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POLENTA NEWS.

This community had a very quiet Christmas. The day was spent as becometh a christian people. Only a very few overstepped the bounds of propriety. At Oakland on Christmas Eve night the Sunday School scholars enjoyed the evening by having a Christmas tree heavily laden with nice presents, of which every scholar in the school received one, and all went away rejoicing at the privilege of being present on such an occasion.

Last Sunday morning at Oakland the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: F. T. Booker, Supt; C. C. Young, Ass't Supt; Ed. Edmundson, Sec. and Treas.; Miss Mildred Young, Organist. The school is in good working condition and no efforts will be spared to make its work more efficient the coming year.

The Christmas tree at Shiloh last Saturday night was a grand success in every particular. The tree was laden to its fullest extent with presents for the scholars and friends of the school, which were enjoyed by all present. The school under the Superintendency of Mr. D. M. Lee, is in a flourishing condition.

A large crowd gathered at Mt. Zion last Friday night to witness the Christmas exercises of the Sunday School at that place, which consisted in tableaux charades, etc. All of those who took part in the exercises acquitted themselves handsomely, so say those who attended. Under the Superintendency of that earnest worker, Mr. Ed. McCullers, the school is bound to be in fine working shape.

The coming year Mr. Walter Coats leaves us to take charge of the Ives' farm, three miles this side of Smithfield. He is a good farmer, for so young a man, and is destined to make his mark in agricultural pursuits.

Mr. W. D. Young, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, returned to school at Clayton, Sunday evening.

The Polenta school re-opened Monday morning.

The children of Mr. J. W. Green, who have been sick with pneumonia, are some better.

The young people had a delightful time at an oyster supper, given by the young men, at Dr. E. N. Booker's Tuesday night. A goodly number were present, and enjoyed themselves as only young people can.

Mr. Frank Wood, who has been quite sick with pneumonia is sufficiently recovered to be able to be out.

Sam Sanders, who killed his brother two weeks ago, is still at large. It is said he has gone to Georgia. Some believe, however, that he is still lurking around in this section.

Mr. Sam W. Booker is still confined to his bed, but is slowly improving.

Dr. James Edmundson, of Wilson, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, near Leachburg.

Miss Lucile Ellington and Mr. Douglass Ellington, spent several days Christmas week, visiting at Capt. J. J. Young's. Mr. Jno. O. Ellington and wife, also spent Christmas week at Capt. Young's.

Mr. J. O. Ellington and Mr. W. D. Young went out one day last week in quest of partridges and brought in seventy-one birds. Pretty good for one day's hunt.

Misses Sue, Maud and Alice Edmundson, two of them after teaching for the past several months, the other from the Normal at Greensboro, are spending the Christmas holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Sarah Barber and her daughter, Miss Addie, spent Christmas day at Mrs. Stephenson's, daughter of Mrs. Barber's, in Smithfield. From Smithfield Miss Addie went to Benson, where she spent the remainder of the week with Mrs. Cassie Lee, her sister.

Sorry to chronicle Mrs. J. C. Holt's sickness. She is suffering a great deal with rheumatism. Trust she will soon recover.

Mr. James Edmundson happened to a painful accident day before Christmas. He was in the woods standing close to where a tree was being cut down and not paying much attention to what was going on. In the fall of the tree, which was of small size, he was caught under it, which dislocated one of his arms. A doctor was soon called in and the proper treatment was given. During the time he suffered a great deal of pain. He is now doing well.

Mr. H. T. Garrard, of Norfolk, Va., is spending this week at his old home.

Miss Ava Yelvington, who is attending Turlington Institute, after spending the holidays with her parents, returned to the Institute Wednesday of this week.

Miss Mary Jones, of Smithfield township, spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Claude Price.

Two hearts will be made happy on or just before the second Sunday. So the knowing ones say.

With no corn and little bacon to buy, our farmers will fare better the coming crop year than they did the last.

Typo congratulates the HERALD on its success during 1902, and wishes for it unbounded success during 1903. It is decidedly one of the best weeklies in the State, and deserves the patronage of the whole people of the county. We hope its circulation will reach five thousand during the year.

TYPO.

BETHANY SECTION.

Services were held at Bethany church Christmas day and a collection taken for the orphans at Thomasville.

How sad it is that Christmas never passes without our hearing of someone getting killed and of people getting drunk and fighting.

