SOCIETY

THE FIRST SNOWFALL.

Last night when the winds were fast asleep,
And the earth was locked in slumbers deep—
From an unseen realm with noiseless feet
The Snow King's armies came hither.

They pitched their white tents far and wide,
They infested the town and riverside,
And the hills and woodlands and prairies wide,
Bore the marks of their hurrying footsteps

And when early this morning with crimson face
The great sun arose to begin his race,
He turned on the earth his astonished gaze
Till it shown as if strewn with rare diamonds.

And as by my window musing I stood,
Gazing out over lowland, river and wood,
I laughed, for each past had a fluffy white hood,
And each rail a fluffy white blanket.

Not a vestige of roughness my eyes could trace
For each blemish and scar on rude Nature's face
The soft, voiceless snow had come to erase,
And to shroud it in garments celestial.

Then I thought to myself 'tis blessed to know
This lesson of charity taught by the snow
Forgetting the faults of all creatures below,
And love with endurance and patience.

So a gladsome message each white flake brings,
While the wind tunes up his harp and sings
And my heart in gratitude upward springs
For the beautiful gifts of God's mercy.

—Roy Winchester.

Rev. Geo. J. Dowell, of Williamston, is visiting his sister, Mrs. D. G. Conn.

Mrs. R. H. Purvis has returned to Hamlet, after visiting friends in the city.

Mr. Jones Wahab, of New Bern, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Spencer.

Mrs. R. L. Gray is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. James C. MacRae, at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. J. L. Davis, of Neuse, has returned home, after a visit to her sister, Mrs. Sam Bell, on New Bern avenue.

Mrs. E. J. Best, of Columbia, S. C., has gone to visit at LaGrange, after a visit to Miss Grace Deaton in this city.

Captain Patterson and daughter, Mrs. Bragg, of Petersburg, have returned home, after a visit to Rev. and Mrs. W. McC. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan H. Yarborough, of Commerce, Tex., have gone to Wilmington, after spending a few days with Mr. L. T. Yarborough, on Hillsboro street.

Miss Lina Kennedy is visiting her aunt in Washington City. She will also visit in Philadelphia and New York before returning to the city.

Rev. J. Marvin Culbreth and his bride, who was Miss Bessie Trawick, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived in the city last evening and are guests at the home of Dr. J. W. McGee.

Col. and Mrs. W. D. Pollock and little daughter, Frances Pollock, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Webb, have returned to Kinston, accompanied by little Miss Frances Webb.

Miss Katherine Wharton, who is spending the winter with her grandfather, Mr. L. Banks Holt, at Graham, left today for Atlanta, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. John C. Drewry, in the city.

Bagwell-Schapperle.

The marriage of Miss Bertha Schapperle and Mr. Lorenzo C. Bagwell will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harris, 621 Hillsboro street.

The country is flooded with soaps which look like, and claim to be "as good as," Ivory.

Avoid them!

They are imitations; and, like all imitations, they lack the peculiar and remarkable qualities of the article which they imitate.

Ask for Ivory Soap—and see that you get it.

Ivory Soap
99 44/100 Per Cent. Pure.

Mrs. C. M. Lamb passed through the city today going to Goldsboro.

Miss Kate Hervey and little Miss Anne Litchford went to Henderson today.

Mrs. T. M. Robertson, of High Point, passed through the city today going to Scotland Neck.

Mrs. T. J. Horton, of Zebulon, passed through the city today returning home from Durham.

Miss Gertrude Royster returned home last evening from attending conference at Durham.

Mrs. Henry Hicks returned to the city today from Durham, where she attended conference.

Miss Annie B. Duncan has returned from Durham, where she has been visiting Mrs. Jas. B. Mason.

Mrs. Cooper, of Henderson, stopped over in the city today with Mrs. Telfair, while on her way to Kinston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ballentine, of Fuquay, returned home today, after spending a few days in the city.

Miss Sallie Eeagles, of Crist, N. C., is visiting her cousin, Mr. R. H. Bradley.

Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Wilcox, of Zebulon, passed through the city today returning home from attending conference at Durham.

There will be a short Christmas entertainment in the chapel of Peace Institute Thursday evening at 8 p. m. promptly. All interested are cordially invited.

Mrs. J. H. Paylor returned to the city today from a visit to her brother at Duke. She was accompanied by Miss Carrie Herndon, of Duke, who will be her guest.

Mrs. F. M. Shamburger returned to the city today from Durham, where she attended conference. Mr. Shamburger has gone to see his father before returning home.

