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## Kinston Items.

Eggs sell here at 22 cents a dozen and even at that figure, the "chickens" refuse to do as they ought to do.

The red, long-haired man of Dublin was in Kinston last Wednesday. "About this time," look out for beautiful red sunsets.

This is leap year. But if the widows of Lenoir are wise, before they leap they will examine the state of all Wayne county Widowers' bank accounts.

When Joshua saw that the battle was waxing in his favor, he held up his hands. So does Governor Jarvis and when the Governor holds up his hands, the political sun of North Carolina "stands still."

Learn never to boast. You are not a bit more use in the world than your neighbor. Whatever may be your abilities, it is quite possible, nay certain, that he is of quite as much use in his sphere as you are in your own.

The negro Kings salute each other in Otalheite by rubbing noses. In Kinston they break bricks on the heads of each other. One slipped up on the blind side of Edmund Harrison last Saturday night and gave him a feeling and lasting salute.

The senior member of the celebrated Kinston firm, "Lightning, Blackgum and Thunder," is on a trading trip to Richmond, Va. Our U. S. Commissioner thinks the unfortunate city will get as "black an eye" as it did in 1865 when the Yankees struck it.

"The *entente cordiale* between me and President Arthur is *hors du combat* says the eminent Senator Logan, of Illinois, and the same chilly condition of personal feeling is supposed to exist between your Trenton correspondent "X." alias Billy Woodpile, and our eminent Governor Jarvis. Great men will have their idiosyncrasies anyhow. It is said "X" and our peculiar Governor will now exchange photographs with each other.

## La Grange Items.

Drummers plentiful.

Miss Florence Coward, of —— county, is visiting in the "city."

Business revived some this week. Mortgages are reviving also.

Rain Thursday night. Fair days and beautiful sunsets don't come often.

Simeon Wooten and Miss Mollie Hardee were married in this place last Tuesday, Rev. J. D. Carpenter officiating.

J. W. Isler, jr., and Miss Lizzie Kirkpatrick, of Orange county, were married last Thursday. They arrived here Thursday night.

Neptin Daly is no more. He departed this life on the 14th of last month and was decently burried by his friend, J. T. Daly, of Institute township. He was 15 years of age.

A week or two ago it was reported that a negro family in Sanlston township, Wayne county, had small-pox. Upon inquiry of a citizen near the place, it was contradicted.

Mr. Joseph Etheridge, one of Pasquotank's most prosperous and successful farmers is spending a day or so in our place and vicinity. He brings his daughter as a pupil to our Institute.

Dr. Hodges has bought a part of Simeon Wooten's lot near the Baptist Church. I hear that the Doctor will build an office and dwelling on the lot. It is easy enough to understand about the office, but there is something about the dwelling not so easily accounted for.

Daniel Isler and wife left here this (Friday) morning for Florida. Daniel and his wife were among our best and most industrious colored citizens, and such are a loss to the community. Their destination is Sumterville, Fla., where, I suppose, they will enter the service of their old friend and employer, L. J. Edwards, Esq.

Allow me to say amen to Kinston Itemizer's suggestions to "Trent Bridge." To write about nothing but farming would be, just now, about in this wise: Mr. such an one is behind in making compost and plowing, and all his neighbors likewise. Your correspondents realize the fact that farming is an important branch of industry, and will be pleased to give any information or news in regard to it. They also believe that other industries are essential and should have due notice, and that deaths, marriages and new babies should be published. They further know that you, Mr. Editor, are the best judge as to what shall appear in your columns, and that they will not be offended if a portion of their items are excluded.

## Duck Creek Items.

The weather keeps bad yet; we had a severe sleet a day or two ago and the farmers are grumbling about not having suitable weather to work, etc.

A. F. Farnell, sr., has got about well from his sickness, and Dock and Bud Cajah are very lively. You will hear some new things soon from both, or one of them certain.

The supposed earthquake last week scared some of our people pretty badly, and we don't know yet what the sounds came from. It jarred and shook the houses around here powerfully. In some places it shook the knives and forks off the breakfast table and the cry yet is "what was it?" Can any one tell the people down here?

