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CLAYTON NEWS.

Mr. C. W. Horne spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Prof. J. R. Williams, of Chapel Hill, is visiting here.

Messrs. W. A. Barnes and R. F. Williams went to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. Rupert Yelvington is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. M. E. Yelvington.

Mr. Lida Ellis who is in the employ of the Southern, is at home on a visit.

Miss Iona Williams and Mrs. Hopkins left Wednesday for a visit to relatives at Youngsville.

Mr. O. G. Smith and family spent several days in the country with the parents of Mrs. Smith.

The sick people on factory hill are all about well. The mill will start to work again Monday 29th.

Messrs. John T. Talton and A. Sam White have returned from a trip to the World's Fair. They report an excellent trip.

There will be a concert at the Clayton High School hall Friday night August 26, 1904. Some excellent talent will be displayed.

Mess. Turner and Wall, of Wake Forest, passed through here Tuesday on a visit to Mr. Will Tomlinson of Cleveland Township.

Miss Lucy Wobb who taught at the Clayton High School last session, is visiting here this week. She will teach at Turlington Graded School the coming season.

Mr. D. H. McCullers' dwelling is about completed and is a handsome structure. Mr. McCullers' painter said, "you have a full half acre of porch."

Dr. H. H. Horne preached at the Baptist church Sunday. His subject was, "The Making of a Man", and was handled in a way characteristic of Dr. Horne, with fine oratory still in a way that the humblest could easily understand.

There's not much danger of the depopulation of our town, basing our argument on the fact that four little boys made their appearance this week. First on the list is Mr. Conroy Harrison, who has the distinction of being the father of a pair, next Mr. N. B. Hales, with one, and Mr. D. L. Johnson with one.

A preliminary hearing was had before M. G. Guley Esq., and E. L. Hinton Esq., in the case, the State of North Carolina vs Joe J. Pleasants, Monday at 1 o'clock p. m. Pleasants was bound over to court in a bond of \$500. Failing to give bond, he was taken to jail by police J. L. Ellis. On Tuesday Pleasants made bond and was released.

To-night (Wednesday) Miss Joyce Barnes one of Clayton's most beautiful and accomplished young ladies, will be married to Mr. R. W. Finlator, a popular agent of the Southern Railway. It will be a quiet home wedding. No one is invited except the relatives of the contracting parties and a few friends.

The Clayton High School, begins Monday August 29 1904 with brighter prospects than ever before. Each year brings it nearer to perfection. The faculty this session, with the additions, makes it stronger than ever before. The number of assured boarding pupils has already reached the fifty mark. Besides this there will be a large attendance from the immediate territory. Boarding facilities are greater, and board is as cheap as is conservative with the high prices of supplies, in fact cheaper than ought to be expected. There are four up-to-date boarding houses in a few steps of the school building.

"YEAR."

—Mrs. Etta Langdon, wife of Mr. Robert Langdon, of Benson, died last Sunday of typhoid fever. She was a daughter of Mr. George Johnson, of Elevation township.

"Trusting Only You."

Beautiful and bright was the scene which met our eyes, at the handsome residence of our prominent and popular townspeople, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Barnes on last Wednesday evening, August twenty-fourth.

The occasion was the marriage of their beautiful young daughter, Miss Joyce, to Mr. Robert W. Finlator, of Burlington, N. C.

The spacious halls and parlors were profusely and tastefully decorated with palms, ferns, smilax and roses, roses fair and fragrant; but no fairer, or sweeter, or purer were they than she who was pledging her fresh young love to the noble and esteemed man who had won her girlish heart. Before going to Burlington, the groom was Railroad Agent at this place, and he made fast friends of us all by his pleasant winning manners, and cordial, obliging nature. It was with regret we saw him go away to accept a higher position. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Blanchard, pastor of the Baptist Church.

The attendants were, first Miss Ethel Gray Finlator, sister of the groom, with Mr. Alexander Samuel White, Miss Mary Cleve Barnes, sister of the bride, with Mr. John T. Talton.