Christmas Bazaar.

The Christmas bazaar of the St. Mary's Guild will open promptly at 8 o'clock tonight in the Guild rooms of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The bazaar will continue through Thursday. One of the most interesting features of the bazaar will be the Christmas tableaux from Dickens.

MISS MARY THOMPSON ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON.

Miss Mary Cornelia Thompson entertained at luncheon today with the following young ladies as her guests:

Misses May Montague, Mary Armistead Jones, Annie Duncan, Nell Hinsdale and May Jones.

Literary Meeting of League.

The literary meeting of the Central Epworth League will be held in the league room at 7:30 this evening. Miss Ada Womble, who has just returned from England and Scotland, will address the league on her trip. There will be vocal music by Miss Pool and Mr. Furman Betts. Miss Frances Renfrow will give some of her delightful readings. The public is cordially invited.

League Meeting Last Night.

The Edenton Street Epworth League held an interesting literary meeting in the league room at 7:30 last evening, the subject being "Zoroastrism." The meeting was well attended, as these studies the league is making of the great religions of the world, are proving very interesting. Miss Nina Green sang several Persian songs, especially suited to the subject. Several papers were read. "Zoroastrism and the Zend-Avesta," by Miss Iden, with readings from the "Avesta" by Miss Beryl Taylor; "The Parsees, or Present Day Followers of Zoroaster," by Miss Mary King. Miss Sarah Burkhead read a delightful paper on "Persian Literature," with reading from "Omar Khayyam."

PERSOANLS

Col. W. B. Rodman, of Charlotte, is at the Giersch today.

Hon. W. C. Newland, lieutenant-governor-elect, spent the day in the city.

Mr. D. M. Stringfield, of Manteo, was a visitor to the city today.

Mr. F. L. Frierson, of Asheville, is stopping at the Giersch.

Mr. P. J. Olive, of Asbury, is in the city on business.

Mr. Max Iglo, of New York, is registered at the Giersch.

Col. H. C. Dockery, of Rockingham, is at the Yarborough.

Mr. F. E. Bradley, of Statesville, spent the day in the city.

Mr. J. G. Hacket, of North Wilkesboro, was in the city today.

Ex-Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, of Goldsboro, is registered at the Yarborough.

Mr. W. W. Horne, of Fayetteville, was in the city on business.

Mr. Thos. S. Rollins, of Asheville, is in the city to attend the supreme court.

Mr. R. W. Massie, of Lynchburg, Va., is at the Yarborough.

Mr. S. Witkowsky, of Charlotte, is in the city on business.

Ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, was in the city today on business.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISE AT BULE'S CREEK ACADEMY

The following invitations have been received:

"The faculty and students of Bule's Creek Academy request the honor of your presence at the 21st anniversary exercises Thursday evening, December 17, 1908, Bule's Creek, N. C."

Program.

President—W. Caswell Ellis.
Secretary—L. W. Smith.
Reciters—Miss Bessie Matthews, Aeth.; Miss Pauline Bryan, Wash.; Miss Mamie Shaw, Wash.; Miss Annie Bright, Aeth.
Orators—W. S. Britt, Phi.; J. E. Lanier, Eu.

DEBATE

Query—Resolved: That all legislation, both national and state, should be submitted to the people for their direct ratification.

Affirmative—D. J. Carter, Eu.; G. H. Petteway, Phi.

Negative—C. M. Roberson, Phi.; G. P. Wilson, Eu.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Capt. O. B. Wynne, Co. G, Second Infantry, Washington, N. C., tendered his resignation to Adjutant General Robertson today. His resignation was accepted.

—The friends of Mr. Garland Spence will be glad to learn that he has been promoted from the position of assistant baggage clerk to ticket agent for the Southern at the union depot.

—Clem Jones, colored, was tried yesterday afternoon before Justice Roberts for selling booze. The justice adjudged the action frivolous and malicious and taxed the prosecutor, Ernest Bobbit, with the costs, $5.40.

—The two big Siberian wolves which will be used in the play, "Daniel Boone," tonight, were on exhibition today on the streets and attracted much attention.

—The Capital City Telephone Company has kindly put their instrument in the Church of the Good Shepherd for the use of the ladies during their bazaar. Their phone number is 642.

Hon. J. Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro, chairman of the board of directors of the state penitentiary, is in the city today.

—John Morton, a negro of Laurinburg, sentenced to 10 months on the roads for larceny, was pardoned yesterday. The witness on whose testimony Morton was convicted, recently retracted his statement, admitting that he lied.