A big party at Bart Henderson's last Monday night, and we expect to have one at Elijah Summerall's—our old friend Lige—next Friday night, from which we will let you hear, etc., Miss Nancy, the champion shell thrown, will be on hand, and Miss Lilly W——, accompanied by Miss Corn P——, also champion makers of fun, will be there. Now the widowers, as well as the young men, will expect to be courted by the young ladies, as it is leap year.

A big ball at Jacksonville, at Squire Gurganus' last Wednesday night. This makes the second one this season, and the people seemed to have forgotten the hard times, from the looks of the good things Jim gave them to eat, etc., and the number of young ladies and gents from far and near. Some of our brown sound widowers were there with their young ladies living around extensively. No harm in that. We wish we had been a widower then ourself. How is that, Frank?

Mr. Marine's schooner *Moses* is on ways in Frenches creek for repairs. Lip Hancock and Capt. Ralph Pigg is the captain of the schooner, are the workmen. Lip is getting to leave for Florida in his line yacht. N. C. She is as pretty a boat, of the kind, as I ever saw. I saw one from Beaufort in the creek at the same time last week belonging to, I think, Capt. Dank Bell, the *Juba Bell* by name. She was in charge of Mr. B. Piner, fish hunting. She was a beautiful sharpie. Capt. Piner says he could beat anything in New river or Pogue sound with or on a wind. I thought not, but they did not get a bet while I was there.

All well in our community except the measles and whooping cough among the people, and the cholera among the hogs and chickens. The former are treating the people differently. Mrs. Mary Hewitt, sister of Sol. Green, Esq., and her two children, Sabra and Nancy, both grown, and Mr. Dan Hewitt, school teacher and relative, from Ohio, are all down with measles. Sam Butler's folks, Miss Bettie Kornegay, Butler's children are all prostrated. Mr. John Marshal has lost two of his children, both boys and nearly grown. It seems the epidemic is more fatal than usual, and the cholera is killing off the hogs. Buck Provow, Charlie Pope, Bill Hurst, Andrew Hurst and others are almost out of hogs.

### A Fair Offer.

The Voltaic Belt Co., Marshall, Mich., offer to send Dr. Dye's Voltaic Belt and Appliances on trial, for thirty days, to men, young or old, afflicted with nervous debility, lost vitality, and kindred troubles. See advertisement in this paper.

Congressman E. W. Mackey, of South Carolina, died at Washington City on the 27th.

Mr. Henry A. Brown was elected county clerk for Monday in the board of county commissioners.

Congressman Bennett has introduced a bill in Congress to prohibit the intermarriage of whites and negroes and to Deport Coffee and Brown.

Prof. Sylvester, the celebrated Astronomer, died at Newport, R. I., Monday by the giving way of a blood vessel in the heart. He came of a bad family to be so impulsive.

[illegible] Monday. Our correspondent, Dr. Taylor, writes at Hookerton on Saturday, that court at Snow Hill Monday and Tuesday of court.

Mr. R. F. Mayo of this city and Mr. J. J. Baxter, of Stonewall, left on the *Shenandoah* Tuesday evening for Baltimore to attend Bryant, Stratton & Sadler's Commercial College.

We are glad to see that the Episcopal Church will continue the addition of a porch and spire. This will restore one of the old landmarks of the city and add materially to the appearance of the building.

Our wood-scrape here. W. L. Erwin says he inspected during the month of January 875 cords of wood. The demand has been well supplied at $3.25 per cord for oak and ash and $2.50 for pine at the yards.

Capt. J. M. White, General Manager of the Neuse and Trent River Steamboat Co., was in the city Tuesday. He will soon have his arrangements completed for forwarding freights with the great spring possible despatch on the Neuse and Trent rivers.

Geo. Allen & Co. shipped a lot of plows Tuesday to Florida via New York City per steamer *Shenandoah*. This enterprising firm keeps a full line of the very best agricultural implements and we are pleased to see them draw patronage from a distance.

Capt. E. R. Page sends us a communication, which we publish in this issue, in which he denies knowing anything about the author of the communication signed "X," which appeared in the JOURNAL last week. We can vouch for his assertion that no citizen of Trenton wrote it.

Senator Vance has introduced a joint resolution providing for the commemoration of the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony on Roanoke Island, which event occurred on or about the 4th of July, 1584. It appropriates $30,000. Let it pass and we will rejoice with Bro. Creecy.

