousness and Sick Headache; both are caused by a sluggish Liver. J. H. Zeilic & Co., Philadelphia.

THE SIGNERS.

Who They are and What They Have Accomplished Toward Securing Two Additional Commissioners

Mr. A. L. Swinson, who is always out of joint with everything and who could not "run" the Populist party, and therefore is said to have "gone over" to the Republicans and is said to be now seeking preferment under Gov. Russell in the colored inner asylum, finally succeeded, late Thursday afternoon, with the valiant assistance of lawyer Best among the colored people, in securing the requisite number of names, regardless of quality, to his petition for the appointment of two additional commissioners for this county, and filed the same with Superior Court Clerk Herring, under the affidavit of five negroes, to the effect that the three excellent gentlemen, recently elected by the people at the polls, who constitute the present Board of County Commissioners, are "incompetent to administer the affairs of the county," and that in their (the swearers) sworn opinion the interests of the county will suffer under the administration of these three men.

Mark you, the "swearers" to the affidavit are all negroes, and the signers of the petition are largely—if not the majority—negroes, and the majority of these had to "make their mark," not being able to even read or write. And it is upon such a trumped up and "worked up," filthy, greasy, thumbed and odious petition as this, chiefly engineered by Abbott L. Swinson, that Judge Robinson will be asked to appoint two additional commissioners of this ill-fated selection, in order that the affairs of Wayne County may be properly administered. We know Judge Robinson would be justified, and we believe his well known sense of decency and fairness would prompt him, to order the whole kerfoodle.—Swinson, Best, signers, swearers and all—to jail for contempt of court in presenting to come before him with such a petition against three of the best men, Messrs. Cox, Stevens and Ham, in his county.

And you will observe that the "swearers" are all negroes. That's the way with such tricksters—these political-placemen hunters; they make cat's paws of the poor cuffy "nig" whereby to pull political chestnuts out of the fire of public indignation. But we have no fear either that Messrs. Cox, Stevens and Ham, the people's choice for Commissioners, will be subjected to the indignity that the triumph of this petition would cast upon them, or that the tax payers of Wayne county will be subjected to the additional expense of two additional, unnecessary and undesired County Commissioners. Of course, if the appointment is forced upon the Judge, he will, under the law, be compelled to appoint two Democrats, as the majority of the present Board hold their office by virtue of Republican votes.

THE MILK IN THE COCOANUT.

LATER—SATURDAY: Clerk Herring's office has been a scene to-day, with the constant tide of visitors, some to see that petition and affidavit, and many who had "signed" coming to ask that their names be erased; but to these latter the Clerk said nay, that it is a public document now officially filed with him, and he has

no right to permit interpolations: and then the "signers" who desired to recant, seeing their predicament, gave vent to all sorts of opinions as to those who had duped them into signing. Some said that they were told that the Democrats were secretly circulating a like petition and "we want to get ahead of them." Some said that they were told that Messrs. Ham and Cox, the two Populist-Republican members, desired it, and that the necessary affidavit would be made by white men, by "Rufe" Ham, (brother of Commissioner Ham,) A. L. Swinson, John I. Mozingo and others, "and therefore they signed." Some said they "just signed to be a-signing," and others had other excuses, but not a solitary one owned up like a man that he signed because he believed UPON THE HONOR OF A MAN that the interests of the county would suffer under the administration of Messrs. Cox, Stevens and Ham. And even four of the five negroes who made the affidavit—the fifth one not being in town to-day—expressed themselves freely as having been duped and cuddled into it. But lawyer Best succeeded in marshalling four more, and one white man from over the river, to file a new affidavit; and that is how the matter stands at this writing.

The charge was made to-day by one of the recanting white Republican signers, that Commissioner Ham is behind the whole move. He wanted to be made chairman of the Board, but "didn't make the trip." He wanted E. J. Best for county attorney, but Commissioner Cox flatly refused to vote for Best, and Ham succeeded in having the matter of attorney postponed till next Monday's adjourned meeting. In the meantime he has urged this petition forward for the appointment of two additional commissioners, and the two new Commissioners and Ham then propose to "run the county"; elect Best county attorney, reconsider the vote by which Mr. Cox was made chairman, elect Ham chairman, out vote Messrs. Cox and Stevens on all questions and play—well, every one knows what—generally. But in all this calculation they seem to have lost sight entirely of the old poetical adage that, "The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft agley"; that the Democrats of the county are entitled to the additional commissioners, the Republicans having duly nominated, voted for and elected Messrs. Cox and Ham, in concert with the Populists in the late election.

