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STATE NEWS.

A Catholic church is to be erected at Durham.

It is rumored that Monroe is to have a \$30,000 hotel in the near future.

The Hustler says North Wilkesboro is to have another furniture factory with capital of \$15,000.

The 131st volume of supreme court reports is now being sent out by secretary of State.

The lettuce crop within a radius of four miles of Fayetteville is worth from \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Rev. Alpheus McCullen, of Oxford, has been commissioned as chaplain of the Third Regiment, national guard of North Carolina.

A number of bids for the new State bonds are being received by Treasurer Lacy. As the bids are sealed, he does not know for what amount they are.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association held in Greensboro on Friday, Wrightsville was selected as the place for holding the next annual meeting. The date will be announced later.

Two counties have so far applied for loans under the act authorizing the lending of the literary fund for the purpose of building and improving rural public schoolhouses. One county applies for \$8,000 and another for \$5,000.

The Alleghany county papers report that near Ennice post-office, in that county, a few days ago, Frank Tompkins went to his home under the influence of liquor and raised a row with his family, all of whom left home for the night, leaving Tompkins alone. During the night the house and its contents were burned and Tompkins was burned with it.

The grand jury of Wake Superior Court has found a true bill against Ernest Haywood for the murder of Ludlow Skinner. Tuesday Haywood was arraigned. His counsel pleaded that on account of important witnesses being absent they were not ready for trial and the case was postponed until the July term of the court and trial set for Thursday of the first week. Hon. Walter Daniel, of Weldon, was named as solicitor since Solicitor Armistead Jones begged to retire on account of his former relations with Haywood.

Concerning Mr. Hearst.

A number of the leaders of the Democratic party who still are in Washington are today discussing the letter of Mr. William Randolph Hearst to the Iroquois Club of Chicago, and which appeared today in the daily papers. It is a letter expressing his regret at his inability to be present at their annual banquet to do reverence to the memory of Andrew Jackson, and in it he breathes forth the very spirit and essence of true democracy. It is a message of optimism and hope to the true Democrats of the whole country; and in every way is such an able paper that it has caught the attention of the leaders of the party here, who mention it in the most complimentary way. There are a few persons who, not knowing Mr. Hearst, actually think that because he has money he does no work himself, and that the articles signed by himself, are written by some of the bright men in his employ. There never was a greater mistake made by them. The writer knows Mr. Hearst personally, and knows that he is an abler man than any man in his employ, and does more actual work than any of them.—Washington Correspondence.

Salisbury Sun: The distillers of Rowan county are all preparing to go out of business as the result of the Watts bill passed by the last Legislature. As a consequence there will not be a single distillery in the county left in operation.

THE MINERS MAKE GAINS.

Wages Increased With a Liberal Sliding Scale.

Washington, March 22.—The report of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission, made public yesterday, recommends:

1. Increase in wages of miners at an average of 10 per cent., dating from November 1st last.

2. A sliding scale of wages and a minimum wage rate.

3. That no person shall be discriminated against in the matter of employment by reason of membership or non-membership in any labor organization.

4. Decrease of time of working from 10 to 9 hours per day, with the 10-hour wage scale.

5. That the laws restricting child labor in the mines be more rigidly enforced.

6. That the awards of the commission shall remain operative until March 31, 1906.

Upon the general propositions demanded by the miners the latter, according to the report, have won in the contention for an increase in wages and against the employment of child labor.

An important contention of the miners, however, that the United Mine Workers be recognized as an organization by the operators, is lost. The commission declines to make any recommendations of a specific character as to whether the labor organization shall be recognized. It treats of the subject in a general way, but refrains from recommending that the United Mine Workers' organization be recognized or not.

Baker Gives a Bond of \$10,000.

Dr. Baker, who shot and killed Dr. Bass at Tarboro last week, had a preliminary hearing Friday before Judge Brown of the Superior Court bench. Immediately after the shooting, and before Bass died, Dr. Baker, by agreement of counsel, was released on a bond of \$5,000. He went to Virginia to remain until the excitement subsided. After Bass' death Judge Brown issued a bench warrant for Baker and the latter returned to Tarboro and surrendered.