A family reunion was held at Rev. Worley Creech's at Christmas that was very much enjoyed by all who were present.

Mr. W. S. Earp and family, of Easons, visited in our section last week.

Mr. D. C. Smith and family, of the Micro section, were with us during Christmas.

Miss Nellie Lee has returned to her school after spending a week at home.

Miss Catherine Strickland, after spending a week in Emit section, has returned home.

REPORTER.

WILSON'S MILLS.

Mrs. L. F. Fields spent Christmas here with her parents.

Misses Emma and Stella Bridgers, of High Point, are visiting relatives in town.

Miss Lewellyn, who has been visiting Chili, returned to her home in Raleigh Monday.

Mr. John G. Wilson, of Louisville, spent a few days with us.

Prof. Asbury and Mr. L. M. Jones, of Raleigh, spent a few days here last week.

Miss May Bernard, of the Atlantic Christian college, spent a few days with Miss Evie Wilson during the holidays.

Miss Mable Vinson and Miss Evie Wilson will return to the Atlantic Christian college this week.

The railroad has reached the iron mine. The mine is a place of interest, and it has attracted many visitors. Several cars of ore are being shipped every day to the furnace at Greensboro.

C. M. and W. G. Wilson have a man that can glaze two lights per minute. Who can beat this? Holt & Wall are again at work in their shop.

The Christmas tree given by the Sunday Schools was a success. The children were well pleased.

Mr. J. W. Tomlinson killed a wild goose Monday. It was a large brant.

Andrew Carnegie has given New Orleans a quarter of a million of dollars to establish a library.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Christmas, Santa Claus, cold weather, snow and the folks got all mixed up last week in the Yule tide, but are now floating on the slack, and ebbing a little. Christmas trees, turkey dinners, shifting parties, friendly and loving greetings, good cheer, promises and declarations pervaded this ranch.

Not a single case of sickness or object of charity, and only one shady circumstance. Master Clifton Whitley while loading some gun shells had the powder to ignite from a fire-cracker. He is minus of eye-lashes and brows and totes a "briled" jaw. Painful, but not serious. Better slam boards on the ground or "bust" bladders like they used to for Christmas.

Many birds and a few cotton-tails bit the dust but more took leg bail or soared for the dim distance.

A mammy "granda porka" and family dined in Mr. Wright Lynch's yam hill, Christmas. She did not go in backwards either, and when she came out she looked like an ancient water-bottle or scotch bag-pipe.

Mr. Thomas Holt from Richmond Medical College, Miss Lillian Holt from Raleigh Baptist Female University, Mrs. Rosa Prichard, teacher in the Gastonia High School, Mr. Hampton Sanders, of Portsmouth (with a big potato in his pocket), Miss Nona Powell, of the Wilson Sanatorium, Miss Maude Powell, teacher of the Baptist Central school, Mr. George Whitley, of the Yelvington school, Hezekiah Jones of a school near Clayton, Miss Pearl Whitley and Misses Nellie and Minnie Luceford, of Smithfield, all Johnstoneans, reinforced by Jim Carr (not a crow) of Duplin and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Matthews and children, Misses Bettie and Laura Matthews, Messrs. George Roberson and N. L. Best, of the huckleberry woods, (they have quit belling the children now), spent the holidays in this neck of the woods. Some were visiting, some gathering grapes and some working the Boaz and Ruth racket. They all report a big Christmication and confaberation.

Rev. Mr. Coltrane interluded us with his first sermon at Sanders Chapel last Sunday. All speak highly of him and his sermon.

Mr. H. B. Lane, of New Bern sent Mr. C. S. Powell a barrel of shell oysters for Christmas. They reached him Saturday night, and Monday night some of his neighbors went over and had a roast. You may think an oyster can't walk, but they got a move on them.

Mr. Condy Godwin took his Zonophone over and when it finished the Arkansas Traveller, Zoo Loo Polka, Mocking Bird, Wo Bill, The Rambler and Pull in the Gang Plank, those bivalves walked, talked, rolled and flew.

Warm sunny weather now, and after wearing a biled shirt around for ten days, it feels good to shuck off and don old togies. It feels more natural, and then it looks tackyish.

We will bear on the bit awhile now.

Dec. 31, 1902

LEACHBURG.

Mr. John Holland and sister, Miss Dessie, of Fuquay Springs, visited relatives in Leachburg last Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Mary Dunn and Nannie Penny attended the Christmas tree exercises at Shiloh last Saturday night.

