

## AROUND THE SOUND.

### Happenings in the Counties of the Albemarle Section.

#### NEWBERN'S LANDING.

Newbern's Landing, N. C. Sept. 22. Correspondence of the Tar Heel.

Mr. Walton Newbern has returned from a flying to Elizabeth City.

Mr. S. N. Hough of Norfolk Va., was in our little town this week on business.

The protracted meeting held at Hegron church, ended with many good results.

We are glad to note that Mrs. C. H. Brock after a long and serious illness is convalescent.

Misses Vertie Guard and Lillie Mann of Elizabeth City have returned after a very pleasant visit to friends around here.

Mr. W. S. Newbern Sr., of this place has gone to Philadelphia Pa., Eastern Shore Va., and other places on a business trip.

A large number of young people were entertained one night last week at the home of Miss Lizzie Newberns. Her lovely disposition and charming personality make her an ideal hostess.

#### SHILOH.

Shiloh, N. C., Sept. 23.—Correspondence of the Tar Heel.

Mrs. H. G. Bray is in Norfolk visiting her brother.

Miss Helen Sawyer has been visiting her brothers in Norfolk.

Mr. M. B. Toxey will soon have his new mill ready for gining cotton.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. W. J. Cowell has two very sick children.

Mrs. Marshal Duncan and Mrs. Richard Duncan are visiting Mrs. Joe Etheredge at South Mills.

Mr. C. L. Brockett who has been clerking for Sawyer and Morrisett at Camden has returned home.

We are glad to know cotton picking time is at hand so the loafers will have something to do.

Miss Clan Brockett, of Norfolk, who has been visiting her cousin Janie Brockett, has returned home.

Miss Love Seymore one of Sligo's most charming young ladies is visiting friends and relatives at Smith's Corner.

Mr. Charlie Duncan has now commenced his new house, and it promises to be a creditable structure.

#### MUMFORD.

Mumford, N. C., Sept. 30.—Correspondence of the Tar Heel.

Miss Emmer Wilcox of Princes Anne County Va., is in our vicinity on a visit.

Miss Lula Butler of E. City began teaching school at Hope Academy last Monday.

Mr. Charley Brite of Berkley was in our midst last week. He returned Saturday.

Mrs. W. W. Humpshire and little daughter of Louisiana are the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford.

We are glad to note the improvements of Mr. J. F. Jones who has been quite ill with typhoid fever.

Mrs. R. A. Bullock and children of Portsmouth Va., is in our midst on a visit to her sister Mrs. A. S. Morgan.

Messrs M. T. Rhodes and A. S. Morgan have returned after a pleasant visit in relatives and friends in Norfolk and Berkley Va.

Messrs E. J. Spence, W. T. Stafford, E. B. Granger, W. N. Brothers and J. N. Williams were nominated as delegates to the democratic county convention which meets in E. City Oct. 4th.

The primary was largely attended at the New Land voting precinct. The votes were cast as follows: For representative W. M. Hinton

70, S. N. Morgan 8, for Treasurer W. A. Foster 75, N. R. Parker 1, for Register of Deeds J. C. Spence 78, for Clerk of Superior Court W. H. Jennings 74, R. N. Davis 3, for Sheriff Charler Reid 41, W. G. Grandy 36.

#### WINFALL.

Winfall, N. C., Sept. 29.—Correspondence of the Tar Heel.

Mr. L. L. Winder of E. City, was in our town last week.

Rev. H. M. Jackson, spent Tuesday in E. City, on business.

Mr. John Leigh of Boston Mass is visiting his Mother Mrs E. A. Leigh Sr., of this place.

Miss Ellen and Master Leigh Winslow will attend school at the Perquimans Academy again this year.

Mrs. J. N. White returned home Saturday, after a very pleasant visit to friends and relatives in Gates Co.

Misses Ellen Winslow, and Pattie Coke Leigh, spent Thursday and Friday in E. City visiting relatives.

Mr. J. C. White and wife of E. City, spent Sunday here visiting the family of Mr. A. R. Winslow on Main St.

The Republicans who held their convention in Hertford, Saturday nominated Mr. Alphonso White of this place for Sheriff.

Rev. H. M. Jackson preached to a large congregation Sunday at Cedar Grove M. E. church. He preached a very interesting Sermon.

