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OLD NORTH STATE NEWS AND GOSSIP

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

Raleigh correspondent New Bern Journal: It is asserted by some person that fully a third of the Democrats in the legislature have not yet made choice of the man they will vote for for United States Senator.

Hillford Pollock, colored was shot last night by another negro Charles Fowler, and lies at his home near Five Points in a critical condition.

Graham Gleaner: Last Thursday night about 7 o'clock Mr. V. M. Euliss' little daughter, aged about 9 years, received a serious wound in her neck from a ball fired from a pistol.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Dec. 18.—Salem roller flour mills, owned by D. L. Shore, with its contents was destroyed by fire between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 18.—Some time last night an incendiary or incendiaries attempted to create a blaze that under the favorable conditions that existed might have resulted disastrously to the entire city.

Goldboro, N. C. Dec. 19.—A bold negro thief who had followed two young ladies from the store which they had left just about dark last night, passed them just as they reached the Episcopal church and snatched a pocket book from one of the girls.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 18.—The supreme court today adopted the opinion of the Attorney General, holding that salaries of judges of the supreme and superior courts are not liable to income tax.

What's In a Name? Everything is in the name when it comes to Wicks' Hair Salve, E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Wicks' Hair that is a specific for Piles.

Goldboro special to Wilmington Messenger: The board of aldermen held a meeting this morning to discuss the passing of an ordinance compelling the different telephone companies to put their wires underground on the principal streets of the city.

Musical at Mrs. Kennedy's Home.

From the hours of seven to ten, yesterday evening, Mrs. Helen Kennedy's music class gave a recital at Mrs. Kennedy's home. Only the parents of the children could be invited, as the class by itself was nearly large enough to fill the rooms.

Twenty-seven selections were given by the pupils. It was especially noticeable in each of these, there was no hesitation or lack of spirit in its rendition. To say that one played well would mean to slight the remaining twenty-four in the class.

The committee who were appointed to give the prize for the best playing decided that the real musician of the evening was Miss Esie Cummings, who was assisted by Miss Zelle Cox, in rendering the "Bohemian Polka."

After the recital Mrs. Kennedy gave a party to her pupils and invited friends. Fruit, nuts, candies and salted peanuts were served. The whole evening was thoroughly enjoyed.

The following are the ones who took a part in the recital: Misses Marie Weyer, Annie Stevenson, Susie Phillips, Nera Padrick, Irma Cummings, Eunice Chadwick, Mattie Phillips, Margaret Goodson, Emily Kennedy, Edith Harper, Mattie Randolph, Marjorie Kennedy, Esie Cummings, Zelle Cox, Bessie Randolph, Mae Black, Maybelle Dixon, Nettie Taylor, Mollie Brown, Nannie LeRoque, Faye Harper, Lou Outlaw, Lottie Canady, Beulah Smith, and Glenn Newborns.

Tobacco Sales

Following is the statement of the Tobacco Board of Trade for the sales during the month of December 1902 and a comparative statement of the business done in 1901. The sales for December, 1902 amounting to 1,412,896 with only 15 sales days, is an agreeable surprise to everybody, as it was expected that the sales would be light after the first of December.

Table with 2 columns: Sales for 1902 and 1901. Total sales 1902: 16,549,791; Total sales 1901: 8,728,723.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 18.—Kailworth Inn has been leased by E. B. Moore, proprietor of the Savoy at Washington and the Gladstone hotel at Narragansett Pier. It will be opened next month and remain open the year round.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome cause. It never failed to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, and clarify the blood.

A Good Thing. German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boeckle, a celebrated German Physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affliction and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition.

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Purely Personal Items About People Who Come and Go

Mr. Shade Wooten went to LaGrange this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Felix Skinner went to LaGrange this morning.

Mr. J. Frank Wooten came home this morning from Mullins, S. C.

Mr. Herman Lawes left this morning for Hillsboro.

Mrs. Geo. S. Hughes went to Wilson this morning.

Mrs. H. E. Shaw left this morning for Wallace.

Mr. J. B. Stallings left this morning for Danville, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gregory left this morning for Rocky Mount.

Miss Elsie Holderby went to Wilson this morning.

Miss Alice Harper returned yesterday from Centerville, Pitt county.

Miss Caroline Claypool left yesterday for her home in New Bern to spend the holidays.

Messrs. Jamie Richardson and Lloyd Wooten left this morning to spend the holidays.

Mr. W. H. Worth, who has been visiting Mr. Everett Rouse, left this morning for Raleigh.

Mr. W. E. Robertson came this morning from LaGrange. He will return tomorrow.

Miss Stella Middleton left this morning for her home in Warsaw to spend Christmas.

