

THE COUNTY UNION

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1898.

DUNN, N. C.

LOCAL DOTS.

Cotton is selling for 5 1/2 cents to-day.

The New Year has brought some changes in business among our merchants.

To-day is Old Christmas and is regarded by many as the real anniversary of our Saviour.

"An Old Christmas Party" will be given at the Town Hall to-night. Quite a pleasant occasion is expected.

Don't write it 1897. It is 1898 and another mile post has been reached and passed on the road of time.

Lane & Galbraith have the best mules and horses ever brought to Dunn. Don't buy until you see them.

The Union greets its many readers again after a vacation of one week and wishes them all a happy and prosperous year.

Messrs. Lane & Galbraith will receive another carload of fine Tennessee mules to-morrow.

We are glad to see Mr. R. L. Cronartie who has been sick since the first of November out again. He came out Monday for the first time.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, editor of the Biblical Recorder, will lecture at the Baptist church here on the third Sunday night in this month.

In this issue will be found the annual statement of the receipts and disbursements of the county for the year ending Nov. 30th 1897. Read it.

Don't buy a mule or horse until you see Lane and Galbraith's Tennessee raised mules and horses. They are the best on the market.

We learn to-day that Mr. Erasmus Lee, who has been sick for several months, is sinking rapidly and is not expected to live many hours. All the members of his family have been summoned to his bed-side.

In making your resolutions for the New Year we would suggest that the business men add one resolution that will be a paying investment. That is to do more advertising during 1898 than ever before.

Look at the moon Friday evening at about six o'clock. It will be in eclipse. The shadow will cover about one-sixth of the moon's surface. It can be distinctly seen if the heavens are clear.

Mr. Wm. Pearson, a thrifty farmer of the Poe's section, killed a hog two-and-a-half years old last week which weighed 630 pounds. This is the largest hog we have heard of being killed in this section this winter.

We suppose the usual number of good resolutions and "swear-offs" were made New Year's day. The Union is like the Georgia darkey which Frank Stanton, the Constitution's poet, writes about. It is so poor that it has nothing to swear off from.

Rev. J. V. DeVenny, of Wake Forest, is now at Buie's Creek Academy teaching for Rev. J. A. Campbell. He will become an assistant in the school and do some Missionary work among the churches in this section. He is a gentleman of fine scholarly attainments and christian character. He took the degree of Master of Arts at Wake Forest in the class of 1895.

The county commissioners met in regular session Monday and transacted routine business. They decided to buy a steel cell and place in the jail at Lillington to keep prisoners in and save the expense of taking them to the Cumberland jail. This action is wise and will save the county a deal of expense for a small outlay of money.

Mr. O. J. Spears, of Lillington, was here yesterday and took the train for Washington, D. C. He is a candidate for District Attorney, but the report has gone out that he will not get the place. The matter will probably be settled this week. O. J. has been faithful but he has not been rewarded for his services and he is getting a little impatient with the G. O. P.

The young ladies of the town gave a candy party at the town hall New Year's eve, and quite a jolly crowd attended and remained up to ring the Old Year out and the New Year in. A very pleasant entertainment it was as indeed all are that are given by our fair young women, of whom there is none finer.

The county board of education met in session Monday to apportion the school taxes of the county and remained in session until to-day. Mr. Campbell, clerk to the board, phoned us from Lillington this morning that the board had appropriated one dollar per capita to the children in each township. He says this amount is larger than has ever been appropriated in any year in this county save one. Aversboro township gets \$927, to be divided among eight schools.

Joe Ray, a negro boy about 16 years of age, was arraigned before Justice I. W. Taylor Monday evening charged with throwing rocks and breaking insulators on the telephone line near Poe's. The trial was postponed until the second Monday in February. The boy says that he did not intend injury to the line. Boys, and men too, must learn that the telephone line was not erected to play with but for business and the convenience of the public, and the owners will not submit to any tampering with it in fun or otherwise.