Quite a number of people from here attended the John Robinson circus at E. City last Thursday. Most of them seemed to have liked it very much.

Mr. K. R. Newbold passed through here Monday enroute to Belvidere, with his charming young daughter Miss Edith, who will attend school there.

#### HERTFORD.

Hertford, N. C., Sept. 30.—Correspondence of the Tar Heel.

Rev. M. H. Tuttle is in Norfolk on business this week.

Mr. H. L. White of Norfolk was here on business last week.

Mr. Bruce Newby of Elizabeth City was in town recently.

Mr. M. H. White spent a few days in Baltimore last week.

Mr. W. H. Ward—Jr., was in Norfolk on business recently.

Mr. W. T. McMullan was in E. City on business last week.

Miss Maggie Saunders is visiting friends and relatives in Elizabeth City.

Mr. G. H. Newby after a short stay in Baltimore on business has returned home.

Mr. John Blanchard formerly of this place but now of Baltimore is visiting relatives here.

Miss Bessie Blount Winslow who accidentally broke her left arm recently, is convalescent.

Miss Janie Sawyer has returned to her home in Camden after a pleasant visit to friends here.

The heavy rain falls that visited this vicinity the past week damaged the young crops very much.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Norman spent a few days in Edenton last week visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. D. D. Raper, accompanied by Miss Kate Davis, has returned from a visit to relatives in Elizabeth City.

Large crowds from here attended the John Robinson circus that exhibited at Elizabeth City on the 25th instant.

Miss Clara Spruill, a delightful young lady of Columbia, has returned to her home after a visit to Mrs. J. J. Fleetwood.

Miss Bessie Riddick one of Hertford's most popular young ladies has returned home from New York and other northern cities. She reports a fine trip.

Superior court convened here Monday and adjourned Saturday last week and is said to have consumed more time to try the cases this court then it has for many years. Two prisoners were sentenced to the Penitentiary, one for twelve months and the other for eight months.

#### TRUTH STRONGER THAN FICTION.

Wierd Tale of a Grandfather's Clock in Hertford.

In a sitting room in a house in the quiet and blissful burg of Hertford there stands a grandfather's clock. For more than a century that creation of our fathers has ticked out the hours to the ears of some descendant of the original purchaser. Around and around its time stained face those ebony hands have travelled; to and fro its ponderous pendulum has swung and its tick, tick, tick, has sounded unceasingly save upon the verge of some dire calamity. Hereby hangs our tale.

Many years ago a whirring sound was heard from the bowels of this ancient instrument; its pendulum ceased to swing and it stood as silent as a tomb. Jewelers were summoned but none could see where repairs were needed; and yet they could not get it to work again.

The lord of the household was sick. For days he was tenderly nursed and medical aid tendered him but he passed into rest. As he breathed his last the old clock was heard to chime the hour. A deathly silence settled upon the sad scene. Those ghostly chimes carried with them some flavors of the supernatural. It's solemn tick-tock, tick-tock again echoed through the halls and chambers; all agreed that it was a mystery.

For years after its owner had been laid away the old clock continued working uninterruptedly. The widow married again and happiness once more reigned in the household. One night the strange whirring sound awoke the sleeping family and again the clock ceased to tick.

Something ghastly, weird in the sound excited apprehension of some impending calamity. Its past actions were recalled and no one in the household slept that night, one month later the second husband was covered 'neath the sod and once more the hands of the grandfather's clock resumed their endless journey and the pendulum swung as of yore.

Last October this aged instrument, for the third, time, repeated its direful, through mysterious, prophesy. The family breathed not a word to the outside world; but among themselves they wondered and with fear, a week later it again chimed the hour but a minute previous a fearful explosion had rent the air in that neighborhood and Fleetwood and Jackson's mammoth mill was wrecked.

The old grandfather's clock is still ticking the hours; its hands are still travelling around and around; the ponderous pendulum still is swinging; but at what moment will it again venture to foretell some other dire event impending and will its owners or a nation be concerned.

#### The Fair.

Don't forget the November Fair. It is going to be the very best in the annals of albemarle fairdom. The Secretary says so; the board of directors say so and the business men, who have taken much interest in it, declare the same. There will be more and larger exhibits and more valuable premiums will be given. There will be the best of racing and the various amusement features are simply innumerable. We could name a hundred and one meritorious features but—Oh well.

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