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STATE NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest Clipped and Culled From Our Exchanges.

Jacksonville, Onslow county, has voted for prohibition by a majority of 15.

The State has chartered the Underwood Pharmacy Company of Southern Pines, with a capital of \$5,000; also the Dimension Lumber Company of Willets, Jackson county.

The State last week chartered the Stanly Mining Company at Albemarle, with a capital of \$50,000; also, with like capital, the Carolina Coupler Company of Asheville.

Mr. W. A. Cooper's Sunday School class in Baptist Tabernacle at Raleigh will send \$90 worth of presents to the children of the Thomasville Orphanage to be placed on a Christmas tree.

Last Saturday at Winston-Salem, Judge McNeill appointed W. F. Carter, of Mt. Airy, permanent receiver of the Pilot Mountain Bank, with a capital stock of \$20,000, which, the stockholders declare, has been impaired 50 per cent.

The increase in the revenues of the Raleigh postoffice is something remarkable. During the past six years, the increase has been more than doubled. In 1896 the receipts amounted to \$25,510, while now they are \$54,503, and the net profits last year were \$32,507.

Ex-Judge S. O. B. Robinson, member of the National Republican Committee for North Carolina, retired from the Arlington Hotel in Washington City when he learned that a negro, Lyon, was to have a seat at the committee banquet, returned to his rooms, and laid aside his evening full dress. Good.

An important case up before Justice Walker of the State Supreme Court in Raleigh Monday, involving the power of the aldermen of Winston to levy a tax of \$2,000 on the Trading Stamp Company. Justice Walker dismissed the application, holding the tax to be unconstitutional.

Monday J. J. Hooker, of King, Stokes county, aged 60 years, stepped upon the track when the engine of a train on the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad, near Germantown, was within a few feet of him, and was instantly killed. Whether or not it was an act of suicide will never be known. He was a prosperous farmer, and left a wife and several children.

Rev. Thos. Dixon, who was in Raleigh last week, gives it out that he is dramatizing his book, "The Leopard's Spots," and that it will be put on the stage in some Southern town in about 30 days. Mr. Dixon also says that he is writing a new book to be called "The Klansmen," based on the North Carolina Ku Klux.

Saturday seems to have been a day of railroad fatalities. At Liberty, N. C., Herman Auman, son of Dr. Auman, was run over and had his legs cut off and will die. Alfred Jarrott, a 17 year old boy of Marion, N. C., who had been in the habit of jumping on and off trains had his head cut off by the wheels near Hickory. Joe Carr, a brakeman on a Southern freight, was thrown off and may die.

Rev. Jesse H. Page, one of the best known ministers in the Methodist Conference of Western North Carolina, died on Thursday night at his home at Henderson, at an advanced age. He had filled pastorates at Morganton, Statesville, Mooresville and other points in the State, and was a tireless worker, both in his congregation and the pulpit. He was a kindly, lovable man, affectionately called "Uncle Jesse" by his clerical colleagues. The deceased was the uncle of Walter H. Page, editor of World's Work, Congressman R. N. Page, and H. A. Page, a prominent railroad man.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Three persons were killed and 10 injured in a railroad wreck on a high bridge near Albia, Iowa, Sunday.

Hon. William J. Bryan was received by Pope Pius X and affecting many places of interest in Rome Sunday.

George Conway, a famous Confederate secret service officer, and after the war chief of the Georgia Ku Klux Klan, died in Augusta Sunday.

A reduction in wages averaging seventeen per cent., and affecting thirty thousand men in the Connellyville, Pa., coke regions, was announced Tuesday.

European commercial bodies are encouraging the production of cotton in Asia and Africa, because of the reduced production in the United States and higher prices.

Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had a narrow escape from death or serious injuries from a fire which broke out in the bedroom of the latter at Sandringham at 5 o'clock Friday morning.

The State has chartered the Pix Lumber Company, of Bisco, with a capital of \$10,000; also the Salmon Live Stock Company, of Lillington, capital \$20,000; also the Carolina Store and Construction Company of Goldsboro.

Members of the New York syndicate which underwrote \$35,000,000 of 4 per cent. bonds and \$5,000,000 stock of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at the time that company acquired control of the Louisville and Nashville road, have asked for a 14-months' extension of the syndicate agreement to February 18, 1905.