Be careful with your fires. A bad fire was narrowly averted here Monday night. Mr. H. B. Anderson and his family live over his store just across the street opposite THE UNION office. A rocking chair with a matting cover on it was left in the sitting room near the stove Monday evening while the family were at supper. The matting caught fire from the stove and when found the room was full of smoke and the chair burning. In a few minutes the house would have been on fire so that it would have been almost impossible to have put it out as we have no system of water works, and that house on fire would more than probable burn every store on the east side of the railroad.

Bicycle Tournament.

The Bicycle Tournament was the chief attraction of our town during the holidays, and notwithstanding that the day was very cold quite a good crowd was present to witness the contest which began at 2 o'clock.

Messrs D. H. McLean, V. L. Stephens and A. M. Woodall were chosen judges and Messrs. J. D. Barnes, W. H. Lane and A. B. Harrell time keepers.

The track was 166 1/2 yards in length and the time allowed to go through was seventeen seconds. All the riders made the time but some of them failed to get many rings. Each Knight rode three tilts and at the finish A. L. Newberry, Knight of Cumberland, had eight rings which won the first prize and the honor of crowning the Queen of Love and Beauty; G. K. Massengill, Knight of Smithfield, had seven rings which won second prize and the crowning of first Maid of Honor; M. A. Hooks, Knight of Mecklenburg, and W. B. Austin, Knight of Johnston, each had six rings and rode again to decide which would win the third prize. On the first tilt on the tie each got three rings, on the second tilt Austin got one ring and Hooks two. Hooks was declared winner and crowned the second maid of honor.

The other Knights did admirably. Mr. J. C. Cox, Knight of Wayne, won the booby with one ring. In the evening at 8:30 a large assemblage of lovely maidens and gallant knights gathered at Hotel Divine to witness the coronation. Mr. Newberry selected Miss Ora Wilson as his Queen of Love and Beauty; Mr. Massengill chose Miss Daisy Shaw of Lillington, as first maid of honor; Mr. Hooks preferred Miss Gertrude Harper with the crown of second maid of honor. Hon. D. H. McLeal in a happy style delivered the coronation address and when the Queen was seated on the throne prepared for the occasion, attended by her lovely maids and gallant knights, it presented quite a pleasant picture and indeed were they perfect Queens of Love and Beauty.

The evening was spent in merry conversation and eating confectioneries which were served. In all it was a pleasant and delightful occasion.

People and Their Movement.

Mr. J. C. Clifford returned Sunday from a visit to his mother in Davie county.

Mr. Enoch L. Lee left Monday for Chapel Hill where he will take a course in law.

Mr. McD. Holliday visited his mother at Grimesland last week.

Miss Annie Scarborough, spent Christmas here with her uncle, Mr. J. W. Lane.

Mr. Callie Jordan, of Rocky Mount, spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

Mr. L. W. Alderman left Tuesday to resume his studies at Wake Forest.

Mrs. Ella Atkins of Lillington is in town visiting her brother Mr. H. T. Spears.

Miss Nellie Edgerton who spent several days here with relatives returned to her home in Goldsboro Saturday.

Mr. W. T. McKay, of Bennettsville, S. C., spent the holidays in this county with relatives and friends.

Mr. L. S. Atkins, of Washington, D. C., spent the holidays with his mother at Lillington.

Mr. William Smith, of Godwin took the train here yesterday to return to the A. & M. College at Raleigh.

Mrs. Effie C. Harper and daughter Miss Meta visited relatives at and near Benson last week.

Mr. Joseph Cook returned Saturday from an extended visit to friends in Johnston, Wayne, and Sampson counties.

Miss Addie Byrd spent the holidays in the city with Mrs. J. H. Pope. She returned home Friday.

Mrs. and Mr. W. H. Newberry of Florida are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Newberry on Broad street.

Master William Thompson, the bright six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thompson, spent Sunday in Goldsboro with relatives.

Mr. H. B. Hardy, of the News and Observer, was in the city to-day in the interest of his paper.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Best and little sons returned Monday from a visit to relatives in Goldsboro and Richmond, Va.

Miss Lydia Adams, of Little River Academy, spent New Year in the city with Miss Nettie Barnes.

M. A. Hooks, who has been here helping his brother during the cotton season, left today for his home in Mecklenburg county.

