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## TOWN AND COUNTY.

—"The H. H. & B. Co."  
—The Smithfield Hardware Co.  
—J. H. Kirkman, Fire Insurance, Smithfield, N. C.

—Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt spent Christmas with his mother in Clayton.

—Mr. H. L. Skinner went to Oxford Wednesday to visit his mother.

—Dr. L. T. Dickinson spent Christmas with his parents at Fremont.

—Mr. R. R. Holt, of the A. & M. College, is spending the holidays at home.

—Mrs. E. J. Barnes, of Lucama, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sarah Woodall.

—Dr. S. P. J. Lee is spending the holidays at his old home in Sampson.

—Messrs. A. B. and Wilsie Wilkington are spending Christmas in Durham.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Speed are spending the holidays at their home in Durham.

—The Spring term of Turlington Institute, will open next Tuesday, December 31st.

—Mr. W. W. Cole spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Bentonsville township.

—Dr. L. D. Wharton left Tuesday to spend Christmas with his parents near Greensboro.

—Miss Roberta Smith is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. J. S. Brown, at Selma.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brooks left Monday to spend the holidays with relatives in Richmond.

—Miss Lena Potter, of Snow Hill, is visiting Miss Bertha Yelvington at her home on Oakland Heights.

—Mr. J. P. Wade, bookkeeper at the Riverside Warehouse, is spending the holidays at his home in Roxboro.

—Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Godwin, of Kenly, spent Christmas here with Mrs. Godwin's mother, Mrs. Sarah Woodall.

—We were glad to see Mr. B. M. Robertson, one of Clayton's enterprising young business men, in town Monday.

—Miss Nellie Lunceford, who has been teaching in Granville county, came home Saturday to spend the holidays.

—The Smithfield tobacco market, having closed for the holidays, will open again on Wednesday, January 1, 1902.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Radford, of New York, are spending the holidays here with Mr. Radford's father, Mr. C. Radford.

—Dr. John C. Kilgo, President of Trinity College, will preach in the Methodist church here next Sunday morning and night.

—Mr. L. G. Patterson, the popular auctioneer at the Banner Warehouse, is spending this week with relatives in Granville county.

—Mr. O. C. Gregory, the buyer for the American Tobacco Co. on this market is spending the holidays with his mother at Wadesboro.

—Miss Alice Grantham who has been studying for a trained nurse at the "Retreat for the Sick," at Richmond, Va., is home for the holidays.

—Prof. J. E. Austin, principal of Hardin Collegiate Institute, at Elizabethtown, Ky., arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend a few days with relatives in this county.

—This week we place our local news on the first page instead of the usual position. We trust that our readers will look over any short comings in the paper this week. This is Christmas week you know?

—Mr. B. B. Yelvington and family have moved into their new home on Oakland Heights, recently purchased from Mr. Pou. They were formerly residents of Smithfield and we welcome them to town again.

—Miss Annie Glasgow, the music teacher at Turlington Institute, gave a musical recital last Friday night in which many of her pupils took part. Many duets, solos, etc., were well rendered, to the delight of the audience.

—Messrs. Boyett Bros., Proprietors of The Farmers warehouse, request us to announce that those desiring tobacco seed can get them at either their store or warehouse. If you can't come, write and seed will be mailed to you.

Last Monday Mr. W. H. Barham, of Clayton, Mr. H. S. Lassiter, of Four Oaks and Mr. G. W. Johnson, of Elevation, called in and renewed their subscriptions to January, 1902. They have been subscribers for this paper many years and believe in the principle of paying-in-advance. We would that many others would do likewise.

—Miss Annie L. Stancill, who has had a position here in the millinery store of Mr. W. G. Yelvington during the fall, returned to her home near Selma, Tuesday. She will leave next week for Dunbarton, Barnwell county, S. C., where she has accepted a position in a high school. The best wishes of her many friends in this section will follow her to her new home.

—The prices of tobacco this season are considerably higher than last season. Messrs. Skinner & Ragsdale have furnished us the average price paid last December and this December. The average price paid at the Banner Warehouse for December 1900, was \$8.20 per hundred. The average price at the same house for December, 1901, is \$15.77 per hundred.

—We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the North Carolina Farmers State Association at the Agricultural building in Raleigh, at 7:30 p. m., January 14, 1902. In order that the farmers of each county may be represented they are requested by the Secretary, T. B. Parker, to meet at the court house on January 11, at 12 o'clock to select delegates to attend the State meeting in Raleigh on the 14th.