The Republican National Committee has chosen Chicago as the place for holding the national nominating convention, time June 21st. Pittsburg offered \$100,000 to secure the convention; Chicago, \$75,000 and a hall; St. Louis, \$40,000 and a hall. The vote stood 43 for Chicago, 7 for Pittsburg, 1 for St. Louis.

A man walking along the street in the town of Henley, England, suddenly sank through the pavement, and was engulfed in an old disused coal mine. All attempts at rescue was fruitless, and a funeral service was held over the spot where disaster had buried him, attended by the mayor, town council and a great gathering of citizens.

Senor Nuncio, Mexico's commissioner general of the United States World's Fair, says the exhibit of that country will occupy 8,000 more square feet than did the Mexican exhibit at Chicago. All departments of the country's activity will be represented, and a most cordial interest is manifested by the municipalities and private exhibitors.

The Democrats won an overwhelming victory in the municipal election in Boston, Tuesday, Mayor Patrick Collins being re-elected by 27,000 plurality, the largest ever given a mayoralty candidate in the history of the city. The board of alderman next year will be solidly Democratic and that party will have a large majority in the common council. The city as usual favored licensed liquor selling by a large majority.

A Costly Mistake.

Blunders are sometimes very expensive. Occasionally life itself is the price of a mistake, but you'll never be wrong if you take Dr. King's New Life Pills for Dyspepsia, Dizziness, Headache, Liver or Bowel troubles. They are gentle yet thorough. 25c at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

"Who can tell what a meter is?" asked the teacher of the juvenile class.

"I can," promptly replied the urchin at the pedal extremity. "It's a thing what you chop meat with."—Ex.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Mr. C. T. Young was here Monday and Tuesday.

Miss Pearl Robertson is visiting Mrs. S. C. Pool at Raleigh.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam and baby, of Selma, are visiting Mrs. Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Honeycutt spent several days here this week.

Mrs. Sallie Surles, of Four Oaks, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Adams.

We will have several new firms here January 1st. We shall be glad to have them.

Mr. W. H. Brewer, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with the family of Mr. H. D. Adams.

Mrs. J. A. Griffin and Mrs. Hopkins returned Saturday from a visit to friends near Youngsville.

Wednesday night, December 23rd, the music class of Clayton School will give a free entertainment. Everybody is invited.

Mrs. C. W. Horne left Wednesday p. m., for Raleigh where she will spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. C. H. Belvin.

Miss Edith Gale, of Smithfield, stopped over with Miss Lona Williams from Monday morning until Tuesday, then left for Durham.

Mr. M. G. Gulley, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Miss Ione Gulley and Mrs. Riley R. Gulley went to Cary Monday to attend the funeral of Mrs. John Guess.

Mrs. Ashley Horne, Messrs. D. H. McCullers, C. W. Carter and Riley R. Gulley attended the convention at Charlotte last week.

Among the big hogs killed here this season Mr. J. D. Adams leads the list. His hog weighed 420 lbs. The others as follows—C. H. Ellis 311. Rev. G. W. Fisher 291. Riley Gulley 282. Ivan Whitley 200.

"YELIE."

Drama.

"Above the Clouds." To be played by the Elocution Class of Clayton High School, New Year's night, Jan. 1, 1904.

CHARACTERS.

Phil Ringold, "Crazy Phil," A Mountain Hermit—Mr. Oscar Creech.

Alfred Thorpe, A City Nabob—Mr. Wilkes Barnes.

Amos Gaylord, A Country Gentleman—Mr. Paul Duncan.

Howard Gaylord, his son—Mr. William Young.

Titus Turtle, A Gourmand—Mr. Guy Wilson.

Curtis Chipman, "Chips" in the Rough—Mr. Raymon Creech.

Nat Naylor, Thorpe's Protege—Mr. Roy Robertson.

Grace Ingals, A young Artist—Miss Ione Gulley.

Hester Thorne, Gaylord's Housekeeper—Miss Leslie Ellis.

Susy Gaylord, Gaylord's daughter—Miss Ruby penny.

Lucretia Gerrish, "So Romantic"—Miss Joyce Barnes.

Another interesting feature of the evening will be "The Bell Drill" by twelve young ladies, each wearing silver bells, and carrying wands decorated with same. Admittance 10 and 15c to be used for defraying expenses.

Died in Durham.