The testimony offered by the prosecution and the defense varies but little. The prosecution claims that as Bass was held, Baker advanced and shot; the defense that Baker all the time was attempting to escape. The prosecution, to show malice, produced the declaration of Baker immediately after the shooting, that he "had put two into him."

As the matter before the judge was solely the question of bail, the case was not gone fully into. The prosecution did not insist upon murder in the first degree. This was left to the judge to simply determine its amount which was fixed at \$10,000, and which was promptly given. According to all the witnesses and the antemortem statement of Dr. Bass not a word was spoken by either.

The interest throughout the town and county is intense and in many sections the feeling is bitter to a degree. The sentiment is divided.—Exchange.

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 Cavenaugh & Benson, Hare & Son, Hood Bros.

By the will of Arioch Wentworth, the Boston real estate millionaire, nearly \$7,000,000 goes to the establishment of a school to be called the Arioch Wentworth Industrial School.

General News Items.

The heaviest snow storm of the season is reported in Kansas and Missouri this week.

Mrs. Louise Burke killed her four children and herself at Southbridge, Mass., Tuesday.

The river at Memphis is falling, and danger from the flood in that territory is practically over.

George Nelk was put on trial in Philadelphia Tuesday charged with killing his aged mother.

The Cuban reciprocity treaty has been ratified by a vote of 50 to 16. This being done, the Senate adjourned sine die.

In the First Presbyterian church of Washington, D. C., a negro, Henry E. Thomas, was married to Elizabeth I. Lungren, a white girl of Swedish antecedents.

The Very Reverend Frederick William Farrar, dean of Canterbury, died in London Sunday, aged 71. He was known the world over as the author of "The Life of Christ."

Charles Godfrey Leland, the noted American journalist and man of letters, so widely known by his pen name of "Hans Breitmann," died Friday at Florence, Italy. Mr. Leland had spent much of his life abroad, and in some respects was more of a European than an American.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. I. T. Wood went to Enfield on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hood, of Greensboro, N. C., are visiting Mr. H. D. Hood.

Miss Rosa B. Richardson has returned from a visit to her brother at Dillon, S. C.

Mr. T. W. Scott, of Drake's Branch, Va., spent several days here this week visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Ford, of Louisville, have returned home after a visit to Mrs. J. A. Spiers, Jr.

Miss Mamie Batten who is at school in Raleigh spent a few days with her father, Mr. N. R. Batten.

The Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention meets at Selma on Friday, March 27th at 8 o'clock p. m. A large crowd is expected.

The Union meeting of the Free Will Baptists of the first District Conference begins Friday, March 27, 1903, at Pleasant Plains, about four miles north of Selma. All are cordially invited.

The series of meetings at the Baptist church which were held by Rev. J. T. Jenkins, of Raleigh, closed Wednesday night when nine were baptized by the Rev. M. A. Adams, the pastor of the church. Several more expect to be baptized Sunday night. The meeting has been of great good to the town. There were several who professed conversion who will join other churches.

SENEY.

Married.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John G. Allen, on the 18th inst. at 11:30 o'clock, Mr. W. D. Allen and Miss Sarah C. Allen were happily married, Elder L. P. Adams officiating.

The following were the attendants: Mr. J. H. Allen and Miss R. E. Allen, Mr. J. E. Stephenson and Miss Leacy Allen, Mr. Ira H. Allen and Miss Lula Lassiter, Mr. J. E. Godwin and Miss Julia Lassiter, Mr. W. M. Smith and Miss Bethany Lee, Mr. Mat Johnson and Miss Mattie Allen.

After many congratulations were extended to the happy ones, the guests and sweethearts proceeded to the dining room, in a most graceful manner, where awaited them something to suit the finest of appetites. After dinner was served they all returned to the parlor with the same graceful step. After a few pleasant hours were spent the contracting parties took their leave for upper Johnston where they will make their future home. May God's blessings ever follow them and keep them in the sunshine of His love. X. Z.

CLAYTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hilliard are sick with colds.

Mr. Ashley Horne went to Raleigh Tuesday, returning Wednesday.

