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CLAYTON NOTES.

As a last effort for the good Leap Year of 1904, an "Old Maid's Convention" will be held at the High School Hall, Dec. 23rd, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and continuing till—every old maid in the convention has a partner! May she be able to embrace this final opportunity of 1904!

"The are daily rifled by the gusty thief; And the Book of Nature getteth short of leaves."

reminding us that old winter is here in all his icy dignity; and the sound of the axe and the swish of the cross-cut saw are heard at early morn and at dewy eve—the small boy longs for the bat and ball of "the good old summer time," while the young man speculates upon the question of whether their is enough wood cut at No. 80 etc. to last till 11 o'clock Sunday night!

Speaking of keeping warm reminds us of hearing a certain young man from a neighboring town say, last Sunday, referring to a drive in company with a charming young lady, "no, we did not get cold at all—Miss—had enough around her to keep two girls warm!" all of which we most solemnly believe.

One of our young men from Clayton, not knowing that his best girl was to be here on Sunday, made a visit Wilson's Mills on that day; and when he discovered what he had missed by being away, he quit eating, and his friends are getting uneasy about him. We would advise this young man to "sit on the fence"—between here and—well Alaska!—to see who is coming by, before he takes a trip off next time.

The usual school holidays will begin here Friday before Christmas. The Spring Term of the Clayton High School opening January 2, 1905. A large number of new students are expected then, several already having engaged board.

The young people here have projected all sorts of parties for the Yule Tide, and the festive season will be one of unusual gayety and enjoyment to both young and old.

We were pleased to see Miss Lucy Webb, one of Smithfield's most lovely and attractive young ladies, here last Sunday. Miss Webb was formerly a teacher in the Clayton High School, and has a host of friends in this place.

The regular meeting of Council No. 167, Jr. O. U. A. M. will be held, next Friday night, at the Council Room for the transaction of business. All members of the order are requested to be present.

The Selma News is a wide awake weekly paper, published by W. J. Cains, at Selma. The News is now three weeks old, and grows bigger and better every issue. Success to you Brother Cains; may The News grow and prosper, and its shadow never be less.

The Board of Trustees of Clayton High School meet at the Academy last Monday night and elected Miss Attrice Ellis as teacher of the 3rd grade in the school. Miss Ellis is now at the Normal College, Greensboro, but will be here to take up her work January 2, 1905. We are glad to hear of Miss Ellis's election to a position in school. She will add greatly to the strength of the Faculty and to the efficiency of work of the school.

Prof. J. Willis, Superintendent Selma Graded School, representing The News of Selma was here on Saturday soliciting subscribers for the paper. We learn that a large list of subscribers was secured.

We are glad to know that so many young men are finding the road from Clayton to our County seat attractive for driving, on Sundays. The high way is broad, and there are only a few dwellings close to the road; hence one can let a well trained horse keep in the road while the driver admires—the scenery along the way! As the Irishman said: "It is pleasant to be alone, especially when yer swate-heart is wid ye."

Cupid seems to have been busy during the summer and fall of the present year, if all reports are true; for we learn that there are to be some five or six weddings celebrated here during the Holidays.

"Two minds with a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one" ought not to be kept from that blessed state of felicity about which so much has been written in poetry and in story. We have already begun to collect old shoes and to lay in a supply of rice so as to be ready to welcome these candidates for Hymeneal honors. Selah. YELIR.

SELMA NEWS.

Hon. Claud W. Smith, of Thomasville, was in town Saturday.

Mr. Alex Green, of Washington City, is here on a visit to his aunt, Mrs. Clem Richardson.

Dr. R. J. Noble went to Savannah, Ga., to attend a meeting of the Atlantic Coast Line Surgeons, returning Tuesday night. When he arrived Monday morning it was bright and warm and continued warm till half past two Tuesday.

The brick work on the stores of R. B. Whitley and the Wood Grocery Company is almost complete.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Jack Rains is seriously sick at his home here.

Mrs. Thomas H. Avera, of Wake county, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. M. C. Winston.

Mr. Hubert Scarborough, of Wake is visiting Mr. M. C. Winston.