Miss Nellie Lee, who has charge of the public school in district No. 3 in Oneals township, came home and spent Christmas week with her parents. She was accompanied by one of her students, Miss Etta Hodge.

Mr. Starling Johnson continues to be very sick. He has been confined to his room for some time with dropsy. We hope for his speedy recovery.

Messrs. Walter Coats and Eugene Stevens, two of our young sports, have just returned from Fuquay Springs where they have been recuperating for several days.

Miss Lessie Barnes, who has been attending Mount Moriah school for the last year, spent Christmas with her mother. She returned to school last Sunday.

Madam rumor has it that we are to have a wedding in the community within the next few days. We extend congratulations.

SOL.

PENNY.

As usual a very jolly Christmas was spent in this section. "Old Santa" was seen but looked very tired and sleepy.

Mr. Henry Austin and brothers, Jesse and Hugh, spent Christmas with relatives in Goldsboro.

Miss Jeter Penny spent several of the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. S. Buffalo in Garner.

Several of the young people attended the Christmas tree at Oakland on Wednesday evening.

Miss Alice Penny, who is teaching at Mt. Hope near Raleigh, is spending the holidays at home. Her friend, Miss Mary Dunn, is visiting her.

Among the bird hunters of this section Mr. Phi Tomlinson is champion.

Mr. Hubert Penny returned from a visit to Southern Pines last Sunday.

A Dunn was sent to our midst last week which has drawn great attention. Sometimes duns are worrisome, but the people in our midst delight even at the appearance of a Dunn.

Mr. Ernest Jones and family have moved in their new residence.

Lee Penny is quite ill with typhoid fever.

Miss Lillie Long, our much loved teacher, spent two days last week with friends and relatives in Wilson's Mills.

Miss Verna Penny left Monday for Clayton High School where she will attend the remainder of the season.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Yarborough visited Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Penny yesterday.

Mr. Walter Williams is on the sick list this week.

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PRINCETON.

There was at Christmas tree at the Methodist church here last week and many little hearts were made glad.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. McKinne, of Concord, spent Christmas here with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. David F. McKinne spent Christmas here.

Mr. J. R. Ledbetter and Miss Fannie Massey were married at the home of the bride on Christmas Eve.

At the home of Mr. J. W. Snipes on last Tuesday at 10 o'clock his pretty daughter, Miss Mattie, was married to Mr. L. K. Stallings, of Goldsboro. They left on the 12 o'clock train for Goldsboro, which place they will make their future home.

A dead man was found near here in the Neuse islands last Friday. His name is Bob Stafford. An inquest was held Saturday morning and the jury rendered a verdict that he came to his death by being shot by an unknown hand. His gun and shot sack were found by his side.

Tried to Conceal It.

It's the old story of "murder will out" only in this case there's no crime. A woman feels run-down, has backache or dyspepsia and thinks it's nothing and tries to hide it until she finally breaks down. Don't deceive yourself. Take Electric Bitters at once. It has a reputation for curing Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and will revivify your whole system. The worst forms of those maladies will quickly yield to the curative power of Electric Bitters. Only 50c. and guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists.

BENSON.

Benson has become the Mecca for newly married people. The last couples to arrive are Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Turlington, of Mooresville, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hall, of Goldsboro, and others are slated to arrive soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon have returned from their bridal tour.

Mrs. Etta Johnson returned to her home at Clayton Wednesday.

June Woodard didn't let go the pop cracker soon enough and is now carrying one hand in a swing.

Almon Hawley and James, or one or both of them accidentally put fire into the fire works at the Benson Drug Co's. store on Christmas night, and for a while it looked like the whole thing would go up like one great big Roman candle; but exceeding bravery reached the spot with a few buckets of water, and the damages are thought to be not over \$50.

Miss Rosa Benson, daughter of J. M. Benson, died Tuesday after several weeks sickness.

There is considerable curiosity in town to know just when the next wedding will be. They all think they know who it will be, and that they are both people of experience.

Santa Claus brought Preston Woodall a boy, and papa is better pleased with him than with all the toys of his boyhood days.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Bryan are at J. D. Parrish's.

R. T. Surlis and J. C. Stancil are at home from Virginia.

Nathan McLam is still hoping to hear from the man who stole a hundred and fifty dollars from him several days ago.

J. H. Wheeler has bought J. W. Whittenton's present residence and will make further improvements.

Most of the Christmas shooting matches in this section were attended with fights much to the amusement of spectators.

