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# THE OHIO CENTENNIAL

Chillicothe, O., Dec. 22.-Already the elebration of the Buckeye State's cenmnfal has begun, but the anniversary proper comes on March 1, 1903, this being the centennial of the date upon which the first Ohio legislature convened in opening session in this city. Although Marietta is the oldest town in Ohio, Chillicothe was the first state capital, and it is therefore eminently proper that the commemorative exer-cises should be held here.

It was in Chillicothe, too, that the convention was held which framed the original constitution of Ohio. This was



OLD LOG SCHOOLHOUSE IN WHICH SPEN CER TAUGHT PENMANSHIP.

adopted on Nov. 29, 1802, and as a me morial of this event Nov. 29 of the pres ent year witnessed an interesting ceremony, the placing of a bronze tablet on the site of the first statebouse. On the tablet is shown the old stone courthouse surrounder by a circle lettered as follows: "Courthouse of Ross county, used as the streehouse, 1800." The great seal of the state of Ohlo is also shown. and the tablet bears the following in-

"On this site stood the first state-house of Ohio, where the original con-

stitution of the commonwealth was adopted. Nov. 29, 1802."

It may be said that Chillicothe holds in store for those who will attend the centennial celebration many relics and historic sites. Here is located Mount Logan, a reproduction of which appears on the state seal, and here, too, are Adena, the home of Governor Worthngton, and Fruit Hill, the home of Governor McArthur and later of Gogernor Allen. On every side will be found examples of the work of that mysterious people, the mound builders, regarding whose history so little is known. All three of the governors men-tioned above lie buried in Chillicothe, and here also is to be seen the grave of Edward Tiffin, the first governor of Ohio and the president of the constitu-tional convention. At the close of his cond term as governor be was elected to the United States senate.

Another spot in Ohio around which interesting memories cling is Geneva. In the early educational history of the state Platt R. Spencer played an impor-tant part. He first taught the beautiful Spencerian penmanship in a little log schoolhouse on a country road near Geneva. Pupils came from all sections of the country to this little school, and so great became the fame of the teacher that before his death be was president of fourteen of the largest mercial colleges between 8an Francisco and New York. His grave is at Ge-

remont bounts of being the home of sident Hayes, and today Spicyle ove, the Hayes estate, is an objective at for many visitors to Fremont. point for many visitors to Fremont. Many of the trees about the place represent the growth of centuries. Another town of national interest is Point Pleasant, noted for baving been the birthplace of General Grant. In a hopse containing but two rooms this Grant family moved to Georgetown, and naturally Georgetown has played a much more prominent part than Point Pleasant in the history of Grant's

boylood days.

When Salmon P. Chase was a boy, his bome was near Worthington. He came to Obio at the age of twelve with an uncle and for some time worked on his uncle's farm to develop later into the able jurist of mitianal reputation.

Still another Obio town around which

coming celebration. The present wide-ly known capital city, Columbus, did not become the state beadquarters until 1816, but its history runs back before that year.

As March 1 comes on Sunday next year the committee having charge of the centennial exercises have decided to postpone the observances until Wednesday and Thursday, May 20 and 21. This will not only give the committee further time to complete its preparations, but will increase the chances of having pleasant weather for the celebration.

HENRY W. MILLER.

### CURTAIN CALLS."

Prul Potter is dramatizing Thackeray's "Pendennis" for John Hare.

It is said that Mrs. Leslie-Carter will next season be seen as Lady Macbeth. In "A Gentleman of "France" there are eight gorgeous scenes of tenth cen-

John Ford and Kathryn Warren have been engaged by Manager Rice for "The Show Girl."

Miss Adele Ritchie and Miss Amelia Stone have returned to the cast of "A Chinese Honeymoon.

Richard Harding Davis has written a play in which Henry Miller will appear in New York later this season.

Miss Percy Haswell, who is starring in "A Royal Family," will be seen in New York in the spring to a Shakespearean production.

Fred C. Whitney has reports from Hot Springs, Va., where Lulu Glaser is recuperating, that she is progressing steadily toward health.

### IMPERTINENT PERSONALS.

Mr. Wu proved that he could keep his head on many trying occasions in America. It is hoped that he can do the same in China.—Macon Newa.

It is possibly nobody's business but the steel trust's, but it is difficult to see how Mr. Schwab can be earning bis enormous annual salary.-Washington

The author of "Dolly Gray" has been ordered by the courts to pay his di-vorced wife alimony. Instead of "Goodby. Dolly," it will now be "Goodby. Dollars!"-Kansas City Journal.