Miss Nora Lee Barnes, another sister, with Mr. Ralph Leon Parkinson, Miss Lina Lee Kennedy with Mr. Wilkes Barnes, brother to the bride, Miss Nellie Bly Poole with Mr. John Everette Kennedy. Fair, and fresh and sweet as snow drops of early Spring were the graceful young forms of those lovely bridesmaids clad in brightest, gauziest white organdies, bearing great bunches of snowy carnations and maiden hair ferns, and more lovely than any pearl, seemed the happy young girl—bride of seventeen summers, as she stood before our entranced vision. As bright and tender, and innocent as any flower, was the perfect beauty of her fair young face, as she leaned upon the arm of him, who from henceforth, she was to trust only. Her robe was of sheeny, shimmering, white chiffon, silk, elaborately trimmed with richest embossed lace. We who have known and loved her from her babyhood were filled with her radiant beauty, as she seemed to float in on the waves of music. The Mendelson Wedding March was beautifully rendered by Miss Christine Gower. But before those sweet and tender vows were pledged, "Trusting Only You" was sung in exquisite, bird-like notes by this same musical artist, Miss Gower. As long as ye both shall live, to love and trust each other. O happy youth and maiden, with fond hearts full of a deathless love, to pledge their troth amid the shifting scenes of life's pathway, and feel that for them, no day can be wholly dark, since God has given them in full, rich measure, the very life of life. As the bridal party retired from the front parlor, the grand, triumphant strains of Wagner's Tannhauser were given by Miss Gower in a burst of melody which inspired us all to rejoice in the happiness of these two loving hearts made one.

Among the many costly handsome and useful gifts, was an elegant gold watch, from the groom. The bride's going away suit was a delicate grey cloth-skirt and coat, with dark blue silk shirt waist, with hat to match. A very handsome costume, and a fine setting for her fair, fine blond type of beauty. She, with her happy, smiling husband, left on the midnight train for the White Sulphur Springs, N. C., where they will spend the unclouded days of their delightful honeymoon, followed by every bright wish for a blissful future, from their many devoted friends.

H. Clayton, N. C.

—A very successful revival meeting was recently held at New Zealand Free Will Baptist Church in Meadow township. Several were added to the church.

KENLY NOTES.

Mr. F. H. Brooks, of Smithfield was here Friday on professional business.

Miss Beulah Walker, of Raleigh, visited at Mr. W. T. Bailey's Friday night.

Rev. C. S. Church, of Cotton, N. C., is conducting a revival here this week.

Dr. J. T. Justice has moved into the dwelling recently vacated by Dr. J. C. Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Edgerton went to Norfolk, Va., Tuesday to spend a few days.

Mr. W. H. Edgerton spent Sunday with his father, Mr. Joe Edgerton, near Princeton.

Rev. J. W. Alford and wife formerly of New Bern, spent Monday night here with relatives.

We are sorry to chronicle the continued sickness of Mrs. Chas. Lane. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Miss Nan Snipes, of Wayne county spent several days here this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. G. High returned home, Saturday from an extended pleasure trip to Tarboro, N. C., Norfolk, and Newport News, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson, who have been visiting Mrs. Anderson's father, Mr. L. B. Richardson, returned home Wednesday.

The Dunn Oil Mill Co. are making some needed improvements to their ginning plant here. They have also put in a 30 horse power boiler.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Alford, who have been visiting relatives and friends in Raleigh, Lumber Bridge, Parkton and Hope Mills, for several weeks, came home Thursday.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, stopped over here for a short while Saturday, while on his way out to Pleasant Grove Church where he is conducting a protracted meeting.

Miss Ross Darden, who conducts a Dry Goods and Millinery store here, left for Baltimore, Monday, to complete the course in Millinery, and also to buy her fall stock of goods. She will be gone several weeks.

A goodly number from here attended the closing exercises and picnic of the singing school at St. Mary's Church, near here. A very good programme was rendered composed of addresses by several prominent men also music consisting of songs, solos, quartettes by the class.

Quite a number were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. C. W. Edgerton, last Thursday night with music by Mr. R. A. G. Barnes, of Washington, N. C., and Miss Addie Barnes of Baxley, Ga. Mr. Barnes played the violin and Miss Barnes the piano. Miss Barnes also sang several beautiful solos.

The work on the new brick buildings is steadily going on. The vault for the Bank of Kenly is completed and the room is now being plastered. The rooms of the Hotel are also being plastered this week and the painters are beautifying the wood work of the building. Messrs. Hales, Morris, Darden and Richardson have the flooring and ceiling of their stores well on the way to completion.

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Suicide Prevented.

The startling announcement that a preventive of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system, or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicidal likely. At the first thought of self destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nerve will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great Stomach, Liver and Kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Hood Bros. Druggists.

Merritt-Coltrane.

A large crowd assembled at the Methodist church here Wednesday evening at nine o'clock to witness the marriage of Mr. R. A. Merritt, Superintendent of the Turlington Graded School, and Miss Mabel Coltrane, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. N. E. Coltrane.

