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**LOCAL NEWS.**

Now, we'll welcome the New Year, and grapple with its mixed joys and sorrows.

We call attention to advertisement of the Armstrong property on Park Avenue.

Steam has been started at the new cotton factory, and the firing up of steam means business.

Miss Eunice Russell, of Gates county, enjoyed the holidays with Miss Bertha Hinton, on Shepard Street.

There has not yet been enough skating ice on the ponds and creeks near town to get up a skating picnic or crack a crown.

Miss Fannie Fentris, of Brambleton, and Miss Mamie Wilson, of Moyock, are visiting friends and relatives in the First Ward.

Miss Sallie Jennings of Providence township is spending the holidays with Miss Mae James, corner of Main and Poindexter Streets.

Misses Ethel and Sallie Scott and Miss Annie Vaughan spent the Christmas holidays in Norfolk with the family of Mr. Frank Vaughan Jr.

We regret to hear that Mr. Thos. Sanderlin, of Moyock, Currituck Co., and in early life a citizen of Pasquotank Co., is very seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. J. C. Cantwell will be "at home," at the Arlington Hotel, between the hours of 3 and 6 o'clock to-day (Jan. 1), and hopes to see her friends.

The Churches all had Christmas services on Xmas day. In Christ Church the floral decorations were beautiful, and the musical solo by Miss Wood was greatly admired.

Judging from casual observations our merchants have all had a merry and prosperous Christmas trade, and the young children and children of larger growth have many thanks for the mythical Santa Claus.

On Monday we had a pleasant and instructive call from Dr. H. T. Aydtet, returning a call that we made him, on Main street, soon after his settlement in our community, when he was out on professional business.

Gracie Ballance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hall Balance of this town, departed this life on Saturday at their home in the Racetrack, aged fourteen years. She had been the child of affliction from her birth, and was an object of commiseration.

We were complimented on Wednesday by a short call from President-Elder, Rev. A. P. Tyer, of the E. City district of the Methodist Episcopal church. His personal appearance and bearing is a letter of recommendation. He was accompanied by Mr. J. D. Perry.

We call attention to the new advertisement of Charles Davis, on the corner of Main and Water Streets. He is an old attaché of the Economist and we can vouch for his gentlemanly deportment. We can testify to the excellency of his fried oysters, in size, quality and preparation, from our own experience.

Miss Ettie B. Merriam, who is at home visiting her parents, made us a pleasant call during the holidays to give us the greeting of the season. She has for some time been the guest of her kinsman, ex Senator Pierce of Bristol, Conn., with whose family she is connected by ties of blood. The Connecticut Brogue which she has acquired there, lingers sweetly on her lips.

Miss Mary Kingsbury, of Wilmington, N. C., daughter of Dr. T. B. Kingsbury, the distinguished editor of the Wilmington Messenger, has been spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Alex. Wadsworth, on Church street.

Mr. Jabe Burgess, of Weeksville Pasquotank county, departed this life at his home on Sunday, aged 25 years. He was a worthy and exemplary young man, a sturdy Democrat, a good citizen, and leaves a large circle of friends to lament his departure. He was a leading elder in Olivet church and was buried by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Ferebee.

Mr. W. O. Temple, wife and children of Rapid City, South Dakota, are visiting the parents of Mrs. Temple, and friends, during Christmas holidays. Mr. Temple has been absent several years in Rapid City, where he has won distinction. When he went away we believe he was childless, but he comes back with a nest of four little birds and a "quiver full of arrows." He gave us a call on Xmas.

We had a pleasant and interesting call on Wednesday from our old chum of the eighties, then the photographic official of the North Carolina Press Association, Hon. J. F. Engle. We discussed the old Press times and members, and fought the old Press battles over again. He soon goes to Bermuda to photograph the Bermudee, having exhausted North Carolina. The world has no better or more artistic hand in his "art preservative" of the image of the Maker, than John. Good luck to you John!

The leading article in the January number of the "American Homes," published at Knoxville, Tenn., treats of the Colonial period and its influence on the home architecture of the nation. The writer has made a very interesting article, in which he claims for the Colonial style a purely American National type. The article is calculated to arouse the patriotic endorsement of the American reader. The series of articles on the architecture of antiquity which have proven so popular, are to be continued, the one in the January issue treating of the "Architecture of Old Egypt."