The fact that Russell Sage cannot arry his wealth with him when he aves this world will have one consoling feature for the aged financier. He will not be obliged to give a tip to Ferryman Charons-Topeka Herald.

# CHURCH AND CLERGY.

Bishop John Janssen of Belleville, Ill., has resigned his bishopric and will enter a Franciscan monastery, there to end his days.

The Rev. Frank P. Crandon, dean of Garrett Biblical institute, Chicago, bas been appointed auditor of Northwestern university.

The fund for the payment of the debts of the Methodist Episcopal church in Chicago has been enlarged by a gift of \$10,000 from Gustavus F. Swift of that

Archbishop Farley preached the sermon at the fiftleth anniversary of the formation of the parish of the new Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at Albany, N. Y.

The Christian Name.

The term "Christian name" is used in England and America only, "Baptismal name" is used in other countries. The term seems to have been used first after the reformation, when Biblical names were used as a reaction against the use of the saints' names in the calendar. It is evident that all the culendar. It is evident took an Biblical names are not Christian, but the reaction went so far as to consider everything in the Bible as Christian and everything not in the Bible as pagen or certainly non-Obristian.

Lord Houghton's apigram on "Sor-dello," probably the most obscure of Browning's poems, though it has often gone the rounds, is worth recalling. Said Lord Houghton, then only Dicky Milnes, "There are but two lines in Sordello' I can understand the first and inst—'Who will may hear Sordiello's story told' and 'Who would hath heard Sordello's story told,' and both are false."

Exchange of Courtestes.
One of the Recoest of Journalists and
offs, Moritz Cottlieb Saphir, had the

THE ATLANTIC HOTEL Is Purchased by Atlantic & North Caro-

A special was received by The News Observer last night to the effect that the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad had purchased the Atlantic Hotel at Morebead City.

A meeting of the board of directors of the road was held at Newbern for this purpose yesterday. The purchase price paid for the property was \$14,000, with \$1,000 cash and remainder to be paid in thirteen annual instailments of \$1,000

The board of directors of the Atlantic & North Carolina railroad have appointed a committee to look after the work of putting the property in first-class condition and it is said that many im-

Rachelor for 130 Years.

Steiton, N. J., Dec. 28.—Noah Raby, 180 years of age, the oldest man in the world, was a guest at the wedding of Miss Laura Hummer to Arthur Wolverton, which occurred at the poor farm of Plecataway township, of which the bride's father is superintendent. Raby has been an inmate of the farm for more than 40 years. He was the first to congratulate the bride and told of the romance in his own life which has kept him a bachelor 130 years. In his youth, in the latter part of the century tefore last, Raby was a citizen of North Carolina. He was in the employ of a widow who had a daughter, also a widow, Mrs. Sarah Parker. He fell desperately in love with the young woman, but be is g xtremely diffident, did not dare to put his late to the test. At last he tried to cure his love by going to sea. When he returned from his first voyage Mrs. to cure his love by going to sea. When he returned from his first voyage Mrs. Parker had surrendered to a more

Greece proper about the close of the eighth century. The Romans coin d their first silver in the year 281 B. C. and gold seveniysthree years mier.

The French use the richest sauces with sausage. A little chopped onion, in the proportion of a tablespoonful to every pound of sausage, may be browned in a saucepan and sprinkled over a dish of fried sausage. Apple s. and fried apples are excellent account publiments of sausage.

Man and Noise.

The philosopher Schopenhauer says that a man's intellect may be measur. by his endurance of noise. He aditate he never knew a man with a bark ing dog in his back yard who was not a fool.

Mette In Stum. The milk of cown is not considered good for food by the Slamese. The milk in the coconnut, however, is much used. Cattle are raised for beef.

The Language of Bush The business, or low grade Hottentots, on the plains of South Africa
have a language which has been declared by Professor Garner to be a
close approximation to that of the
higher ages. It consists of hissing,
clicking and granting sounds.

# Wild Boar Ment.

The meat of the young wild boar is in Germany considered more palatable and digestible than that of the dom. ticated hog. Berlin restaurants often have on their bills of fare wild boar's head, which is considered a great deli-

LIGRANGE ITEMS.

December 29, 1902. Mr. Robert Wynne, of Norfolk, is here in a visit to his father.

Miss Moore, of Wilson, is visiting Miss Bessle Kennedy. Bessie Kennedy.

Prof. Bob Hadley, of Florida, is visiting his mother near here.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hadley are spend-ing the holidays in Greenville. Mr. O H. Pesrce, who has been away some months, is home again.