Mr. C. W. Richardson and Attorney Charles U. Harris attended Wake county court this week.

Our people are raising money to build a \$300,000 factory to manufacture cotton duck to be used in covering cotton bales. About \$175,000 of the necessary capital has already been raised.

Mr. Fred M. Hood, of Greensboro, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry D. Hood, Selma, Dec. 15. SENEX.

CHILLIE NOTES.

Mr. Henry Jones happened to a bad accident last Thursday night. A lamp exploded and he was badly burned, from which he has suffered intensely.

Mr. R. N. Youngblood, who has been confined to his room with typhoid fever for the past eight weeks, is slowly improving.

Mr. W. N. Faulkner killed a wild turkey Monday.

We are glad to say that the Graded School at Wilson's Mills under the management of Prof. Taylor is progressing nicely. XERKES.

Lawson Again Breaks the Market.

New York, Dec. 12.—Thomas W. Lawson put out another of his characteristic advertisements this morning with the result the stock market went to pieces much as it did last week. Liquidation set in from the start and values tumbled. Amalgamated copper fell in all nearly six per cent. and then recovered part of the loss.

Rough Rider Guard of Honor.

Washington, Dec. 13.—A picked squadron of forty to fifty men from the president's old Rough Rider regiment will constitute a guard of honor at the inauguration. Gov. A. C. Brodie, of Arizona, and Major W. H. Llewellyn, formerly of the president's regiment, held a conference at the White House with the chief magistrate yesterday.

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.

POLENTA NEWS.

Preaching at Shiloh last Sunday morning by Rev. B. Townsend, the Pastor. The crowd was delighted with the sermon. Bro. Townsend continues to grow in esteem and love, not only with his people, but with the entire community. He will preach for us during the year 1905.

There will be a Christmas Tree at Shiloh on Christmas eve night. The children are looking forward to a happy occasion.

Messrs. Jno. Hardee and Frank Wood, who have been out delivering fruit trees, are at home, and will enjoy the Christmas holidays with friends. They are clever young gentlemen, and we welcome them back home.

An exhibition will be given by the Polenta Public School on Friday night before Christmas. The children are practicing for the occasion, and the indications are that the affair will not only be a credit to the teachers and school, but to the community. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Adams, of Smithfield, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the parents of Mrs. Adams, of this section.

Mrs. Susan Powers expects to spend the winter with her sister in Greensboro. She will leave for that city just before Christmas.

The Christmas holidays are most at hand. Let them be celebrated in a proper way—not in drunkenness and rowdiness, but as becometh a christian community.

We learn that Mr. W. H. Coats, now of Clayton township, will come back to his place where he will live next year.

A large number of our people attended court last week. Some as jurors, some as witnesses, others as spectators. All came back home a jaded looking set. TYPO.

Archer News.

Mr. W. Lester Stencil spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Messrs. Bill Bailey and Milton Heigh, of Wilson, spent last week with Mr. O. G. Robertson.

Pastor Pippin having gone to the Convention Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Wakefield, filled the appointment at White Oak Sunday.

The entertainment given by Miss Minnie Robertson last Thursday evening in honor of her guest, Miss Ida Flowers, of Wilson, was a brilliant affair. Confectioneries were served at 8:30. Every one enjoyed the occasion thoroughly.

Mr. J. Alpheus Wall is building a nice residence on his place (recently purchased) near here.

Last Sunday after services at White Oak church two of the audience decided to pursue life's pathway together, so they drove over to Mr. J. R. Barnes, J. P., and there solemnized their vows by having the ceremony performed in a very romantic way. The groom was L. E. Boyett, one of Archer's progressive young farmers, and the bride was Miss Mary J. Green, a very fascinating young lady of Archer. The attendants were Mr. Thaddeus Woodard with Miss Hattie Wall, Mr. Gray B. Wall with Miss Ethel Smith. After the ceremony the happy young pair went to the home of the groom where a sumptuous supper awaited them. May their pathway be strewn with roses. S. L. W.