Mrs. Chas. V. Johnson presided at the organ and as the beautifully enchanting strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed forth the bridal party entered the church, preceded by the ushers, Messrs. W. W. Cole, Ralph Stevens, T. W. Daniel and Richard R. Holt, who advanced up the aisles and took their places on either side of the altar. Then followed the attendants, the gentlemen advancing up the side aisles and the ladies the center aisle as follows: Mr. Will Coltrane and Miss Alma Garratt, of Salem, Va.; Dr. N. T. Holland and Miss Mary Myatt; Mr. T. J. Lassiter and Miss Bertina Stevens; Mr. A. H. Rose and Miss Lucile Ellington, of Clayton; Mr. Harry P. Stevens and Miss Pauline Kelly, of Darlington, S. C.; Mr. J. H. Abell and Miss Nan Warren, of Wilson; Mr. J. E. Pearson of Chapel Hill, and Miss Flossie Abell; Mr. Jesse Coltrane and Miss Eula Hood; Mr. Will Hood and Miss Bettie Cobb. The groomsmen occupied places in a semi-circle without the chancel, while the bridesmaids passed through a beautiful arch of evergreens, and took their places within the chancel. The flower girl, Miss Annie Coltrane, and the ring bearer, Master William Wharton, entered, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Ethel Barbee, of Durham, who were met at the altar by the groom and his best man, Rev. Chas. E. Maddry, of Hillsboro.

The impressive ceremony of the Methodist church was said by Rev. N. E. Coltrane, assisted by Dr. A. P. Tyer, of Wilson, during which Mr. J. A. Campbell sweetly rendered the violin solo "Angels' Serenade."

At the conclusion of the ceremony which united the lives and fortunes of these two young people the party retired from the church as the music of the triumphant march from Lohengrin swelled forth in its mellow cadence.

The wedding party then repaired to the home of the bride's parents where numerous friends hastily gathered to shower blessings on the happy couple who, accompanied by the entire bridal party, enjoyed a moonlight drive to Selma, at which place the bride and groom took the Washington City Limited for various points of interest in the north. Mr. and Mrs. Merritt will be at home in Smithfield to their friends after September 6th.

The bride was attired in an elegant gown of white satin, over which gently flowed the bridal veil partially covering a large bunch of Bride's roses. The maid of honor wore white silk and also carried Bride's roses. The bridesmaids wore white organdies and carried pink carnations.

The large number of beautiful and unique presents attest the high esteem in which Mr. and Mrs. Merritt are held by their wide circle of friends.

Mr. Merritt is the popular and efficient superintendent of Turlington Graded School and has won many friends during his short stay among us. His bride is the lovely daughter of Rev. N. E. Coltrane, pastor of the Methodist church here, and is the possessor of many rare charms that endear her to all who know her.

The church was beautifully and artistically decorated, the color scheme being green and white. Those present from a distance were: Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Tyer, of Wilson; Mr. J. E. Merritt and Miss Ethel Merritt, of Chapel Hill, and Miss Annie Glasgow, of Jamesville.

—Mr. E. S. Carlton, of the Imperial Co., Richmond, Va., was on this market Thursday. Our market is doing well and all seem to be pleased with the outlook.

SELMA NEWS.

Mr. Atlas Batton is visiting his father, Rufus Batton, Esq.

Miss Rebecca Honeycutt of Clayton and her grand children are visiting Mrs. W. B. Driver.

Miss Emma Jeffreys, of Fremont, N. C., is visiting the family of James Jeffreys Esq.

Messrs. R. M. Nowell and C. W. Richardson sold their interest in the livery business to Mr. R. C. Fuller.

The next session of the Selma Graded School will begin on the first Monday in Sept. 1904. The patrons of the school are requested to enter their children at the opening.

Mr. Stanley Robertson and Miss Lucy Candler were married last Saturday, a runaway match. Miss Lucy is a sister of our former Graded School Supt. and is a very charming young lady and an accomplished musician. Mr. Robertson is a fine young man and is a clerk in Mr. Eteredge's store.

Mr. M. C. Winston returned from Richmond Va., Tuesday night when he went with his son Avera who was operated on for appendicitis last Wednesday (17th). He reports that the little fellow is now doing well; but, that for several days he was in great danger. Mr. Winston returned to Richmond Wednesday afternoon where he will be until Avera is entirely out of danger. Mrs. Winston is also with him.

Polenta News.

