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STATE NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

Windsor is to have a new jail to cost \$7,000.

Spring Hope is to have a \$30,000 oil mill, work to begin at once.

Rich Square has a vigilant committee of fifty to prosecute violators of the revenue laws and the Watts act.

The case of Ernest Haywood set for trial at the present term of Wake county court has been postponed until September term of court.

Robbers took a safe from the express office at Zirconia, in the western part of the State, and rolled it 300 yards down a hill and blew it open and took \$400 from it.

Mr. Wm. Sanders, near Straw, while frying eggs for breakfast the other morning, found a well developed egg, shell and all, inside of the one he broke. That's a new kind.—Wilkesboro Chronicle.

An old lady died in Charlotte Sunday, July 5th, that had been living for a good while on the charity of the Ladies' Aid Society. Last Saturday it was learned that she had \$167.25 secreted in her room.

Mr. Ned Hunter caught a monstrous shad up a small prong of Mill Swamp last week that fed five people besides the fragments, and up the same prong was caught a big turtle that made soup for fifty.—Loman Correspondence Duplin Journal.

A dispatch from Rocky Mount to the Charlotte Observer says that W. H. Lawrence, who married a Miss Dunkle, in that town recently, has been arrested for bigamy, it being charged that he has a wife in an insane asylum in Virginia. Lawrence is a brick-mason.

A peculiar accident occurred on Hillsboro street, Raleigh, Saturday evening. A street car coasting down the hill going to the Fair Grounds struck a Jersey cow on the track. The cow was instantly killed but the car passed over the body without even being derailed.

About 9 o'clock this morning Louis Edmondson, a carpenter, 32 years old, was instantly killed by falling from one of the new tobacco warehouses now being erected. He fell fourteen feet and on the skeleton floor of the building. His neck was broken in the fall.—Durham special to Raleigh Post.

The five hundred and fifty thousand dollar trust deed of the P. G. and W. railroad has been executed and recorded in Craven and Pamlico counties, to secure the \$550,000 of first mortgage construction bonds which have been issued. New work will begin, this looks like a railroad.—Bayboro Sentinel.

Sam Saunders, while working in his new ground this week, killed a rattlesnake seven yards long and had 64 rattles. Picket Saunders killed the mate to him with 52 rattles. Sam killed a poplar leaf as large round as his thigh and found the dens of 13 other rattlesnakes all in a piece of ground of 11 acres, in one day.—Bayboro Sentinel.

One adventuresome young lady had an experience she will never forget during the storm last week. Desiring to test the current in her hair she procured a large gutta percha comb and stroked her generous tresses, thus completing a circuit. While doing this an immense flash of lightning came upon the scene. Connecting with the circuit she had completed, it formed a perfect halo of fire around her head, giving the appearance that her hair was blazing. Sparks of fire leaped from her fingers when she grasped her brother in her fear. She was a perfect conductor and the electricity was playing prank with her. Fortunately she escaped injury.—Hendersonville Hustler.

CLAYTON.

Mr. Ashley Horne went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Miss Lessie Barnes is visiting relatives at Gibsonville.

Mr. J. A. Vinson is sick with a slight fever at this writing.

Little Pearl Harris is, we are glad to say, convalescing.

Miss Cleve Barnes is visiting her aunt at Holly Dale, N. C.

Mrs. C. W. Horne is improving. Hope she will soon be thoroughly well.

Mr. C. H. Belvin spent Saturday with his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Horne.

Miss Ione Gulley left Tuesday for a visit to relatives at Goldsboro.

Mr. N. B. Hales made a business trip to the Penny section Wednesday.

Mr. Nick Allen and mother spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Babour.

Mrs. Parham Barnes returned Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Wilder's.

Messrs. D. O. McCullers and Jesse Hilliard went to Sealey's fishing Wednesday.

Mr. Robt. A. Wall is assisting cashier C. M. Thomas while he is gaining back his strength.

Messrs. J. E. Kennedy and Robt. Harrison, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mr. Ralph Barnes.

Dr. J. A. Griffin and wife went to Raleigh Wednesday for medical attention for Mrs. Griffin.

The handsome lot of furniture recently purchased by Police J. L. Ellis for the dormitory has been installed.

Your correspondent cut a cabbage in his garden Wednesday which had 16 separate and distinct heads.

Mrs. J. J. Andrews brought the first watermelons to town Tuesday. They brought from 20 to 25 cents each.