Died.

Sweet little Grover Cleveland Grantham, aged 4 years, 5 months and sixteen days, in the presence of his Christian mother, fond and indulgent father and John A. Raymond and Annie Bell, his brother and sister, and also his two astute physicians, Drs. Jones and Cobb, crossed the river, and is now happy and resting beyond the Pearly Gates, Saturday morn at 1 o'clock.

Then and Now.

Time was when an officer of the navy, even when retired, felt himself bound by the laws of official dignity and gentlemanly courtesy and abstained from foolish talk about public affairs and especially from disrespectful language regarding his superior officers. The jingo newspapers are probably responsible in some degree for a change that is not creditable. There have been not a few scandals in the navy recently from the intemperate language of officers who ought to know better, but who have gone astray in pursuit of cheap notoriety.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At the regular meeting of Pender Lodge Knights of Dixie held last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Commander—John Stanley. Vice Commander—John E. Crow. Junior Commander—C. W. Pender. Pilot—B. W. Sasser. Vice Pilot—J. W. Roberts. Secretary—J. H. Hill. Treasurer—J. M. Swaringer. Chaplain—R. S. Tudor. Picket—J. R. Parker. Surgeon—Dr. W. J. Jones, Jr. Wilmington Star: A correspondent at Magnolia, N. C., writes the Star that Mr. Alex. Southerland, a well known and highly respected citizen of Duplin county, living about three miles from Magnolia, was stricken with paralysis last Saturday morning and died Sunday, aged 81 years.



Appearances are what attract the opposite sex. Some times this seems a pity. It seems as if it would be just as if a fine mind was the attraction instead of a fine face and figure. But you can't change human nature. When you come to understand it there is a sort of justice about it too; because although we can't all be handsome, almost every one of us can add at least a little attraction to his or her attractiveness by a little attention to the laws of beauty. When the eyes are such the lips pallid, the skin sallow, blotchy or pimply, the figure thin and wasted or overcast and ungainly, the trouble is something more than mere outward appearance; the inner condition is wrong; the blood is poor; it lacks the pure nourishing qualities which are needed to vitalize and invigorate the system. In the case physical activity is largely a question of pure, rich, red blood. You can't have sparkling eyes, red lips, a clear rosy complexion and a graceful symmetric figure while the blood remains impure and impoverished. What is needed is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to cleanse the humors out of the blood, and help the assimilative organism to enrich the circulation with an abundance of healthy red corpuscles, creating fresh color and firm, wholesome flesh. All this is attractiveness, and something more—health.

Another Victory. The Committee of Jurors at the Atlanta Exposition have awarded to COTTOLENE the highest award over all other materials for shortening and frying. Wherever Cottoleone has been exhibited, whether in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Ireland, or on the Continent of Europe, it has taken the highest award. Its progress has been one uninterrupted march of victory. Counterfeits may deceive the public for a while, but they stand no chance in open competition with COTTOLENE. In all cases see that the trade mark—Cottoleone with steer's head in a cotton-plant wreath—is on each package, and do not be hoodwinked by worthless counterfeits. Cottoleone is put up in one, three, and five pound tins. MADE ONLY BY THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, St. Louis, Chicago, New Orleans, Baltimore.

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The Good News Spreads! The cruiser Raleigh returned yesterday afternoon from her chase after the Three Friends. It is reported on good authority that a small boat landed at this port from the Three Friends about 4 o'clock. Then and Now. Time was when an officer of the navy, even when retired, felt himself bound by the laws of official dignity and gentlemanly courtesy and abstained from foolish talk about public affairs and especially from disrespectful language regarding his superior officers. The jingo newspapers are probably responsible in some degree for a change that is not creditable. There have been not a few scandals in the navy recently from the intemperate language of officers who ought to know better, but who have gone astray in pursuit of cheap notoriety. One of the chief of these offenders is Rear Admiral Meade, who earned a reprimand from the Secretary and was placed on the retired list because he had shown himself unfit for responsible duty. His extraordinary fire-eater has been at it again. He not only expresses his anxiety to war, without awaiting orders, but took occasion at a public dinner in New York to speak insultingly of the United States. Foolish talk from General Sickles on the same occasion was harmless, for he is a non-combatant and no one takes him quite seriously. Nor should Meade be taken quite seriously, except for the scandal of allowing an officer to remain on the navy list who has no more sense than he has shown of the conduct becoming an officer and a gentleman. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Brome Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.