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Christmas has past but it will be one consolation to father to know that the bills will not begin to roll in until January 1, and he still has a few days in which to make merry.

The parcel post has done a rushing business during the past three weeks and has greatly aided in the handling of the Christmas shopping. The parcel post, while comparatively a new wrinkle has proven that it is here to stay.

It seems that the "investigating bee" has become an epidemic in this section. There have been so many investigations during the past few weeks that the public has been kept on the qui vive all along.

"What's the use of a man being a Republican?" remarked a gentleman who has followed that political creed for many years. "I have property in New Bern and I want my vote to count for something and not be a mere bagatelle."

Despite the fact that the hand of affliction has fallen heavily on this section during the past year, the amount of business done by New Bern merchants during the past month was much larger than that done during the corresponding period last year.

The Beaufort News sees the rumor that the Pennsylvania Company is to purchase the Norfolk Southern in the following light:

"The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has opened offices in Charlotte, being, as the Daily Observer says, 'determined to go after the Southern business in a more energetic and diligent fashion.' This move, considered in connection with the rumor that the Pennsylvania is to purchase the Norfolk Southern, is significant.

It will mean much for this section if the Pennsylvania was to purchase the Norfolk Southern and there is a possibility that they may do this, however, there is little doubt about the fact that the same interests that control the Pennsylvania Railway Company also have a share of the Norfolk Southern stock and it is hardly probable that they will take over the road outright and change its name when they can get a good profit from the stock which they now hold.

"Those who marvel at the manner in which Senator Simmons 'put' Collector Watts over," despite the objections of certain North Carolina politicians and despite the president's objections to a so-called resignation, might get a little light from this letter, just received by the senior North Carolina senator:

"My Dear Senator Simmons: I welcome this opportunity to express again my warm admiration for your leadership in the great fight for this bill and my deep sense of the service you have rendered the country. Ability, knowledge, tact and patience combined to accomplish a great thing. Cordially and faithfully yours, WOODROW WILSON.

In addition to this the senior senator received the first bound copy of the Underwood-Simmons tariff law and expressions of esteem and ap-

preciation from every United States senator.—Raleigh Times. There is no doubt about the fact that Senator Simmons is the "biggest" man in the United States Senate and one cannot wonder that the citizens of his home town, New Bern, are justly proud of him.

Three more days of grace after today for poor father. Then comes the bill collectors. However, there's one consolation. Its a long time until next Christmas.

We envy the country editor who, in last week's issue announced: "There will be no paper next week." No such luck comes the way of the man on the city daily, and if he manages to coax the subscribers and advertisers into allowing him one day off, he feels unusually fortunate.

The ladies of New Bern are to be commended upon the excellent work they did in the Red Cross Seal campaign which was waged by them during the month previous to Christmas. Thousands of these seals were sold by them and the money obtained from these will aid much in the fight against the great white plague.

The editorial writer on the Charlotte Chronicle says that after Christmas everything looks jaundiced to the eyes of those who were excessively hilarious. Evidently the brother got hold of the wrong brand of Christmas cheer and they do say that this will make one feel awfully melancholy.

"Another Christmas should not be allowed to pass in Raleigh without a municipal Christmas tree. The people of this city would be glad to contribute and the pleasure would belong to all the people. We heartily endorse the suggestion for such an observation next year."—Raleigh Times.

The Times is always on the lookout for something which will help to advance and promote the interest of Raleigh and in advocating the municipal Christmas tree they have struck just the proper chord. New Bern put the idea into effect this year and it was so much of a success and met with such popular favor that it will be continued year after year.

In a telegram to the Journal last night, Hon. Charles R. Thomas, of this city, but who is now visiting in Western North Carolina, states that he will be a candidate for nomination to Congress from this district on the Democratic ticket.

Mr. Thomas will make a more formal announcement as soon as he returns home, but his telegram is enough to let his friends know that he will be in the race. Mr. Thomas has represented this district in congress before and his record while there is an enviable one and one of which he can well be proud.

New Bern's experience with the parcel post during the holidays has without any doubt shown the people that the system is just the thing which has for years been needed.

The operation of the new system here was entirely successful and the force in the postoffice are being congratulated on the manner in which they handled the situation. There is just one drawback at the local office and that is lack of room. When the rush began the packages filled all available space and caused considerable inconvenience and it was not until yesterday that the place was finally cleared.

The tentative theory that the profit from carrying small packages would lift the postoffice establishment out of the deficit column is still confidently adhered to by officials in charge, although a damper would seem to have been thrown on it by Postmaster General Burleson's statement that the \$1,000,000 appropriated for the service during the current fiscal year has been exhausted.