Mr. J. R. Baggett, of Bass, after spending vacation at home with his parents, returned to Chapel Hill yesterday where he is taking a literary course.

Mr. Lonnie Surlis and bride nee Miss Ada Creech, of near Benson, spent New Year in the city with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Surlis.

Mr. B. F. Shaw, of Woodville, Fla., came home and spent Xmas with his parents at Lillington. He returned to Florida Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Grantham and little daughters, Pearl and Blanche, returned Monday from a visit to relatives at Smithfield.

Miss Lula Kirkman, of Smithfield, stopped over here Monday with her uncle Mr. D. H. Hood on her way home from a visit to friends in Red Springs. She left yesterday for home.

Prof. L. C. Brogden, of the Greensboro Graded school, came down last Friday to visit friends here. He left Monday for Greensboro. His many friends here are always glad to shake his hand.

Di-d.

The little infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lee died Monday afternoon December 27th aged six months. His remains were interred in the cemetery Tuesday afternoon. He was an exceedingly bright healthy child until a few weeks before his death when he was taken sick with fever and pneumonia and died despite the efforts of physicians and a loving mother. He now sleeps the sleep of the just and pure in heart with Him who said "Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

STABBED TO DEATH.

Tom Adkins Murders John Campbell in Cold Blood.

Early on Christmas morning the news was spread over our quiet little town that a colored man was lying dead on the ground in the southwestern portion of the town and that his life's blood had flowed out from a gaping wound in the back. A colored man named Jesse Jernigan first found him lying about forty yards from the road in an open field. The dead man was John Campbell, a blacksmith who had been employed by the John A. McKay Manufacturing Company for two years or more and was a polite and quiet man and a peaceable citizen.

It was soon noised that Thomas B. Adkins, a trifling negro man who has frequently been before the Mayor for bad behavior, was the person who had murdered the dead man, who was lying about 150 yards from where Tom lived. A warrant was issued and the Sheriff went to Tom's house and arrested him. Tom was wounded in the right knee from a knife wound. He was apparently drunk and said "if John is dead I can't help it. I know nothing about it." He was placed in the guard house.

Mr. J. J. Wilson, the Coroner, was gone to Spout Springs to hold the inquest over Ray's body, and the dead man was allowed to remain on the ground in the same position as he was found until the Coroner returned which was about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. He summoned a jury and went down and examined the body of the dead man and had it removed to the Town Hall where he held the inquest.

The jury, composed of Messrs I. W. Taylor, S. M. Jackson, W. D. Thornton, R. H. Core, H. C. McNeill and Dr. O. L. Denning, after examining several witnesses rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a knife wound in the back on the right side inflicted by Tom B. Adkins.

The murder was committed Friday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock and several persons knew that Tom had cut John Campbell. One witness testified that he looked all over the field where he was found but could not find him. Another testified that she heard the row and afterward heard some one groaning out in the direction where he was found and that she went to Tom's house and told George McNeill about it.

Amy Adkins, Tom's wife testified that John Campbell went to her house and had some whiskey and that Tom and John drank it and were both drunk. Tom got under the bed and was asleep; she was cooking supper; John told her that she and Tom must come over next morning and drink eggnog with him. When John said this Tom came from under the bed and began cursing John and drew a chair and ordered him out of the house; both were very drunk; John went out of the house and Tom followed him and at a wagon in the yard John fell and Tom fell also; John got up and went out of the gate, Tom after him; they both fell at the gate; Tom followed him some distance down the road; Tom came back into the house and threw his arm around her and she threw up her hand and struck her arm against a knife; did not know that he had a knife till then and did not know that John was cut; Tom said that he (himself) was cut to death and was complaining with the wound in his knee.

Amy and a little boy about five years of age were all that were at the house at the time. We learn since that there were some other witness to the foul deed that were not examined by the coroner. George McNeill the father of the little boy said that when he went home the boy told him that Tom had cut John in the back at the wagon. He also testified that Tom asked him that night not to let them lynch him.

The murdered man was tracked by the blood from where he was lying to the wagon in the yard where the boy said he cut him. There was blood on the gate and he could be readily traced by the blood on the ground, going in a circuitous route some 300 yards before he fell. He was evidently trying to get up town from the direction he took after leaving the road.

