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SELMA NEWS.

Oscar Mitchener, a colored man, had three fingers of his left hand cut off at the oil mill last Friday.

Our Baptist friends are working for a large crowd at the Association Friday night, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Powell, of Gainer, has been appointed agent of the Southern here, vice Mr. J. D. Edens, resigned.

The negro boy, James Robertson, who was shot by Oscar Richardson last Wednesday, is improving rapidly.

Geo. D. Vick is in town (Wednesday) and will go to Richmond Thursday to see the game of football between the University of North Carolina and the University of Virginia.

Miss Mamie Tuck, teacher of first grade in the Selma Graded Schools, had Thanksgiving exercises in her room by the children, which were much enjoyed by all who attended.

Allen Wall, a very worthy colored man who lives about a mile south of Selma, had the misfortune to lose his house by fire Tuesday afternoon. He lost everything he had in the house except two or three chairs. It is not known how the fire originated. His wife and a small child were at home and the first seen of the fire was a trundle bed on fire. His loss is a heavy one for him.

LENOX.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. S. B. Forrest, of Wilson, made a business trip to our town Monday.

Messrs. Lebon Daniels and Otis Winborne went to Smithfield Saturday.

Mr. Bennett Barnes, of Wilson, visited friends here Sunday and Sunday night.

Miss Annie Aycock went to Smithfield Friday night, returning Saturday.

Mr. Albert Holland, of Wayne county, spent Monday night in town with relatives.

Mr. C. W. Edgerton made a business trip to Smithfield Monday, returning Tuesday.

Miss Myrtle Harper, of Smithfield, spent Saturday and Sunday here visiting friends.

Prof. H. B. Smith, principal of Kenly Academy, made a business trip to Smithfield Saturday.

Mr. Sim Lee, of Selma, attended the reception given by the Thalian Literary Society Friday night.

Mr. A. J. Williford, of Raleigh, the State Agent for the South Atlantic Insurance Co., visited our town Monday.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, pastor of the Methodist church here, spent Friday night here on his way to fill his regular appointment at Lenoira.

Two of the teachers in the Academy, Misses Annie Strickland and Julia McEhan, went to Smithfield Saturday to stand county examination.

Misses Annie and Lola Sauls, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Clara Paschalle, of Wilson, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. J. R. Sauls and Mrs. S. S. Earles.

Misses Annie and Pauline Hood, who are teaching school at the Woodard school house, spent Saturday and Sunday in town with relatives.

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society met with Mrs. Martha Matthews Monday night. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. T. Bailey next Monday night.

The marriage of Miss Nancy Richardson, the popular and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Richardson, and Mr. Charles H. Anderson, of Raleigh, took place November 19th, at 12:30 o'clock, at the home of the bride's parents, near here. The ceremony was performed by Elder William Woodard, of Wilson,

and was witnessed by only relatives and intimate friends. The home was tastefully decorated with plants, holly, cedar and chrysanthemums. The music was rendered by Miss Passie Harris, the efficient music teacher of Kenly Academy. The groom entered the parlor with his brother, Dr. Albert Anderson, of Wilson, followed by the bride with her sister, Miss Sadie Richardson, who gave her away. The bride was attired in an extremely becoming coat suit. The popularity of the contracting parties was shown by the great number of handsome presents received. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson took the 2:30 train here—and the shower of rice, and with many good wishes for a happy voyage through life, for Wilson and other points to spend a few days visiting relatives, after which they will reside at 114 Person street, Raleigh.

The reception given by the ladies of the Thalian Literary Society to the young men of the Philologist Society of Kenly Academy last Friday evening was a highly enjoyable incident. In addition to the students of the school, the members of the Board of Trustees and their families were invited. A large crowd was present and every one enjoyed the reception immensely. Our much loved and former townsman, Mr. Walter A. Edgerton, Register of Deeds, whom we are justly proud to honor as a former resident of this place, was present by special invitation, and made one of his usual happy addresses. Mr. Edgerton spoke on "Some of the Thoughts of the Age." He showed how easy it is to let others do our thinking and drift along with the every day current. The speaker introduced the speech with some splendid wit; he urged the young people to be more thoughtful and try to do their own thinking rather than drift along with the common raft of human beings who depend on some one else for all their ideas. The speech was very interesting and instructive from beginning to the end. Mr. Edgerton is a man of a very noble and generous character. He was one of the leading citizens while he lived here, and did as much or more for Kenly Academy than any other one man. He has always been a leader in educational and Christian work. Mr. Edgerton will always find a hearty welcome among us.

