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STATE NEWS.

An election on the question of establishing a graded school will be held in Wilkesboro April 7th.

Safe crackers broke into the postoffice at Lincolnton Sunday night, blew open the safe and secured about \$700 in cash and stamps.

The saloons were voted out of Statesville Monday by a vote of 431 to 191. The temperance sentiment continues to gain ground.

The recent legislature passed more bills chartering railways than any previous one, over twenty railways having been incorporated.

The 1903 general assembly which adjourned last week passed 1,230 acts and 37 resolutions. The preceding legislature, that of 1901, passed 1,207 acts and 57 resolutions.

The superintendent of public instruction announced that warrants for the second \$100,000 to bring the school terms up to the four months, will be mailed to county treasurers within the next few days.

Mr. George W. Vanderbilt has at last succeeded in buying out the old darkey who owned a little patch of land in the middle of the Biltmore estate. It was worth about \$50, but the old chap held out until he got \$2,250 for it.

The legislature created the office of assistant to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and the place carries a salary of \$1,500. The place has been offered to Prof. E. C. Brooks, of the Monroe graded schools, and he has accepted it.

The body of Col. Eugene Harrell, who died at Manila, December 19, arrived in Raleigh Sunday morning and was buried in Oakwood cemetery that afternoon. Col. Harrell was 51 years of age and was a son of Rev. W. B. Harrell, of Dunn.

Miss Sadie Wilcox, a sister of Jim Wilcox, convicted of killing Miss Nellie Cropsey, has been appointed general delivery clerk at the Elizabeth City office by Postmaster Meekins. Miss Wilcox had the endorsement of all the patrons of the office.

Some time ago Mr. Andrew Carnegie, the millionaire, offered to give Greensboro \$30,000 for a public library if the city would guarantee \$3,000 a year for its support. At an election to be held May 5th the voters will decide whether the proposition will be accepted.

Lane Morgan shot and instantly killed John Richardson near Candor, Montgomery county, Saturday. The two men were at the home of Marshal Pitman, whose wife is Richardson's sister. Morgan drew a revolver and, crying, "you killed my brother and I'll kill you," shot Richardson dead. A few months previous Richardson had killed a half brother of Morgan.

Miss Sophronia Honeycutt, an invalid lady, was burned to death at her home, four miles from Apex, Wake county, a few days ago. She had been an invalid from her birth and never able to walk. She had been living with her aged mother, and in some way her clothing caught fire. Her mother tried to rescue her and came near losing her own life.

State Treasurer Lacy has offered for sale the new issue of bonds of which \$200,000 is in coupon bonds, of the denomination of \$500 and \$1,000 and \$100,000 in registered bonds, of the denomination of \$50, all bearing 3 per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, dated January 1st, 1903, payable ten years after date and exempt from all taxation. Bids will be received until noon, April 2d. Treasurer Lacy says the \$50 registered bonds are issued in the hope that people will take them and that it will be a popular loan. They are exempt from all taxation, including the income tax.

A dispatch from Nashville, Nash county, to the Raleigh News and Observer says that Bennett Bunn, who lives near there, was sent to jail for 30 days for lashing his 24-year-old daughter with a buggy whip. He made the young woman's home life so miserable that she left. He followed her to a neighbor's house and cursed and abused both her and the family with whom she was staying. He then persuaded her to return home, and there whipped her unmercifully. The people threaten to run him out of the community.

Monday morning in Tarboro Dr. Julian M. Baker shot and mortally wounded Dr. H. T. Bass. Dr. Bass died that night about 11 o'clock. Both were prominent physicians, being well known throughout the state. The trouble between the two men arose over the management of the Sanatorium at Tarboro. It is said that Dr. Bass, who is a large man, attacked Dr. Baker and was holding his head under his arm beating him when the latter fired the fatal shot. Dr. Baker gave bail and was released from custody. The plea of self-defense will be entered.

SELMA NEWS.

Mrs. Nancy Eason has returned from a visit to a sick sister in O'Neals township.

Mr. Charles Richardson, of Wendell, spent Wednesday with his brother R. E. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hugh Lee, of Raleigh are visiting Mrs. Lee's brother, Mr. Loomis Debnam.

The big shop of the Selma Manufacturing Co. is nearing completion. It is 36x60 feet two stories and loft.

The millinery store of Messrs. Etheredge & Noell is about completed. They expect to open their stock next Tuesday.