Mr. Julius A. Taylor died at Watts hospital in Durham, N. C. Wednesday December 2nd, 1903. He was fifty seven years old. He was born in Bentonsville township Johnston county and was well known in all parts of the county. He moved his family from Smithfield to Durham a few years ago and had there been following his trade which was that of a watchmaker and jeweler. His funeral was preached by Rev. C. J. D. Parker, pastor of West Durham Baptist church. He leaves a wife and four daughters to whom we extend sympathy in their bereavement.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. Bennett Ward went to Wilson Monday.

Mr. J. W. Darden spent Friday night in Smithfield.

Mr. J. R. Sauls made a business trip to Wilson Monday.

Miss Huldah Nobles, of Selma, is visiting Miss Eva High this week.

Miss Sadie Richardson was visiting at Mr. J. G. High's Friday night.

C. W. Edgerton, Esq., attended court at Wilson Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Bennett Barnes, of Wilson, spent Friday night at the home of Mr. J. G. High.

Miss Eva High spent Saturday and Sunday in the country at Mr. L. B. Richardson's.

Mr. Otis Winborne spent Saturday and Sunday in Wilson visiting friends and relatives.

We are glad to note that Prof. H. B. Smith, who has been sick for several days with lagrippe, is now well and is again at his post of duty in the school room.

Messrs. J. T. Howell and L. W. Richardson, who are taking a course in pharmacy at the State University, came home Friday night to spend the holidays.

Mrs. R. H. Alford, who has been for several weeks visiting her brother, Mr. Nicholson, in Altoona, Pa., and also many places of interest in the North, returned home Thursday night.

Mr. S. S. Earl now has his Shuttle Block Factory complete and will begin operation as soon as he has sufficient timber on hand. All who have dogwood and persimmon timber can find there a ready sale for it at good prices.

The Methodist Ladies Aid Society gave a very delightful Box Party at the Academy Friday night which was enjoyed by all present. Although from various causes there was not so large a crowd present, yet the ladies made about \$12 clear profit.

The three Sunday Schools here have united their efforts and their means and will give a union Christmas tree and entertainment at the Academy on Christmas night. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, but the public will not be allowed to put anything on the tree.

Dec. 16.

REX.

BEASLEY BITS.

Mr. C. L. Grant, of Benson, was here Monday.

Mr. Hunter Ellington, of Smithfield, was in the village Monday.

Mr. Rogers, of Goldsboro, spent Tuesday night with Mr. J. M. Beasley.

Miss Laura Dunn, of Newton Grove, visited her parents Saturday and Sunday.

Messrs. J. M. Beasley, E. T. Westbrook and L. M. Stevens went to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. Thomas Dupree, of Dunn, was in this section Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Miss Martha Lee, of Benson, who has been visiting friends and relatives in this section, returned to her home Saturday.

Mr. B. A. Grant, of Norfolk, Va., arrived Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Grant.

Miss Clyda Westbrook, who is attending Newton Grove High School, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Westbrook, a few days ago.

Miss Hattie Hines, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. N. G. Massey, returned to her home Wednesday, accompanied by her cousin, little Miss Kitty Hines.

Dec. 16.

DEXTER.

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 NEWS.

Some of the farmers still hold a part of their tobacco crop.

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

There will be a goodly number of visitors in the community during the Christmas holidays.

The cotton crop in this section will not average a half bale to the acre. Its usual average is three-fourths of a bale.

Mr. J. W. Green has opened up a store near the township shelter, and extends an invitation to his friends to call and see him.

Truly do we regret to chronicle the illness of Mr. Henry Austin. He has been very low, but we hope is now better, and his sickness will be of short duration.

Now that Johnston is about to be freed from barrooms, let us knock out the dispensaries and make her entirely "dry." That's the next move on the check-board.

The meat supply for this section will be much larger this coming year than the past. Our farmers are beginning to realize that if they would be prosperous they must raise their home supplies.

It is with pain we chronicle the critical illness of Mr. J. P. Edmondson, who lives near Leachburg. He is suffering from a complication of diseases. His illness is of such a nature as to cause his physician to summon all of his children to his bedside. We regret to say the chances are against him, yet we all hope for his recovery.

"Ye are the Light of the World," was the text from which Rev. Mr. Townsend preached at Shiloh Sunday morning. Eloquent did he urge the Christian people to a higher plan of living. The command was to go forward, to let your light shine, not to hide it under a bushel, but to so live that the outside world would be so impressed as to lead them to realize the beauty there is in true religion. The sermon was one of great power and was forcibly and beautifully presented. Those present were delighted; those who stayed at home missed a great religious feast. "Ye are the Light of the World" will ring in the ears of many who heard that sermon for a long time to come, and we believe will cause some to live better lives. May we have more such discourses.