Mrs. W. E. Hamilton and children left Wednesday for a visit of several weeks to relatives at Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Everett's infant son died Monday morning and was buried at the cemetery Monday evening.

Mrs. A. J. Shepard, of Graham, N. C., arrived Sunday. She will make her home here until Christmas with her husband who is working lightning rods here.

A big crowd of our young people attended a lemonade party at the residence of Mr. M. M. Gulley Tuesday night. They report a grand time.

The brick, lime, machinery, etc. for The Clayton Oil Mills has been purchased. A meeting will be held to-night (Wednesday) for the awarding of contract of building and buying lumber.

The Ladies' Aid Society will give a lawn party at the academy grounds Friday night of this week, from 8 to 11 o'clock. Refreshments will be served for a consideration. Benefit Baptist church. Every one is cordially invited.

The Clayton High School Co. have some of the handsomest catalogues it has been our pleasure to see. They contain a complete explanation of the workings of the grand institution. One can be had for the asking of W. A. Barnes, Secretary and Treasurer. Sent by mail if requested.

We had a slight fire Tuesday night. About 8 o'clock Mr. Jas. T. Hinton's house caught on fire. It is supposed that it caught from an ash box in the kitchen. No damage of account. As soon as alarm was given neighboring men rushed in and extinguished the fire before it got any start.

YELIR.

It is just as well to note that the pardon of Mehaffey on condition that pardon of \$3000, has a mercenary flavor that is not to the taste of North Carolina. Perhaps it is just as well that the Vice President of the United States will not have the pardoning power.—Charlotte News.

POLENTA NEWS.

So far nice cures of tobacco are reported.

Mr. W. T. Adams, of The Tuscarora, Smithfield, spent Sunday evening in this section.

Mr. J. Wayland Allen, of Smithfield, spent the first Sunday evening in this section visiting.

Preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday morning and night by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fisher.

Miss Mary Booker spent a few days last week visiting Miss Lillie Young, of the Leachburg section.

A number of our young people attended the picnic at Fuquay Springs on the Fourth. They all report a nice time.

We are pained to learn of the sickness of Mr. James Wrenn, and trust his indisposition will be of short duration.

Misses Rena Johnson and Eva Yelvington spent last week in the Penny section visiting Misses Julia and Lovie Austin.

After a week's visit to Mrs. J. Wayland Allen, of Smithfield, Miss Audrey E. Booker returned home last Sunday evening.

Mr. Deb Wood reports the first ripe watermelon. He cut one on Tuesday of last week which he says was full ripe and of excellent flavor.

Miss May Young has returned home from a visit to Raleigh, where she went to act as one of the bride's maids in the Patterson-Koonce marriage.

Mrs. Mary Hyatt, of Greene county, with her children, is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. J. J. Barnes. It is likely she will spend sometime at her old home.

No preaching at Shiloh last Sunday, owing to sickness of the pastor. We were all sorry to hear of the illness of Pastor Hall, and sincerely hope for his speedy recovery.

Oakland and Shiloh Sunday School will picnic at Oakland on Saturday before the third Sunday in August. The children are anticipating a grand time. The other Sunday Schools of the township have been invited to join in.

Typo attended church at Mt. Zion on the first Sunday and heard a most excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fisher, on education. Bro. Fisher is greatly beloved by all who know him, regardless of denomination.

Is it a fact that the tobacco buyers of Smithfield have decided not to buy tobacco until it is graded? It is so reported out here, and is calculated to hurt the Smithfield buyers with the growers of the weed. Some have been heard to say they will go where there is no restriction.

The match game of base ball that was to have come off on the grounds of the Polenta club, between Polenta and Chille, failed, owing to the fact that Chille failed to put in an appearance. Our boys were all on hand and anxious for the game, and were sorely disappointed at the failure of Chille to come.

On the first Sunday afternoon a pretty home marriage took place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. T. Jordan. The contracting parties were Mr. John Talton and Miss Lessie Barnes, Rev. Mr. Adams officiating. They are both popular young people, and their many friends wish for them a pleasant sojourn through life.

On gray and stiff land the cotton crop has improved some. On sandy land it has spent its course, is turning yellow, and will be little more than a failure. Some farmers say they have good corn crops, whilst some say their's is nearly a failure. The same may be said of tobacco, some can boast of good crops, others complain and say they have poor prospect.

TYPO.

[This report is false.—Ed.]

Strength and vigor come of good food, duly digested. 'Force,' a ready-to-serve wheat and barley food, adds no burden, but sustains, nourishes, invigorates.