Money to Fight the Boll Weevil.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Secretary Wilson has recommended to the house that an appropriation of \$225,000 be made to meet the emergency caused by the ravages of the cotton boll weevil and of other insects and diseases affecting cotton and to study the diversification of crops, the secretary of agriculture to be authorized to expend the money in co-operation with state experiment stations and practical cotton growers.

Stand Firm, Men Who Grow Cotton.

Shreveport, La., Dec. 13.—At a meeting to-night of the Southern Cotton Growers' Protective Association, presided over by President Harvie F. Jordan, of Georgia, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "The Association recognize that the South faces a monetary crisis, due to the recent depression in the price of her great money staple crop."

The resolution speaks of the bearish speculative influence and continues:

"We know that at the present prices of manufactured cotton goods and the splendid trade condition throughout the civilized world, the mills can absorb the entire output of the present crop at ten cents per pound, paid to the producers. We, therefore, earnestly call upon the holders of spot cotton in the South to stand firmly together and demand a minimum price of ten cents per pound for the remainder of the cotton crop in their possession. We earnestly invoke the aid of the bankers, merchants and other allied interests throughout the South in successfully resisting the present crisis which confronts Southern agriculture and commercial industries, and we wish to emphasize our high appreciation of the voluntary proposition of the Southern bankers to finance the present situation."

"We urge curtailment in production of cotton and an increased production of food supply crops. We congratulate the producers of the South in the firm and loyal stand they have taken since December 3 and their financial ability to hold their cotton and prevent its confiscation at prices which are illegitimate and below the cost of production."—News and Observer.

William L. Dorsett Dead.

Spencer, N. C., Dec. 3.—Mr. William L. Dorsett, one of the most prominent and highly esteemed citizens of this place, died last night after a lingering illness of several weeks from that dread disease—typhoid fever. The remains, accompanied by the parents, brothers and a number of friends of the deceased, were carried to Siler City, Chatham county, for interment today, that being the old home of the family and where the parents yet reside.

Mr. Dorsett formerly resided in Raleigh where he was engaged in the hotel business, having been connected with the Yarborough House, and later with Hotel Dorsett. While a resident of Raleigh Mr. Dorsett was married to Miss Alma E. Ellis, who mourns her loss. Mr. Dorsett was one of the best citizens of Spencer, and the whole community is touched by his unexpected death. The deceased, who was only about 26 years of years of age, was an esteemed member of the Woodmen of the World and a leading member of the Baptist Church at this place.—News and Observer.

Meets Next Year in Raleigh.

Elizabeth City, Dec. 10.—The next session of the Baptist Convention will be held in Raleigh in the Baptist Tabernacle, and Dr. Fred. D. Bale will preach the opening sermon, with Rev. C. W. Scarborough as alternate.

Strong resolutions on divorce were passed.

Revolution Imminent.

A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the Kidneys and Bowels, stimulate the Liver, and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches vanish under its searching and thorough effectiveness. Electric Bitters is only 50c, and that is returned if it don't give perfect satisfaction. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Drugists.

KENLY NEWS.

Miss Annie Strickland, of Luccama, spent Tuesday night with friends here.

L. Q. Lewis spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. J. G. High.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Creech, of Selma, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. John G. High.

Miss Mayrie Hollowell spent a few days with relatives and friends in Smithfield this week, returning today.

Mr. C. W. Gold, State Agent for the Provident Savings Life Insurance Co., is here this week.

Dr. R. H. Whitaker, of Raleigh, has been returned as pastor of the Methodist church here and preached an excellent sermon last Sunday night from the text "Is Thy Heart Right?" which was enjoyed by all present.

Last Sunday evening about 2:00 o'clock a young couple, Mr. Joe Langley and Miss Annie Barnes drove up to Esq. J. W. Darden's home and asked him to marry them. Mr. Darden then called in a few neighbors to witness the ceremony, and the couple were soon made man and wife and went their way rejoicing, for they had successfully eluded the bride's father who was on the lookout for them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Snipes returned Tuesday night from their bridal tour of the northern cities and are now boarding at the Palace Hotel. Mrs. Snipes was Miss Mary Grizzard, of Richmond, Va. Mr. Snipes has a position here as bookkeeper for Messrs. J. T. Edgerton & Bro. "REX."

