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POLENTA NEWS.

Mrs. J. J. Barnes is critically ill, and her friends fear the worst. Generally speaking the farmers will manure thoroughly this year.

The roads are in a terrible condition, so much so as to make traveling slow.

Mrs. Cadmus Young spent last week with Mrs. Robert Sanders, of Smithfield township.

Mrs. J. J. Young is on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Jno. O. Ellington at Smithfield.

There will be preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Jno. Hardee will go on the road soon to sell fruit trees. May he meet with abundant success.

Only a few have sowed plant beds. The tobacco crop will be exceedingly small in this section. Just as it should be.

Mr. Will T. Johnston leaves in a few days to push the sale of a well fixture patent, of which he has bought the right in a large territory.

Miss Lou Young's school, near Mount Zion, closed Tuesday night with an exhibition. A usual the exhibition was a grand success.

On Wednesday evening of this week the school at Red Hill will close. Miss Nellie Johnson, the teacher in charge, has given entire satisfaction.

Miss Ellen Eldridge, one of Smithfield's accomplished daughters, has been spending the past week with her sister, Mrs. Emma Tomlinson. She returned to her home Tuesday.

During the winter there has been a good deal of sickness among the colored people, mostly confined to pneumonia. Not a single case, however, has as yet resulted fatal.

The Polenta school will close next Wednesday; under the management of Miss Catharine Williams, the session has been a profitable one. Miss Williams is a teacher of no ordinary ability.

So far very little plowing has been done, owing to the fact the ground has been too wet for such work, which will necessarily cause a rush when work does begin, and may necessitate in some instances a curtailment of the cotton acreage.

Mr. J. Walter Myatt believes in making improvements. He is having built one of the largest barns in all this section, which will give him sufficient room to store away his crop, and add materially to the comfort of his stock and cattle in cold weather. Mr. Myatt is becoming more and more of an ideal farmer.

A large crowd was at Shiloh Sunday morning to hear the pastor Rev. B. Townsend, who preached from the subject: "Drawing Water," and admirably did he handle the subject. All present were entertained, instructed and saturated with gospel truths. Bro. Townsend grows in the esteem and affection of the people of all persuasions. He is destined to be a preacher of great power.

The "gripp" is an unwelcome visitor to our section at the present time. The following have suffered on account of its presence: Mr. Z. T. Jones, Mrs. F. T. Booker, Messrs. Reubin, John and Alford Myatt, Misses Lena, Edna and Master Edward Booker, Mrs. Dr. E. N. Booker, Miss Addie Barber, Mr. H. E. Weeks, Misses Audrey and Mary Booker and Mr. Will Tomlinson. All now, we are glad to report, are on the mend.

Mrs. Henry Austin, who for some years past, has been suffering with tumor, in company with her physician, Dr. E. N. Booker and wife went up to Rex Hospital, Raleigh, last Saturday, where an operation was performed on her, the tumor being taken out. Dr. Hubert Royster assisted by several other physicians performed the operation, which, proved successful, and it is believed Mrs. Austin will be able to return home in a few days greatly improved. Let us all hope for such a consummation.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. D. B. Sasser went to Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. E. J. Barnes, of Wilson, was in our town Monday.

Mr. J. H. Davis made a business trip to Selma Tuesday.

Several new students were enrolled, Kenly Academy this week.

C. W. Edgerton, Esq., is attending court in Smithfield this week.

Rev. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, filled his regular appointment here Sunday night.

Mrs. H. F. Edgerton was shopping and visiting relatives in Smithfield Tuesday.

Mr. C. B. Bailey has purchased from D. L. Godwin, of Smithfield, his house and lot here, in which Mr. J. R. Sauls now resides.

Mr. Weathersby, who has been here since the R. R. Section forces struck, as watchman at the water tank at the river bridge, returned to Rocky Mount Monday.

Mr. Shriver, the special R. F. D. Route Agent, was here Wednesday and Thursday making some changes in routes No's 1 and 3, and he also laid out a new route which makes four routes from here.

Kenly is on a boom now in building. Messrs. J. T. Edgerton & Bro. have just completed a nice cottage near the Academy; Mr. R. T. Renfrow has a handsome two story dwelling in course of construction, and Mr. D. B. Sasser has begun building a beautiful six room cottage; also Dr. J. C. Grady is rapidly making preparations to build a large two story residence on South Railroad street.

