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## NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

### CULLED FROM THE VARIOUS PAPERS OF THE STATE.

#### Tar Heel Items for Tar Heel Readers—Some Happenings in Old North State.

Bertie Candalez, 15 years old, was killed at Newbern November 30th by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Hulbert Hall. The boys were in the neighborhood of the waterworks and were returning from a hunting expedition.

Near Lexington last week Ivey Briggs received a load of bird shot in his legs from a companion in a hunting party who shot at a rabbit. This is the second accidental shooting among hunters in that vicinity in a week, the others resulted fatally.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bahnson and two children, a prominent family of Farmington, Davie county, are critically ill as a result of eating tainted meat. The attending physicians say there is a chance for their recovery but admitted that their condition is still serious.

Work was begun Friday on a mammoth power house at Whitney, Stanly county, where the Yadkin river has been harnessed and will furnish electric power to the amount of 46,000 horse power to the Piedmont section of North Carolina. It is expected that the power will be ready for use by March of 1908.

In Winston early Wednesday morning, fire in the five-story brick building owned by Messick Grocery Company and occupied by the company and the Winston hotel, resulted in damage, by fire and water, to the amount of \$10,000. The loss is well covered by insurance. Some of the guests had a narrow escape.

The final result of it was ten to four with A. and M. as the live wire that had hold of the ten proposition. Virginia, as represented by its University football team, corralled four, but what did that matter as against ten? And North Carolina owned Norfolk Thursday afternoon and night.—News and Observer.

The barn of Mr. J. Watt Hood, near Matthews, Mecklenburg county, a new building stocked with corn, hay and other feed, was burned Monday night with most of its contents causing a loss of possibly \$1,500. The fire was incendiary and this is the eighteenth barn that has been burned by incendiaries in Mecklenburg in about nine months.

Raleigh's pure in heart is playing a mean game on the dispensary crowd. They have arranged to hold the election on the day after Christmas, when scores of the "wet" crowd will be suffering from the effects of the "morning after" and cannot get out to vote. A man with the right kind of a head on him—the size of a flour barrel, for instance—will be in no humor to vote for more liquor.—Greensboro Record.

Annie Helms, the young white man arrested last night in Long Creek township by Sheriff N. W. Wallace on the charge of shooting Ella Pryor Monday night, confessed this morning to Jailer E. O. Johnston that he killed the girl. He claims that the affair was accidental and in numerous points his story seems to be plausible, although it is difficult to reconcile some of his statements with the facts in the horrible tragedy.—Charlotte Chronicle of the 27th.

A. T. Benton, of Rocky Mount, and W. H. Collins, of Enfield, guests at Murphy's Hotel, Richmond, Va., Nov. 29th, were robbed of their wearing apparel and grips and other traveling equipments while asleep in their rooms. The thefts are presumed to have been committed by a professional hotel thief. The midnight marauder succeeded in affecting his escape, leaving no clue behind by which he may be traced. The loss of the two men will approximate two hundred dollars.

A telegram was received by Mrs. Ernest Fendt from Rocky Mount Wednesday evening, stating that her husband was dead. When Capt. J. J. Robinson, the undertaker, met the supposed remains at the depot that night with a hearse, Fendt was seen to alight from the west side of the car hale and hearty. He claims that he knew nothing concerning the telegram, which was signed "B. M. S." The shroud purchased for him by his brother-in-law, Mr. Dock Smith, was returned to the Cyclone Bargain Store the next morning.—Goldsboro Headlight.

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## OUR COUNTY OFFICERS.

### Closing of the Years Term and Making Good Records.

As the official year of our county officers has come to a close, we wish to say a word in regard to Granville county's officials. Of those there are two, Mr. C. F. Crews and Mr. Jas. B. Powell, who are just completing their first year in office. That both these gentlemen have made good officials goes without saying to those who have been in their offices and served by them. They are both polite, accommodating and efficient officers.

Mr. Crews has served the county before in several official capacities, and is an officer who pleases the people, and fills the office of Clerk with ability and general satisfaction.

Mr. Powell is well known to all the people of the county, and is a most polite and efficient officer, and ranks among the best the county has had. He is prompt and accurate in his work, and is proving a popular official.

It is not necessary for us to speak of the old officers as their excellent records are known to the people.