Nov. 25.

REX.

'STAGGERING BLOW'

To Proper Administration of Justice in Lenoir County.

Kinston, N. C., Nov. 23.—The jury that tried Emmett Boyette for the murder of his seventeen-year old wife, under circumstances most horrible and aggravating, were given the case on Saturday night. The defense was a plea of insanity. The preponderating evidence was against that plea. After a clear-cut and able charge by Judge George H. Brown, the jury retired. They brought in on Sunday their verdict and he was acquitted on the plea of insanity.

Judge Brown's opinion of the case is indicated by the language he addressed to the jury after they rendered their verdict, which astonished the Judge and the people. The Judge said: "Gentlemen of the jury. In my long judicial experience I have never censured a jury and it is not my purpose to censure you now. I am bound to believe that you acted conscientiously. But I cannot help feeling that you have made a very grave mistake in entirely acquitting this prisoner. Your verdict will be a staggering blow to the proper administration of justice in this county. I fear, for years to come." A burst of applause greeted the remarks of his honor to the jury. Judge Brown ordered the custody of the sheriff to await examination of a lunacy commission as to his present mental condition and he was returned to jail.

THANKSGIVING DOTS.

Quite a number of our young people attended singing at Live Oak church last Sunday.

There was services at Thanksgiving Sunday evening by the pastor, Rev. M. A. Adams.

Mr. W. G. Earp is erecting for himself a new residence on the road near Thanksgiving church.

Mr. L. W. Brannan is making arrangements to erect a dwelling on the road just above Thanksgiving church.

Mr. Walter Batten and Miss Maud Jones, of near Jerome, visited Miss Ida Murphrey Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. Braz Woodard, of Princeton, has purchased a farm from Mr. G. C. Earp near Thanksgiving and expects to move to it soon after January 1, 1904.

Mr. Jesse Hood, of the Selma tobacco market, who is traveling in the interest of the Star Warehouse, passed through this section today inspecting the tobacco.

Mr. W. S. Earp and Mr. Louis Liles carried a load of tobacco each to the Banner Warehouse at Smithfield which sold all the way from \$4 to \$35 per hundred. They came home smiling and well pleased and said they sold it well. They were late coming home that night owing to the rush of tobacco on the floor that day.

At the home of the bride's father, Mr. Kerney Eason, last Wednesday evening at the hour of 2 o'clock, were happily united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Mr. W. E. Creech and Miss Nettie Eason, J. L. Jones, J. P., performing the ceremony. The attendants were Mr. A. V. Eason with Miss Dora Hare, Mr. Henry Price with Miss Lula Brannan, Mr. Henry Lynch with Miss Lonie Parrish, Mr. James Brannan with Miss Martha Price, Mr. Charley Clemons Eason with Miss Mary Creech, Mr. Oscar Eason with Miss Amanda Barham. After the marriage all returned to the home of Mr. J. D. Creech, where all enjoyed a sumptuous supper. May the happy couple live long and enjoy a life of prosperity is the wish of the writer.

NICK.

Nov. 25.

DOLENTA NEWS.

Mt. Zion church will have a Christmas tree.

Several law suits recently, as is usual at this time of year.

Miss Neppie Smith, of Raleigh, is on a visit to her brother, Mr. G. B. Smith.

On the 1st of January Mr. W. M. Weeks, who has been doing business in this section, will remove to Benson to live.

Prof. and Mrs. Ira T. Turlington attended preaching at Shiloh last Sunday morning. They are always welcome visitors to our community.

Mrs. Ashley Johnson, we regret to learn, is quite sick, being threatened with pneumonia. Hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery.

Mrs. Johnson who died at her home near Smithfield, was buried at Shiloh Thursday of last week. She had many relatives in this section.

At Shiloh on the second Sunday in this month Rev. B. Townsend, the new pastor, preached a powerful and effective sermon. An all-round preacher there are few young divines his equal.

A protracted meeting is in progress at Oakland this week, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders. Let us all hope that great good will be accomplished as the result of these meetings.