We have read with much interest an excellent article in the Tarrington (Conn.) "Register" from N. E. Pierce of Bristol Connecticut, urging the building of an electric railway from Tarrington to Hartford, which shows such expert knowledge of electric railway building, that it induces us to ask Mr. Pierce to come this way and link his name with the Old North State, the oldest and first settled of the sisterhood, and having a tie and connection with Connecticut, by the "wooden nutmeg" line. An electric line from South Mills to Elizabeth City would be a business blessing and a profitable investment; and a line down the Powell's Point peninsula from Moyock would be a ditto.

Mrs. F. N. Mullen, wife of Dr. Frank Mullen of South Mills, Camden county, N. C., departed this life at her home in South Mills on Sunday December 27th, aged 77 years. She was buried from Trinity church South Mills, and her mortal remains were laid to rest by the side of her relatives in the old McPherson burying ground. Rev. Jas. V. Old, the Methodist clergyman in charge, officiated in the funeral service at the church and at the grave. A good woman has gone—full of years, full of christian faith, given to charity and good works, and the world is the loser by her leaving. We sympathize with her venerable husband, our friend in boyhood, manhood and old age, in his severe bereavement.

**A Venerable Age.**

James Banks, of color, departed this life near Nixonton, Pasquotank county, (N. C.) on Wednesday, December 23rd, 1896, aged one hundred and three (103) years. His age is of record on a much worn roll of ages, apparently made in the last decade of the last century. The entry is as follows: "James Dozier, son of Solomon Knox and Susan, his wife, was born the 3d of November in the year 1793." He was born a slave, his first owner being a Dozier, and his last a Banks. His oldest child, now living, was 73 in March last. A grandson, now living, is 52 years old. He adopted the Christian faith when about 60, and abided therein until his death. His mental faculties were unimpaired to the last. His bodily vigor gave way some months before his death and he became entirely helpless. A few months before his death, his daughter, Mary Overton, asked him how he felt and he answered that he saw angels around him and he was going to rest.

The vision of angels is not an uncommon experience in the history of the departing, and it is also the teaching of inspiration that we are attended by angels of opposite character in our earthly pilgrimage, the good angels encouraging us in the paths of virtue and the wicked in the paths of selfishness and vice.

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**The Coon and Possum Club—Its Annual Meeting.**

The venerable "Coon and Possum Club," the oldest and most successful social institution in this community, in place of its annual coon hunt in the "Great Fork Swamp" on Christmas eve, held a banquet at the hospitable home of President Arthur Pritchard on Christmas day. Owing to the cold, and inclement weather, we were unable to attend, which causes us regret, and our regret is the greater from the reports that come to us of the good cheer, good fellowship and happiness of our brethren at the festive occasion. There were present about thirty of the brethren who greatly enjoyed themselves. They had turkeys and pigs, coons and possums, and turkey shootings, and jokes, and the disappointed coon dogs were there and were not forgotten, but their plaintive notes of lamentation plainly indicated that a bounteous banquet was not an old-time coon and possum hunt in the Great Fork Swamp. Nolley, one of our old charter members, had to sit off on a log and hold old Jowler, to keep him quiet, and Dr. Tom, one of our new acquisitions, of last year's vintage, who was admitted to the order of Coons before the regular course in the order of Possums, as a tribute to his interest in the Club, his braving the inclemency of the weather to attend the banquet of his brethren, and his faithful discharge of all the duties of his membership, recommended to Nolly to administer a dose of ipecacuanha to old Jowler as an intestinal sedative, and Nolly, a little jealous of Dr. Tom's agility as a dancing member of the Club suggested that a better prescription for Jowler would be an aromatic injection of cantharides with forty drops of bolus.