The chief of police here, arrested a suspicious looking young man, Sunday evening who gave his name as B. H. Pittman, of Blackstone, Va. The mayor of the above place was telegraphed concerning him, but he had nothing against him. So the man was released Sunday night, and he left Monday evening saying he was going to Bamburg, S. C. A few hours later a message was received to arrest him as he was wanted in Blackstone.

Kenly was visited by a band of safe crackers last Tuesday night. They broke into the stores of Mr. Geo. M. Morris and Messrs. J. Stancill & Renfrow, and blew their safes open, but they did not get anything from Mr. Morris as he had taken all his money out that evening. They got near \$1900.00 from Stancill & Renfrow's safe. Mr. Stancill losing \$1300.00. His daughter \$110.00. Mr. Renfrow \$150.00 and the firm near \$300.00. As it was raining next morning blood hounds could not track them and they made good their escape. As yet nothing definite has been heard of them.

O K Stoves, Smithfield Hwd. Co.

BEASLEY BITS.

Rev. Mr. Strickland will preach at Preston Academy Sunday 20, at eleven o'clock.

Miss Mattye Belle Beasley returned home Monday from a few days visit to friends and relatives in Benson.

Mr. J. J. Dupree, of Dunn, has been spending a few days in this section with his mother, Mrs. Martha Dupree.

Mrs. Max Hirsch who has been spending some time here left Thursday for here home in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Lem Barfield and daughter, little Thelma, of near Mount Olive visited relatives in this community Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. B. A. Grant who has been spending the past few months at home with his parents, has accepted a position in Benson. Mar. 16.

—Mrs. R. H. McGuire went to Richmond Monday having been called there on account of the illness of her little grandson Pat. McGuire.

CLAYTON CHIPS.

Prof. R. T. Williams went to Raleigh Saturday.

Mr. D. T. Barnes, of Raleigh, was here Saturday.

Mr. George Broughton, of Raleigh, was here last week.

Miss Hattie Wall, of Raleigh, was a visitor here this week.

Miss Kitty Baucom and Miss Grace Betts attended the recital Friday night.

Messrs. Troy Narron and W. H. Godwin of Emit section were in town Tuesday.

Messrs. W. E. Narron and Milhard Hinnant visited friends in Archer section Sunday.

Misses Cleve and Nora Barnes have received their spring stock of millinery, and a nice stock to be sure.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ellington and Mrs. W. J. Young, of Raleigh, spent part of this week with Mrs. E. L. Hinton.

Mr. A. J. Barbour left Tuesday night for northern markets to purchase spring and summer stock for his firm.

Hon. Ashley Horne, President of the State Fair went to Raleigh Monday to have premium list adjusted for 1904 fair.

Messrs. J. G. Barbour & Sons will in a short while have their stores moved and a massive brick structure erected where the old stores now stand.

The funeral of the late Wm. Smith will be preached by Grand Lecturer B. W. Hatcher, at the residence of the deceased on the 5th Sunday in May.

Miss Lona Williams returned from Richmond Sunday. While there she purchased an up-to-date line of millinery articles. Her advertisement will be in this paper soon.

The pupils entering Clayton High School this week are: Miss Crella Parker, Four Oaks, Miss Mary Jones, Wilson's Mills, Miss Mary Stephenson, Smithfield, Mr. J. E. Parker, Emit, and Mr. David Hought, Wendell.

Since the elocution class was begun in Clayton High School, we have had some excellent concerts, and entertainments, but on Friday night every previous performance was eclipsed. We expected a good affair naturally, but were certainly captivated by this, the most perfect. We can not speak in too high praise of Mrs. R. F. Williams, under whose management the entertainment was gotten up. The young ladies and gentlemen participating played their parts to perfection, seeming absolutely unconscious of surroundings, they played as if they were in the regular routine.

SELMA NEWS.

R. B. Whitley was at home Tuesday night.

N. B. Snipes & Bro. have had a phone put in their store.

The infant child of Mr. Alonzo Stancill died Tuesday night at the home of its parents about two miles east of Selma.

Tramps just now are giving our chief a tough time. Looking after them and the street lamps as well as keeping the street crossings open is making him live hard. Stick to it chief, it want be long before moon light nights, then you will have a rest.

