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STATE NEWS.

Items of Interest Gathered From the North Carolina Papers.

Mamie Goodrich, six years old, was burned to death in Pitt county last week. Clothing caught from the fire place.

The Baptist State Convention, which was in session at Durham the past week, will meet in Charlotte next year.

The Wilmington chamber of commerce contemplates inviting ex President Cleveland to deliver an address before it in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Newsome, of New Salem township, Union county, have 19 children and all of them are yet under the parental roof.

The board of education of New Hanover county has employed a music teacher to teach vocal music in the public schools of that county for a year.

The President has appointed Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, Minister to Persia, vice Lloyd Griscomb, Jr, promoted to be Minister to Japan.

There is talk of an effort being made to move the court house of Rockingham county from Wentworth to Reidsville. Wentworth is isolated and has no railroad connection.

The Asheville Citizen has been enlarged and improved. It is now an 8 page paper, with improved facilities for gathering and disseminating news. It covers its field and gives a good service.

In the Federal Court at Raleigh last week Hulda Hines a white woman of Wake county, plead guilty to an indictment for illicit distilling and was sentenced to 15 months in the penitentiary at Nashville.

For about a month in each year, just before Christmas, a man in Elizabeth City gathers mistletoe and ships it to Northern cities. It sells for about \$5 per barrel. This season he will ship about 75 barrels.

Seven men escaped from jail at Marshall at midnight Thursday night by sawing out the steel bars in the cell windows. The escaped included Henderson Murray and Rice Hagan, both of whom are under the charge of murder.

Winston was visited Saturday morning by one of the worst fires in her history. The total loss is estimated to be \$175,000, with \$110,150 insurance. Four three-story brick buildings on North Cherry street, known as "Five Factory Row," were destroyed.

Friday morning at 5 o'clock Mrs. Ed. Jones, whose husband is employed in the Seaboard Air Line service at Raleigh, blew out her brains and died instantly. She was only 25 years of age and had suffered an attack of paralysis. Her sister was nursing her and left her for a minute. On a bureau near the bed was her husband's revolver, and this Mrs. Jones took and lying on the bed shot herself in the temple. Her mind was affected by disease and despondency.

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.

Fortunately for a man's peace of mind he seldom hears other people's real opinion of himself.

The Venezuela Affair.

Secretary Hay is surprised that Great Britain and Germany have not answered the arbitration proposal of President Castro, transmitted through the State Department at Washington. He sent cablegrams yesterday to United States Ambassadors Choate, in London, and Tower, in Berlin, directing them to bring the question anew to the attention of the two Governments and press for a speedy reply.

The British Foreign Office inquired of Secretary Hay if the United States was willing to guarantee the fulfillment of Venezuela's pledges. A negative answer was given. Without such a guarantee Great Britain is not disposed to accept arbitration. Germany is in the same attitude.

The Italian Ambassador, Senor des Planches, called on Mr. Hay and gave notice that Italy had joined the allies in pressing their claims against Venezuela, but that she asks no permanent occupation of territory. He asked that United States Minister Bowen represent the interests of Italy at Caracas. This will be granted, if agreeable to Venezuela.

The United States Senate discussed in secret session the situation in Venezuela. It was generally agreed that thus far the Monroe doctrine has not been violated, but it was deemed advisable to maintain an attitude of watchfulness. Senator Wm. M. Stewart, of Nevada, advised a strengthening of coast fortifications.

In view of the situation the Navy Department decided to issue definite orders to Admiral Dewey for the movements of each of his vessels during Christmas holidays, instead of giving the Admiral, as had been planned, a free hand in this arrangement. The fleet will be kept within easy range of the Venezuela coast.

British and German ships have appeared off the Venezuelan island of Margarita, which is said to have been desired last year by Germany as a coaling station.

Venezuela apologized for the arrest of the acting Consul of Belgium at Caracas. The scare at President Castro's capital is subsiding and British and German residents are resuming business.—Baltimore Sun, 17th.

