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## AN ELEGANT RECEPTION.

### Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood Celebrate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of Their Marriage.

One of the most elegant and most enjoyable receptions ever held in our little town was that given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hood on Friday evening, the 9th inst., in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

Twenty-five years ago Lucy A. Woodall and Thomas R. Hood were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, and surely it was a firm and true union. The loving pride in the eyes of the bridegroom of twenty-five years ago answered by the abiding trust in his bride's eyes, a lovely bride still, with just a little silver in her hair, told the story of a quarter of a century of mutual love and trust.

Between the hours of 8 and 12 o'clock P. M. more than three hundred friends called to present to Mr. and Mrs. Hood their congratulations and good wishes.

The guests were met at the hall door by Mr. and Mrs. Willis Austin and after removing their wraps were ushered into the parlor by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Spiers. Loving hands had made the room a bower. The bridal couple stood under a canopy of white and silver adorned with white roses and the dark green of cedar. From around the white and silver lamp in the center of the room were festooned garlands to each corner, held in place with bouquets of white roses and dark green leaves. On the mantel, and doubled by the reflection of the mirror, were cut glass vases of fragrant bride roses and drooping bells of freesia with delicate fronds of asparagus fern. Growing plants were grouped about the room and the windows were hung with garlands. Everywhere there were silver horse-shoes hanging, for good luck, you know. The soft radiance of many candles gave the scene an added beauty.

Under an immense silver horse-shoe twined with white roses stood the still youthful-looking bride and groom to receive their friends, presented by Mr. J. H. Woodall and Mrs. Dora Kirkman. At Mrs. Hood's right were the eldest son, Will, Dr. and Mrs. The Hooks and a very young gentleman whose name is also The Hooks, Miss Eula Hood, the second daughter, Mr. Hal Hood, who came home from Trinity Park High School for the occasion, and Miss Lucy Hood, the youngest daughter of the house. And in a comfortable chair there sat a little old lady who has seen the snow of many winters without ever losing interest in the joys and sorrows those winters bring, Mrs. M. A. Hood, mother, grand-mother, great-grand-mother of a family numbering over thirty.

There were also in the receiving party two of the original brides-maids of that marriage a quarter of a century ago with their respective grooms-men, Mrs. J. M. Turner, who was Miss Roella Davis, and Mrs. Effie C. Harper, who was Miss Effie Woodall, and Mr. W. L. Woodall and Mr. R. H. Gower, who, though they too have changed their estate, have suffered no change of name. Mrs. Myatt and Mrs. Hudson, sisters of Mrs. Hood, were also of the party.

From the receiving party the guests were taken in charge by Mr. W. W. Cole and Miss Abell and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams and directed to a room rosy with light from a crimson-shaded lamp and glowing with American beauty roses in vases and in evergreen wreaths. They were welcomed here by Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jordan. This room was further beautified by the many gifts in silver here displayed—tokens of love and good will to Mr. and Mrs. Hood in honor of the happy occasion. After a pleasant half hour of lingering here, an invitation to the dining room was extended by Mr. and Mrs. Ira T. Turlington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Johnson ushered the guests into the din-

ing room and handed them over to the tender mercies of a half dozen buds that promise in a few years to be charming blossoms, Misses Lucretia Morgan, Ione Abell, Mattie Hudson, Lucy Sanders, Bessie Coats, and Ava Myatt. These little ladies served the delightful supper.

The dining room was a study in white and violet. Purple violets in white cornucopias were suspended over the white draped dining table and fell upon the cloth in sweet profusion. There were bowls of violets and white hyacinths and violet and white draped jardinières of great waxen white hyacinths wherever you looked, your cheese straws were tied with violet ribbon, your ice cream cup was treated to a dainty bow of it, and at a table near the outer door stood a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harrison, who gave "the parting guest" a lovely souvenir of the evening, a small white and violet tinted basket crowned with violets and filled with delicious bonbons.

Out of town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hood, of Kinston; Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood, Mrs. Effie Harper, and Mrs. G. K. Grantham, of Dunn; Mrs. J. Ryal Woodall, of Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. J. M. Turner, of Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gower, of Clayton; Dr. and Mrs. Noble, Dr. and Mrs. Person and Mr. Millard Nowell, of Selma; Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks; Mr. Zeke Young, of Raleigh; Mr. S. F. Austin, of Nashville; Mr. Williams, of Clayton; Hugh and Jesse Adams, from Durham and Miss Kate Woodall from Peace Institute at Raleigh.

THE HERALD offers its most cordial congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hood, and wishes for them twenty-five years more of happiness and prosperity and for itself the pleasure of reporting twenty-five years from now the Golden Wedding of these two who have passed together these years of varied sun and shadow, have reared their family of boys and girls to noble young manhood and womanhood and have beenthrough all these years a beautiful example of conjugal affection. May all their clouds henceforth have silver linings.