Mr. Thos. S. Turner, of Norfolk, Va., and Miss Lomy Talton were married in Selma on Wednesday by Rev. Mr. Coltrane, of Smithfield. Mr. Turner is a conductor on the A. & D. Division of the Southern and Miss Talton is the sister of our jeweler, Mr. Charles Talton. Our best wishes to them.

Mar. 16. SENEX,

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg; but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cts. Sold by Hood Bros., druggist.

Superior Court Proceedings.

The spring term of Johnston county superior court convened here Monday with Judge George H. Brown, Jr., of Washington, N. C., presiding. The state was represented by its able Solicitor, Hon. Armistead Jones, of Raleigh. The following were drawn as grand jurors:

A. J. Farmer, Foreman. W. T. Hinton, S. A. Wellous, G. W. Stanley, Phillip Lee, Conday Stancill, Ed. Game, Jr., J. D. Carroll, J. H. Broadwell, Jesse B. Creech, C. A. Wallace, J. V. Kirby, H. A. Peterson, S. Griswold, H. M. Tart, Joe Oneal, N. A. Honeycutt and J. T. Peedin.

Mr. John T. Avera was appointed officer of the grand jury. After the Judge's charge to the grand jury the following criminal cases were taken up and disposed of:

Lonnie Green was tried in two cases, one for carrying concealed weapons and one for injury to a house. He was found guilty and charged with the costs of the action. Rynum Watson was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and released on payment of cost.

Ross Duncan was charged with carrying concealed weapons. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

W. Henry Matthews was up before the court for carrying concealed weapons. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Archie Artis was charged with an assault with deadly weapon, was tried and found not guilty. He is the negro that was charged with shooting Jim Underwood a few months ago, near Mr. Tom Snead's, but as there was not sufficient evidence to convict him he was found not guilty.

Joseph Evans and Donnie Evans were tried for an assault with deadly weapons, found guilty and fined \$15.00 and cost. Ezra Godwin was found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Thomas H. Vinson was fined \$15.00 and cost for an assault with deadly weapon.

Will Harris was found guilty of breaking into a store and sentenced to three years on the Smithfield roads. It will be remembered that he is the negro who broke into Mr. W. M. Sanders' store a few weeks before Christmas, attempted to destroy his cash register and stole a lot of goods. Willie A. Jackson was given four months on the Smithfield roads for an assault with deadly weapon.

Luke Crowder was tried for an assault with deadly weapon, found guilty and judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Harry Cook was found guilty of carrying concealed weapons and fined \$5.00 and cost.

E. Parrish was tried for forcible trespass. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Sidney W. Adams was found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and was fined \$10.00 and cost.

J. T. Creech, J. L. Creech and E. Y. Creech were found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and fined \$50.00 and cost.

Arthur Norwood was sentenced to three years on the Smithfield roads for house breaking.

Clarence Glover, the young white man who killed W. J. Lee a few weeks ago, was tried for murder and found guilty of manslaughter. He was sentenced to fifteen years at hard labor in the penitentiary, but the sentence was later reduced to twelve years.

There were quite a number of minor cases tried and either dismissed or continued. Court adjourned yesterday, having completed its labors.

Judge Brown, who has the reputation of being one of the best Judges in North Carolina, has dispatched business with such rapidity and in such a fair and impartial manner as to win praise from everybody.

—Mr. H. L. Hall, of Benson, spent last night here with his son, Mr. D. M. Hall.

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PRINCETON DOTS.

We regret to note that Mrs. Bailey is confined to her room, suffering with rheumatism.

Mr. J. Ben Howell, one of our hustling sawmill men, went up to Pine Level on business Wednesday.

Mr. A. M. Martin is putting up a new sawmill plant on the lot adjacent to J. D. Finlayson. He says he is going to prepare himself to do sawing, dressing, drying, etc.

The series of meetings at the Holiness Church is still going on. They say much interest is being manifested. Rev. S. C. Perry is doing the preaching. Mr. Crumpler was here one night last week and preached for them.

Rev. J. O. Guthrie filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday and Sunday night. He preached two very instructive sermons.

Mr. Joseph Tonans, who for the last five years traveled over Johnston and Sampson counties selling goods, has gone to Goldsboro and New Bern, N. C., to bid his native people good-by. He will sail for Beirut, Syria, about the first of April. We wish him a safe trip across the ocean and Mediterranean sea.

Mr. Willie Ellis says he doesn't like to peddle goods through the country, and that he is going to accompany his uncle, Joseph Tonans to his home in Syria. We hope he, too, will arrive home safely. Joseph Ellis, a brother of Willie, will remain in America a while longer.