Messrs. Fab. Busbee Whitley and Noble G. Blackman, visited old Beulah church Sunday. They report a large crowd and a good sermon.

Rev. J. H. Jenkins, of Raleigh, is conducting a series of meetings in the Baptist church. Considerable interest is being shown. We hope for a gracious revival of religion.

Mr. G. C. (Tony) Price and Miss Lillie Gully were married Wednesday at 9 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. Ira Batten in Selma by W. H. Hare, J. P. There were no attendants. We wish them a long, prosperous and happy life.

Dr. Noble received a telegram from Mr. M. C. Winston Thursday saying that he and Mrs. Winston reached Hot Springs, Ark., Tuesday night, and that Mrs. Winston was doing well. Their friends will be glad to hear this good news.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood left Wednesday afternoon to attend the closing exercises of the public school in Wilder's Township, taught by Miss Annie Noble Hood. We hear that Senator Clarence W. Richardson is to make an address there. He left here Monday morning for his old home and will remain until after the closing exercises.

SENEX.

A Virginia farmer married an immigrant girl at Baltimore last week after ten minutes' acquaintance.

A Printer Greatly Surprised.

"I never was so much surprised in my life, as I was with the results of using Chamberlain's Pain Balm," says Henry T. Crook, pressman of the Asheville (N. C.) Gazette. "I contracted a severe case of rheumatism early last winter by getting my feet wet. I tried several things for it without benefit. One day while looking over the Gazette, I noticed that Pain Balm was positively guaranteed to cure rheumatism, so bought a bottle of it and before using two-thirds of it my rheumatism had taken its flight and I have not had a rheumatic pain since." Sold by Cavanaugh & Benson, Hare & Son, Hood Bros.

GROOM 99, BRIDE 19.

Aged Survivor of the Mexican War Takes Young Girl for Wife and Both Profess to be Happy.

Austin, Texas, March 14.—Rev. R. A. King, a survivor of San Jacinto, and his bride are here on a visit. He was 99 years old and married on February 10. The bride confesses that she loves the ground that Mr. King walks on. He owns several farms in the Brazos bottom and a row of houses in Galveston.

Mrs. King is somewhat younger than her husband, having been born in 1884; but she declared it is a real love match and that her young heart was won by the persuasive eloquence of the grand old man.

They are here to visit the Legislature and gaze upon a bad oil painting of a good old man—Gen. "Sam" Houston.

Mr. King said that Georgia was the dearest girl in the world and he couldn't live without her. They were married at the home of the father of the bride, J. T. Long, a farmer of Lee county.

The bride said: "They all think we are such a strange couple, but I don't care what they think. I love him and he was my choice. It doesn't make any difference if he be a few years older."

"The first time I met Mr. King was last April, and I will never forget it. He was preaching in Lee county, and it was the second Saturday night in the month. I never had been in love, but as soon as I laid eyes on him and heard his noble voice I realized what it was to love."

"He fell in love with me, too, and after church we were introduced. After that we were together a great deal for several months, and were married at my home, near Giddins."

"I suppose if a woman ever did love a man she loves me," broke in the aged soldier, "and then, too, I thought it was best to marry a young girl, I am old and getting feeble, and I think that our match was a very appropriate one, notwithstanding what other people think. She is a great help, as well as a lovable companion."

"I was born in 1804," said Rev. Mr. King, "and celebrated my ninety-nine birthday February 10. Georgia is my third wife. Each time I married I wedded a young girl. I suppose that I am the only man living today who fought at San Jacinto. Cousin 'Sam' Houston had a list of them and I am the only one alive. My father lived to be 108 years of age and my grandfather 118. My mother died at the age of 99. I don't know how long I shall live, but I expect to be here some time yet."

Notwithstanding that the Rev. Mr. King is nearly 100 years of age, he moves around better than most men at 60 or 70. He has been a resident of Galveston for a great many years and owns considerable property at that place.

A Mother of Israel Gone Home.

It is always sad to say goodbye; and especially when we are about to separate from those with whom we have been intimately associated and with whom we cherish as a common heritage many sacred memories, hoarded through the reeded years. How much sadder it is to gaze for the last time in mortal life upon the cold features and stilled energies of our loved ones, whose daily and almost homely companionship has woven the influences of their lives into the warp and woof of our own. Compared to the severing of such ties, the sorrow attendant upon good-bye scenes is nothing.