BENSON NOTES.

Miss Lettie Peacock returned to her home in Dunn Tuesday night to spend a few days.

Miss Nellie Parrish, who has been visiting relatives and friends near Clayton for several days, has returned home.

We are delighted to see Mr. R. F. Smith out on the streets again after several weeks illness.

Miss Lottie Link, a highly accomplished young lady of Harnett county, has accepted a situation as teacher in the primary department of the Benson Public Schools.

Messrs. J. D. Parrish & Son have sold out their general merchandise business, also building and lot to Mr. Elmon Stewart, who will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. T. J. Stewart, who has been with Messrs. J. D. Parrish & Son for the past year, is manager and kindly asks his many friends to give him a call. SOLON.

Wreck at Warsaw.

Warsaw, N. C., Dec. 13.—This morning about eight o'clock the early morning Shoo-fly, south-bound, ran into an open switch and was wrecked.

The engine turned over, killing the fireman and Engineer Guilford Horn, who is the son of Mr. W. H. Horn, of Rocky Mount and one of the oldest engineers in the service of the road.

The mail and baggage cars are off the track and a wrecking train was sent from Rocky Mt., which is now engaged in clearing the track. No passengers were injured.

The remains of the dead engineer and fireman were taken to Rocky Mount this afternoon.

Fight Will be Bitter.

Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after every thing else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by Hood Bros. Drugists. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial Bottle free."

A Word to Those Who Are in a Position to Hold their Cotton.

The present prices of cotton are too cheap, and it does not take a very wise man to realize that the farmers of the south have the key to the situation in their hands. I believe the present crop will reach 12 million bales. The world's consumption of American cotton has now reached 11 million bales per annum. The two last crops taken together, namely 10 and 12 millions only furnishes the world with the needed amount for the 2 years. The balance of this crop should by all means be marketed slowly.

It would be a good idea for those holding cotton, wherever convenient, to store their cotton with some reliable warehouse. Such parties could easily borrow 25 to 30 dollars per bale on the cotton stored.

Now a word to those parties who are holding their cotton on the farm. Cotton laying around carelessly on the ground will surely damage. Of course it would be better to shelter or house it; but a good plan and a safe one is to place the bales of cotton on two 8 or 10 inch poles laying parallel with each other. It would be still better to remove the bark from the poles and place the cotton across these on their edges. I suppose the average grower of cotton is aware of the fact that the bales absorb both rain and moisture readily when laying upon the side, while a nail cannot be driven in the edges. It would be a great misfortune for those holding cotton to allow it to damage. W. M. SANDERS.

Court Proceedings.

The following cases were disposed of last week in the Superior Court here, and not mentioned in our last issue:

G. S. Radford and R. W. Radford were convicted of an assault and fined \$10 each and cost.

John A. McKoy was found guilty of an assault with deadly weapon and was sentenced to seven months on the Clayton roads.

John Exum was given eleven months on Clayton roads for stealing.

Charity Sanders, a fourteen-year-old negro girl, was sent to jail for eight months for house breaking. The commissioners have leave to hire her out.

William Harvey was sent to the Smithfield roads 12 months for stealing.

Owen Ashford was convicted of trespassing and sent to the Clayton roads for four months.

Quite a number of cases were continued till the next term of court.

Court adjourned Saturday.

The Selma Connection Case.

The famous "Selma Connection" case, which has been pending either before the Corporation Commission or in the courts for more than a year was decided in the Supreme Court yesterday in favor of the Corporation Commission as against the contention of the Atlantic Coast Line that the requirement of the Commission that it provide an afternoon connection for its passengers from Eastern North Carolina at Selma in the afternoon was oppressive to the road and without the power of the Commission.

The effect of the decision is to furnish to the large number of people in Eastern North Carolina who are desirous of going to the central or western portion of the State a reasonably convenient schedule and western connection with the Southern Railway at Selma.—News and Observer 14th.

The Latest.

Ernie—It was a beautiful wedding.

Eva—And did they throw rice?

Ernie—No; rice is too old-fashioned. They threw patent breakfast food.—Chicago News.