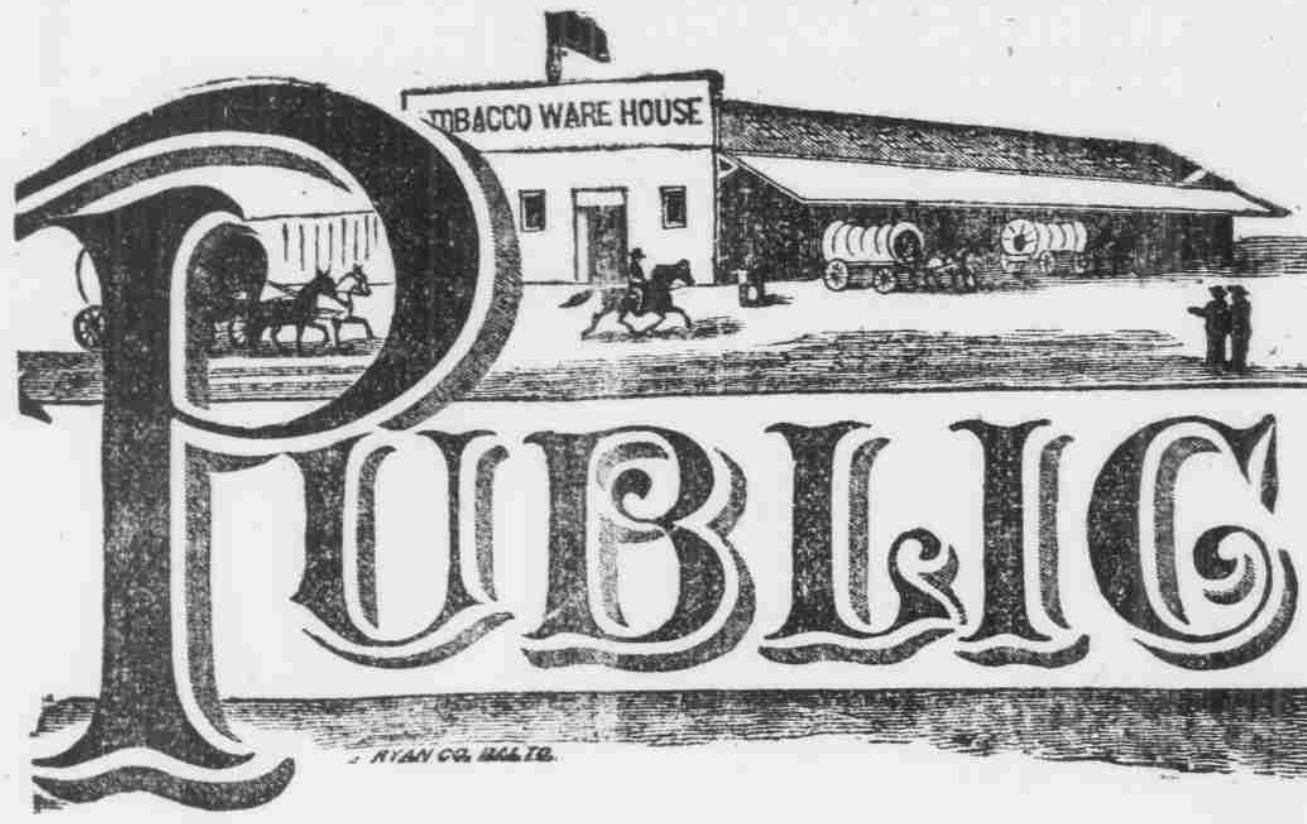


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BRIEF LOCAL MENTIONS.

What is Transpiring Around and About Us, in Town and County.

