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## STATE NEWS.

The Rutherfordton dispensary will go out of business December 31st. The vote stood 1,234 against to 400 for the dispensary. Rutherfordton will be a dry county.

The Lexington Dispatch says that Aunt Polly West, who has been an inmate of the Davidson county home for forty years, died week before last at the age of 111.

A petition is now being circulated in Charlotte for a prohibition election, to be held under the Watts bill. Charlotte now has barrooms and it is not improbable that a dispensary will be the outcome of the agitation.

Governor Aycock has granted a respite for Fred Vick, a 17-year-old negro under sentence of death at Goldsboro, for a nameless crime upon an old negro woman. The respite is until May 30th, so the Governor may investigate the case.

Senator Simmons has been notified that 26 vacancies as assistant surgeons in the navy are to be filled. Those who pass a non-competitive examination at Washington are assured of appointment at a salary of \$1,650 a year. The applicant must be physically perfect and make 75 on the examination.

The Clark Manufacturing Company (cotton mill) has been chartered to begin business at Jonesboro. The incorporators are Chief Justice Clark, of the Supreme Court, his five sons and others. David Clark is president and W. A. Graham Clark secretary and treasurer.

Grimesland, Pitt county, which was nearly destroyed by fire a few weeks ago, suffered another serious fire Saturday. The mill, cotton gin, cotton storage house, seed house and repair shops of J. O. Proctor & Brother were destroyed. The fire is thought to be incendiary and the loss \$8,000 to \$10,000.

Mr. Alfred Moring, aged 89, the only living son of a Revolutionary soldier in this state, died at Raleigh Sunday night at the home of his son, Mr. F. O. Moring. Mr. Moring was borne February 25, 1814, in Surry county, Virginia. His father, John Moring, was born in 1753 and served as sergeant in the Third Virginia regiment in the continental army. He was at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown.

Of the families that patronize the Agricultural and Mechanical college a majority are engaged in agriculture, next most numerous are the merchants. There are 253 farmers, 49 merchants, 20 manufacturers, 20 salesmen, 17 doctors, 15 lawyers, 14 carpenters and contractors, 13 mechanics, 12 cotton manufacturers, 10 bookkeepers, 10 insurance agents, 9 engineers, and lumber dealers. In all 32 trades, occupations and professions are represented by the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical college.

Raleigh, N. C., May 13.—A special from Spring Hope, N. C., says: As the result of a shooting and cutting affray near here yesterday, Joe Wells lies at the point of death with three balls in him and Fenner Boyd has some slight knife wounds. It is said that Wells held malice against Boyd for getting him in trouble about a still and had threatened to kill him at sight. So yesterday when Boyd and two others were passing Wells' home, Wells attacked Boyd with a knife. Thereupon Boyd shot him in the neck and left shoulder. Wells made another effort to use the knife and Boyd shot him again, the ball taking effect in front of the right ear.

The most troublesome factors in raising children are Coughs, Colds, Croup and Whooping Cough. Anways Croup syrup is the only safe and certain cure for these ills. Thousands testify to this and they will tell you. Try it and help baby to pull through the spring months. 25cts.

## TERRIBLE SUFFERING AT SEA.

Food Had Given Out and the Passengers Had Been Drinking Sea Water for Five Days.

Norfolk, Va., May 11.—The 424 shipwrecked Portuguese immigrants from the barquentine Vera Cruz III, driven ashore at Ocracoke inlet, N. C., Saturday night, are still being cared for on the coast to-day. A revenue cutter will carry them to New Bedford, Mass., whither the barquentine was bound when she anchored off the North Carolina coast Friday for food and water, and was later wrecked. Of the immigrants, 390 are men and 34 women. One man died from starvation. The others are well. The barquentine lies high and dry and may yet be saved. Norfolk wreckers left for the scene to-day.

A most thrilling story of the experience at sea of the barquentine came to Norfolk to-day over the government seacoast telegraph wire from Hatteras, N. C.

The Vera Cruz with her 424 immigrant passengers, bound from the Cape Verde islands to New Bedford, Mass., was within 135 miles of the Massachusetts coast two weeks ago, when a terrific storm carried away the vessel's sails and drove her far out to sea. It was thought the craft would founder and most of those aboard abandoned all hope of ever reaching shore again. Jury sails were finally rigged, but another storm carried them away.

Barkentine arrived off Ocracoke helpless Friday afternoon and the immigrants aboard had been drinking sea water for five days to prevent perishing from thirst; food of all kinds had also given out. The immigrants' baggage and portions of the ship's deck load had to be burned for a fire to make as good condensation of salt water as possible.