After this play of jocularly between an old charter member of the Club and a junior of the Possum Class, who aspires to the honor of successor to the present incumbent of the Presidency of the Club, President Pritchard called the Club to order and said: Brethren, we've had a nice time, a big time, a glorious time. Every thing is "all right—that's right." Some of our old charter members are not with us, owing to the inclemency of the weather, and our sole hopory member, Colonel Welch of Boston, is so heavy with Xmas baked beans he couldn't come, so I will conclude with "all right," a sentiment to the health of Col. W. L. Welch of Boston and Col. Creecy, who are not present. May they live long and prosper, which would be all right. And, in conclusion, we ask to state that Miss Gladys—the daughter of the Regiment—is not well and is taking catnip tea, by prescription of Dr. Tom. Riddick, who has braved frost and storm to be with us this day, from his roost in Perquimans county, for which we give him honor. You will now all assemble en groupe to be shot at with a kodak, and the coon dogs are all invited to join the group. That's right. Adjourned to meet in Great Fork Swamp on Christmas eve 1897.

**Drummer's Banquet.**

A great gathering of Commercial Travelers will assemble at the Winter Health resort, Southern Pines, N. C., on Tuesday, January 13th.

A banquet is to be given these travelers and their friends by the proprietor of the Piney Woods Inn, which is one of the finest hotels in the South. It contains a theatrical hall, numerous parlors, and has every modern convenience, including electric lights, steam heat, call bells, etc., yet it is located in the woods.

The editorial fraternity generally have had a special invitation to join these happy, genial travelers in their feast of good things. No doubt it will be one of the most pleasant entertainments ever given, and the "boys" and their friends will enjoy the occasion very much.

The Seaboard Air Line has given a special rate of one fare for the round trip to enable the friends of the salesmen to attend the banquet and participate in the good time at a comparatively small cost.

**The Dismal Swamp Canal.**

A force of about two hundred men are now employed on the work of deepening and widening the Dismal Swamp canal and they are perhaps one third through. The force is working in three sections, and the canal will be widened sixty feet, and forty feet deep and be a ship canal from this harbor to Pasquotank river, and South Mills, where it empties into Albemarle Sound. The canal is now owned by Baltimore capitalists, and when completed will be a valuable inland waterway.—Landmark.

**The Crowning Act of Governor Carr.**

Among the last acts of Governor Carr of North Carolina, was to annul, repeal, nullify and overturn a judicial act of the last term of the Superior Court of the First Judicial Circuit of North Carolina which was an outrage upon justice, an outrage upon the good order of society, an outrage upon the good name of North Carolina upon the purity of the ermine, and a stigma upon the learning, integrity and honor of the bench.

At the last term of the Superior Court of Chowan county, Charles J. Pratt an officer of the police force of Edenton, John Harris and William Leggett, were arrested upon the complaint of Neil Skinner, for assault and battery of Skinner, a notoriously lawless and desperate negro of Edenton, and for using unnecessary violence in his arrest. A store had been broken into in the town, the burglar was driven off, and Pratt was informed that Neil Skinner was the guilty party. Pratt soon found Skinner near by, and knowing his desperate character, he summoned John Harris and William Legget to assist him in the arrest. Skinner, who had a name as a negro bully, defied them and resisted the arrest, giving Pratt a terrific blow and severely biting Harris. The fight was a rough one, and the policemen had to use their clubs to make his arrest and prevent his doing further injury to them. A negro mob riot was imminent, and by authority of Governor Carr, Mayor Vann called on the Elizabeth City "Naval Reserves," who arrived promptly and quieted the threatened violence.

The officers were soon arrested, upon representations of Skinner, and were tried at the last September term of court, convicted by the presiding Judge without allowing a jury to render a verdict, and then sentenced Pratt to the county jail for 12 months and Harris and Legget for 6 months.

We are glad we do not know certainly, what Judge was holding Court at the time, but whether he was our political friend or not, he was a disgrace to the honored judiciary of North Carolina, and should have been arrested by order of Governor Carr, if he had authority, stripped of his judicial robes and put in the county jail for life. We hope he was one of those rascally judges that were appointed by the last hybrid Legislature of North Carolina.

Governor Carr did not drag that Jeffries from the bench, but he did next best. Upon a petition from the citizens of Edenton, he overrode the judgment of the miscreant who sentenced faithful officers of the law to the county jail for doing their duty, pardoned the faithful officers of the law, and in doing so, commended their conduct in these words:

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