Miss Laura Kirby, a teacher in the Kinston graded school, went to Goldsboro this morning.

Mr. Marable Summerlin spent today in Goldsboro to meet his sister returning from Clinton.

Mrs. Bettie Britt, matron of the Winterville High School, spent last night in Kinston on her way to LaGrange.

Miss Lena Spain came home yesterday from Winterville, where she is teaching, to spend the holidays at home.

A cold carload of passengers left Kinston this morning on the A. & N. C. passenger train.

Messrs. John Jackson, C. R. Parker and Ben Parker, of Harnett county are visiting Mr. C. W. Parker near Kinston.

Miss Bessie Tellen, of Grifton, came yesterday from the Carolina Christian College, at Wilson, to spend the holidays at her home.

Miss Virginia Stanton, who has been teaching school at Glenfield, was in the city this morning on her way home, at LaGrange to spend the holidays.

Miss Ida Moore, of Kinston, and Misses Mildred Jackson and Wilmouth Satton, of near Kinston returned yesterday from attending school at Winterville.

Misses Myrtle White, of Pollockville; Hattie Blackman, of Goldsboro; Emma Tally, of Seven Springs; Laura Rouse and Bessie Elmore, of Strabane, spent last night in Kinston, returning home from the Winterville school.

THE CHURCHES

Subjects for Sermons: Announcement of Special and Regular Services

Services will be held in the following churches tomorrow, to which everybody is invited:

Episcopal Church. No services in the morning as the rector will assist Bishop Watson at Holy Innocents. Services in the evening by the rector.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Methodist Church. Preaching both morning and evening by the Presiding Elder, Dr. F. D. Srinell.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Epworth League at 4 p. m. Sunday. Missionary Baptist Church. Preaching both morning and evening.

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. B. Y. P. U. at 3:30 p. m. Christian Church. Morning subject: "Soul Hunger after Righteousness." Evening subject: "The Mysterious Stranger, a Christmas thought."

Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Presbyterian Church. Preaching both morning and evening. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.

Free Will Baptist Church. No preaching tomorrow, as the pastor is sick. Sunday school at 5 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist. Communion services at 11 a. m. and at 5 p. m. Subject: "In the Presence of God." Sermon, "Evil by Adam's Form." Rev. E. Gordon, pastor. Room 2.

BUTLER SEES THE PRESIDENT.

HE TALKS OF THE RACE QUESTION.

The Wilson Postmaster Fight Not yet Ended.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Samuel Vick embroglio, in which is involved the dark color of the skin of the postmaster at Wilson, again received attention at the White House today. Senator Pritchard, who has endorsed a white man, A. B. Boykin, is ill at a local hospital, and his cause is in the meantime being upheld by former Senator Marlon Butler and others. President Roosevelt put aside official duties and gave an audience of considerable duration to the North Carolinian, a manifestation of interest in the subject which has caused hope to spring in the lily white breasts. For several days it seemed that President Roosevelt had practically arrived at the determination to recommend the colored postmaster, but at this time many of the friends of Senator Pritchard are predicting that he will ultimately win. It is understood that Mr. Butler referred only incidentally to Postmaster Vick in his conference with the chief executive, but argued that in this contest policy and principle of vital concern to the best element of those opposed to Democracy was involved.

After leaving the White House Mr. Butler volunteered the information that he had expressed his friendship for the negro and had at least endeavored to impress on the president the fact that in advocating the adoption of Senator Pritchard's policy he had spoken his well wishes for the negro race in a way that all those who understood the situation in his State would readily comprehend. He had told the president that it was best for the negro and best for the South, industrially and in every way, for the black man to play an inconspicuous role in political affairs. Furthermore, Mr. Butler told the president that the negroes, as a race, are not responsible for their undoing. In his county, Sampson, a large part of the population are negroes, many of them possessing decided initiative and yet no negro went to the Greensboro convention from that county, nor had any desire to go, because they understood that their best interests would be conserved by remaining away. In scores of other counties similar conditions prevailed, and it was only where the negroes had unwise and mischievous leadership that they stood in their own light and hampered efforts of men of intelligence and standing who were battling against forces of organized Democracy. The negroes, Mr. Butler urged, should stand back and allow the formation of an opposition party in the South, endowed with both intelligence and numerical strength, and this much desired end would never be realized should the administration insist on recognizing those who favored the old order of things.

President Roosevelt did not intimate what course he would take, but it is evident that the end of the Vick case is not yet. Those who are technically known as lily whites have been very active during the past few days and some things have been said to administration leaders regarding Southern affairs that Postmaster General Payne has referred to as a revelation.

Kinston to Have Tobacco Factory.