—Mr. T. B. Blake, Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., who has been here for the past several months as the manager of the American Cotton Company's gin, left Wednesday for Charleston, S. C. He will have charge of the exhibit of the American Cotton Company at the Charleston Exposition and will remain there until its close next June. Mr. Blake has made many friends during his stay in Smithfield who regret to see him leave us, but wish him much success in his new home.

—Dr. Will E. Dodd, of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va., and Miss Mattie Johns were married at Auburn Tuesday morning by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. Dr. Dodd, who was formerly a resident of Johnston county, is now professor of history in Randolph-Macon College. He was educated in a Virginia college and studied at the University of Leipzig in Germany, where he took the degree Ph. D. Miss Johns is the charming and cultured daughter of Mr. Thomas Johns, of Auburn.

## Marriage Licenses.

The Register of Deeds issued marriage licenses to the following couples for the week ending December 23:

WHITE—C. W. Willford and Julia Raynor, Alonzo Mumford and Daisy Jones, Rufus Starling and Alice Pittman, Garry Jones and Etta Wilkerson, J. L. Fulghum and Lou Southerland, Gus Parrish and Polly Collins, R. R. Creech and Maggie Montgomery, Dennis Batten and Sarah Sullivan, H. T. High and Maude Hinnant, John Powell and Annie Smith, John Stallings and Nettie Jones, Tom Kelly and Lula Price, G. W. Guley and Georgianna Holt, R. R. Guley and Janie M. Guley.

COLOR—Gus. Sanders and Mamie Sanders.

## THE STOVE CONTEST.

Lalla Rookh Stephenson the Winner  
—a Second Prize to be Given to  
Ellie N. Booker.

For the past several weeks considerable interest has been created among HERALD readers throughout the county on account of the announcement that The H. H. & B. Co. would on December 24, award a Buck's Junior Stove to the little girl under fourteen who should send in the largest number of their advertisements clipped from the columns of THE SMITHFIELD HERALD, containing Buck's trade mark.

Little girls from every section of the county entered the contest and the total number of advertisements sent in aggregated more than 6,000.

The prize, a Buck's Junior Stove, was awarded to little Miss Lalla Rookh Stephenson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephenson, of Smithfield. Little Miss Ellie N. Booker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Booker, of the Polenta section, had the second largest number of advertisements. Owing to the fact that she had such a large number, The H. H. & B. Co. have decided to award her a Buck's Junior also.

During the seven weeks the contest was on THE HERALD printed and circulated in Johnston county about 11,000 copies of the paper. It is an interesting fact that in these seven weeks more than 6,000 advertisements of The H. H. & B. Co. were clipped from THE HERALD, showing that the people read advertisements.

## A Christmas Eve Ride.

The editors of this paper have been reliably informed that quite an interesting carriage ride was participated in by several of our young men Tuesday night. The town authorities had suspended the ordinance against fire works, so the aforesaid party, loaded with Roman candles, sky-rockets and various other harmless explosives, started out to "wake up the town."

We are told by eye-witnesses that the fun began on Market street when the first sky-rocket was fired. This accidentally set fire to the explosives in the carriage and for a minute or two the scene was wonderful to behold. Sky-rockets and Roman candles began to go off and at the same time the boys rapidly vacated the carriage in the greatest disorder. The horses became much frightened and began to rear and plunge, and finally rushed down the street while one of the occupants who decided to take his chances in the carriage added to the mirth of the bystanders by shouting "Hold them horses, boys, hold them horses." Fortunately no damage was done save that some of the boys had their clothes slightly scorched.

The names of the jolly party have not been furnished us.

## Married.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 18th inst., at the home of Mr. W. P. Sellers, near Pine Level, Mr. Nelson Braswell and Miss Mary Flemings were joined together in the holy bonds of matrimony, Elder W. J. Wilkins officiating.

The attendants were, Mr. John Creech and Miss Lilly Fitzgerald, Mr. Andrew Braswell and Miss Maggie Flemings, Mr. John R. Oliver and Miss Jennie Braswell, Mr. Thomas Braswell and Miss Fionnie Creech, Mr. James Creech and Miss Hattie Braswell.

After the marriage the happy couple with many friends returned to the home of Mr. Alex. Braswell, where a sumptuous repast was served to all.

## Foils A Deadly Attack.

"My wife was so ill that good physicians were unable to help her," writes M. M. Austin, of Winchester, Ind., "but was completely cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills." They work wonders in stomach and liver troubles. Cure constipation, sick headache, 25c. at Hood Bros. drug store.