The captain, upon arriving off the North Carolina coast, declared he would never put to sea again with his human freight. That night a bad storm drove the ship ashore.

All the immigrants are destitute and depending entirely upon charity until the government takes charge of them on the revenue cutter Boutwell. The Merritt and Chapman Wrecking Company first intended sending the steamer Rescue to make an immediate attempt to save the Vera Cruz, which lies high and dry, but later this plan was abandoned and Agent W. S. Tooker left this afternoon by rail to make an inspection for the purpose of ascertaining if she is worth saving.

## SELMA NEWS.

"Flinch" is all the rage here now.

Mr. I. T. Wood went to Princeton Tuesday.

The contractor is hauling lumber and sand for the new hotel.

The Selma Graded School closed Tuesday night. Will give more extended notice of it next week.

Mrs. J. M. Tisdale, of Burlington, N. C., who has been visiting Mrs. G. A. Tuck, returned home Saturday.

Messrs. C. W. and R. E. Richardson went to Greensboro, N. C. to take in the carnival. They report a big time.

## A Sure Thing.

It is said that nothing is sure except death and taxes, but that is not altogether true. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption is a sure cure for all lung and throat troubles. Thousands can testify to that. Mrs. C. B. VanMetre, of Shepherdstown, W. Va., says: "I had a severe case of Bronchitis and for a year tried everything I heard of, but got no relief. One bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery then cured me absolutely." It's infallible for Croup, Whooping Cough, Grip, Pneumonia and Consumption. Try it. It's guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Trial bottles free. Regular sizes 50c. \$1.00.

## Benson School Commencement.

The annual commencement of Benson Academy took place May 6th and 7th. It was a gay day for our town. For the past year a larger number of pupils than heretofore have attended and the commencement was in many respects the most unique yet held here.

The exercises began on Wednesday night at 8:30 with a contest between the school girls for reciter's medal. There is no limit in this school to the number of contestants, any pupil who desires, being allowed to compete. There were in the race twenty girls. Some very nice renditions were given by the elocution class. The committee decided that Miss Emily Canaday recited best.

Thursday at 10:30 a. m. the annual debate came off. The query, "Should the Island of Cuba be annexed to the United States?" was discussed in the affirmative by Messrs. W. C. Ryals and C. R. Young, and in the negative by Messrs. Geo. Wheeler and W. C. Woodall.

The debate was one of the best ever heard here. Every speaker did well showing evidence of much thought and research. Time and space forbid any synopsis of the speeches. After hearing the discussion the committee reported that the negative won, but that Mr. W. C. Ryals of the affirmative made the best speech. This ended the morning exercises.

At 1:30 p. m. a large and appreciative audience assembled to hear the contest in declamation. More than twenty boys and young men declaimed. Among these were some especially fine pieces. The committee decided that Mr. C. R. Young was best declaimer.

Then came a match game of baseball between the Benson and Maple Grove teams. This resulted in a great victory for the Benson team, the score standing twenty-eight to six.

In the evening the people kept pouring in from all directions till the town was well filled. Beginning at 8:30 p. m. a very entertaining programme was rendered. Among the plays and drills eliciting most comment were "Deer-strict School," the "Floral Drill" and the acting Pantomime, "My Faith Looks up to Thee."

Gold Medals were awarded as follows: Best reciter, Miss Emily Canaday; best debater, Mr. W. C. Ryals; best declaimer, Mr. C. R. Young.

The following received prizes in books for both highest department and progress for the term: Maud Hall, William Canaday, Ira Hall, Susan Holmes, Hermon Jernigan and Hermon Boon.

Excellent music was furnished by the Four Oaks band. Many kind things are said of the teachers. Miss Penny's popularity among the little folks is unbounded. She will control the primary department next year. Announcement for next session will be made later.

## ON LOOKER.

## PINE LEVEL DOTS.

Miss Lizzie Pilkinton continues very sick.

The Pine Level dispensary opened Saturday.

Our truck farmers are shipping very fine cabbage now.

Mrs. Mary Godwin spent Sunday with Mr. B. Godwin's family.

Several of our people went to Raleigh Wednesday and Thursday to attend the Carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Pool, of Wilson's Mills, spent Saturday and Sunday with W. C. Gurley.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fitzgerald, of Micro, spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Kornegay.