To witness and participate in such a leave-taking one of the largest congregations ever gathered at Zion Methodist church, Beulah Township, Johnston county, assembled Monday, March 17, 1903, at 2 p. m. The deceased, whose obituary service was thus so signally attended, was Mrs. Harriette Edgerton, relict of the late G. G. Edgerton,

of Beulah Township, one of the county's best known and most honored citizens. The officiating minister was Rev. N. E. Coitane, pastor of the Smithfield (Methodist) Circuit. The audience, which would have twice filled the church to its utmost capacity, came from Smithfield, Selma, Kenly, and various other parts of the county, thus attesting the popularity and excellency of christian womanhood of the deceased and evidencing the heartfelt and wide-spread sympathy of the people of the county for the bereaved.

The farewell-taking was most impressive. Those who had been boys and girls with the deceased looked and wept and murmured "May it be as well with us all." Middle aged people, who remembering her hospitality of her home in their young days, gazed on her silent form and made new resolves. Little boys and girls and those lately grown up, remembering her kind words and deeds towards them, passed by the bier and added their tears to those shed by their elders. It was a scene never to be forgot.

The concluding ceremonies at the grave were very appropriate. Every head was bowed during the prayer and the large concourse of people was quiet, orderly and respectful during the filling in and shaping up of the grave. The beautiful floral decorations were then brought forward and artistically arranged. Then each one of that large crowd went with bended head to the grave, looked earnestly and tenderly on the last resting place of the departed Mother of Israel, and sorrowfully wended his way homeward. A holy reverence pervaded all. Such is the influence for good of a righteous life "hid with Christ in God."

"Aunt Harriette," such was her familiar title, had been a sufferer for many years, yet she never complained. Since the death of her lamented husband, she had worn a far away look and had many times expressed the desire to be with him. Those who were with her from the time she fell and shattered her shoulder at the home of her son Walter in Smithfield, during all the six weeks of lingering, torturous suffering that preceded her death are satisfied that she was anxious to go home. The end came in her 56th year, at 11:30 Sunday morning, March 16, 1903. It is well with her soul.

She leaves seven sons—C. W. Edgerton, lawyer, Kenly; Dr. Howard Edgerton, Lebanon, Tenn.; W. A. Edgerton, Register of Deeds Johnston county, Smithfield; Edward Edgerton, financier, Selma; H. F. Edgerton, merchant, Kenly; Jarvis Edgerton, merchant, Kenly, and J. E. Edgerton, post-graduate student at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; one daughter, Miss Rena Edgerton, student at Louisburg Female College, Louisburg, N. C.; one sister, Mrs. Martha Matthews, Kenly, many grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, which is her gain. Them we point to the Lamb of God, who is abundantly able to soothe their broken, aching hearts in their sad bereavement. Let them remember, in the words of Holy writ, that "as a sweet savor to the Lord is the death of his saints."

W. A. HARPER.

KENLY, N. C., March 18, 1903.

Too Common to Excite Interest.

The latest killing in the State excites but little curiosity. Such things are becoming too common to occasion comment.—Durham Herald.

Purify the Blood.

By taking the old reliable Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.); cures ulcers, scrofula, eczema, pimples, itching skin, aching bones, boils, carbuncles. If you are all run down take B. B. B. It will give life, vitality and strength to the blood. B. B. B. makes the blood pure and rich. Druggists, \$1. Trial treatment free, by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. For Sale in Smithfield. Free Sample at Hood Bros. In Selma by Hare & Son.

General News Items.

A revolution has broken out in Uruguay.

Earthquake shocks were felt at Dalton, Ga., Sunday morning.

The Senate has ratified the Panama canal treaty without amendment, 73 to 5.

A safe was dynamited and robbed of \$360 in cash at Chattanooga Monday night.

The census of China has been completed and the population is put down at 426,447,000.

The lower Mississippi has surpassed all former records for high water and great damage is being done.

One of the worst blizzards of the winter raged in Colorado, Wyoming and neighboring States this week.

The failure is announced in London, Eng., of Booty & Bayliffe, solicitors. Their liabilities are over \$1,000,000.

Jingo, said to be the biggest elephant in captivity, died on the steamer Georgic, which arrived at New York Wednesday.

The enormous sum of \$178,184,205 has been asked for the maintenance of the navy of Great Britain during the year 1903-4.

The failure of six big importing houses in the City of Mexico is said to be due to the effort to place the country on a gold basis.

Report show that 600 persons lost their lives in the hurricane that swept over the South Sea Islands on January 14, 15 and 16.