Misses Mamie Leach and Mabel Culbreth spent Sunday with Miss Leach's parents.

Rev. G. W. Fisher filled his regular appointment at the M. E. Church Sunday morning and evening.

From the enormous amount of fertilizers being sold we infer the farmers are going in for a big crop.

Mrs. M. G. Gulley returned Monday from Cary where she has been for several days visiting parents, who are sick.

A good delegation from the Baptist Sunday School is going to Selma Friday, Saturday and Sunday to attend the Sunday School convention.

The Clayton school team played Mt. Moriah again last Saturday scoring a victory of 19 to 5. They played the town boys Tuesday, the score stood 24 to 9 in favor of school. They expect to play the Turlington boys in the near future and of course victory for the Clayton school boys is imminent because they are hustlers.

Misses Cleve and Nova Barnes have received their spring hats and a finer selection never has been to Clayton. Everything in stock is strictly first-class and up-to-date. They have secured the services of one of Baltimore's expert milliners, Miss Ralston, who has made a study of special designs in ladies' hats. Their opening, March 25th, was a grand success.

Miss Lona Williams returned last week from Richmond where she has been for some time purchasing the spring and summer hats for Mrs. J. A. Griffin. Mrs. Griffin's hats are unsurpassed for style and finish, having an up-to-dateness that is hard to duplicate anywhere. The millinery establishments of Clayton are an honor to our business enterprises. "YELIR."

POLENTA.

No mail Tuesday on account of high water.

Farming operations are again at a standstill on account of the recent rainy spell, which causes farmers some worry.

The Red Hill school closed Wednesday with an exhibition at the school house and a party at Mr. Thad Stevens. Miss Annie Stancill, the teacher, has done a good work, and deserves much credit for the manner in which she has conducted the school.

A number of our young people attended the close of the public school near Mr. Simon Turner's Monday night. During the past session, with signal ability, Miss Lillie Koonce presided over the school. The exercises were of such a nature as to win the applause of all present.

Rev. Mr. Souders, of Fayetteville, preached at Oakland last Sunday morning. His sermon was one of great power and won the admiration of all who had the pleasure of hearing it. He will preach again at Oakland on the fourth Sunday in April, and we bespeak for him a large congregation.

The private school at Polenta, taught by Miss Annie Black, closed last Friday. During her stay in our midst she has made many friends. She is an excellent teacher, giving entire satisfaction to the patrons of the school in this section. She left for her home in Harnett county Tuesday.

On Tuesday Typo paid a visit to Mr. J. W. Green's nursery, located in this township, and was surprised to find that in so short a time he has made such rapid strides in this new enterprise. The nursery is not quite two years old and yet Mr. Green is receiving orders from various sections of the country. He has about ten acres now planted in

nursery stock, such as peaches, apples, pears, plums, mulberries, etc., and is succeeding much better than he expected. He makes a specialty of mulberry trees of which he mostly sells at wholesale. It is his purpose to push the business, and he expects to widen out in the enterprise and continue to increase his stock as the times demand.

Mr. James Batts and Miss Florence Crocker will be united in wedlock at Mt. Zion church next Tuesday night. Mr. Batts is one of our most progressive young farmers, and Miss Crocker is a charming young lady who had many admirers amongst the young gallants. Mr. Batts is to be congratulated on winning such a prize, but then, being a man of such sterling worth he deserves as much. May their lives be blended with happiness. TYPO.

BENTONVILLE.

Mr. C. C. Beasley went to Four Oaks last Thursday.

Mr. Thad Woodard, of Princeton, was in town Sunday.

The school at Preston Academy will close the 27th of this month.

Miss Onie Britt returned home Sunday from a visit to Benson and Four Oaks.

Mr. D. Stephenson spent Saturday and Sunday with his uncle near Wilson's Mills.

There will be a union meeting at Mill Creek the fifth Saturday and Sunday in this month.

A crowd of young people from our little town went out to Blackman's pond fishing Thursday afternoon. It is quite early to be fishing, but they brought back some fish.

Mr. P. H. C. Dupree passed away Sunday morning after a long tedious illness of about nine months. His funeral was preached at his home by the Rev. Mr. Ambrose, and the interment took place in the family burying ground near his home.

