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COUNTY NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered by Our Regular Correspondents.

CLAYTON.

Mr. Frank L. Jones has moved here.

Mr. John S. Barnes went to Raleigh Monday.

Mr. John R. Jones has moved here from Raleigh.

Mr. W. E. Stallings went to Raleigh Monday.

B. M. Robertson & Co. are having their stables enlarged.

Mr. L. D. Debnam, of Selma, spent Thanksgiving here.

Mr. John Wrenn, of Lunar, was visiting here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Horne went to Raleigh Wednesday.

Miss Minnie Taylor, of Raleigh, is visiting Mrs. John Young.

Mr. Charles G. Gully, of Goldsboro, spent Thanksgiving with parents.

Elder J. A. T. Jones and daughter, Miss Eula, spent Saturday and Sunday here.

Miss Margaret French, of Lumberton, has been visiting the family of Mr. W. A. Barnes.

The free entertainment at the Clayton School Hall Thanksgiving eve was a decided success.

Miss Annie Taylor, of Raleigh, spent several days with the family of Mr. D. H. McCullers recently.

Mr. R. B. Whitley, of Selma, attended the meeting of the stockholders of Clayton Cotton Mill Tuesday.

The regular monthly meeting of the directors of the Clayton Banking Company was held Tuesday.

Mr. C. W. Horne spent several days in Raleigh recently visiting his wife who has been there for sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Cox and children, left for their home at Mt. Olive, after a visit of several days to Mrs. B. H. Yelvington.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Clayton Cotton Mills was held Tuesday. The same officers were re-elected.

Mr. L. F. Austin, of Penny, and Capt. J. J. Young attended the stockholders meeting of the Clayton Cotton Mills Tuesday.

Mr. Milton Stallings is sick of fever. Mr. Mallie Gower has the place as cotton weigher for Messrs. Barbour & Sons until his recovery.

"YELIR."

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Many changes among folks and things have occurred around here since the last items.

Crops are all housed except chufas and acorns.

Thanksgiving passed without any organized demonstration on the part of the Genus Humos, but woe unto old molly cotton-tail, the strutting gobbler, potato puddings and other appurtenances thereunto belonging.

Old Jack Frost has made his mark, and a shower of hail last week reminds us of the gloomy winter ahead. Ample woodpiles and warm stock quarters are now in order. Bowbacked shivering cows and frosty axe handles should be avoided.

We are counting and imagining the weight of porkers and kine. Mighty little rest a hog has. Some one calling or counting him day or night. Special attention on good meat seasons. Next June they will beat the hair off their knees with their jawbones, and then the boys sing out Cholera! We are in a free range, dont-chu-know.

The children are all going to school now except two. One at Mr. Wright Lynch's, the other at Mr. Charlie Hill's. They are both boys, and it is said that a

voice like one "crying in the wilderness" can be heard in their camps. (I don't think they are arrayed in camel's hair or do they hanker after locusts or wild honey.) One will be a steamboat captain, and the other an engineer of a good road machine. There is crawling ahead of both and some backactions may occur.

There has been but little said and nothing written about it, but it is a fact that Mr. James Whitley and Miss Bedie Smith, (son and daughter of the old men) "bunched rags" sometime ago and are now nesting in the old John Smith house practicing with the hymeneal yoke. The Jewish custom of resting a year would now be in order, but fate says "Hit the grit." Our best wishes are for them. May health, happiness and peace, prosperity, and usefulness lead and follow their footsteps through this life, and when the great divide appears, go fearlessly to the great Captain and receive the reward so liberally offered to those who do His will on this earth.

George Washington (Todd) in camp at Valley Forge. On the night of the hail last week, a weird fire light loomed up against the boughs of the thick pines on the hillside of the Sardis church branch, one hundred yards from the road, and upon investigation, with guns, plowlines and Genus Homos, a genuine Conjurer, Hoodo, Hobo, Fourteenth Amendment, occupant was monarch of what little he surveyed. With eyes shining like new money and tongue rattling like a katy-did, and knees shaking like a rooster on a rickety roost, he told his tale. We inspected his stock of herbs, roots, bug hulls, rabbit feet, lizard tails, grasshopper joints and vials of wrath and drugs, (supposed to have been purchased from the leading druggists of Smithfield.) He (might have hoodooed them) 20 in number. He claimed Goldsboro for his home (and letters and a diary verified it) and after a tour of the rice plantations of South Carolina, and up the short-cut railroad from Florence, via, Smithfield, thence by dirt to his camp. He said he breakfasted with Miss Charlotte Murphy to whom he proudly referred me.