All kinds of stock had a hard time during the past week. All kinds of business has been at a stand still for the past ten days. Some of our young farmers came to town this week with their buggy bodies on runners. Mr. M. B. Hobgood, who lives near Enon Church, put up ice this week 8 inches thick. A. Max says he is strictly in it on low prices on all classes of goods as they must be sold. Mr. Eugene Curria has one of the neatest sleighs we have seen slipping along over the snow. We would be glad if those sending the demise of friends or neighbors to give the postoffice. There is an ice gorge twenty feet high in the French Broad river at Warm Springs above Asheville. The whooping cough has been giving some of the children around town a hard time during the past week. Several of the family of Rev. C. A. Jenkins who have been sick, we are glad to learn have about recovered. Dr. S. D. Booth looks like old Santa Claus as he glides around over the snow in his handsome sleigh visiting his patients. It's certainly an unhealthy kind of development when alleged statesmen and legislators have more collar bone than backbone. Some days ago the congregation of the Methodist church pounded their pastor, Dr. Cordon, in an abundant manner. Granville Superior Court, January term, will convene on Monday, January 30th. Judge Henry Bryan, of Newbern, will preside. Messrs. John P. Stedman & Co. have gliding over the snow this week a nice sleigh to the joy and gladness of some of the young ladies. The Sun may have spots on it, but when it comes to a question of correct time many a man will swear his watch knocks the spots off it. Our little friend Bixley Hobgood, who has been compelled to stay in the house several days on account of sickness is getting along all right. We will furnish the PUBLIC LEDGER and Farmers' Guide, a fine paper for the farmers, for one price \$1.50 a year. Now is the time to subscribe. Some twelve or thirteen buzzards hovered near the lot of Dr. M. V. Lanier last week and he gave them a lot of scrap meat which they soon devoured. The courthouse officials have had quite an easy time since the extreme cold weather set in, as but little business has been transacted of a legal character. Mr. J. B. Booth believes in a slick ride over the snow. He had out on Saturday a splendid basket sleigh which was greatly admired, especially by the young ladies. Invitation are out announcing the marriage of Mr. Charlie D. Ray and Mrs. Lizzie Marsh Curria, Wednesday morning, Jan. 25th at 11 o'clock, at the Baptist Church. Quite a number of the knights of the grip sack were in town this week and met with a cold reception, both as to weather and selling goods, as trade just now is at a stand still. The relief committee composed of Chief of Police Renn and Messrs. J. G. Hunt and D. N. Hunt furnished a large number of colored people with something to eat and wood during the past week. M. B. Wyatt, dealer in family groceries, has filed papers of assignment with the Register of Deeds. West. Cheek is the assignee. He assigned for the benefit of his creditors all of his individual personal property, reserving the homestead exemption. —Durham Sun.

It is reported that there will be a big change in the schedule of the Richmond & Danville road next Sunday.

Our highly esteemed friend, Capt. B. S. Royster; now enjoys the extreme pleasure of being the happy father of a pair of beautiful queens, and Prof. and Mrs. F. P. Hobgood has another grand daughter.

Mr. Coulter, State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will conduct Gospel meetings in the Association Rooms Thursday and Friday nights this week, at 7:30 o'clock and Sunday at 3 p. m. To these meetings all men are cordially invited.

W. A. Adams was over in "old Virginia," near Petersburg last week on a visit, and took a deer hunt and was the cause of a buck biting the snow for the last time. Of course he enjoyed it as he was the hero of the occasion.

Mr. S. L. Adams is carrying his right hand in a sling on account of a broken finger. He was driving in the country near Raleigh last Saturday when his horse fell down and threw him out of the cart, breaking one of his fingers. —Durham Sun.

The breaks of tobacco continue to be very small on account of the extreme cold weather during the week. Farmers remember that when the weather gets so you handle tobacco Oxford warehousemen and buyers will pay you the very top notch on all grades.

We naturally felt at home Wednesday when our friend Roger Mathews, accompanied by Mr. — Brummitt, of Fishing Creek, walked into our office. Friend Mathews is noted for his good looks, and so are we. Come again, brother, it is always a pleasure to meet you.

Lookout for new development in the early future concerning the secret political society, Gideon's Bands! It is a shame upon the good name of the State that such an organization should exist within its borders, and that lawabiding citizens should be gulled into becoming members of a midnight organization.

Judge Winston has decided that no part of the poll tax can be applied to the support of the soldiers as against the schools; but that the appropriation of a part of the poll tax to disabled soldiers may be sustained as provision made under the Constitution for the poor. An appeal, however, has been taken to the Supreme Court.

It is pointed out that young men are coming to the front rapidly in politics. Mr. Sulzer, Speaker of the new York Assembly is only 29, and Mr. Mabrey, Speaker of the Missouri House, is 30. Several other States have elected lads of 35. President-elect Cleveland is a comparatively young man to fill the place of President.

Read the announcement of the commencement of the spring term of College Street Female Seminary on Monday, Jan 23rd. This school is in charge of Mrs. T. U. Faucette, who is known to be one of the best educators in the State, with efficient assistants. If you have not done so now is the time to enter your daughter for the session.