Education for Farmers and Farm Boys.

A great opportunity is offered young farmers and farm boys to get a training in scientific agriculture at the A. and M. College this winter. The winter course in Agriculture and Dairying begins January 2, 1903, and lasts ten weeks. This is at a time when hundreds of farmers can be spared from their work, permitting them to obtain this important training that will mean dollars and cents to them. Practical instructions in all phases of farm life is given: one young man of last year's class declared that he made two hundred dollars after he got home by having learned some of the principles of feeding.

This training is a paying investment to the farm boy. We hope all will attend who can. The college charges nothing for its work; the only expense is the students board, room, books, etc., which altogether amounts to only thirty dollars.

Plan to attend the course, if you have not already received a circular write to Professor Chas. W. Burkett, West Raleigh, N. C., for full information.

The Farm With the Most Acres.

It is not always the farm with the most acres that is the most profitable. The number of your talents and their size count less than the way you use them. If you have no more than five acres of land to cultivate, be sure that every foot is made productive. If you have only one talent, use it for all it is worth.—Young People's Weekly.

Silence may be golden, yet the product of the still makes men noisy.

THE VENEZUELAN TROUBLES.

What the German and British Claims Are For.

The German and British claims against Venezuela, it is stated, amount to about \$20,000,000. Germany is the larger creditor, having an itemized bill for almost \$15,000,000. Its demands are for compensation for losses sustained by German subjects in the recent civil wars in Venezuela, large amounts due to German merchants for goods supplied to the Venezuelan government, and arrears of interest on the loan of \$10,000,000 to that government in 1896, two-thirds of which was advanced by German capitalists and the rest by the French and British. Castro's government has staved off the payment of interest on this indebtedness for four years. The Venezuelan president has spared with his creditors as skillfully as any poverty-stricken ruler that ever owed and could not pay. His diplomacy in this direction has almost equalled that of the "sick man" of Turkey.

The purpose of the British and German governments in sending ships to the port of LaGuayra is to seize the Custom House and appropriate the receipts until the debts are paid. Judging from precedent, with the added difficulty that Venezuela's credit is now bad with all nations, this may be a slow process. Great Britain in 1895 made a similar attempt to collect a debt from Nicaragua. The port of Corinto was seized and the customs confiscated. The business of the port immediately began to decline and eventually dwindled to practically nothing under the British occupation. The debt, however, was finally paid by Nicaragua with the assistance of her neighbor republics. A New York banking house recently agreed to lend Venezuela \$20,000,000 if the United States would guarantee the repayment. But this was an insurmountable obstacle to the arrangement, as Uncle Sam would not endorse.

It is stated that German capitalists have large investments in Venezuela. It is estimated that the German money locked up in Venezuelan enterprises amounts to about \$50,000,000, of which \$15,000,000 is in the railways. British capitalists and mercantile houses also have large interests there, and there are consequently a considerable number of German and British subjects resident in the republic for the purpose of looking after these investments and businesses. Castro in arresting these people made it further impossible for the United States to act a friendly part toward Venezuela without antagonizing her powerful friends across the ocean. Minister Bowen did all that was possible in securing the release of these people, but their arrest was a declaration of war that has since developed into a most critical situation.—Asheville Gazette.

ARCHER LODGE.

Mr. L. H. Champion, our teacher, spent Sunday in the Penny section.

Sunday School will meet next Sunday at one p. m., and Turley says we shall have fire.

Miss Beatrice Green has just returned from a visit to her relatives, Mr. Thomas Sullivan and family.

There will be services at Salem Primitive Baptist next Saturday and Sunday by the pastor, Elder J. A. T. Jones.

Miss Lizzie Wall and Miss Emma Griffin, of Raleigh, have recently visited Miss Wall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wall.

The school at Archer Academy will close Friday, December 19, for the Christmas holidays. It will open again Monday, December 29, 1902.

Miss Jimmie Batten, of Selma, spent Sunday in this section, the guest of her brother, Mr. A. L. Batten. W. L. S.