March 16. E.

ARCHER DOTS.

School opened at Archer Academy Monday morning with a good attendance.

Mr. W. B. Bovett left Sunday to accept a position in the State Hospital at Raleigh.

The school at the Whitley school house, taught by Mr. E. Liles, will close Saturday night, March 26th, with appropriate exercises.

Last Sunday evening at Archer, Mr. Adolphus Atkinson and Miss Mollie Barham were married, W. B. Eason, J. P., officiated. We wish for them a happy life.

While writing an obituary notice sometime ago your correspondent was interrupted and did not finish it before sending it off. The man mentioned was Mr. William Smith, one of the oldest men in the community. He was buried with Masonic honors. We understand that his funeral will be preached on the 5th Sunday in May by Mr. Benjamin Hatcher.

Last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock Mrs. Fannie Stancill, wife of Mr. J. H. Stancill, of this section, died at the home of her father, Mr. Walter Johnson, near Smithfield. Sometime ago she went to visit her father and was taken sick while there. She had been in poor health for sometime, having had a tree thrown on her a year or two ago and had never recovered from the injury. She was twenty-six years, one month, and fifteen days old. She was buried Sunday afternoon at the family burying ground at her father's. She was a good neighbor, kind and affectionate friend and a devoted mother and wife. She leaves a husband and three small children, a father and several brothers and sisters besides a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved ones, and may God comfort them in their hour of sorrow.

March 15, 1904. S. L. W.

Working Overtime.

Eight hour laws are ignored by those tireless, little workers—Dr. King's New Life Pills. Millions are always at work, night and day, curing Indigestion, Biliousness, Constipation, Sick Headache and all Stomach, Liver and Bowel troubles. Easy, pleasant, safe, sure. Only 25c at Hood Bros., drug store.

Verdict of Manslaughter.

The most important case in court this week was the trial of Clarence Glover for the killing of Mr. J. Lee. The case was started Tuesday and closed Wednesday morning, the jury bringing in a verdict of manslaughter. Glover's testimony has been conflicting all along since he did the killing. He first claimed that Lee was killed by some man who met them and later that he was killed by the mules they were carrying home and on trial he claimed that he killed Lee in self-defense. The general opinion seems to be that the killing was the result of a drunken fight in which both took part to some extent. Glover was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary but the sentence was changed to twelve years. Mr. W. A. Stewart appeared for Glover. Solicitor Armistead Jones, Mr. Claude Bell and Mr. E. S. Smith were against him.

The following is a list of the jurors who tried the case: A. B. Bailey, R. H. Allen, W. J. Hall Charles Hill, J. L. Rhodes, W. B. Hobbs, D. I. Pleasant, J. B. Parrish, Jno. W. Alford, J. D. Hamilton, G. M. Hinton and J. A. Batten.

SANDERS CHAPEL.

Miss Laura Woodall, after closing her public school in Boon Hill Township, has opened a private subscription school at the old John Smith house, and has a nice school.

The public schools are all closed now, and the white children are at work to make the thirteen million bale cotton crop, predicted, and to pay for themselves to go to school next fall. They don't mind the work, but say it is not right to give their labor to the lazy coons.

One of our neighbors took five bushels of second crop Irish potatoes and twenty-six pounds of ruta baga turnips to Selma, and returned with three sacks of No. one flour and three cents in cash and left the merchant a good margin. He has already planted an acre of potatoes.

An organization of "Lassies" in this ranch, calling themselves the G. P. S. met at the home of Miss Sara Whitley last week in secret conclave, and passers by dropped their under-jaw, while listening to a melody of songs and music of "Smoke smoke," "Two step" "Bunch of Blackberries" and "My Willie on the deep blue sea."

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Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the neck of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

CHILLIE NEWS.

Mr. E. A. Holt, of Princeton, has been visiting the family of his uncle, Mr. George L. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pittman spent Saturday and Sunday with their parents.

Misses Rena and Maie Ellis are visiting at Mr. A. G. Jones'.

Mr. Edward Llewellyn, of Raleigh, has been spending a few days with his mother, Mrs. R. N. Mitchiner.

Miss Ruth Jones returned home Saturday from Earpsboro, where she has been teaching this winter.

Owing to the wet weather our neighborhood was well represented at court Tuesday.

EADENE.