Miss Ophelia Woodard, one of Johnston county's most beautiful and charming daughters is visiting Misses Mattie and Alma Beasley this week. Misses Beasley and Woodard went out to the Bentonville monument Wednesday afternoon. They enjoyed looking at the old soldiers' graves very much. The monument seems to be a very interesting resort for the people of Bentonville. The school boys of Preston Academy went over to see it last Saturday.

A. B.

School Close at Price's School House.

On Friday, March 20th, the school taught at Price's School house by Miss Nellie Lee and Miss Debbie Bailey came to a close. The patrons of the school and many people from far and near were present to hear the speeches and dialogues and to see the large crowd of pupils who had attended the school, and to cheer the faithful teachers for their good work by their presence.

The people were entertained by instrumental music furnished by the Creech and Peedin band.

The school lasted four months and seemed to be a success in every way. The teachers won the love of the pupils and the pupils won theirs in return.

At the close of the exercises they sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" while the teachers and pupils bade each other good-bye. The committee feel glad that they were able to secure the services of such teachers, and we feel that with such the cause of education will prosper. OBSERVER.

Invitations to the dinner of the Brooklyn Democratic Club, on April 27, have been sent to former President Cleveland, William J. Bryan, Senator Gorman, ex-Senator David B. Hill, ex-Attorney General Richard Olney, Mayor Carter H. Harrison of Chicago, Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, and other Democrats of national importance.

MICRO DOTS.

The tobacco plants are looking fine.

We are very sorry to note that Mr. J. R. Montgomery is quite sick.

The people of this section are hauling lots of fertilizers for tobacco.

Mr. W. R. Rains, one of our business men, made a visit to Rains X Roads Sunday.

Messrs. Walter Batten and R. D. Jones spent part of last week with relatives in Lucama.

Mr. A. B. Blackman, one of our young men, has been attending the Mt. Moriah Academy.

Miss Mary Frances Blackman is spending two or three weeks with Mr. J. I. Blackman.

We are very sorry to note that Mrs. Frances Blackman, near this place, continues to be very sick.

Mrs. L. R. Batten and family spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eason, near Selma.

Owing to the rain the farmers of this section have not done very much on their farms for the last few days.

Mr. N. H. Parrish, of St. Stephens, S. C., has been visiting relatives in this section for some time. He returned home Friday.

Mr. W. E. Smith and family spent some time with Mr. James Boyett, near Kenly. Mr. Boyett wears a smile as long as your arm—it's a boy.

Mr. J. I. Blackman will soon have his new dwelling completed. Mr. Blackman is one of our most successful farmers. He expects to set tobacco earlier this season than ever before.

The post office here has been moved up on main street, which is a much more convenient place than it has been heretofore. Postmaster Batten is one of our best business men.

We are very sorry to note the death of Mr. Marsden Dixon, who died March 20th. He had been ill for some time and suffered very much with rheumatism. He bore his sufferings patiently. His remains were taken to the old family graveyard in Elevation township, there to await the resurrection morn. The bereaved family have the sympathy of all. REX.

BENSON.

D. D. Medlin has bought property and is now building here.

The grip has John W. Holmes, having recently paroled G. W. Cavenaugh.

Rev. W. A. Forbes and Richard Crowder, of Buie's Creek, were here Tuesday.

Fifteen car loads of guano were hauled away from here Tuesday on carts and wagons.

J. R. Woodall has moved into the new brick store next door to Benj. Hudson & Son.

A load of fine shad fish from Cape Fear was an attraction on our streets a few days ago.

Hon. B. R. Lacy will address the County Union Sunday School Convention here next Sunday.

Rev. Dr. Black, Presbyterian Evangelist, will be here April, first Sunday. His reputation is that of an able divine.

J. L. Woodall left here Wednesday and expects to locate in Rockingham soon to practice law. He has very flattering encouragement to open an office there.

Our school was never in a more prosperous condition. We are glad to see Prof. Canaday's efforts so rewarded. He is one of the most tireless workers it has ever been our pleasure to know.

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