FOUR OAKS NOTES.

Mr. Bingham, of Smithfield, was here Sunday.

A few of our people took in the trip to Richmond Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Walton Johnson, of Benson, has accepted a position with R. E. Creech.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Laura Creech is confined to her bed with an attack of fever.

We are glad to see Mr. Chas. H. Wellons able to be up again, he has been quite sick with fever.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Wellons, with their sister, Miss Flora Sater, was visiting in Four Oaks Sunday.

Mrs. Lou Williams and two little daughters, of Dunn, are visiting in our neighborhood this week.

Mrs. B. B. Adams and five of her merry youngsters are visiting relatives in Harnett county this week.

Miss Willie Creech returned Saturday from Maxton where she has been visiting friends and relatives.

Our old friend Mr. Albert Keen who has been holding a position in Maxton for a good while is at home on a visit.

Mrs. Sallie Surles one of our charming young widows left Tuesday for a pleasure trip to Wilmington and will be there for several days.

Mr. J. W. Sanders expects to move into his new brick store in a few days and says he wants all of his friends to put their pocketbooks in their pocket and come and see his store.

Mr. Owen D. Stanley our old friend who is now agent of A. C. L. R. Co., at Pembroke, came up Saturday to see his old friends and relatives and returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Baker, with their daughters, Irene and Pearl, also Mr. Chas. H. Grady, drove in a few days ago from Seven Springs, where they have been for pleasure, health and recreation and they must have found it all there for they are already planning another trip. Mr. Baker says there is no place like Seven Springs.

"M."

BEASLEY BITS.

Mr. Core, of near Goldsboro, was in our midst Saturday and Sunday.

Our section was visited by cool and refreshing showers Monday afternoon.

Mr. Piker, of Greenville, Tenn., spent Tuesday night with Mr. J. M. Beasley.

Rev. Nathan Strickland filled Rev. Mr. Parkers appointment at St. John Sunday.

Mr. George Rose and Prof. Robertson, of Newton Grove, were in our section Monday.

Mr. Sam Thornton and children, of Goldsboro, is spending a few days with Mrs. Elie Lee.

Mr. Boyett, of Smithfield, was in our community Wednesday looking after the tobacco crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Brock, of Grantham's Store, attended the burial services of Mr. C. C. Hudson's little child Saturday.

Mrs. Gid Grantham and children, of Grantham's Store, spent Saturday night and Sunday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hudson.

Mr. Joel Rhodes and family, of near Goldsboro, spent Saturday night and Sunday visiting Mrs. Rhodes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Stephens.

Misses Clyda, Mabel and Eula Westbrook, accompanied by their little brother, Grover, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives near Benson.

We are very sorry to note the accident of Mr. E. T. Westbrook's little son, Earl, which occurred Saturday afternoon. He fell out of the door, crushing both bone in his arm very badly.

DEXTER.

SELMA NEWS.

Prof. T. T. Candler was in town Wednesday.

Mr. E. W. Vick has gone to Jackson Springs.

Miss Jennie Batton returned from a visit to Raleigh Saturday.

Miss Mamie Tuck has returned from a visit to Oxford and Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston are visiting Dr. Thomas H. Avera of Wake.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hood spent Sunday at Wilson's Mills visiting relatives.

Mr. Atlas Batton and family spent Sunday with his father, N. R. Batton.

Bat M. Robertson and Will H. McCullers, of Clayton, were here Wednesday.

Mrs. Waddell, Mr. and Mrs. Spiers have returned from a visit to Asheville.

Hon. C. W. Smith was in town Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. Clem Richardson.

Miss Pattie Richardson, of Wendell, is visiting her brother, Hon. C. W. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson are spending this week in Wake county visiting relatives.

Mr. Arthur Griffin, of Clayton, spent Tuesday night with his sister, Mrs. L. D. Debnam.

Mrs. Thomas W. Winston, of Oxford, came to attend the funeral of her uncle, Capt. Noble.

Mrs. M. D. Bright and little Miss Helen, of Lumberton, are visiting friends in our place.

Mrs. Rosetta Vick has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Martin, at Summerville, S. C.

W. D. Avera, Esq., of Smithfield township, spent Tuesday night in our town the guest of Mr. N. E. Edgerton.

Messrs. W. T. Bailey, Jas. Darden, C. W. Edgerton, Mr. Watson and several others from Kenly Lodge came up Sunday to attend the funeral of Capt. A. M. Noble.