## SELMA NEWS.

Fred M. Hood spent Tuesday night with his parents.

Mrs. E. J. Pate is visiting her father, Mr. John H. Parker, this week.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. John R. Brooks, of Reidsville, N. C., spent last Friday here.

Misses Mattie and Helen Brinkley, of Scotland Neck, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Brinkley.

Dr. J. B. Person, Jr., spent Christmas at Fremont, his old home. He returned Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Richardson and Mr. C. M. Nowell spent a few days here this week with Mr. C. W. Richardson.

Our mayor, R. B. Whitley, Mrs. Whitley and the little ones spent Christmas with Rev. J. J. Harper, Mrs. Whitley's father.

Mr. M. C. Winston and family are spending the holidays in Wake county with Dr. Thos. H. Avera, Mrs. Winston's father.

Messrs. Robert Millard Nowell, George Davis Vick, Ed. W. Vick and Dr. J. W. Hatcher, went to Dunn Christmas night to attend a concert.

Miss Hazel Irene Waddell who has been teaching music in the Kenly Academy is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Jr.

Misses Rosa B. Richardson, Rena Edgerton, Cora Richardson, Julia Fuller Etheredge and Annie Noble Hood, R. P. and A. M. Noble, Jr., Wm. Richardson, Jr., and Rodger A. Richardson are at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Edgerton, gave a "Hobby Party" last Friday evening complimentary to their sister, Miss Rena Edgerton and her guest, Miss Larkin, of Carthage, N. C. Miss Kate Hill and Dr. Person won the prize.

Mrs. R. A. Ashworth entertained quite a number of our young people last Tuesday evening complimentary to Misses Kate Hill, of Mississippi, and Julia Fuller Etheredge. In the parlor there was the guessing of the poets; the prize was won by Miss Rosa B. Richardson and Mr. Robert P. Noble. In the sitting room was the guessing of advertisements; the prize was won by Miss Margaret Etheredge. Delicious refreshments were served in the dining room.

The Baptist Sunday School had their Christmas tree in the church Christmas night. Presents were given to about one hundred and twenty children. The church was beautifully decorated. The tree was just beautiful. Old Santa Claus came down the chimney and gave out the presents. It was a grand success—everything passed off nicely as it was bound to under the management of the Superintendent, Mr. Clarence W. Richardson and Mrs. R. A. Ashworth.

The fall term of the first session of the Selma Graded schools closed last Friday. The total enrollment for the white school was two hundred and two; in the colored school one hundred and fifty. The operation of the school has been entirely successful and has given very general satisfaction. Its best feature has been the decided interest of all the pupils, which has done so much to secure good attendance and work of a high order. We have never seen a better spirit prevail in any kind of school. All of the teachers have labored to make us a good school and we believe they have succeeded, as there has been no fault-finding or harsh criticism. The spring term will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 7, 1902.

## SEXES.

## Fifty-Two Copies a Year.

Many publishers get out no paper Christmas week. They take it as a week of rest and pleasure, but for the past five years THE HERALD has been printed every week. We hope our subscribers appreciate this. We always try to do the best for them we can.

## MURDER AT BENSON.

One Negro Kills Another and is Lodged in Jail.

Last Tuesday Jasper Harper, colored, and a man named Baucum, also colored, became involved in an affray in one of Benson's suburbs known as Brooklyn. During the progress of the fight another negro, Cephas Langston, interfered and was shot with a pistol by Jasper Harper, the ball taking effect in his bowels. Langston lived only a day.

Harper was brought here yesterday by Constable L. M. Ryals and lodged in jail to await the next term of Johnston Superior Court, which will convene here on the 10th of next March.

## STATE CAPITAL LETTER.

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—Christmas week! with Christmas day so very close to us that one can feel it, and almost touch it with the hand of fellowship, and hear the voice of Him who said, "peace on earth," and who commanded us to "love one another." Lord! it does seem high time we were setting ourselves about the better performance of what ought to be a pleasure, as well as a duty, we owe to thee and to each other. Let those who have not hitherto tried this remedy for many evils take a dose of the prescription of the Great Physician and see for themselves how nicely it works upon the soul (softened while it is made strong), and the heart made charitable as it becomes purer and less defiled—according to an eminent authority in whose teachings many of us believe.

Well, President Roosevelt having sent a letter to Congress, strongly recommending the "plan for a national forest reserve in the Southern Appalachian region" (accompanying the report of the Secretary of Agriculture), we will now take a fresh and stronger grip on the prospects for the success of the scheme which our folks have been endeavoring to mature of late.