POLENTA.

It is likely that there will be no preaching at Oakland on the fourth Sunday.

Polemta Academy will close for the Christmas holidays next Tuesday evening.

Mr. J. W. Green has two sick children, one of them very sick with pneumonia.

Miss Mildred Young will spend a few days of the Christmas holidays in Smithfield.

"Baptist Center Hustler" is causing a stampede of our boys over in that direction.

Mr. Frank Wood is very sick with pneumonia. At this writing he is somewhat better.

Mr. Bythan Barbour is greatly improved in health, and his many friends are delighted thereat.

Wheat in this section is looking well. A much larger acreage than last year has been put in.

Mr. Wm. Adams and Mr. Elmer Edgerton, of Smithfield, spent the first Sunday in this section.

Rumor has it that another matrimonial affair will, at an early day be celebrated in this neighborhood.

Rev. Mr. Hall filled his appointment at Shiloh last Sunday morning and preached a most excellent sermon.

A tacky-party is talked of for the Christmas holidays. A good number of young people is likely to contest for the prize.

Our Methodist friends of this circuit rejoice at the return of Rev. Mr. Fisher to this field. He is beloved by people of all denominations, and is doing a good work.

Mr. Edwin Martin has returned from an extended business trip through South Carolina, but will probably go back to that State at the beginning of the New Year.

During this week Mr. Sam W. Booker has been critically ill with that dreaded disease gastritis. For several days his life was despaired of, but on Friday night a change took place for the better, since which time he has been slowly improving.

On last Sunday evening at a church conference of the members of Oakland church, Rev. Mr. McMurray, of Mecklenburg county, was called to the pastorate of said church unanimously. He was for several years pastor of the church, during which time he made hosts of friends, and it is to be hoped he will accept the call.

Two brothers, William and Sam Sanders, colored, had a dispute Monday evening about 3 p. m., about a debt one owed to the other. It seems they approached each other in a fighting attitude, Sam struck William over the head with a pitchfork, fracturing his skull, which may result in his death. William lies in an unconscious condition; the constable is scouring the surrounding country in search of Sam, but up to this time he has not been apprehended. As yet it is not known who is to blame, the version given by those who witnessed the tragedy being of a conflicting nature.

Since writing above Wm. Sanders has died. Sam Sanders is still at large.

TYPO.

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For Fire Insurance call on John O. Ellington & Co. Best companies, best rates.

SELMA NEWS.

Dr. R. J. Noble in Wreck at High Point.—Local and Personal News.

Mr. N. R. Batten spent Monday in Raleigh.

Robert Millard Nowell spent Sunday in Wilson.

Mr. W. B. Driver returned from a visit to relatives in Florida last week.

Mr. R. E. Richardson returned Saturday from a visit to his old home at Wendell.

Dr. J. B. Person went to Wilson Wednesday to the meeting of the Seaboard Medical Society.

Mr. E. W. Vick, representing the drug firm of L. Richardson & Co., is spending a few days here.

Cotton sold on our streets Tuesday for 8 1/2 cents. Bring on your cotton if you want the highest price for it.

Miss Pattie Richardson returned to her home in Wilders township after a visit to her brother, C. W. Richardson.

Messrs. Clarence W. Richardson and Harry W. Hood attended the Baptist State Convention at Durham last Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. John and Irvin Honeycutt left to-day (Wednesday) for Durham to attend the marriage of their sister, Miss Rutha Honeycutt.

Dr. Taylor, a dentist from Warrenton, N. C., has bought the office of the late Dr. J. W. Hatcher and will be glad to serve all in need of his service.

A musical under the direction of Miss Lula F. Tisdale will be the attraction Friday evening, December 19th, in the new opera house. The programme promises to be an interesting one to all who attend. Admission 10 and 15 cents. Doors open at 6:30, performance begins at 7:30.