Mr. Charles Kennedy will become pro prietor of the Fields Hotel on Jan. 1st. Mrs. L. M. Broddle, of Nashville, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hardes.

Prof. and Mrs. N. C. Newbold, Wadesboro, are visiting at Mr. S. Wooten's.

Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Wilson and children of Dunn, are visiting at Mr. A. W. Ken-nedy's,

provements will be made. The hotel will

Mr. Albert Sutton, who for the past
two years has been n Texas, is home on
a visit to his parents.

Mr. Rafus Mewborns won the watch offered as a prize to the one guessing market the amount of goods sold by O. Taylor & Co. from Jan 1st, 1902, to Dec. 24th, 1902. The amount sold was \$52.626 13. Mr. Mewborne came within \$1.21 of the correct amount.

Mr. B. H. Hardy and daughter, Miss Helen, spent a day shopping in Gulds-Loro la-t week.

Misses Bertha Whitley and Daisy Grant, of Elre-y, spent a few days last week at Mr. R. W. Sutton's.

Mr. Lon Cobb, from Oak Ridge, and his sister, Mis- Katle, from Oxford Semi-nary, are spending the holidays at home.

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Mr. Carey Stroud, of Kinston, and Mise Naomi Mewborne, of LaGrange, visited Miss Aggle Sutton Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Phelpe and con, Master Cecil, of Herndon, Fia, came yesterday to visit friends and relatives here.

The young people here had two dances during the holidays which were largely attended and very much enjoyed.

Messre. Henry and James Sutton came Saturday from Winterville, where they nave been attending school, to spend the holidays.

achdays.

Mr. Will Pool and Miss Lone Hall were quietly married at the home of the bride on Thursday night, Mr. C. W. Swinson, J. P., officiating.

All the young people here attended an "at home" given by Mr. and Mrs. John L. Pirips, of ficaton, Saturday night. They report a pleasant time.

Miss Helen Harly gave an ice cream supper Tuesday night, which was very much enjoyed by the large crowd which attended. Miss Hardy is a pleasant hostess and by her sweet and gentle spirit she wins the love of all.

### ATLANTIC GARDEN ITEMS. December 29, 1902.

Miss Kate Padrick visited Miss Clara Sarbee last night and today.

Mrs. Mary Barbee and children have re-urned from spreding a day or two with ser sister, Mrs. B Vautore.

Miss Mellis f'ox has gone to Kinsten to pout the remainder of the holidays with ar eister, Mrs. D. E. Edwards.

Christmas has passed and every one one to have epjoyed it, going to param, weddings, shooting matches and

TRENTON ITEMS.

Dec. 80, 1902. Mr. H. Pollock left for Newbern this

Mr. W. J. Richardson spent Saturday and Sunday at Cove. Prof. W. H. Rhodes, of Kinston, was in town last week.

Mrs. L. Johnson, of Fayetteville, isiting relatives at Trenton. Mr. and Mrs. John Harvey, of Grifton, spent Christmas with Mrs. J. C. McDaniel.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Monk are spending the holidays with relatives at Dunn, N. Mrs. M. C. Klein and son, Frank, of Morehead City, are the guest of Mrs. A. C. Burt.

Miss Estelle Murray left Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. R. A. Whitaker, at Kins-ton, and will return Wednesday.

Mrs. L. W. Foscue will have commenced shortly the erection of a dwelling on Jones street, next to F. Brock's.

Postmaster Green has received notice that the rural free delivery routes from Trenton will begin February 1st, 1902. Trenton will begin February 1st, 1902.

Mayor R. P. Parker was presented with a fine baby girl as an Xmas present and also Mr. R. L. May with a fine baby boy.

Quite large crowds attended the quarterly meeting at the Methodist church Saturda and Sunday with Elder F. D. Swindell, of Goldsboro, presiding.

Mr. Stanley Whitaker and Miss Myrtle Whitaker, of Kineton, and Miss Salite Whitaker, of Raleigh, visited several days itst week at their uncle's, Mr. T. C. Whitaker.

Mr. J. F. Nobles, surveyor for the Hines Bros.' Lumber Co., has bought the house and lot known as the Franck's property. He will have it repaired and move his family from Kinston in it. Mr. E. L. Hardy, former resident, has moved to In-

The street smeshers struck Trenton Christmas evenight, as on X mas morn the front windows of several stores were found to be smashed. The ones who done it are thought to be spitted and they might have a lively time of it at the next term of court.