Services were held at the Free Will Baptist church Sunday. El'cer Sasser preached an able sermon to a large audience.

Y. Y.

## To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

## POLENTA.

Mrs. Hattie Coats, of Clayton, spent Sunday in the neighborhood visiting her parents.

A large number of our people took in the Carnival last week. They report a grand time.

Two young ladies from Wilson spent a part of last week visiting Mrs. L. R. Martin, their sister, of this section.

Mr. J. H. Woodall, of Wilson, spent Sunday with parents in this neighborhood. He returned home Monday.

The number of people here abouts planting tobacco this year will be larger than last year, and yet the acreage will be somewhat decreased.

The mother of Mr. Claud Stephenson, we are pained to announce, is critically ill, and is not expected to live. We hope, however, she may rally and regain her health.

Rain is now needed in order that the tobacco growers may finish setting out tobacco plants. Some are, however, going right along setting out, watering as they go.

A large crowd assembled at Shiloh last Sunday morning to hear the funeral sermon of Mrs. Amos Coats, preached by the Rev. Mr. Hall the pastor. The sermon was both sympathetic and touching. His tribute to Mrs. Coats' life as a Christian was couched in such language as to cause many to shed tears copiously. He urged those of her friends left behind to imitate her example by establishing themselves in God's favor, and not to be satisfied until they had made preparation to meet her in the beautiful Heaven of heavenly rest.

Rev. Mr. Hall, pastor of Shiloh church, came out Wednesday of last week to preach the funeral of Mr. Mark Bundy, who died the day before. The services were held at the church of which Mr. Bundy had been an honored member and deacon for many years. A large crowd was present to attest their love and esteem for the deceased. Bro. Hall preached a sermon suited to the occasion, commenting on the Christian virtues of the deceased, the whole community acquiescing in his tribute to Mr. Bundy. After the services had been concluded the remains were interred in the Shiloh cemetery. May the God of love comfort and sustain the bereaved.

TYPO.

## ROME RIPPLES.

Seth Lee, of near Dunn, was in our section Sunday.

The farmers of this section are nearly done setting tobacco.

Arthur Lee spent Saturday night in the Overshot section.

B. Eldridge attended the commencement at Benson last week.

Rev. J. W. Suttle filled his regular appointment at Trinity Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Hettie Lee, who has been attending Turlington Institute, returned home last week.

Mr. Troy Eldridge left last Tuesday for the Wilson Sanatorium for a surgical treatment.

There was a very quiet wedding ceremony performed by S. P. M. Tart, J. P., last Sunday, the bride being Miss Bettie Thornton and the groom, Mr. John Lee.

The Wentworth Society met Saturday night and discussed the query, resolved, That the sailor should be honored more than the soldier. The judges decided in favor of the negative. The society expects to have a public discussion some time in the future.

MIGNONETTE.

## Made Young Again.

"One of Dr. King's New Life Pills each night for two weeks has put me in my 'teens' again" writes D. H. Turner of Dempseytown, Pa. They're the best in the world for Liver, Stomach and Bowels. Purely vegetable. Never gripe. Only 35c. at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

## BENSON.

A few of our citizens attended the Carnival.

A. M. McNeil, of Aurora, is visiting his father.

Miss Ellen Eldridge, of Smithfield, visited relatives here last week.

Miss Lida Weston, of Hyde county, is visiting at W. D. Boone's.

The Maple Hill side of the tally sheet (score) looked something like a row of dumplings.

John Jernigan, for the past few months employed at J. L. Lawhon's wood shops, died Wednesday of pneumonia.

After gobbling up Wall Street, A. L. Barefoot now gobbles up J. J. Holmes and will occupy Holmes' old stand.

C. B. Jackson and Miss Cora Hudson were married last Thursday at the residence of the bride's father, Benj. Hudson, Esq.

Eugene Canaday was called to the bedside of his father, Jack Canaday, who was reported to be dying Wednesday morning.

Archie Blackman, of the Maple Grove team, broke his arm above the elbow Thursday pitching ball in the game played here with the Benson Bucks.

J. D. Bain says he is list taker for the town, and that the taxes will not only have to be listed in due time, but paid promptly when due. Delinquents will do well to note the aptitude and capacity of the duck that is after them.

Improved farming machinery is now shipped here in car load lots, while a few years ago there was not even a mower in 15 miles of the place. Perhaps there is no section of country faster rising in its duty in improving farming operations than is this part of Johnston county.