Preaching at Oakland next Sunday morning and night by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Souders.—Protracted meeting begins at Shiloh Saturday before the second Sunday in September. It will continue several days. Rev. Mr. Townsend will likely have some one to assist him.—Our people deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jones in the death of their little boy, which sad event took place a few days ago, as chronicled in last week's "HERALD". The little one was sick only a few days, during which time it suffered intensely. We commend to the bereaved parents the consoling thought that their little boy is at rest in the bosom of its Heavenly Father, and whilst it cannot come to them, they can go to him.—Mr. Harry Pool and sister, Miss Marcelite Pool, who have for a week or more been on a visit to Misses Mildred and Ruth Young, returned to their home in Raleigh the early part of this week.—Miss Ethel Wynne, of Raleigh, Messrs. Douglas Ellington, Kenneth Ellington, and Roy Robertson, of Clayton, and Miss Mabel Tomlinson, of Smithfield, paid the Misses Youngs a visit last week.—All of the young ladies who visited the Misses Tomlinson, have returned to their respective homes.—Picnics, sociables, hayrides, etc., have been the order of the day for the past three weeks, in which most of our young people have participated.—Miss Mina Johnson is on a visit to friends in Wake county.—Miss Lena and Master Edward Booker celebrated their birthday last Saturday afternoon from 3 'til dark. Number of their little boy and girl friends were present to enjoy the occasion with them, ice cream and other delicacies were served. The occasion was hugely enjoyed by them.—Cotton has deteriorated considerably during the past two weeks, not more than 60 per cent of a crop need be expected. Sandy land the crop will not reach 50 percent.—Miss Corrinna Elizabeth Barnes, we are sorry to chronicle, is quite sick.—Mr. A. M. Barber is confined to his bed with fever. We hope for his early convalescence.—We are all satisfied with the ticket, and will roll up a good majority for it in November.

TYPO.

Messrs. Hugh and Charlie Peacock, who have positions in the Western Union Telegraph Co. at Chicago, Ill., are home for a month's vacation.

Lightning's Work.

Last Tuesday evening lightning put in some work in Smithfield. It ran the telephone wires almost all over town and was seen and heard in ringing of telephone bells. It did its main work at two places.

At Cotter-Underwood Company's store Mr. Robert Wellons was posting the books at a desk. The telephone was on the desk about two feet from him. A sudden and heavy noise of thunder was heard and Mr. Wellons fell backward from his chair to the floor. He raised up and started to walk but fell again and was unconscious for fifteen minutes and did not talk for half an hour. A physician was near and went to his aid at once. About fifteen buckets of water was poured over him. He was carried home on a buggy and spent Wednesday in bed. He is back at work but says he feels very sore. A colored man who came in the store about the time of the flash says it looked like one end of the store was taking fire.

At the brick tobacco prize house the lightning left signs all about. Mr. George H. Beall was at his desk just starting a letter when he was shocked and stunned. The window through which the telephone wire came was broken and fire set to it. The hands who were filling a hogshead of tobacco were frightened and ran into the street. Several places about the elevator show the work of the lightning. One end of the cupola and its six members were destroyed and fire was started there in a second place. Other windows were broken out. The house was filled with smoke and the smell of sulphur, and would have burned to the ground but for the prompt work of those near by.

The Republican Convention.

The Republican county convention met here Wednesday and put out the following ticket:

Senate—R. D. Crumpler, of Sampson, and J. B. Dupree (Revenue officer) of Johnston.

House—Ephraim Pittman and Alley Rogers.

Sheriff—J. C. Stancill.

Register of Deeds—Robert D. Langdon.

Treasurer—W. R. Creech.

Coroner—Dr. G. E. Parker.

Surveyor—J. W. Braswell.

County Commissioners—King H. Parker, James H. Johnson, I. W. Hocutt, Berry Godwin and D. B. Langley.

The usual crowd was in control of the convention and it was not unlike former affairs of the kind, save that the negro was not much in evidence.

Mrs. C. H. Jennings, Boston: "Our babies (twins), were sickly. Had several doctors, but no results. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea made them strong and robust." 35 cents. Tea or Tablets.—A. H. Boyett, Druggist.

Micro.

Mr. Wesley Batten gave a large dinner and had a family reunion recently. A large crowd spent the day with him very pleasantly.—Mr. J. I. Blackman says the Sunday School picnic at Carters Chapel was very much enjoyed by all who attended. Three brothers, Messrs N. B. and J. M. and Z. T. Broughton made speeches.—Mr. M. D. Thomas and sister of Benson, were with them and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion.

The Death Penalty.

A little thing sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts for puny boils have paid the death penalty. It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best Salve on earth and will prevent fatality, when Burns, Sores, Ulcers and Piles threaten. Only 25c, at Hood Bros. Drug Store.

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The "inspired" man is merely the one wholly swayed by his good impulses.