WEAKER SEX ASSAULTED.

The Heavy-handed Representative of the Stronger Sex Fined in Police Court.

Henry Davis, colored, strayed from the path of righteousness yesterday and in his fury lay heavy hands 'pon the "pusson" of one Annie Jones, also of a dusky complexion. The chastised maiden became very indignant at such ungentlemanly conduct and appealed to the police department for redress of grievances. Davis appeared in court today and received a lesson in etiquette which cost him seven and thirty-five hundredths of his hard-earned simoleons.

W. H. Goode was given a premilinary hearing yesterday afternoon upon the charge of larceny. The evidence seemed strong enough to show probable caused—and Goode was bound over to court under a $50 bond. It was alleged that Goode misappropriated a pistol valued at $4.75 and $2 in specie, the property of E. T. Smith.

Medicine That is Medicine.

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters; a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Halifax, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c. at all druggists.

COMMISSION MEET.

Jamestown Exposition Commission Prepares Final Report.

Mr. Henry C. Dockery, of Rockingham; Mr. Geo. W. Hinshaw, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. Joseph E. Pogue, of Raleigh, composing the North Carolina Jamestown Exposition Commission, are here today preparing their final report to be submitted to the governor.

The report of the commission will show that the commissioners have done their work well. It is not believed that any other state fared as well in the matter of financial loss at this exposition, as did this state. The three gentlemen above-named are sterling business men, and handled the state's affairs as they handle their own, carefully and prudently.

FOUND A THUMB.

Human Thumb Picked Up in the Street Today.

Mr. W. E. Fredd, of the Harris-Parkinson Company, today found a negro's thumb on West Hargett street. He, in company with some friends, was returning from a long walk over the western part of the city. The thumb he found near Mrs. Capell's boarding house, lying in plain view on the sidewalk. Mr. Fredd picked up the gruesome find and placed it in an envelope.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Royal Arcanum Will Install Newly Elected Officers on Evening of January 11th.

At its regular meeting last night Raleigh Council No. 551 Royal Arcanum held its election of officers for the year 1909. The officers will be installed on the evening of January 11th, 1909, at which time the Grand Regent of the state, Mr. H. E. Bonitz, of Wilmington, will be present, and a banquet will be served. This order is in a flourishing condition, not only in this city, but throughout the country. Its membership now numbers a quarter of a million members, with a surplus or emergency fund of nearly $5,000,000. The council in this city, Raleigh Council, is the largest in the state, having a membership of four hundred members.

The officers for the ensuing year are as follows:

Regent—John E. Ray.
Vice-Regent—Herman Heller.
Orator—Thos. C. Denson.
Secretary—Henry J. Young.
Collector—J. P. Wray.
Treasurer—Thos. C. Powell.
Chaplain—C. H. Ogden.
Guide—A. S. Bragassa.
Warden—Burke H. Little.
Sentry—Fred G. Staudt.
Trustees—A. R. D. Johnson, T. W. Blake, Wm. Taylor.
Representatives to Grand Council—C. A. Johnson, T. S. Pearce.
Alternate Representatives—W. H. Robbins, Geo. T. Norwood.

GOES TO ROADS.

Negro Fails to Pay Fine and Will Serve Five Months For Selling Cocaine.

John Moore, the negro yesterday found guilty of selling cocaine and fined $10.00 and costs in two cases, was sent to the county roads today to work out the fine and costs. It means imprisonment for nearly five months.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Will Meet Tonight at 8 O'clock.

The Chamber of Commerce will meet tonight at 8 o'clock in its hall. Several interesting reports will be read. The question of how to build up Raleigh's jobbing trade will be one topic for discussion. Secretary Olds is anxious to have a large attendance and asks that all members try to be on hand.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system.—King-Crowell Drug Co., Fayetteville and Hargett streets.

Important Notice.

For the information of patrons the public is notified that Durham & Southern local trains, No. 5, due to leave Durham 9:00 a. m., and No. 6, due to leave Dunn 8:40 a. m., will be annulled Christmas day, December 25, 1908, and New Year's Day, January 1, 1909. Perishable freights will not be accepted for movement on these dates.

Passenger trains No. 38 and 41 are not affected by this notice.

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Arrived this Morning

Sweaters, for the Misses and Children. They have been placed on sale.

Don't forget the sale of Coat Suits, Long Coats and Furs that we have on for this week. Yesterday was our banner day—we expect this to be a banner week.

If you did not come yesterday or today we feel sure you will be in before the week is over. You can not afford to miss such an opportunity as this.

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