Messrs. W. B. Driver, Sam P. Wood, A. J. Williford, J. H. Parker, W. B. Roberts and John W. Liles went to Richmond on the excursion. Wonder what was the matter with the old excursionists W. H. Hare, J. W. Futrell and R. M. Nowell? They stayed at home this time.

Robert Millard Nowell returned from Asheville Saturday, where he has been attending the Southern Musical Convention. Wonder if he is going to take the study of music this late in life. We always understood that if music was not taken up when young that the fingers got too stiff to make a success of it.

SENEX.

PINE LEVEL DOTS.

We were glad to see the rain come Monday.

Dr. W. S. Walker went to Goldsboro Monday.

Misses Minnie Creech and Alice Peedin spent Sunday here with friends.

Mr. David Johnson was here Sunday visiting his sister, Mrs. W. H. Westbrook.

Mr. J. L. Gurley and family, of Selma, were here Sunday visiting their father, Mr. W. C. Gurley.

Mr. Robert L. Ray, of Selma, has purchased the line of goods that belonged to T. T. Oliver, deceased.

Misses Ella and Annie Fitzgerald spent Saturday afternoon here with their uncle, W. F. Gerald, Esq.

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

Dr. W. S. Walker, Mr. Van Peedin, Misses Flora Godwin and Jannie Young attended services at the Union Sunday.

Y. Y.

Doubtless you are progressive. Some medicines on the market are old-fashioned. Rheumacide, the great rheumatic cure is a discovery, a progressive remedy. It is the spring blood purifier that you want. At Druggists.

BENSON.

Tobacco curing is on in full earnest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall are in Cumberland.

The infant child of Jacob Wheeler died 11th inst.

Special tax for schools won in a walk; 103 for, 11 against.

Benson people are patronizing the excursion to Richmond.

With exception of tobacco, crops in this section are fairly good.

W. R. Woodall, father of our townsman, Preston Woodall, is ill at his home near here.

A new venture in Benson is what some people call a "bucket shop" to begin business in a few days.

Recent repairs and additions to Mrs. J. H. Duncan's residence has greatly improved its appearance.

W. R. Denning has purchased a lot in front of Benj. Hudson & Son and will erect two brick stores at once.

J. W. Holmes and J. M. Britt are trying to do like Grover and Teddy; they are off a week hunting and fishing.

Little Willie, the five-year-old son of J. C. Gibbs, tripped and fell Tuesday, sustaining injuries from which he is suffering severely.

We would report the last wedding we went to, but this scribe's modesty forbade his pushing his way through a vast throng, and he could not get near enough to find the facts.

Among the visitors here since our last: Miss Lena Smith, of Tarboro, Mrs. A. Bam, of Cumberland, Festus Royal and Misses Florence Butler and Victoria Crumpler, of Clinton, Miss Addie Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Jones and Wesley Boon, of Clayton, John Baucum, of Littleton, Mr. Doyle, of Raleigh, Miss Mattie Hood, of Harpers' Miss Ruth Stephenson, of Smithfield, Rufus Britt, of Florida, Mrs. John Edgerton, of Kenly.

LEACHBURG.

Mr. Eugene Stephenson visited in the Penny section, last Sunday evening.

The local showers of rain this week has been very beneficial to the growing crops.

The cotton crop in Leachburg is undoubtedly the sorriest it has been since 1891.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stephenson continues to be confined to her room. She has paralysis.

Mr. and Mrs. John Talton, of Clayton, visited Mrs. Talton's mother near Shiloh last Saturday and Sunday. They seemed to be all smiles.

Master Willie Lee, accompanied by his sister, Miss Elgie, of Perline, spent last Saturday in Leachburg, visiting their sister Mrs. Claude Stephenson.

Burning tobacco seems to be the order of the day now. Mr. Albert Stevens was the first in this community to burn any. He has already cured his second barn full.

There were a good many visitors at Shiloh church last Sunday. They were sorry to learn that the pastor, Rev. W. G. Hall was confined to his room with fever and was not able to fill his appointment.

"SOL."

—The Riverside Warehouse this year will open their sales with Mr. W. H. Lassiter and T. J. Gentry, as managers, the firm being known as Lassiter & Gentry. Mr. Lassiter was one of the managers last year of the Riverside and needs no introduction as a warehouseman. Mr. Gentry is well known to all the people of the county as a buyer. He came on the market when it first began business and every year since has seen him working for the best interest of his friends. He is a clever gentleman and a fine judge of tobacco and we welcome him as a warehouseman.