Miss Mildred Young is at home from Peace Institute. She will remain over until Friday, in order to be present at the marriage of her sister, which happy event occurs Wednesday of this month.

Rev. Mr. Souders was regularly installed as pastor of Oakland

church last Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Black, of Linden, Harnett county, and Rev. Mr. Smith, of Dunn, acting as the installing committee. Rev. Mr. Black delivered the charge to the pastor-elect and Rev. Mr. Smith delivered the charge to the congregation. Both charges were impressive and pointed. Previous to the installation Rev. Mr. Black preached a sermon of great power to a large congregation. He also preached at night and delighted the congregation. Mr. Williams, one of Harnett's most prosperous farmers, came with Mr. Black, and was delighted with his visit, so he said.

Nov. 23.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Mr. Ed. S. Coats was here Wednesday.

Mr. Milton Hare, of Selma, was here Sunday.

Miss Lessie Barnes is a visitor at Mrs. Robertson's.

Mr. John Stephenson and son, Will, were here Wednesday.

Mr. C. M. Thomas has purchased Miss Jessie Wiggs' farm.

Miss Pear Robertson returned Tuesday from a trip to Raleigh.

Mr. D. J. Thurston has purchased Mr. Henry Matthews' farm.

Mrs. J. D. Debnam and children, of Selma, are visiting Dr. and Mrs. Griffin.

Mrs. C. H. Belvin, Miss Helen Primrose and others, of Raleigh, are the guests of Mrs. C. W. Horne.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Horne celebrated the fifth anniversary of their marriage Wednesday evening.

Mr. J. L. Johnson, of Perline, has moved here and opened up a jewelry store next door to Barnes & Co. He will do watch and clock repairing of all kinds.

The ladies of the Baptist church sent a box to a frontier missionary recently valued at eighty dollars. This is intended to reach them in time for a Christmas gift.

Mr. Arthur V. Gulley has been appointed special traveling agent for the Columbia Publishing House. This is a very prominent as well as lucrative position, and speaks well of Mr. Gulley to be thus appointed.

The ladies of the M. E. Church sent a box to the Orphanage at Raleigh Wednesday for Thanksgiving. The box was estimated to contain something over eighty dollars worth.

YELB.

Nov. 25.

Historical Commission Meets.

Mr. W. J. Peele has returned to the city from Wilmington, where he was elected president of the Historical Commission. The commission met in Warsaw, at the home of Rev. J. D. Hufham, and effected a permanent organization with the following officers: W. J. Peele, president; R. W. D. Connor, secretary.

The commission decided to offer three cash prizes of \$100 each for first, the best country history in the State; second, best biographical sketch of a North Carolinian, and third, for the best account of any decade in North Carolina. —Raleigh Times.

A liquor man met Mr. J. W. Little on the streets in Salisbury the other day and said: "Say, ain't you de man who was lecturing here on the de streets of Salisbury last July, speaking on temperance?" "Yes, I'm the man," said Mr. Little. "Well," said the whiskey man, "you see we have licked you." "Yes," said Mr. Little, "we are like poor Lazarus, licked by dogs; the dogs of Salisbury have licked the men who have souts and love God and respect His will." Well answered, although we know quite well that some worthy citizens voted for the saloons. We name Colonel Henderson, for one. —Biblical Recorder.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

After midnight of November 27th, Oberlin M. Carter will be free, after having been in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth three years and seven months.

Less bellicose news comes from the Isthmus. General Reyes, the special commissioner of the Bogota government, tenders his sincere thanks to President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Navy Moody for his gracious treatment at Colon by our naval forces.

A bulletin telegram says that the German East Africa cotton crop, last season, produced under the direction of some of Booker T. Washington's pupils, was 150 bales. Fresh plantings this year are expected to triple this crop. Fagoland, German West Africa, also yields several hundred bales.

The Carmack resolution calling for an investigation of the charges of "graft" in the Postoffice Department has been referred to the postoffice committee. There is no doubt that the Democratic Senators, generally, take the view that the scandal should be investigated under the direction of the Postoffice Department, as it is at present being conducted. Carmack took the step advisedly.

The first of the numerous reductions in wages, announced in the cotton mills of Southern New England and at half a dozen points outside of that territory, has gone into effect in all but one Fall River corporation and at a number of outside mills. The reduction affected 78 mills in Fall River, employing nearly 25,000 hands, and about a score of corporations elsewhere in New England, employing about 7,000 operatives.