As to the Board of County Commissioners they are also doing faithful duty and serving the people well. The new members of the Board are just completing their first year of service. We think the commissioners are doing what they conceive to be for the best interests of the county. They are steadily improving the public roads, that is, so far as dirt roads can do so, and the work done on the public roads is being well done. They are working to the best interest with present facilities.

Of course our work on the roads in Granville will be largely thrown away until we inaugurate a system for macadamizing the roads. It is to be hoped that before many years we may realize this truth.

### Of the Local Merchant.

Advertising is life and vitality to the local merchant even in a greater degree than it is to the manufacturer, says an exchange. The right kind of advertising means growth, an increase in sales; the securing of new customers and the retaining of old ones. It means that home business will remain at home; it means the spending of home dollars in the home town; it means the meeting and conquering of competition.

### A Very Touching Scene.

A remarkably touching scene took place at Governor Glenn's office Thanksgiving Day. Len Bennett, aged 64, one of two long-term convicts, who was given a Thanksgiving pardon, went directly to the Governor's office, was privately received, thanked him for his clemency and begged him to pray for him. They both knelt and the Governor's prayer, Bennett says, was beyond description. Then Bennett went to jail, prayed for the inmates and gave them most terrible warnings. They were profoundly impressed.

### Thanks Brethren.

The Oxford Public Ledger has entered upon its 21st volume. Brother Britt and the Ledger have been a great factor in the growth and prosperity of Oxford. We regard the Ledger among the best weeklies in the State.—Warrenton Record.

The Oxford Public Ledger is twenty-one years old. It is a worthy exponent of Oxford and Granville county and stands among the leading weeklies of the State. Editor Britt always rings true for progress, Democracy and North Carolina development.—News & Observer.

The Oxford Ledger grows better as it grows older. Age a mature mellowness doth set upon this staunch Democratic journal in the good old town of Oxford. Yesterday the Ledger entered upon its 21st volume. For twenty years it hath weathered the storms, and stood as a light house, cheering and guiding the thoughts of the populace, and working for the up-building of its community. We congratulate Brother John T. Britt and his son, Wade, and wish for them another two decades of prosperity, happiness and usefulness.—Durham Sun.

IF YOUR watch has gone on strike and your clock has quit striking why bring them to W. D. Stims and he will adjust the matter promptly and properly. Located at Paris Goods store.

HANDSOME Japanese China just the thing for a nice Christmas present at Mrs. T. Lanier.

FRENCH Candy at 20c a pound. Best for the money at Hall's Drug Store.

## WORK OF THE CHILDREN.

### HONOR ROLL, THIRD MONTH OF GRADED SCHOOL.

#### Bright Boys and Girls Who Study and Make Good Progress in Different Grades.

First Grade—Charley Dames, James Ballou, Mary May, Margaret Pendleton, Nina Cooper, Edward Rawlin, Harley Stacy, Studie Crews, Lul Hunt, William Webb, Hett L Hancock, Emmie Cooper Medford, Lettie Pitchford, George Beasley, J Beasley, Rassie Hobgood, Wilhelm Stacy, Frances Mitchell, Viola Hel Louise Sizemore, Rob Parham.

Second Grade—Joe Ragland, Ma Sneed, George Cheatham, George Winston, Willie Pitchford, Si Currin, Edward Ballou, Sarah nady, Sallie Yancey, Sidney Far Jewell Thomasson, Frank T Willie Beasley, Robert Day, May, Fannie Taylor, Clyde Bennie Garrett, Daisy Willifor nice Parham, Elvis Burchett, Belle Wheeler.

Third Grade—Susan Wel William Medford, Kathleen Katherine Shanks, Olivia William Bryan, Shirley Aver Pitchford, Fanny Buchanan Moore, Easton Parham, Th errett, Lila Currin, Charles ley Averett, Joseph Bryan, Willie Hester, Archie Joh Adcock, Lindsey Taylor, M Wiley Yancey, Johnnie Lee Beasley.