Upon the whole, he showed up fairly well, and after assuring him that he would not be further molested, and a gentle lecture on witchcraft, astrology, necromancy, hypnotism, hypocrisy and hoodooism in general, we hypothesized a clear track to the Wayne county line. He said his camp had once before been inspected by guns and white folks and pitch forks. Amidst a profusion of thanks we bid him finish his compounding, try to sleep a little, rise early in the morning and arrange his toilet and hit the grit.

The sharp decline in tobacco, and see-saw fluctuations in cotton is kinder making the boys look lantern jawed. Getting reckless; looking towards town; willing to work but if their labor is to be unrewarded, they skip the sun shine, dust and storms of the farm, and rack up to the prettily dressed town girls, cool lemonade stands, brilliant street and side shows, dog fights, and peep through the hole at the post office when the mail comes.

Mrs. Lizzie Moore and baby, of Faison, are visiting parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Holt. The baby is a boy and can nearly say "truck" and "berry." Grandpa ran his push cart and kept him out of the mud puddles.

Dec. 2nd, 1902.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable Salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, Cuts, Sores, Eczema and Piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. 25c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

BAPTIST CENTER.

Several of our people went to court Tuesday.

Mr. Cleon Austin spent a few days last week in Smithfield.

Refreshing showers (?) fell in this community Sunday and Tuesday.

Quite a number of our people attended the Union Meeting at Bethesda Saturday.

Misses Nellie Parish and Letty Coffield, of Benson, were recent visitors in this section.

Mr. John L. Jones and sister, Miss Althea, of Avery's Mill, passed through Sunday.

Mr. U. F. Wallace, of Benson, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wallace.

Mrs. W. H. Higgins and daughter, Miss Marine Yelvington, spent Thanksgiving with relatives in the Avery's Mill section.

Miss Rossie Hardee spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends near Wilson's Mills. She returned home Monday, accompanied by Miss Berta Jones.

As Mr. Jesse Harrison returned from Smithfield Tuesday evening he stopped to get a drink of water, his mule walked away. He was very much frightened, but no damage was done.

B. C. HUSTLER.

BENTONSVILLE.

The boys have organized a Debating Society over at our school, Sandy Grove. Success to them.

Mr. Seth Lassiter is building a neat little house. It may be that it means something. Who knows?

Revenue officers seized the government distillery of Dave Galigher in Bentonsville township a few days ago. We suppose there was some crookedness in the matter. The boys say, when the revenuers set out after a fellow, he had just as well come on in for they are mighty apt to get him.

Mr. Alex. Phelps, over in Meadow, lost a fine mule a few days ago.

LOW JOHNSTON.

Overshot, N. C.

SELMA.

Mr. Moulton Avery is visiting his mother, Mrs. H. B. Pearce.

Mrs. Rebecca Honeycutt, of Clayton, is visiting Mrs. W. B. Driver.

Miss Annie Bunch, of Wake county, is visiting Miss Jimmie Batton.

Miss Pattie Richardson is visiting her brother, Hon. Clarence W. Richardson.

Mr. Alex. Green, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Clem Richardson.

Mr. W. B. Driver leaves tonight (Thursday) for Crescent City, Florida, to visit relatives.

Dr. McCracken and sister, of Durham, came down to attend the funeral of Dr. Hatcher, who was their cousin.

Our Chief of Police, N. R. Batten, is spending this week in Smithfield attending court as witness against several offenders of the law.

Wm. Richardson, general agent of the Masonic Mutual Life Insurance Company, is at home from a very satisfactory trip in Jones and Onslow counties.

We have had several communications asking the whereabouts of our townsman, Robert Millard Nowell. To all enquiring friends would say that he is "at home" for the present giving strict attention to business. We cannot undertake to write personal letters to enquiries. This must suffice for all.

We are pained to have to report the death of our popular young dentist, Dr. J. William Hatcher, who died at the residence of his father, Mr. Hardy Hatcher, on Monday, December 1st.