What will the Legislature do with fences, dogs and whiskey? is an absorbing question here now.

The fire committee whose work is to be commended feel that their suggestions should be heeded.

See J. W. Whittenton's yard at his new residence to know the kind of fences I. J. Smith is selling.

The Wood-Hudson old gin house is no ornament to the place it has been moved to.

Our people never seemed more hopeful at the beginning of a new year.

CLAYTON.

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

Misses Jordan and Kennedy, of Raleigh, spent several days here during the holidays.

Mr. Samuel R. Gulley, of Durham and Mr. Chas. G. Gulley, of Goldsboro, N. C., spent Christmas with parents.

Mrs. R. T. Priddy, of Keysville, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S. Barnes spent Christmas with Mr. Barnes' mother.

Miss Julia Robertson spent the holidays with friends at Selma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adams and Brosia spent Christmas with Mrs. Brewer at Raleigh, returning Saturday morning, accompanied by Mabel and Ethel Brewer and Walter and Sexton Surlis.

Mrs. W. J. Wilson is visiting her son, Mr. S. Otho Wilson.

Dr. Herman H. Horne spent Christmas with parents.

Miss Prentiss Wilson returned Thursday, December 25, from Henderson where she attended the Kelly-Burgin marriage.

Miss Lona Williams left Tuesday for a visit to parents near Wakefield.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones and little son, Keith, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Phillips recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith were the guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ashley Horne, during the holidays. They left Tuesday morning for home.

Quite a change took place in our little town Thursday morning, Jan. 1, 1903. Messrs. O. G. Smith and Ralph Barnes severed their connection with the firm of Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son, Mr. Ivan Whitley left Mr. W. A. Barnes to work for Messrs. Horne & Son, Mr. R. A. Wall left Messrs. Barbour & Son to take a position as bookkeeper for Messrs. Phillips and Penny, of Raleigh, N. C. "And the band plays on."

Prof. J. R. Williams, of Apex, N. C., spent Christmas here.

All the teachers have returned from their holiday trips and Clayton school resumes its work.

Miss Addie Massey, of Smithfield is visiting here.

To THE HERALD force and to all the people of Johnston county, "Yelir" wishes you a happy and prosperous New Year.

"Yelir."

A DOUBLE WEDDING.

Mooresville, Dec. 23.—This evening at 7 o'clock, the home of Mrs. S. C. Rankin was the scene of a rarely beautiful wedding ceremony. The occasion was the marriage of two of her daughters, Miss Annie to Mr. C. T. Carr, and Miss Mary Howard to Mr. Zeb Vance Turlington, all of Mooresville. The unusual popularity of the young people and their prominence in their social world made the event one of widespread interest. This fact was emphasized by the handsome array of presents in the dining room.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Wharey, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church here. He stood between two large candlesticks, the light from which suffused the room with a soft radiance that brought out beautifully the artistic effect of the decorated parlor. The two grooms first came in together to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, played by Miss Mary Pelle Mills. Then came Miss Bess Rankin, maid of honor, dressed in pink organdie and carrying pink carnations. Next little Margaret Rankin, all in white, carrying the rings on a silver tray. She was followed by the brides, in Paris muslin with hand embroidered mousseline and pearls. Each carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and asparagus ferns tied with gauze ribbon. After the short impressive words were said and the congratulations and good wishes were received the couples left on the north-bound train for a visit to relatives during the holidays.

The brides are the daughters of the late Mr. S. C. Rankin, whose name has long stood in this section for all that is best in the business and social worlds. Mr. Carr is principal of the Mooresville Academy and Mr. Turlington is a young lawyer of recognized ability.—Charlotte Observer.

Made It Hot For Him.

"I wonder," said the new benedict, dreamily, "if there is anything warmer than a woman's love?"

"Sure!" replied Oldbache; "two women's love. I heard of a bigamist once who found that out."

—Philadelphia Press.

A Marvelous Invention.

Wonders never cease. A machine has been invented that will cut, paste and hang wall paper. The field of inventions and discoveries seems to be unlimited. Notable among great discoveries is Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. It has done a world of good for weak lungs and saved many a life. Thousands have used it and conquered Grip, Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Consumption. Their general verdict is: "It's the best and most reliable medicine for throat and lung troubles. Every 50c. and \$1.00 bottle is guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggist. Trial bottles free."