Fourth Grade—Mari Ruby Adcock, Annie I Alvah Lea Currin, C Edith Parham, Mary Cl Fogleman, Susie Me Callis, Henry Shanks Sallie Hamme, Marie ham Wheeler, Imo Frank Furman, Kilge

Fifth Grade—Mary Shamburger, Ruth Sh Julia Royster, Har Nutt, Harry Jones, non Taylor, Eva He Grace Critcher, Ma B. Day, Myrtle Crews, Ernest Ha Waverly Harris, J Hunt, Banna Wh Sixth Grade—Minnie Peirson, He Carroll, Lois Pe ards.

Seventh Grade—Wilbur Smith, Dean, Edna Cr Ellis, Sadie D Taylor, Estelle Lena Jones, N Adams, Ruth Eighth Grade—ing Royster, Ninth Grade—leine Minor, Mitchell, F Norma Bu

le—Frank Hancock, Mabel Hart, Tazzie aw, John Baker, Katie ay, Ellie Baker, Jim Bullock, Mary F. Hunt, ovvelle O'Brian, Will Taylor.

le—Oscar Ragland, Irv Marie Medford. de—Alma Ragland, Al Isabel Fleming, Leonard unny Webb, Susie Brown, well, Jack Bullock. ST JOHN'S CHAPEL. Allen, Hallie Arrington, rington, Ursell Burchett, ilson, Bettie Lillard, Richard ude Oakley, Mack Long.

### The Coming of Bishop Coleman.

The congregation of St. Stephen's are preparing for the coming Bishop of Delaware, and of the beginning on December 15th. The practical and spiritual side of the n is to be noted. At the morning e, each day petitions for special essory prayer will be received any one, and the prayer offered e service. This is an opportunity hose who are spiritually anxious heir families or friends. At the ht service each day the Bishop will answer any questions previously put in a question box. Any question may be asked concerning the Bible, the rayer book or the church.

### Dropped Dead at the Gate.

Wash Cozart, colored, was in Oxford Friday selling tobacco with Mr. J. L. Clayton, and on reaching their home near the Person county line, old man Wash got out of the wagon to open the gate and Mr. Clayton drove on to the house. He waited sometime for the old man, but on failing to show up went down to the gate to see what had become of him. Mr. Clayton found him lying dead on the ground, and it is supposed he died from heart disease as he had been troubled with it for some time. Coroner Sam Wheeler was notified and he went up their Saturday, and after investigating the circumstances did not deem it necessary to hold an inquest.

SEE the beautiful assortment of pictures at Mrs. T. Lanier.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

### IMPORTANT MEETINGS MONDAY AND TUESDAY.

#### Thirteen Applicants for Superintendent of County Home—Mr. Sam Daniel was Elected.

There was a large crowd in town Monday to attend the meeting of the County Commissioners, many of whom were drawn here on account of the election of a Superintendent of the County Home made vacant by the death of Mr. S. H. Moss. There were thirteen candidates, and the five members of the Board of Commissioners were the most popular and most sought after men in town that day, and could be seen cornered in almost every direction.

The Commissioners met in their room at 10 o'clock with all the members and clerk present, E. C. Harris, Chairman, F. H. Gregory, W. P. Wilkinson, Ralph Currin and W. L. Taylor, and J. B. Powell clerk. The room was packed with people until the Commissioners announced the election for Superintendent of County Home would be taken up at 2:30 in the afternoon.

Quite a number of rebates were allowed.

The committee appointed to look after the map report, which says: The county to pay 1; the schools pay 1 and the State 1, supposed to cost about \$1,500, which is to be made by the Geological Survey of the United States Government. The report of Judge Graham and E. C. Harris, the committee appointed to have the map made, was accepted and the map was ordered to be made. This will be a good thing for the county.

Dr. S. D. Booth, health officer, made his report, saying that the county was free from any contagious disease.

Messrs. W. L. Taylor and B. S. Royster were appointed a committee to look after the report of Clerk of the Court, J. F. Crews.

May Evans was put on outside pauper list at \$1 per month.

Jack Betts and Linda Betts were allowed admission into County Home.

Promptly at 2:30 the election of Superintendent of County Home was taken up, with the room packed from door to walls. Clerk J. B. Powell read over the list of applicants, numbering 13 as follows: Messrs. W. S. Daniel, R. T. Moss, W. T. Nash, J. R. Moore, J. R. Dedman, G. E. Dickerson, S. V. Slaughter, S. H. Brinkley, W. W. Howard, R. L. Brummitt, W. B. Royster, D. W. Fowler and J. R. Fowler. After reading the list of applicants their respective spokesmen urgently put their claims before the Board, who patiently heard them through weighing well the claims of each candidate. When all had gotten through the Commissioners politely asked the immense crowd to retire, and they went into executive session to consider the claims of each candidate. In about half an hour the doors were thrown open and the eager crowd surged in to hear which one of the 13 was the choice of the Board.