A stock company is being organized in Kinston with \$10,000 capital to manufacture smoking tobacco at this place, and it is expected it will be in operation by the first of April. Mr. W. L. Holdery and others are soliciting subscriptions to the stock, and succeeded in having \$5,000 worth of the stock subscribed for this morning. The intention of the promoters is to have the members of the Tobacco Board of Trade to take \$5,000 of the stock, the other \$5,000 to be taken by other business men of the town. This appears to be a very proper move on the part of the tobacco interests of the town and will doubtless prove a profitable investment for the stockholders for two reasons especially. First, because the bulk of the bright leaf tobacco is raised in the eastern part of North Carolina; another reason is that independent tobacco factories all over the State are meeting with great success by getting patronage from patriotic impulses of the retail dealers, who are ever ready to give the trade a lift, all other things being equal. The amount of the stock will be increased if necessary but \$10,000 it is said, will start the business all right.

New York cotton market today: December, 8.54; January, 8.55; March, 8.55; May, 8.57; July, 8.57. Local market, 8 cents.

TRENTON.

Dec. 19, 1902.

Miss Mary Kellum, of Jacksonville, is visiting at Mr. E. L. Hardy's.

Mr. L. F. Swain, of Beaufort, is in town on business.

Mr. Nace Brock and wife left Wednesday morning for their home at Asheville.

Mr. S. H. Windley has ordered a gasoline engine to place in his shop for scroll and lathe work.

Messrs. Dan Dix, J. B. Pollock, and B. L. Brock went to New Bern yesterday.

Mr. Julia McDaniel left this morning for Kinston where she will meet her sister, Miss Bessie Harvey, who has been attending college.

Mrs. Lissa Dawson, after an extended visit with relatives at New Bern and other points, returned yesterday.

Mr. T. C. Whitaker, private secretary to Congressman Thomas, after spending two or three weeks at Washington, D. C. on business, is expected to return today.

Miss Mary Herriage, who has been spending some time with relatives at Raleigh and Goldsboro, is now visiting at Trenton. She will spend the holidays here with relatives and then return to her home at Catherine Lake.

Mr. A. H. Coble returned yesterday from Richlands, where he has been for some time working up trade for the photograph business of W. M. Coble & Son.

The steamer Howard from New Bern was delayed Tuesday for 6 or 7 hours, there being two carloads of brick to unload. The writer has not been informed for what purpose they will be used.

Prof. Hammond will close his school today for the holiday. It will be remembered that Prof. Hammond is teaching in the town school house, and not in the academy, and that the academy is still vacant. Some one would do well to open up school again at the academy, as there is plenty of room for all requirements for a modern school building.

It is reported that Mr. Job Jarman will open a blacksmith shop at Smith's old stand, corner of Jones and East streets. Mr. Jarman has worked at this business here before and has always given satisfaction. This makes the third one of these shops in town.

There will be a concert called, "Ye Old time singing school" at the court house Friday night, December 26th. It will be for the benefit of the Methodist and Episcopal churches. Come one and all and see that which it is said will be one of the best that has ever been witnessed in Trenton. The charge was: adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.

A musical romance was given Thursday night by Miss Theo. Kinsey to her music pupils and a few friends. The first prize, a book entitled "Her First Violin," was given to Miss Helen Brodson for guessing the most questions. Miss Theo played on the piano. After the prize was given they were entertained by other plays until eleven o'clock, and then each one left to dream of the pleasant time they had spent.

CO REPORT.

Dec. 18, 1902.

We had an oyster supper here last Friday night. A large crowd and a nice time.

Mr. Lake Dillahun and Miss Mans Brown were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents.

Messrs. F. T. Satterfield, J. S. Williams, H. L. Laws and C. H. Cathron left for their homes near Durham Wednesday.

Mr. Nace Brock and family who have been spending some time with relatives here have returned to their home in Asheville.

Mrs. Charles Cox and Miss Annie Franks of Richlands spent Sunday here.

There was a party given at Mr. L. B. Koonce's Friday night. All enjoyed it very much.

Letter to Hugh Cummings, Kinston, N. C.

DEAR SIR: We hear you are doing a good business, and we know already without your telling us, that you use good paint and do good work. We've got a big business, too—been at it 149 years—making good paint, best paint in the world, Devco Lead and Zinc. "Fewer gallons and wears longer"—that's the reason in short. It takes fewer gallons of Devco Lead and Zinc than of inferior paints to cover a house, and it wears longer than lead and oil, or any mixed paint.

Smith & Wilber, Cambridge Springs, Pa., write: One of our painters says Devco is the best paint for a painter to use when taking work by the job, as it goes farther and covers better than any paint he ever used.