At Henderson Saturday night about Sociock Tommy Mallory, a colored boy

he returned from his first voyage Mrs.

Parker had currendered to a more courageous man. Baby ewore he would never wed and has kept his vow. He had can a wanderer on the face of the earth until be brought up at the Piccata way poor farm.

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# HOOKERTON ITEMS.

December 29, 1902. Mr. J. J. Dixon, of Maple Cypress, spent Friday and Saturday with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Dixon went to Snow Hill Sunday to visit friends, and returned

Mr. E. P. Dixon, of Kinston, came Thursday to visit relatives and returned Saturday.

Miss Ethe Grimsley, of Ormondsville, spent Friday and Saturday with relatives here.

Misses Palmetta and Vera Taylor left today for Littleton to enter Littleton Female College.

Misses Verna and Ethel Hill, of Foun ain Hill, visited the Misses Taylor here S sturday.

Mr. and Mrs W. M. Edwards, of Ayden, came Thursday to visit the family of Mr. J. J. Edwards and returned home Fri-

The public school at this piace, taught by Miss Fannie Dixon, opens today, having closed last week for the holidays. Miss Sallie Palmer, who is attending school at Oxford, came last week to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Palmer.

The contate given by the missionary society in the academy at this place on Friday night was a success. The exercises were well rendered and reflected great credit upon all who took a part in them

Dr J. B. Palmer received a telegram Monday evening announcing the death of his lather, which occurred auddenly Monday morning. Dr. and Mrs. Palmer it Tuesday for Warrenton to attend the burial. We extend our despect sympathy to the bereaved family.

# Dead in Turkey Blind.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 29 .- A party of unters in the Neuse river low-gro The body was recognized as that of Bob Stafford. He was citting in a turkey billed with his gun by his side. The gun was empty. It is not known whether it was a case of actions or murder. Staf-ford left home early Saturday morning to go husting. The sheary of murder is supposed by the position in which his can was found, standing at his side.

# OLD NORTH STATE **NEWS AND GOSSIP**

ODD AND INTERESTING HAPPENINGS.

## Clipped and Rehashed From Our North Carolina Exchanges.

Walter Walden, aged 25, formerly of Raleigh, was frozen to death Christmas night near Graham.

Fire at Rocky Mount Sunday morning about 3 o'clock destroyed six stores, and also several offices and saloons. Loss, \$40,000.

Fayetteville Observer: While firing a gun Wednesday night at his home im Cedar Creek, Mr. Buck Hales, son of the late Lal Hales, had the top of his head almost blown off, the gun exploding while he hald it high up to fire an Xunas

A white man who was engineer on the government dredging tug, Geo. W. Thom-fell overboard at Washington Sunday. The water of Pamileo river was extremely cold and the shock killed him, despite heroic efforts to resuscitate him. The dead man leaves a family.

The burning of the rectory of the Grace church at Morganton entails a net loss of \$1,900 upon the church. The house was worth \$2,500, and the insurance was only \$600. It was occupi

week. The company is convinced that their present trouble is caused by reports lodged with the commissioner at Washington by foreign competitors.

Raleigh News Observer: With the words, "Don't prosecute him, he did not mean to shoot," John Harris, a young mau at North Creek, Beaufort county. dled late Wednesday afternoon. The dead man and a friend had been out hupting and Harris put bis gun to his shoulder and atmed around the horizon and dropped the gun when it went off, so the companion whose name is yet unknown says. The shot punctured arteries and Harris bled to death. A coroner's jury will fully investigate the case.

Mr. Alexander Webb, vice-president of the North Carolina Home Insurance company, says that December has been the worst month in the year for fire \$175,000 at Winston, \$50,000 at High ory and \$45,000 at Rocky Mount and \$20,000 at Washington. Mr. Webb is authority for the statement that Raleigh people do not protect their property by

people do not protect their property by insurance to the same extent as the other large cities. He says Baibigh pays in premiume \$38,000 per year, while Asheville pays \$75,000, Charlotte \$100,-000, and Wilmington \$107,000.

Raleigh Post: Governor Aycock has inned a writ of election to the chairman of the county board of elections in the counties composing the 86th cenatorial district—Yancey, Madison and Mitchell—for an election to be held in that district on Tassday, the 29th day of January, to on Tuesday, the 29th day of January, to elect a State senator to succeed Senator Wilson, who was killed last week. The epest sym-and no doubt the contest will be a tame one. The time for ea apalguing is short and little or no hope of a Demograt be-ing chosen will make it an unfuteresting election.

# A Good Thing.