Chairman Harris said, "I wonder if the lucky man will make us a speech." Many voices said, "name the man and we will tell you." Then Mr. Harris announced that Mr. Sam Daniel was the lucky man. Mr. Daniel, who was backed up by his whole neighborhood, swarmed around him and escorted him into the room. With hat in his hand he made his way to the table and warmly thanked the Board for electing him to the important position, and would use his very best efforts to make his administration at the County Home a success. On retiring from the room he met with a shower of congratulations from his good neighbors who had come to Oxford in a body to aid him in his election, along with some of the candidates and other friends. This closed the exceedingly warm contest among the good men that sought the place.

Mr. Sam Daniel is one of Tally Ho township's best citizens and farmers, and held in the highest esteem by all who have the pleasure of his acquaintance. He is a christian man, possessing a warm and kindly disposition, and will exercise a good influence over the unfortunate inmates of the County Home and will be most efficiently assisted by Mrs. Daniel, who will take a deep interest in the noble work of caring for and watching over the afflicted ones.

The editor congratulates the Commissioners upon their selection, and feels sure that Mr. Daniel will prove in every way worthy of their confidence and esteem, as well as make the county an all-round hard working officer. Commissioners Ralph Currin and

## CLAY COMMENTS.

### Thanksgiving Services, Personals, Sickness, Lumber, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Crews visited Oxford Monday.

G. O. Pitts is simply covering up the face of the earth at Clay with lumber, panic or no panic.

There is being a great deal said just now about scrip, the only fault with us is that we haven't got the white stuff.

Our neighborhood indeed was shocked by the sudden death of that good man Sandy H. Moss whom we expect to write more about.

Mr. Jos. Overton, one of our popular young men, clerked for the energetic and progressive L. F. Perkinson while he was on his bridal tour.

We are very sorry to know that Mrs. W. M. Blackwell continues quite sick. We hope though under the skillful treatment of that popular physician Dr. J. A. Morris that she may soon be on the road to recovery.

The many friends of Sheriff E. K. Howard are glad to note his continued improvement, and hope he will soon be back at his post to execute his duties as he is one of the best officers Granville county has ever had.

The Thanksgiving services at Corinth were pleasant, as we had short talks from a majority of our members in the rendition of thanks, a collection was taken for Thomasville Orphanage and promptly forwarded to the institution.

Mr. Walter K. Long, who has so efficiently served Mr. J. T. Veazey as an experienced and successful manager of his lumber plant for a great many years, has severed his connection with the firm to accept an important and lucrative position with the town of Rocky Mount. We feel sure Mr. Veazey parts with Mr. Long with a great deal of regret, as his place will be hard to fill. His friends regret that he should decide to cast his lot in a more eastern clime. SHOE PEGS.

### Death of J. J. Preddy.

We were indeed sorry to learn from Deputy Sheriff D. W. Fowler Monday of the death of our friend J. J. Preddy at his home in Wilton Saturday. He was sick only a few days and his death was caused from blood poison. He was a hard working man and conducted a wood working shop at Wilton, and enjoyed the friendship and esteem of a large number of people. He possessed a kindly nature and was always ready to do a good act, and will be greatly missed in the community in which he lived.

He leaves a dear wife and several children and many relatives to mourn his death. Sweet ties have been severed, but much is left. The Christian's hope and fadeless memories are still theirs. To his loved ones the editor extends his heartfelt sympathy in the trying hour of grief.

The funeral took place the next day and was largely attended, and all that was mortal of our friend was tenderly laid to rest to await the resurrection morn. His work is done on earth, and may he rest in peace.

W. L. Taylor were appointed a committee to make inventory at County Home on the 20th inst. and Superintendent-elect W. S. Daniel was requested to be present on that day.

The present Superintendent of Public Roads was unanimously re-elected which proves that his administration has been entirely satisfactory to the Board.