It is to be hoped that the bills introduced in Congress last week by Senator Simmons providing for an appropriation of \$25,000 for a monument to Virginia Dare (the first white child born in this country) and \$50,000 towards fittingly "pulling off" the proposed celebration on Roanoke Island, N. C., next summer, will go through. The latter bill defines the expedition which landed on this island July 4, 1584, as the first English-speaking people that found a footing in what is now the greatest country in the world.

The appointment of John C. Dancy, of Wilmington (one of the most respectable and talented negroes in the country) to be Recorder of Deeds at Washington, at the instance and on the recommendation of Senator Pritchard, knocked the props from under the "Yankee negroes" of Ohio and Indiana who, in preferring charges against Henry Cheatham, the former Recorder (also of North Carolina), intended and attempted to secure the plum for one of their set.

"North Carolina week" at the Charleston Exposition having been finally set definitely for the week beginning April 7, our folks should begin to get to work for the event and make it a great week there and for this State in the results to follow. It is already arranged that a regiment of North Carolina troops (four companies from each regiment) shall accompany Governor Aycock and other State officers, etc.

The friends of Mr. Henry W. Miller of this city, who recently returned from New York, are congratulating him upon his well-earned and richly deserved promotion to the position of assistant to the First Vice-President of the Southern Railway. Mr. Miller (who is the grandson of the eminent North Carolinian whose name he bears) is one of the brightest and most capable and experienced young railroad men in the South.

The First Methodist almanac ever issued in North Carolina will

be issued this week. The fact that it is edited and published by Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey, Editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate will, of itself, serve as a guarantee to the Methodists and general public of North Carolina that the work has been well done and that the publication is a first-class one.

Alamance county is to have another cotton mill, thereby again placing this, the oldest of the large cotton manufacturing counties of the South, again in the lead—unless Gaston county shall build another meanwhile. The "Voorhees" Mill Company was chartered here last Friday, with an authorized capital of \$100,000.

The "gold brick" prisoners, now in the State Prison here, have added Hon. James H. Pou, of Raleigh (one of the greatest and most successful lawyers in North Carolina) to their list of able counsel. "Well," adds a friend at my elbow, "if 'Jim' Pou don't find some law to extricate 'em from their unpleasant position, their 'sis' 'shorely a gone case.'"

The cablegram accounts tell us that "Buck" Duke (native of Durham and now President of the American Tobacco Company) has bought up a lot of cigarette factories in Germany and Russia during the past week and has his eye on the others across the continent.

The famous old "liberty bell," of Revolutionary fame will rest upon North Carolina soil at Asheville between ten and eleven hours (if the schedule holds good) on the 7th and 8th of January (2:40 p. m. to 1 a. m.) on its way to the South Carolina and West Indian Exposition at Charleston.

Acting Attorney General S. Brown Shepherd has given an opinion, at the request of State Treasurer Lacy, to the effect that United States government bonds are liable to the inheritance tax under the new law. This question affects large interests in North Carolina.

The State Board of Public Charities was in session here last Thursday and Friday. The comprehensive and valuable report of Secretary Denson, who takes an active personal interest in the work, was read and furnished much interesting data and a very comprehensive statement as to the cost of maintaining the charitable institutions of this State, and showing what is yet needed, sadly in some instances, to more successfully carry on the good work. We may be justified in recurring this subject later on.

LLEWEXAM.

## Burned to Death.

Henry Davis, colored, was put in the guard house at Jerome Tuesday night to await trial next day for stealing beer from the saloon of Mr. C. A. Fitzgerald. It is supposed he conceived the idea of getting out by firing the house. He fired the house on the inside but it was not found out until 4 o'clock and it was then too late to save either the house or the man.

His body was a horrible sight when the fire was over.

When Mr. Theodore Roosevelt succeeded Mr. Wm. McKinley as President of the United States he declared that he would endeavor to carry out unbroken the policy of his illustrious predecessor and asked that all the members of the Cabinet retain their portfolios. At that time there were many who predicted that there would be changes in the Cabinet before the new year. So far two breaks have occurred—Mr. Smith, the Postmaster General, and Mr. Gage, the Secretary of the Treasury, having tendered their resignations. Now, if Secretary Long of the Navy Department, will follow suit there will be much rejoicing throughout the country.

## FRESH OYSTERS.

Fresh oysters received at Smith's Bakery, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Oysters served any way you want them. Eggs wanted. W. G. SMITH, Prop.