Figs and Thistles.

Honesty is simply heart-health. There are no wastes with God. Success is the test of the soul. Wonderings bring to weakness. Our own trials test our friends. There is no progress without God in front.

A good blower is not always a good striker. Genius needs to be balanced with gentleness.

Only a man of grace can be a man of grace. Boring ideas are not the same as scalding ones.

The hope of glory depends on the hold on Christ. The gospel of the time is not the Gopher for the time.

Even in a restaurant a man may reveal his religion. When life is all sport to us the devil is the hunter.

It is no use praying for the things you will not pay for. If all men were true the world would soon be made new.

Well begun is half done; but only half done is all undone. No man was ever crushed with other people's cares.

Sin needs to shine in spots to hide its whole sordidness. Our efficiency depends on whether God is our sufficiency.

The preacher cannot study how to live by living in his study. It is safest to flee from the act that will not bear reflection.

Better not pick up any rocks until your own record is clean. Sermons preached for the ears of God will reach the hearts of men.

The devil never yet made a lock that the love of God could not break.

The Bible is never too deep for the child nor too shallow for the aged. —Ram's Horn.

Not a Sick Day Since.

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved and soon thereafter was entirely cured and have not seen a sick day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass, of Fremont, N. C., writes. Only 50c at Hood Bros.; Druggists.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

The Coast Line is adopting larger engines all over the system now. An order for fifty engines is now with the Baldwin Locomotive works, all of which are large ones.

Onslow county resists the payment of the \$40,000 bonds issued as result of a compromise with the Wilmington, Onslow and Eastern Railroad, on the ground that the election held to vote upon the \$60,000 issue was void.

The old Wilmington and Weldon railroad from Weldon to Wilmington has a remarkable record, so says Mr. E. Borden, general superintendent of transportation of the Atlantic Coast Line, and a mighty clever gentleman. Notwithstanding it was built in 1835 and notwithstanding the vicissitude of war it has never killed a passenger. —Wilson Times.

What We Have to Be Thankful For.

Agricultural prosperity, educational progress, temperance advancement, gospel light and civil liberty. —Ashley Horne, in Sunday's News and Observer.

EX-SHERIFF JOHNSON DEAD.

The First of Harnett County's Sheriff's to Die.

News was received yesterday of the death of Harnett county's first sheriff, ex-sheriff Johnson, at his home near Bradley's Store, Harnett county. He was about 85 years old, a sterling man, a good citizen, and a devoted Christian. He was first made sheriff in 1855 when Harnett county was organized and held the office several terms. He was held in the highest esteem. Before his old age, Sheriff Johnson came to Raleigh often and had many friends here who regret to hear of his death.

During its history Harnett has had seven sheriffs—Messrs. Johnson, Grady, McNeill, Green, McArtan, Pope and Salmon. Until Sheriff Johnson's death, no Harnett sheriff had died. Ex-sheriff McArtan, of Harnett, was in Raleigh yesterday and says the people heard with deep regret of the death of Sheriff Johnson. —News and Observer, Nov. 24th.

It Looks Like Cleveland.

It now seems probable that ex-President Cleveland may be the Democratic candidate for President next year. It is generally conceded that he can get more votes at the North than any other Democrat. To a greater extent than any other Democrat he has the confidence of the conservative men of the North, and especially of the business men of both political parties.

If he desires the nomination there is little doubt about his being able to get it, but it is not probable that he desires it, and he may not allow his name to be presented to the nominating convention. There is nothing for him to gain by accepting the nomination and being elected, for he has already been the Democratic nominee three times and been President twice. With his highly honorable record he can well afford to enjoy a dignified retirement from active politics and the cares of office.

But it is said that, even if Mr. Cleveland can carry more Northern States than any other Democrat he cannot carry the "solid South." This we think is an insult to the South and is true. If he is nominated he will carry every Southern State, for how could any Southern Democrat hesitate in preferring him to Roosevelt? While it is true that there has been widespread and very unjust prejudice aroused against him in several Southern States, yet we are pleased to know that this prejudice has greatly abated and already there is a general revulsion of public sentiment in his favor. Even among those who now speak favorably of him (for they follow the tide) are some of those who held office under him and then so foully abused him. —Pittsboro Record.