"The new demands on the Treasury, however, do not end here by any means. Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart, immediately in charge of transportation of the mails, reports that the cost of handling all classes of the service last year was approximately \$86,000,000, which amount will be increased this year by about \$10,000,000 presumably to defray increasing parcel post expenditures.

A man is naturally strong at sixty—he can avoid falling down with a silly bundle of papers and ap-

IN MEMORIAM—JOHN BIDDLE.

John Biddle was born at the old Colonial home of his father at Fort Barwell, Craven county, North Carolina, on the 31st day of March, 1848, being in his 65th year at the time of his death.

His father, Col. Samuel Simpson Biddle and Mary Powell, his wife, were the owners of this beautiful country place and dispensed hospitality with a lavish hand.

No man was ever a more affectionate husband, a kinder or more indulgent father, he counted his own pleasures as nothing so he could gratify his family. He left a wife who has been his devoted companion for forty three years, seldom indeed have there been a more congenial couple. Mr. Biddle left seven children his oldest son Samuel Simpson died eleven years ago and his name is the first called when the "Lodge of Sorrow" holds its annual meeting. The memory of this young man's exemplary life and the silent answer to his name is all that is left to his family of a son taken away in early manhood.

The last months of life which ended on December 1, 1913, were passed in bodily pain which he bore with great patience. He said to his brother James W. Biddle: "I am both ready and willing to go."

What a happy passing away! What a sweet burial to those left behind! He was buried in the dear old country grave yard, within sight of the home where his happy childhood was passed. The oaks around his grave are filled with grey moss that sighs gently as the wind whistles through them.

It is not death to die To leave this weary world, And into the brotherhood on high To be at home with God.

NORTH CAROLINA, CRAVEN COUNTY.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain judgment entered in the Superior Court of Craven county, North Carolina at the May term, 1913, in that certain action entitled George F. Anderson against W. H. Harrington and Mary Harrington, we the undersigned commissioners appointed by the Court, well sell for cash to the highest bidder at the Court house door in New Bern, Craven county, North Carolina on the 5th day of January, 1914, the following described real estate, to wit:

Beginning at a stake on the Vanceboro and Greenville road, Lizzie Powell's second corner, and running north 73 east with Lizzie Powell's line 120 poles, Lizzie Powell's third corner, then north 15 west 36 poles to a stake, then south 73 west 120 poles to a stake on the Vanceboro and Greenville road, thence down said road 36 poles to the beginning containing 25 acres, and being the tract of land conveyed to said Addie Waters by E. A. and Louis Forrest, by deed recorded in the office of Register of Deeds of Craven county in Book 176, page 240.

W. D. McIVER, Commissioner. D. L. WARD, Commissioner. This the 25th day of November, 1913.

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PERSONAL

H. P. Whitehurst left yesterday for Raleigh on a professional visit.

Leo. Sultan went to Enfield yesterday for a few days' visit.

J. F. Spear left yesterday for Norfolk.

S. M. Brinson spent yesterday in Vanceboro attending to some school matters.

Coy C. Jordan, of Raleigh, arrived in the city yesterday for a few days' visit.

H. R. Bryan, Jr., left yesterday for Atlanta to attend a fertilizer meeting.

W. S. Chadwick left yesterday for Beaufort returning home.

F. D. Perry went to Beaufort yesterday for a few days' visit.

J. G. Delemar left last night for Durham for a visit of several days.

R. T. Wade, editor of the Morehead City Coaster, was among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

H. M. White, who has charge of the decorating at S. Coplan & Son's big department store, returned yesterday from Norfolk, Va., where he spent Christmas.

Mr. J. J. Summrell, of Kanona Fertilizer Company, Norfolk, is visiting his parents at the Manse. He is accompanied by his wife and little Miss Nancy Lee.

Miss Sophie Hollister returned last night from Washington where she spent several days.

Miss Alice Sutton left last night for La Grange for a few days' visit.

Mrs. H. H. Hodges and children left last night for Kinston for a few days' visit.

Personals. Geo. Atmore left last night for Stonevale to spend Sunday with his parents.

C. S. Wallace, of Morehead City spent yesterday in the city.

R. B. Atkinson returned yesterday from Norfolk where he spent Christmas.

Chas. H. Hall left last night for Washington, D. C., to attend to some business matters.

L. D. Harris left last night for Richmond to attend to some business matters.

Dr. C. W. Bilfinger left last night for New York City to attend to some business matters.