### Postponed.

The case of Christian vs the Stockholders of the A. & N. C. R. R., which was set for a hearing at Raleigh before Judges Bond and Seymour on the 1st of February has been postponed by the plaintiff's counsel.

### Seriously Burned.

Mr. S. A. Taylor, of Jones county, who was in the city on Thursday, informs us that a colored woman, the wife of Jack Brown, who lives on Mr. F. G. Simmons' plantation, was burned so severely on Wednesday that there were no hopes of her recovery.

### Rats and Matches.

On Thursday night fire was discovered in Mr. James Campbell's saloon, at the Gaston House, and upon examination it was found to be among some old papers that were stored in a closet, evidently set on fire by a rat gnawing a match. Loose matches lying around a room are dangerous.

### Married.

ROBERTS—JARVIS—In Baltimore, Md., on Wednesday, January 30th, by the Rev. Dr. Hammond, assisted by Rev. Dr. Fair and the Rt. Rev. T. B. Lyman, Bishop of North Carolina, Hannah Jarvis, of Baltimore, daughter of the late Moses W. Jarvis, to G. H. Roberts of this city. No cards.

Wilson and Salisbury papers please copy.

### Died,

At her residence, on Neuse street, Jan. 31st, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pasteur, relict of Gen. John J. Pasteur, in the 89th year of her age.

At the residence of Bat Weatherbee, Esq., on Neuse Road, about 5 miles from this city, Mrs. M. W. Carmon, daughter of T. H. Mallison, Esq.

### Commissioners' Meeting

At a meeting of the Board of county commissioners on Tuesday, Wm. M. Watson, Esq., was elected a school committeeman of the 5th township to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Elijah Ellis. A capital selection.

The Board passed an order authorizing the chairman to ascertain upon what terms they could borrow $5,000 to complete the court house.

The "head of navigation road" was postponed.

### The Orphan Asylum.

The *News and Observer* learns that the directors of the Orphan Asylum unanimously elected Mr. J. H. Mills Superintendent for the term ending April, 1885. Mr. Mills has conducted the Asylum successfully for over ten years, and we think it would be unfortunate for that institution if he should decline the position now tendered him by the directors. We are glad to hear that it is thought that he will remain.

### Digest of North Carolina Reports

Hon. A. S. Seymour has been engaged for some time in preparing a digest of the reports of the Supreme Court of North Carolina from the 65th to 89th inclusive. It will be published soon after the publication of the 89th. Judge Seymour is familiar with North Carolina law, his clear and discriminating mind eminently fit him for this work, and we doubt not it will be a valuable service to the legal fraternity.

### Patented.

We clip the following from the *Scientific American* of Feb. 2nd:

"An improved cotton press has been patented by Messrs. E. L. Fain and George M. Newill, of Wake Forest College, N. C. This invention covers the construction and combination of parts, including a grooved rail, flanged and grooved followers, endless tie, thrust bars, followers, drums, and an improved swift levers, slide bars, and [illegible]."

### Railroad Poetry.

We think we will have to quit [illegible] on railroad poetry and an anonymous communication coming to hand. The subject is one of interest to the people of this section, but if any man has complaints to make against the present management of the road let him state them plainly, New Berne Journal will be pleased to give him a hearing. We have no fear of the result of such a discussion. We believe the management of the road is doing all in its power to develop the resources of the country and build up the oyster and fish industry, and elicit much inquiry by the New England people. He had been through Jones and Onslow and seen things there which the railroad interest will develop in the near future.

He spoke of Catharine Lake and the Alum Springs, the fine oysters and fish of New river, the forest for deer hunting, in fact a combination of advantages for Northern tourists that few places possess. He pointed out the idea that Florida was reaping from Northern winter tourists. With a railroad penetrating this section and a hotel sufficient to accommodate five or six hundred guests, it would have a gold mine equal to, if not superior to, that of Florida. He was of the opinion, too, that the soil in that section was well adapted to growing hops and he pointed out how remunerative this crop had proven in Washington Territory, and other places.