The largest crowd that ever attended an entertainment in Benson was here last week; and we are glad to be able to add that it was as orderly a one. A collapsing tier of benches came near stampeding the crowd, however, owing to some expressions of doubt as to the building holding up such a burden.

John Whitman, a highly respected citizen of this township, died Monday night of pneumonia at the advanced age of 84 years. During his long life he had had but little sickness, had worked hard and accumulated considerable property. He was married twice; the last time in 1887 to Miss Sarah Johnson, daughter of Curtis Johnson, Esq., who survives him.

## Nimrod Stephenson.

By request of his family I attempt to write a short notice of the death of this worthy man who departed this life April 9th, 1903. He was the youngest son of the late George Stephenson. He was born in Johnston county, N. C., August 8, 1858, where he lived until death. He was married to Amanda Johnson at an early age. They had born unto them ten children, six sons and four daughters, all of whom survive him.

He united with the Primitive Baptist church at Rehoboth the fourth Saturday in July, 1887. Elder L. P. Adams administered baptism the following Sunday. He was ordained deacon of said church in February, 1891. He was a faithful member, always true to his church. He was a kind husband, a loving father and was esteemed by his friends. He has been a great sufferer for a long time, but we feel that he has received the crown yet in reserve for all those who love the Savior. May his family find comfort in the thought that he is gone where weeping, sin and sorrow are forever unknown, and may they be resigned, if possible, to the Lord's will, and be prepared to meet him above where sorrow and grief are no more.

J. L. S.

W. G. Yelvington's Store is the place to buy nice Dress Goods and Shirt Waist goods.

## General News Items.

Grover Cleveland refuses to discuss his possible candidacy for the Presidential nomination next year.

A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for the arrest of the murderer of Agatha Reichlin at Lorain, Ohio.

Dr. Albert A. Ames, ex-Mayor of Minneapolis, who was convicted of accepting a bribe, has been released on bail of \$21,000.

The Treasury Department has held up the account of W. D. Crum, the colored Collector of the Port of Charleston, S. C.

Representative Charles H. Grosvenor, of Ohio, states Senator Hanna is not a candidate for the Presidential nomination against Mr. Roosevelt.

A. W. Machen, superintendent of the free delivery service, has been relieved from duty pending the result of the Postoffice Department inquiry.

Mrs. Maude Ballard has been convicted of the murder of a Miss Chambers of Lyon county, W. Va., and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

Rev. J. F. Spence, D. D., has tendered his resignation as president of the American University at Harriman, Tenn. It is understood he will be succeeded as president by James A. Tate, of Nashville, Tenn.

The New York Supreme Court has affirmed a verdict of \$100,000 damages against the New York Central Railroad Company in favor of Mrs. Jennie M. Leys, whose husband was killed in the tunnel wreck of January, 1902.

Pending the arbitration of their grievances most of the 6,000 strikers returned to work on the subway in New York Wednesday. Twelve hundred members of one union of the rock men and excavators refused to obey the instructions of their president to return to work.

Utah has adopted amazingly drastic legislation with regret to tobacco and opium. A law has been passed providing for a fine of \$5 or five days' imprisonment for any one under 18 years of age who even has in his or her possession a cigarette, a cigar or any other kind of tobacco, or any opium.

During funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Mary Kamm of Toledo, Ohio, the drivers of hacks struck and refused to work because the hearse was driven by a non-union man. The officiating undertakers filled the strikers' places just in time to prevent a scene, as the casket containing the remains was being taken to the hearse just as the affair was straightened.

In St. Tammany parish, about 15 miles from New Orleans, Saturday night, an innocent negro was beaten with an axe-handle by a white grocery clerk. The negroes armed and sought to cause trouble, but the whites rallied and a pitched battle followed in which four negroes, all members of the Florant family, one of whom was the aggressor, were killed. Peace was then restored and the trouble is over.

Patrick Moore, a flagman at the New Brunswick avenue crossing of the Pennsylvania railroad, at Rahway, N. J., found on Wednesday a check for \$21,000, which fluttered out of a window of the Long Branch express as it passed through here. The check was drawn on the Merchants' National Bank of Chicago in favor of Mrs. Isabella Stewart, but the name of the maker was indecipherable. The check was turned in to the lost property department of the railroad.

## Quick Arrest.

J. A. Gullidge of Verbena, Ala., was twice in the hospital from a severe case of piles causing all tumors. After doctors and 24 remedies failed, Bucklen's Arica Salve quickly arrested further inflammation and cured it. It conquers aches and kills pain. 25c. at Hood Bros., Druggists.