Wm. Punnell, of the Dean section, who, it will be remembered became insane last year and tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat and was taken to the Asylum, where he remained several months and was discharged, has again lost his reason. He was brought to Oxford Monday and will remain at the House of the Poor until he can be gotten in the Asylum at Raleigh.

He Got There.

Chief Jim Renn generally is always around when he can be of any good to the town. He devised a good scheme for cleaning off the side walks by putting two heavy pieces of timber together in the shape of a V, and hitched two horses to it on Monday and cleaned the snow off of the side walks to the great delight of our citizens.

There was nothing fancy about it but it performed the work with ease, and we congratulate the Chief upon his success.

A CLOSE CALL.

A Colored Man Comes Near Freezing to Death.

On Friday last Mr. D. A. Moore hitched two horses to a buggy to send a gentleman to Berea, with Albert Burton, colored, as driver. He delivered his passenger safely at Berea and then started back to Oxford, and when he reached Ragland's store he found that he was so numbed from cold that he could not drive. As it was late at night there was no fire in the store, so he concluded he would try and reach Oxford any way, but when within about a mile from town he fell down in the foot of the buggy and commenced to hollow as loud as he could. As the buggy reached the electric light house, Mr. Carlisle and a colored man heard his cry for help and they went to his rescue. When they took Burton out of the buggy he was in a bad condition, but they administered as best they could to the man and he soon began to revive and they sent him home. Burton is still confined at his home, but we learn is coming round all right.

It is generally thought that he had imbibed too freely of John barley corn.

DEATH OF MISS LINA McDONALD.

She Falls Under a Passing Train and is Instantly Killed.

GREENSBORO, Jan. 17.—The community was shocked yesterday by the news of Miss McDonald's death, which occurred Monday afternoon. Miss McDonald was a teacher in the Normal and Industrial school. She left the institution Monday just after the lunch hour and it is supposed started to visit her friend Mrs. James D. Glenn. The distance from the institution to General Glenn's home is about a mile and a half, and it shortened the distance to follow the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad a part of the way. About 3 o'clock the body was found on the railroad track and had evidently been run over by the train which passed about an hour before.

The coroner's inquest was held but nobody was able to identify the body until night when authorities of the Normal and Industrial school became anxious about Miss McDonald, who had been missed, but who was still expected every minute. It was between 7 and 8 o'clock when they heard that a young woman had been killed and the body was immediately identified.

Miss McDonald is well known in this state and, for one so young, had taken high rank in her profession. She graduated at Peace Institute about five years ago and had taught in Concord, Shelby and Winston. She resigned her position in the graded schools at Winston to accept a place as assistant in the Normal and Industrial school about three months ago.

Miss McDonald was 23 years old and her mother, Mrs. J. O. McDonald is one of the best known primary teachers in the State and has a position in the Winston graded schools. She is a sister of Hon. Charles M. Stedman. Mr. Charles C. McDonald of Raleigh, is a brother of Miss McDonald.

At the point where the young lady was killed was a high embankment. Foot-prints showed that she had stepped to the side of the track to wait until the train passed and it is supposed the suction caused by the speed of the train drew her beneath the wheels. The place where she was standing is about four feet from the rails.

It is not always convenient, or even desirable to call a physician for every little ailment, and in many cases it is impossible to reach one promptly. Having Pond's Extract in the house, you have a physician always at hand. It is easy of application, safe and reliable. For Sore Throat and Lungs, Chapped Hands and Face, it is of incalculable value. Frosted Limbs and Chilblains are promptly relieved by it. Be sure to get the genuine.

Strayed On—2 Hound Puppies.

Some one has tolled off my two black hound puppies. One of them has white feet and the other a little white on one foot, the other three being brown. Their respective names are Minnie and Joe. The return of the same will be liberally rewarded. J. P. MIZE, Oxford, N. C. Jan 13

FIRE IN RICHMOND.

Allen & Ginter's Cigarette Factory Burned to the Ground.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 17.—The cigarette factory of Allen & Ginter, a branch of the American tobacco company, and Valentine's meat juice works, were destroyed by fire this morning.