The German Reichstag budget committee voted in favor of appropriating \$750,000 for Germany's exhibit at the St. Louis fair.

Fourteen masked men men raided a house in Ohio, bound members of two families and secured plunder worth \$8,000 last week.

Andrew Carnegie asked to be allowed to pay for the new filtration plant to be built at Cornell University, and his request is likely to be granted.

President Roosevelt will leave Washington for his tour of the Western States on the 1st of April; on June 1st the trip homeward will begin.

The War Department has begun the work of compiling and publishing a complete roster of officers and men of the Union and Confederate armies.

Owing to the floods in the South the Census Bureau has postponed from Monday until April 1st the issuance of final returns on the cotton ginning operations for 1902.

Rudolph Foster, of Virginia, has been appointed as assistant secretary to the President. He is a graduate of the Columbia University law school. He entered the government service in 1894 and since 1900 has been executive clerk to the President.

Married.

Sunday morning at the home of Mr. Israel Stephenson, in Wilson's Mills township, his daughter, Miss Ida, was married to Mr. W. H. Pittman, Elder J. W. Gardner performing the ceremony. The attendants were Mr. Oscar Youngblood and Miss Sallie Stephenson, Mr. Herman Stephenson and Miss Mary Mitchener.

After the ceremony the entire wedding party attended services at Little Creek Primitive Baptist church.

Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Pittman moved to Smithfield which place they will make their future home.

Committed to Jail.

L. B. Durham, of Elevation township, a white boy about 17 years old, was committed to jail Friday charged with a nameless crime. His victim was Baretta Sanders, aged about 12 years. The preliminary hearing was had before Squire Josephus Johnson.

PERSONAL.

Capt. J. B. Edgerton, of Goldsboro, was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Smith, of the Spilona section, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. M. M. Smitha, of THE HERALD force, spent Monday night in Raleigh.

Mrs. Lucy Lee, of the Glenmore section, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Beaty.

Miss Eula Hood spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Althea Jones in the Pisgah section.

Mrs. W. S. Stevens and little son Everett, are spending a few days with relatives in Kenly.

Miss Flossie Abell returned Monday from Selma where she spent a few days with friends.

Miss Alice Radford left Monday to visit the family of Mr. B. B. Yelvington at Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Ada Barnes spent Saturday and Sunday with her sister, Mrs. L. D. Grantham, at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Booker spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Booker's mother near Goldsboro.

Mrs. R. F. Webb returned Monday from Jacksonville, Fla., where she spent the winter with her son.

Miss Mary Edgerton, who has been visiting Miss Addie Massey, has returned to her home in Goldsboro.

Mrs. H. L. Skinner will return today from Kinston where she has been spending a few days with friends.

Miss Frances Wells returned to her home in Wilson Saturday after spending sometime here with Mrs. L. E. Watson.

BENSON.

Hooks & Co. have opened a ladies' furnishing store.

P. Hawley is in Florida and says he will stay there.

Miss Onie Britt, of Bentonville, is visiting relatives here.

The town will soon be involved in a law suit with R. F. Smith.

G. W. Cavenaugh has about recovered from his recent illness.

J. W. Canaday got back from Rockfish without getting married.

L. E. Stevens opens in the building recently vacated by J. S. Ryals.

Miss Sulie McNair, of Red Springs, is visiting Mrs. R. S. Dickson.

J. Edgar Jernigan succeeds the Moore Grocery Co. and expects to hold the trade.

J. M. Beaty, of Smithfield, was reflecting the smiles of our genial citizens Wednesday.

J. W. Wood will build P. B. Johnson a residence at once and P. B. wants it at once.

W. A. Allen, of Four Oaks, has moved here and will be associated with R. F. Smith & Co.

A. B. Hudson has nearly completed his new dwelling since he was burned out a few days ago.

W. M. Davis, manager for W. J. McDonald has gone to Emporia, Va., where he will resume business.

Messrs. Dees & Stewart, of Anger, have moved here and opened a stock of goods in the Hudson store.

J. C. Stancil and R. T. Surles will soon depart for Virginia to spend the season there selling fruit trees.

B. B. Broughton says "daughter" as easily and naturally as if she was 16 years instead of only two days old.

Joe Ryals is in Emporia, Va., administering to the thirsty there and shipping it back to those out of reach of his personal care.

For Rural Libraries.

Congressman Pou has arranged that every public school library in his district shall receive a shipment of books of a desirable character, handsomely bound.—News and Observer.