Chairman Harris and Gen. Royster were appointed a committee to confer with a committee appointed by the Commissioners of Oxford in regard to making appropriations to assist the Daughters of the Confederacy in the erection of a Confederate monument in Oxford.

Supervisor of Roads for the respective townships were appointed.

After allowing a large number of accounts the Board adjourned Tuesday afternoon.

1,500 new books, all the popular titles at J. G. Hall's.

### CHRISTMAS GOODS.

The holiday season is approaching and it is time to think about gifts for Christmas. You will find a choice line of Christmas goods, suitable for both old and young, at Mrs. T. Lanier.

NEW Crop—Nuts all kinds, raisins, figs, currents, citrons, etc. Make the cake now at Hall's Drug Store.

TURN over a new leaf. Buy a Bible at J. G. Hall's.

## ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES.

### NEWSY, POINTED ITEMS GATHERED FOR OUR READERS.

#### Short and Seasoned, Wise, Pert, Gay and Solemn Things Talked About in the Merry-go-Round.

The Prince of Bourbon, who has just died, was the father of 21 children and \$40,000,000. The Baltimore Sun thinks that is enough to make Mr. Roosevelt wear mourning.

The Washington Post turns it very neatly when it says, that "having increased their own salaries, congressmen ought to be willing to turn out some legislation for the rest of the country."

The Biblical Recorder of Raleigh and the North Carolina Baptist of Fayetteville have merged the editor of the Recorder, Rev. C. W. Blanchard, having bought the North Carolina Baptist.

The coal bill for five days run of the Lusitania or the Mauretania is \$89,950. The gross receipts of a voyage are about \$155,000, and the net profit is some \$66,000. The fuel bill is the biggest item.

When President Roosevelt is down and out, having finally dodged a third term, he might write us some new boons entitled, "From Ranch to White House," "From Broncho Breaker to Trust Buster," "Harrimans That I Have Harried," etc., etc.

Literary men are coming to the front. The mayor of Toledo is a novelist and the mayor of San Francisco is a poet. But the boy mayor of Milwaukee has them all skinned. They are after him to go into vaudeville.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

"What's wrong, old man?" inquired Ascum. "You look rather haggard this morning." "Yes," replied Luschman. "I made a discovery last night that staggered me." "You don't say? what was it?" "A bottle of 10 year-old rye that I didn't know I had."—Philadelphia Press.

President Roosevelt has instructed that no federal office-holders from the South shall go to the Republican national convention pledged to vote for his nomination for a third term. There is nothing said of the instructions, however, against their going uninvited and voting as they please.

The largest drove of turkeys seen for some time was driven into town Wednesday evening from Gray post-office, in Alleghany. There were 504 in the drove. Nearly 2,000 were brought across the Blue Ridge this week from where they feed on the grasshoppers and katydids of the grass country.—Wilkesboro Hustler.

The Southern States Commissioners of Agriculture, at their closing meeting in Columbia on Thursday, made their estimate of the 1907 cotton crop. They figured it out as 11,412,829 bales. On the same day the Census Bureau report made at Washington indicated a crop of 11,500,000 bales. These two authorities are pretty close together and the truth is about to be realized that we have a very short crop of cotton.

"Where has the money of the country gone to?" inquires a financial journal. Protected trusts and manufacturers who have been getting artificially high prices for everything they make and sell, could if they would, tell where a few stacks of it can be found. Their prices have helped to impoverish consumers. The more money that concentrates in the hands of the few the less the "average man" can have. Distribution and not concentration of wealth is what the country needs.

### Gov. Glenn Coming.

The great Governor of our State has been invited to Oxford. He expresses not only a willingness but a desire to come. He says if the ministers will give him some Sunday and allow him an opportunity of meeting the young people he will be glad to come. Of course every true citizen will look with delight to his coming. As soon as arrangements can be made a date will be named for his coming. D. N. HUNT.

### Fire at Conrad Walters.

On Tuesday night Conrad Walters came very near having his house burned up over his head. Some fire was left in the cook room when the family retired and late in the night some coals of fire fell out on floor setting it on fire. Late in the night Mr. Walters was awakened by the dense smoke in the house, and jumped up and hurried into the kitchen where he found a big hole burned in the floor. He went to work and soon put it out, and went back to bed thinking about his narrow escape from being burned out.