The fire is supposed to have originated in the power room of Allen & Ginter's factory. The flames spread rapidly and soon communicated to the meat works. It was with the greatest difficulty that the firemen prevented the entire block from being consumed. About 1200 people, principally girls, are thrown out of employment. In Valentine's meat juice factory about \$10,000 worth of curios intended for Valentine's museum were destroyed.

The building was owned by Dr. W. D. Thomas, insured for \$10,000. Allen Ginter's loss is estimated at \$175,000, insurance \$163,000. On Valentine's meat juice works the loss is about \$60,000, fully covered by insurance. It is understood that the girls who were thrown out of employment by the burning of Allen & Ginter's factory will be immediately placed at work in the other branches of the American Tobacco company in this city and that at close of the week they will receive their weekly salaries.

Lewis Ginter and John Pope, members of the Allen & Ginter company have between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 worth of securities in the safe now in the debris of the burned building.

Entitled to the Leather Medal.

The high-toned and truthful J. H. Duncan, who presides so efficiently behind the counters at the hardware store of Owen, Barbour & Smith stepped in our office on Wednesday to swap cold weather yarn with us. He downed us on the first round, if the third party did say we were the biggest liar in the county.

Mr. Duncan said when he attempted to blow the lamp out in his room on Monday night preparatory to going to bed, he found that the blaze was frozen, and it had remained in that condition, and lighted him to bed Tuesday and Wednesday night. He said after the blaze froze it gave a better light than that produced by electricity.

With all due respect to friend Duncan we think he is justly entitled to the leather meddle offered by our friend, George D. Pittard, of the thriving village of Stem.

Our Churches on Sunday.

There was quite a good congregation at the Methodist church Sunday. Dr. Cordon discussed Faith with much warmth and vigor. He cited many things to prove that it was the bulwark of our religion. The offertory by Miss Cordon was well rendered. She has a sweet voice and is quite an addition to the choir.

Rev. C. A. Jenkins occupied the pulpit in the Baptist church in place of Rev. J. S. Hardaway, and as usual, preached a good sermon.

Rev. Mr. Bergan, of Norfolk, Va., conducted services at the Episcopal church.

No services were held at the Presbyterian church.

Forbearance Ceased.

"See here!" yelled the wrathful man as he took off his hat and showed a head as bald as a campaign lie. "Yes, I see," said the druggist, "Did you ever try my unparalleled capillary renovator?" "That's just what I did," answered the baldheaded man in tones of wrath, "and here's the result."

That druggist mused a moment. "It works that way sometimes," he said. "The hair grows so fast, you see, that it pulls itself out by the roots. Now, if you will only strengthen your scalp by using a few bottles of my acmeistical scalp balm." —At this point they clinched. —Ex.

For Rent.

The Kingsbury place lately occupied by C. W. Westbrook. Apply to JOHN W. HAYL, December 22, 1892. tf.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Brief Mention of the Movements of Your Friends and Acquaintances.

Mr. J. V. Rice is still confined to his home with rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Usry and little daughter, are visiting High Point.

Sim Bullock and Haywood White were in Oxford Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. S. C. Hobgood has gone to Oak Ridge Institute. We wish him much success in his studies.

J. M. Phipps and J. N. Fuller, of Berea, visited town Tuesday and called on the PUBLIC LEDGER.

His Honor, Mayor Hicks, braved the cold weather and spent Sunday with his parents, near Carlton.

Mr. Dock Lamb, of Elizabeth City, spent last Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Mamie L. Hargrove.

The venerable Wm. Daniel, of Berea, visited Oxford Friday, and we had the pleasure of meeting him in our office.

But few farmers have been to town during the week. On Monday A. C. Parham and G. L. Allen, of Wilton, were on our streets.

We are gratified to state that Messrs. J. T. Strayhorn and R. P. Taylor, who have been sick for some time continue to improve.

Col. Roger Gregory has been on another visit to Richmond, Va. He says everywhere his eyes fell there was "beautiful snow" and glittering ice.

That true and tried Democrat, D. G. Crews, of Tar River, walked into our office Wednesday and renewed his faith in the PUBLIC LEDGER for another year.

Mr. Geo. B. Harris, of Henderson, N. C., was in Oxford Saturday and it was our pleasure to meet him in our office. He is a member of the warehouse firm of Harris, Gooch & Co.

T. W. Pitchford, constable of Fishing Creek township, made a raid on our sanctum on Saturday. He said he could not do without the PUBLIC LEDGER, and renewed his subscription.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria. When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria. When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria. When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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