Dr. R. J. Noble went to Charlotte last Thursday to attend a meeting of the Shriners. He returned Saturday morning. On his way there, at High Point at 5:20 a. m., the train he was on ran into an open switch, into a freight train standing on the side track. The train he was on was No. 39, one of the Southern's fast trains, and was going nearly forty miles an hour when it went into the switch.

The engineer thought he had a clear track and did not know the switch was changed until he felt the engine leave the main line, put on the emergency air brake at once, which reduced speed some, just enough to prevent serious damage to the passengers; but not enough to prevent a bad wreck. The engines on both trains were badly broken up. The baggage car of No. 39, next to the engine was broken at the end next to the engine. No damage to the day coach or sleepers. No. 39 had a baggage car, a day car and four sleepers.

None of the passengers were seriously injured; the worst was a young lady from Richmond, who was thrown against the dressing room door bruising her face and blacking her eye, and Dr. Noble, who was thrown forward striking his mouth against the back of a seat which made it bleed some, and giving him a swelled lip. Several were thrown against the back of seats, bruising their faces or arms, but they were of no consequence.

As soon as Dr. Noble ascertained that no one was hurt in the car he went to the assistance of the engineers and firemen. He had them taken into a sleeper and gave them medicine to relieve their sufferings, dressed their wounds, and by the time the physicians from High Point arrived they were resting comfortably. Soon the wrecking train from Greensboro came, bringing besides the "wrecking crew," the superintendent, Mr. E. H. Crapman, the train master, Mr. G. V. Peyton and two physicians.

The engineer of No. 39 had his right leg broken just above the ankle and two toes on his left foot mashed. The engineer of

the freight train had his right leg broken just below his knee.

The colored fireman jumped from the engine before it struck and was badly injured about the head and it was feared internally. The white fireman on the freight saw No. 39 coming and began to throw coal into the furnace and knew nothing of danger until he was thrown against the fire box of his engine. His skull had a small fracture and several teeth knocked out, but was getting along nicely when last heard from.

The engineer of No. 39, Mr. A. R. Rowzie, of Lynchburg, Va., was praised by all for his bravery in sticking to his engine and making every effort in his power to stop; and, but for his efforts no one knows who would have been able to tell the tale. There were over forty passengers in the day coach. SENEX.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Matthews, of Sampson county, roosted in this neck of the woods last Sunday night. Mrs. Matthews will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Powell. Mr. Matthews returned to his huckleberry range on Monday.

Mrs. Lizzie Carr, of Duplin county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. S. Powell. Her son, Bennie, accompanied her, and says he is looking for a school teacher. He wants to say an almanac lesson. They have some funny named places in Duplin, How would Wolf Scrape, Swing Pig, Lick-Lizzard, Tear Shirt and Hot Skillet, sound to a school marm? They tell wonderful stories about the berry, truck and melon region on the Wilmington and Weldon rail road.

Some of the National Wards played one of Old Dan Tucker's tricks on one of Mr. C. B. Sanders' granda porkers one day last week, viz: Old Dan Tucker went a shooting,

He found some hogs in the woods a rooting, He shot them down and left them a shaking, And that's the way he got his bacon.

So get out of the route you pork-up killers, You better be hunting Old Peg-leg Williams.

House and yard cleaning in view of the Christmas festivities is all the rage now. Yard brooms and scouring mops are as thick as war ships about Venezuela. The Yule logs are being prepared, and the mistletoe, holly and evergreens selected for the Christmas trees and house decorations. The good crops and prices received have made it possible for all the country children to once more in realty come face to face with old Santa Claus. With their Daddies' debts paid, new furniture in the house, and new cook stoves in the kitchen, new suits of clothes with hats and ribbons to match, pork in the smoke house, and corn in the barn, brightens the countenances of all and wreathes in smiles the faces of the tots at the mention of Chris Cringle and Santa Claus. Sam Vick and the South Carolina Crum concerns them not.

If you see anything of Old Santa Claus up your way tell him to fetch some itch medicine down this way. We forgot to write him about it. X.

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