Dec. 16.

TYPO.

Town License Taxes.

The Board of Town Commissioners met Monday night to hear the report of the committee appointed to draw up a new set of ordinances.

We give below some of the license taxes imposed by the new ordinances:

"Upon the proprietors of each hotel, \$10 per annum in advance." Hotels are necessary for the accommodation of the public and no town can thrive without them.

Liverymen are taxed \$12 a year in advance.

Dealers in fresh meats are taxed six dollars a year in advance.

Telephone and telegraph companies are each taxed \$25 per year.

"Each bucket shop, or dealer in futures, shall pay a tax per annum of \$10 in advance."

This light tax on the "bucket shop" recently established in Smithfield was a great surprise to many. The committee recommended \$50, and this is not one cent too much. But a member of the Board moved that it be so amended as to make it only \$25, and yet another member made a motion that it be only \$10. And the surprise of the whole matter was that the Board passed it that way. Yes, the Board was perfectly willing to tax hotels \$10 a year. But when the question of licensing a place where futures are bought and sold, a place where a man may lose all his hard-earned savings, some of the members of the Board thought a tax of \$50 was outrageous.

What interest had they in the bucket shop that they were so much afraid that it would be taken out of existence? Did a single one of those who wanted the tax on "bucket shops" made only ten dollars claim that the tax on a single enterprise for the public was too high? No, but when the question of placing a reasonable tax on the "bucket shop," a concern that any town or community can so well get along without, some of those who are generally most quiet on other questions were the strongest supporters of a nominal tax for a stock gambling concern.

Will our Honorable Board of Town Aldermen let this outrageous low tax on a concern that is not needed her stand? Will they?

ARCHER DOTS.

Messrs. J. L. Boyett and J. R. Wall went to Raleigh last week.

Mr. J. R. Woodard made a business trip to Smithfield Saturday.

Quite a number of our people attended court at Smithfield last week.

Miss Emma Castleberry, who is teaching near Powhatan, spent Sunday at home.

Miss Ola Winston, of near Emit, visited the Misses Castleberry last week.

Miss Bessie Wall, of Auburn, is visiting relatives and friends in this section this week.

Messrs. John I. Barnes and L. H. Champion, of Clayton, visited friends near here Sunday.

Mr. E. Ennis has accepted a position to care for the stock of Mr. W. A. Barnes on his farm near here.

Misses Kittie Gulley, Lessie Weisner, Meta Ellis and Mr. A. V. Gulley, of Clayton, visited Miss Leslie Barnes Sunday.

The school at Mr. N. B. Barnes taught by Mr. W. L. Stancil, will observe North Carolina Day next Friday, December 18th, with appropriate exercises.

Miss Ora Castleberry returned from a visit to friends and relatives in Clayton Sunday, accompanied by Mr. Milton Stallings.

Mr. Henry Lynch and Miss Lona Parrish were joined in matrimony last Sunday and have begun a voyage on the sea of bliss.

Last Sunday Mr. Stephen Wall and Miss Beulah Hinnant drove to Mr. Scarborough's, in Wake county, and were joined in wedlock.

Madame Rumor says there will be another marriage next Sunday. If any other place can boast of more marriages at one time we would be glad to hear from them.

On Sunday night after the king of darkness had enshrouded the land in gloom, Mr. William Wall's accomplice helped Miss Lucy Murphy to escape from her father's home and went to Mr. W. B. Eason's, J. P., where Mr. Wall and Miss Murphy were joined together for life.

Last Sunday evening at the home of Mrs. Ann Liles Mr. Chester L. Barnes and Miss Ida Liles were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony. The ceremony was performed by Mr. V. R. Turley, J. P. Quite a number of relatives and friends were present to witness the interesting drama which shows the esteem in which those young people are held.

Dec. 15.

S. L. W.

In all seriousness, any one that has got sense enough to be permitted to run at large knows that the war between the two big Trusts was what put prices up in 1902, and that since they settled their differences they are making the farmer foot the bill. The only "plan" worth a cent is to go back to hog and hominy and stop raising tobacco for the Trusts to steal.—Webster's Weekly.

The highest duties oft are found Lying on the lowest ground; In hidden and unnoticed ways. In household work, on common days.—Monsell.