Here's the experience everybody has with it. The dealer who sells Devco gets the bulk of the paint business of his town. The painter who paints Devco gets the painting of his town. Yours truly, F. W. Devco & Co., New York.

P. S. B. W. Canady & Sons sell our paint.

His Life Saved by Chamberlain's Colic. This is the season when the women who know the best remedies for colic are in demand in every neighborhood. One of the most terrible things in the world is to be awakened in the middle of the night by a whoop from one of the children. The colic remedies are almost sure to be lost in case of colic.

There used to be an old-fashioned remedy for colic, known as live syrup and tain, but some modern mothers say that Chamberlain's Colic Remedy is better, and does not cost so much. It cures the patient to "throw up the plague" quicker, and give relief in a shorter time. Give this remedy as soon as the colic or cramp appears and it will prevent the child from being ill and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by J. E. Hood.

CLOSING DAYS OF THE SCHOOLS

INTERESTING EXERCISES BY GRASSES

Santa Claus in Evidence and a Good Time for All.

The Kinston Graded school closed yesterday afternoon. To every pupil from the unconsciously natural and unaffected six year old tot, to the knowing one just getting a glimpse of life's reality the afternoon was one of joy, was one of gladness. Closing exercises were held in all the grades, especially interesting ones having been held in the primary grades. The first exercises were held in the primary grades at the old college building taught by Mrs. Geo. B. Webb, Miss Lucy Brooks and Miss Fannie Moseley. If these teachers had done nothing else in their work this fall than train these one hundred and twenty five children for the Christmas exercises only, then they have done noble work, a work which can never be effaced from the child's soul, a work which is character building. The simple and unaffected style of the children's speeches, the genuine music in the thrill of joy in giving and being given to, seen on every face, are things acquired which will last for life.

In Mrs. Webb's room the little girls had a mistle-toe drill and the boys drilled, dressed up as Santa Claus' workers. Miss Brooks' children, not one of whom was over seven year old gave some of the prettiest music that can possibly be made. The little boy, who is not old enough to put his hands in his pockets, and the little girl who does not hold her head down, sung in such a simple, sweet tone, anyone could truthfully applaud. Miss Moseley prepared a pretty Christmas tree for her grade. The exercises in the room carried one back to the time "When I was young." One little Miss in her room had a chill before the exercises, but she could not be persuaded to go home until the exercises were over, and the Santa Claus gift was received. Such was the joy and intense interest with all.

At the grade school building the same spirit of gladness prevailed, except that was not shown with such openness. All the rooms were decorated with a "merry Christmas" both in word and in spirit. The holly decorations were tastefully arranged by the pupils in their respective rooms, in fact the appeal to the beautiful in all the decorations was presented much stronger than is generally seen. Then again the spirit of Christmas was seen in every face and in every song.

Master Robert Rouse Santaclaused for the advanced first grade, taught by Miss Stella Middleton. He brought a present to every member of his grade. In Miss Laura Kirby's room Master Will Rogers assumed the same character; he performed his part well. Master Pendleton Hughes was Santa for the Third, in Mrs. J. W. Goodson's room. In Mrs. W. B. Brown's room Master Hubert Joyner was the cat-in-the-corner boy who ate the Christmas pie. In this room a Christmas tree brimming full of presents was seen.

The exercises consisted of a visit of Santa Claus to mother Goose's place. Little Miss Hazel Einstein and Master George Taylor played Jack and Jill. Of course it would be improper to state which was the prettiest Christmas tree, but the tree in Miss Seldon Weyer's room—well it was very pretty. The exercises also in Mrs. Ormond's room and in the grade taught by Miss Della Horne were full of entertainment. In Prof. Hoell's and in Miss Anna Howard's grades no regular Christmas exercises were arranged, except songs. A feeling of overjoyfulness thrilled with a high aspiration took possession of one when the seventh grade, taught by Miss Howard, brought out every note, "Then My Old Kentucky Home Good Night" and then "God be with you till we meet again."

The spirit of God and giving indeed seemed to have been the characteristic spirit of the evening. From the story of Bethlehem in the first grade to "God be with you" in the seventh, from the Christmas tree gifts, both by the pupils and teachers in the primary grades to more substantial gifts in the older grades, this magnificent spirit prevailed. Fifty or seventy-five presents were presented from pupil to teacher, and vice versa five times this number made the pupils glad. A fruit shower was given by the third, fourth and fifth grades to Miss Howard and Prof. Hoell. The teachers presented Prof. Brodson with two military brushes, silver-mounted.

This ends the fall season at the school. Prof. Brodson says the work this year has been more satisfactory than ever before. The work is better systematized and has been better performed both by teachers and pupils. The school will open again on Monday, January 5th. To the teachers and to the pupils a merry, happy Christmas is given.