About three months ago he purchased the dental office of Dr. Lee in Smithfield and moved there where he was very successful

fully in the practice of his chosen profession. He was only twenty-nine years of age, but, by his honest, upright walk in life and the manliness of his character, he had won the hearts of all who knew him. And when it was announced that "Dr. Hatcher was dead," a hush and quietness seemed to fall on our town such as has never been before. It was almost oppressive. The ways of God are mysterious and we cannot understand them. We poor mortals cannot see why such an useful and upright man should be taken. His family have the sincere sympathy of the entire community and hope they may have strength given them to say, Not our will but Thine be done, for Thou doest all things right and doth not err.

His funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. K. D. Holmes in the Methodist church here who paid a glowing tribute to the many virtues of the deceased and when he finished there was not a dry eye in the congregation. Strong men who knew and loved him wept as little children.

He was buried at the old family burying ground at Charlie Hatcher's with the beautiful and impressive ceremonies of Olive Branch Lodge No. 37, of Selma, of which he was an honored member. He left insurance policies amounting to three thousand dollars.

It is reported that a letter has been received here stating that Will Lockhart, who has several cases against him in court, is dead, but from appearances his people do not believe it. 'Tis said that he died in Richmond, Va.

SENE.

Protection for the Bull-Bat.

A bill has been introduced in the Georgia Legislature for the protection of bullbats. While it looks like a small thing, it is a measure of much importance to the farmers, and we hope some such law will be passed by the North Carolina Legislature. The bullbat feeds on insects and as the insect pest is the most destructive with which the farmer has to contend, the death of every bullbat only adds to his troubles. The cut worm and the army worm, the corn weevil and the cotton louse, the boll worm and the grasshopper and many other enemies of growing crops are favorite food for bullbats. The bullbat, as before said, is the friend of the husbandman, for he assists no little in cleaning out these destructive pests which prey on young growing plants. And yet thousands of them are yearly slaughtered by sportsmen who shoot them as they fly over the fields in the late afternoon catching the insects that swarm in the air. Some steps ought to be taken to stop the slaughter of this friend of the farmer. The injury inflicted on the wheat and cotton crops in the South alone by poisonous insects amounts to millions annually. Caterpillars, bollworms, grasshoppers, rust, San Jose scale and other noxious things have simply carried destruction in their wake, and they must yearly become more numerous and destructive unless the slaughter of birds that prey on them is stopped.—Asheville Citizen.

Fight Will Be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended early by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall, of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

Four men were killed, three fatally and five seriously injured by the explosion of the gas in the Luke Fidler colliery, at Shamokin, Pa., Saturday.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNED.

The December Term a Short One—Six Sent to Clayton Roads.

Superior court met Tuesday with Judge E. W. Timberlake presiding. Armistead Jones, Solicitor, prosecuted on behalf of the State.

The following were drawn as grand jurors:

J. H. Smith, Foreman, J. C. Allen, Jno. A. Creech, Chas. W. Lee, A. R. Duncan, Jr., M. C. Barfield, R. C. Harper, J. Dal Smith, Robt. E. Lee, Chas. Murphy, Wm. H. Sanders, J. P. Strickland, W. H. Sasser, Y. J. Lee, J. A. Tart, Louis Sasser, W. R. Honeycutt and J. R. Marler.

P. P. Coats was appointed officer of the grand jury.

Among the criminal cases disposed of we note the following:

State vs. Charley Bagley, assault with deadly weapon; six months on Clayton roads.

State vs. Ernest Moore and Johnnie Mack, Larceny; one year each on Clayton roads.

Carl Sanders was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and sentenced to four months on Clayton roads.

J. T. Langston and Jasper Langston plead guilty to an assault with deadly weapon and were fined \$10.00 each and cost.

Oscar Merritt and Will Turner were charged with an assault with deadly weapon, Oscar Merritt plead guilty and was fined \$10.00 and one half of the costs.

Willis Spruill was found guilty of robbery and sentenced to two years on Clayton roads.

Rufus Marshburn plead guilty to the charge of resisting an officer and was sent to the Clayton roads four months.

Nathan A. McLamb plead guilty to f. and a. and was sent to jail for one year with leave to hire out after three months and pay costs.

Many other cases were disposed of in which judgment was suspended upon payment of costs, or found not guilty.