Mrs. J. D. Daly, of La Grange, and grandson Clifton Jarman, of Rocky Mount, are visiting the home of her son Geo. Daly on Pollock street.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Ellis Williams, Mrs. R. P. Williams and Mrs. S. L. Dill, Jr., and children left yesterday for the Straits for a few weeks' visit.

Miss Margaret Stedman, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. H. R. Bryan, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Ed. Hancock left yesterday for Beaufort, returning home after spending Christmas in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hyman and daughters Elizabeth and Dollie Hyman left yesterday for New York City for a weeks' visit.

Mrs. C. O. Robinson left yesterday for Elizabeth City after spending Christmas here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Summrell and child, of Norfolk, arrived in the city yesterday for a few weeks' visit at the home of Mr. Summrell's parents Dr. and Mrs. J. N. H. Summrell of this city.

Miss Louise Thompson, of Jacksonville and her guest Miss Emily Reber, of Williamsport, Pa., are in the city visiting Mrs. D. S. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Hooker have returned from a visit with relatives in Pamlico county.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shelton, the former whom is clerk at the James Hotel, returned last night from Richmond, Va. Mr. Shelton went to Richmond to attend a big family reunion and while there wed Miss Marvele Elliott. They will make their home in this city.

C. B. Foy spent yesterday in La Grange.

T. J. Hewitt and W. Brooks Price left yesterday for Washington to attend to some government matters.

Dr. J. M. Ward left yesterday for Shackleford Banks after spending Christmas here.

Dr. Jas. A. Duguid left yesterday for Vanceboro after spending several days here.

C. T. Meacham returned yesterday from Kinston where he spent Christmas.

F. H. Sawyer returned last night from Baltimore where he spent Christmas with his family.

L. L. Brinson, of Reelsboro, and Ed. Bowden, of Oriental, were among the business visitors in the city yesterday.

NEGRO KILLS HIS WIFE AND FIRES AT CONDUCTOR.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 26.—Passengers on Southern train No. 36, arriving here this morning, told of the creation of a panic on the train a short distance from Hot Springs, N. C., by Fletcher House, colored, when he opened fire on his wife, Bertie House, killing her instantly. Following the killing of his wife the negro is reported to have opened fire in the train, shooting in all directions.

The conductor Capt. Howard Crawford, of Knoxville, was attracted to the car reserved for the use of the colored people, by the commotion, and the negro is reported to have leveled his gun at the official, when the latter drew his weapon from his pocket and shot at the unruly passenger. The latter fled to the rear of the car and jumped from the moving train, which was going at a rate of 40 miles an hour, according to reports.

A message from Hot Springs tonight was to the effect that the negro was only slightly wounded and was captured by officers of that town immediately after he jumped from the train. The body of the negress was brought to this city.

SURPRISE MARRIAGE TOOK PLACE LAST NIGHT

MISS MARY E. DIXON BECOMES BRIDE OF ROBERT HANCOCK. A marriage which came as a complete surprise to the many friends of the contracting parties, took place at the Episcopal rectory at 10:30 o'clock last night when Miss Mary Eliza Dixon, of Raleigh, became the bride of Robert Hancock of this city.

Miss Dixon is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles N. Dixon, of Raleigh, and has a host of friends in that city. Since coming to New Bern she has been connected with Fairview Sanatorium and has made a host of friends here. The groom is a son of the late Seymour Hancock and is an estimable young man. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock will continue to make their home in this city.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. F. Huske in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

LOCAL MARKET.

Quotations by Coast Line Market: Young chickens 50 and 75c. per pair. Grown chickens, 85 and \$1.00 per pair.

Beef, 10c per pound. Pork, 10c per pound. Eggs, 30c. per dozen. Hides 10c. per pound. Turkeys, 16c. per pound. Local cotton market, as quoted by J. R. Ball: 10 1-2—11 3-4c., no receipts.

SERENADE.

O, list lady, list while thy lover outside Pours forth these fond accents that thrill thee. O, list, both thy doors and thy window beside, For fear that some thorough draught chill thee. The sweet summer morn's hanging low in the sky, And the fog's drifting wildly around me; There is damp in my throat, there is sand in my eye, And my old friend neuralgia has found me. O, list, lady, list, ere this thin searching mist Subdues all my amorous frenzy; The Pleiad's soft influence here is, I wist, Replaced by the harsh influenza. And now, lady sweet, I must bid thee 'good night,' A night that would quench Hymen's torch, love, For a lot by the fire is much more profitable. Thus a song and catarrh in the perch, love.

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