The wound was made with a large knife which entered about two inches from the back bone between the tenth and eleventh ribs penetrating the liver cutting a gash sufficient for a man to run his hand into readily. He bled rapidly and soon fell from loss of blood. His eyes and mouth were closed and he looked as if death was without pain. He was lying on his right side and no sign of a struggle.

John Campbell was about forty years of age and was raised in Fayetteville. His father, Jackson Campbell, is a blacksmith and has worked with McKethan in Fayetteville for years. The old man came up and carried the body of his son to Fayetteville Sunday afternoon for burial.

Tom was taken to Fayetteville jail on the same train that the body of his murdered victim was taken away. Tom is about forty years of age also and bears a bad name. He professed to be on the best of terms with John that evening but in his heart he had murder and had made friends with him to commit his heinous crime, as it is learned that he showed the knife that day and remarked that he would get him a man with it that night.

Tom and his wife did not live very well together and he often had quarrels with her about her unfaithfulness.

Tom's Christmas whiskey and jealousy combined makes him another candidate for the hangman's rope.

It has been sent out through the press that there was talk among the negroes of lynching him but such was not the case. Be it said to the credit of our colored people that they were very indignant over the matter but at no time were they ready to take the law into their own hands.

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Oldest Twins in the United States.

Messrs. Hugh and Hector McLean of this county are probably the oldest twins in the United States. The Fayetteville Observer of December 28th says of them:

The McLean brothers, of Harnett county, are the oldest living twins, if we may judge by the piece we publish below. Hugh and Hector McLean are 87 years old, consequently they were born in 1810. They have lived during all these long years, following the trade of tailoring, near Lillington in Harnett county, making frequent visits, however, to this city. They were here recently walking around the streets in the best of health greeting their old, or rather, young friends. They were never married and are fairly well off in worldly goods. Some years ago they had coffins made after their own design, in which to be buried. The following is the article referred to, and which has been going the rounds of the press of the United States, including the pictures of the old ladies:

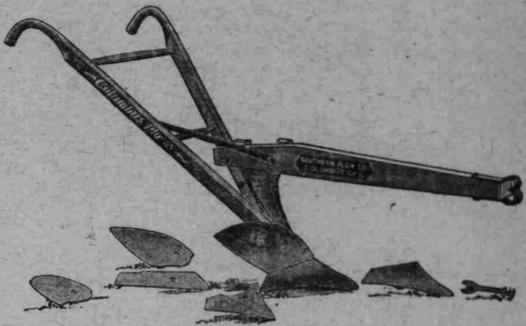
"The claim of the Newell brothers, of Missouri, that they are the oldest pair of twins in the country, will not hold, according to a correspondent of the Chicago Times-Herald. Mrs. H. H. Johnson, recently of Kankakee, Ill., and now of Omaha, Neb., and Mrs. David Noggle, of Janesville, Wis., are one month older. These ladies are the twin children—Polly M. and Anna M.—of Benjamin and Eunice Mosher Lewis, and were born at Bristol, N. Y., May 29, 1815. They were the youngest of fifteen children. The twins went to Milan, Ohio, when about seventeen, married there, and in 1837 Mrs. Noggle came to Wisconsin to live the life of a pioneer. Mrs. Noggle is a woman of native ability and can tell many interesting tales of early life in Wisconsin. She is the mother of seven children. The sisters are both in full possession of their faculties and are as active as women of sixty-five."

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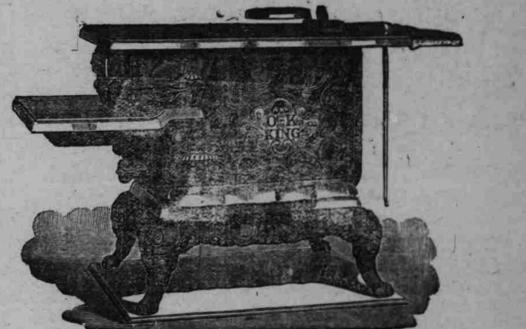
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