Many of the civil cases were continued and court adjourned yesterday at noon.

Mr. Zeb Turlington to Wed.

As an item of interesting news to their numerous friends, the Enterprise announces the approaching double marriage to take place on the evening of December 23, at 7:30 o'clock, when Mr. Claudius Tate Carr and Miss Annie Rankin, and Mr. Zeb Vance Turlington and Miss Mary Howard Rankin will be married. The ceremony will be of a quiet nature. Only the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties will be present. The Misses Rankin are the charming daughters of the late S. C. Rankin, and the grooms to be are popular and rising young men of the place—Mr. Carr being a teacher and educator, while Mr. Turlington is a very successful attorney.—Mooreville Enterprise.

A Sad Death.

Our town was saddened Monday on learning of the death of Dr. J. W. Hatcher which occurred at the home of his father in Selma early that morning.

Dr. Hatcher moved to Smithfield only a few weeks ago, having succeeded Dr. Lee in his dental practice. During his short stay here he had made many friends who regret exceedingly his untimely death. Affable in his manner, honest in his dealings with his fellowman and skilled in his profession he was destined to attain much success had his life been spared. Though young, he took a high stand in the North Carolina Dental Society, having been made a member of the standing committee on Oral Surgery. Dr. J. H. Benton, president of the society, in a private letter writes as follows:

"When in Smithfield six weeks ago I spent several hours with Dr. Hatcher and was very favorably impressed with him and think he was destined to take a high stand in his chosen profession and occupy a position of honor and importance in the society."

General News.

New York dealers predict high prices for coal all winter and fear that a blizzard would cause great suffering.

London interests have brought suit for \$123,000,000 against the C. P. Huntington estate and allied interests.

The father of Miss Rodelia Balm, of Wheeling, W. Va., who has been regarded as dead for 17 years, has returned home.

The House of Representatives Wednesday passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 to defray the expenses of the Coal Commission.

The Kentucky Court of Appeals has granted a new trial to Caleb Powers, convicted of complicity in the murder of Gov. William Goebel.

The last session of both houses of the 57th Congress met at noon Monday and immediately adjourned out of respect to members who have died during the recess.

In the Senate at this session the most important measure scheduled for immediate attention is the bill admitting Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona to Statehood.

The annual report of Secretary Root advocates the establishment of a general staff for the army and asks relief for a serious economic and financial situation in the Philippines.

An express train on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad bound from Chicago to Baltimore was in collision with a freight train at Carbon, Pa., Sunday. The engineer was killed.

William H. Murray, who had lived for more than a decade under the name of Howard at Dunlap, Tenn., was arrested Sunday for a murder committed in Illinois 28 years ago.

Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely says in his annual report that individual deposits with national banks the last fiscal year were \$3,200,273,893.93, exceeding all previous records.

Mrs. Mary Boland, wife of a miner, told the arbitration commission at Scranton, Pa., while testifying before it Wednesday, that her husband received so little pay she had not been able to buy a new dress in eight years.

Senator McCullom, of Illinois, has introduced a bill to amend the Sherman Anti-trust law, so as to prohibit inter-State commerce in articles produced by trusts, the penalty for violations being a fine of from \$500 to \$5,000.

Wednesday a bill was reported in the Senate from the Committee on Territories, as a substitute for the House measure, providing that Oklahoma and Indian Territory be admitted into the Union as one State under the name of Oklahoma.

Harvey Logan, the alleged Montana train robber, was at Knoxville, Tenn., Saturday given ten sentences aggregating 130 years. Eight sentences are for 15 years each, to be served concurrently and two sentences are for five years each to be served concurrently.

The United States Leather Company, commonly known as the Leather Trust, has become a domestic corporation under the laws of North Carolina. Its headquarters in this State will be at Bryson City, Swain county. The State and county each receive a \$500 fee, the capital of the company being \$125,000,000, but it pays only \$1,000,000, the limit of the law.

Have you ever read "Black Rock," one of the most popular of the recent novels? If not, let us sell you a copy. We have it in neat cloth binding at only 20 cents per copy. By mail 25 cts. Call on or address THE HERALD, Smithfield, N. C.

Have you a Turner's North Carolina Almanac for 1903? If not, call at THE HERALD office and learn how you can get one free.