The State Exposition, which he hoped would be held, would draw hundreds of newspaper correspondents from the North if the Exposition should prove what it should be. It will not only draw journalists but representatives of parties, who are contemplating moving South, to come down and examine the Exposition and go back and report. He would urge farmers in view of the [illegible] plant with a view of making an exhibit of their crops. His remarks were listened to and full of good suggestions. When he had concluded, on motion of Mr. Geo. Allen, the thanks of the meeting were tendered him for his very able and instructive address.

The audience listened very attentively to Col. Pardee, and spoke favorably of his talk, but there seems to be a lack of enthusiasm, as yet, in this section for the Exposition, at least there are not enthusiastic with words. We hope their actions will speak, however, at the proper time and this entire section of the State be fully represented at the Exposition next fall.

### The Entertainment on Friday Night.

The entertainment for the benefit of the Graded School Library came off Friday night. It consisted of a succession of little scenes pertinent to Christmas and the joys of children during that season. It was designed by E. S. Hooks for Mr. Nelson.

First, at earliest dawn, while the snow falls, a band of serenaders called Waits, who sing carols all the night before Christmas, stop under a window and wake the inmates of the house with songs. The Waits, Miss Daniels, Miss Hattie Dail, Miss Minnie Eaton, Miss Cinderella, Miss May Richard, Miss Nannie Roberts, Messrs. L. S. Burkhead, Sidney Lane, Charles Kehoe, Wm. Hill and Albert Powell sang a beautiful but difficult lullaby of Barnby "Sweet and Low." While giving "Silent Night" they were interrupted by the opening of a window and the appearance of the "Three Somber Men." Messrs. Wm. Bryan, Robert Burkhead and Willie Boyd, who, although they have been up all night, "see no joy in Xmas Day." The dawn then appears and the "Three Pretty Girls," brighter and rosier than aurora tripping o'er the top of yon high eastern hill, glide in with graceful curtsies and illumine the scene. They are Miss Burrus, Miss Stanson and Miss Mary Bryan, soon recruited by the young men to the situation. After a song by the Waits, "Ring out Bells," dances are led, without and twenty merry children march in, singing in very quick time, "The Turkish Reveille or Mohacks."

The entertainment was one of the pleasantest, mentioning the names of all those little ones for their spirited representation and beautiful appearance. Little Misses Jennie Watson, Addie Herring, Rosa Dail, Carrie Claypoole, Irene Herring, Tillie Weinstein, Lucy Taylor, Annie Henderson, Bertha Cutler, Emma Henderson and Masters Eddie Gaither, Willie Smith, John Matthews, Willie Powell, Elijah Matthews, James Carraway, Martin Schwerin, Bessie Watson, Tom Waters and Willie Suckling. The three young men try to persuade the children that "Santa Claus is a fraud," but they are persuaded by the appearance of the Fairest, Sweetest fairy was ever seen. Miss Maude Moore lighted upon the stage as if with winged feet, the cleverest sprite that ever Mercutio imagined. It was wonderful how her presence filled the scene. In singing, and speaking she was excellent but her graceful and delicate grace in action. The fairy summons from the Fast the Old Christmases.

The Somerhal—of the time, 1000. Mr. Seymour Hancock, the doctor—1000. Mr. Charles Gaskill, the Girls with the Christmas pie, Miss Edly Nash and Miss Maude Vaughan, the Boys with Bow and Arrow, Master Ashley Powell and Master Bryan.

The School-hall—a few years gone—Miss Willie and the boys [illegible] the girls values, Miss Nunn gave in a very pretty voice and with charming expression the delightful old story "The Mistletoe Bough." Miss Vance, whom we welcome back to Dr. Sow is the young lady [illegible] of Henry's.

The boys and girls [illegible] good style.

The Yule Log then comes forward drawn by four boys. Messrs. Sidney Smith, Samuel Brinkley, Dan Lane and Wm. Barker. The Yule Log is a very pretty piece of [illegible] and the young gentlemen were dressed just taste and fashionable [illegible].

The tableau of the pretty [illegible] was succeeded in New Berne, the Square Dance attended by other [illegible] Mr. Hughes as a Pedler [illegible] Mr. Wm. Bryan as a Pedler [illegible] Mr. Wm. Bryan as a Pedler [illegible] Mr. Wm. Bryan