## Baby Smothered to Death.

Last Sunday night Mrs. J. R. Jordan, of Raleigh, who was visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. C. Stewart, who lives near Powhatan, had the misfortune to smother to death her seven weeks' old child. Nothing was known about it until Monday morning when the child was found with its feet toward the side of the bed and its head under Mrs. Jordan's shoulder. Nobody knows what time of the night it died.

## Collier's Vestibule Almost Wrecked.

Some unknown person broke the switch lock on the "Midland" road Sunday night and Capt. Collier's vestibule came near of being wrecked Monday morning about 5:45 o'clock, by running into an open switch this side of Little River. The engine and all the cars jumped the track and were grounded. Fortunately no one was injured, but considerable trouble was experienced in again placing the train on the rails. The matter is being investigated. —Goldsboro Headlight.

## A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt, of this place," writes J. O. R. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted by coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman to-day." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. 50c. and \$1.00 at Hood Bros., druggists. Trial bottle free.

## GENERAL NEWS.

At Washington Wednesday, the Ways and Means Committee favorably reported a bill to remove the revenue tax on leaf tobacco and allow growers to sell leaf without restriction.

A monument to the Americans who lost their lives in the war in Cuba was unveiled at El Caney Wednesday—the Cubans heartily joining Gen. Chaffee and other Americans in doing honor to the heroes.

Mlle. de Kerjegu, the richest heiress in France, will, early this spring become the bride of Count de la Ferronave. Mlle. de Kerjegu is worth about \$10,000,000. Her grandfather began life as a stevedore.

The special committee of stockholders investigating the affairs of the New York Life Insurance Company, recommends that legal proceedings be instituted to recover \$148,702 contributed to the Republican campaign fund.

In Atlanta Wednesday John Temple Graves, whose resignation as editor of the News, was made known Tuesday, announced that he will soon re-enter the newspaper field by starting the Daily Evening Georgian, in which he will be associated with Frederick L. Seely.

The Senate Wednesday passed the ship subsidy bill by a vote of 38 to 27, every Democrat and five Republican Senators voting against it. The bill subsidizes thirteen steamship lines from Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific ports to the Orient, Central America, and South America.

Vice Admiral Choukwin, commander of the Russian fleet, at Sebastopol, was shot by a woman in his office Saturday, and in turn shot and killed by his orderly. The woman secured admission to the admiral's room by saying she was the daughter of an old friend. The admiral will recover.

In the House Wednesday Mr. Lamb, of Virginia, secured the adoption of a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the Southern Historical Society at Richmond, Va., all of the Confederate battle flags in his custody, which have not been identified as belonging to any organization.

A statement issued by the Post Office Department Monday shows the gross receipts of the fifty largest post offices in the United States for January, 1906, to have been \$7,118,689, as against \$6,260,360 for 1905, or an increase of nearly fourteen per cent. Atlanta showed the largest gain, with an increase of nearly twenty-seven per cent.

A bold robbery of the United States mail was committed at Stanley, six miles south of Luray, Va., Friday night. A mail pouch which had been locked and laid out on the depot platform awaiting train number 14, on the Norfolk & Western Railway, was cut open and checks and other valuable papers amounting to \$700 or \$800 were taken therefrom. Suspicion points to several men who were hanging around the town and drinking that day.

The formal opening of the Jamestown Exposition has been set for April 26th, 1907, instead of May 13th, 1907, as originally planned. It was on April 26th, 1607, that the English settlers of The London Company first debarked at Cape Henry, and in the desire to fittingly celebrate the 300th anniversary of that event, as well as the ter-centennial of the settlement at Jamestown, May 13th, is found the reason for changing the date of the formal opening.

## Beats the Music Cure.

"To keep the body in tune," writes Mrs. Mary Brown, 20 Lafayette Place, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., "I take Dr. King's New Life Pills. They are the most reliable and pleasant laxative I have found." Best for the Stomach, Liver and Bowels. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists.

## WIFE-BEATERS NUMEROUS.

### Congressman Pou Favors Whipping Post for Them in District of Columbia.

The News and Observer of the 14th contained the following from its Washington correspondent:

Representative Pou who is a member of the District Committee in the House, voted in favor of the Adams bill to establish a whipping post in Washington for the benefit of wife-beaters. The rest of the North Carolina delegation voted with the majority to table the measure, but Mr. Pou did not flinch, and was heart and soul in favor of the flogging institution for the district. "A man who beats his wife," said Mr. Pou, in speaking of the subject, "deserves to be lashed. Call the whipping post brutal if you wish, but it is the remedy for any man who thrashes his wife. The testimony before our committee was that there were 508 wife-beaters before the local courts last year. A report from one of the police justices of Washington stated that some of these men would rather lay in jail than work. The law here governing this crime is a failure and has brought disgrace on the Capitol of the Nation. I am glad to admit that conditions here and in North Carolina are different. I would not favor a whipping post in the State, for the peculiar conditions here do not prevail there. The people of every shade in North Carolina have great respect for women, and even the worst element has a horror of jail. It is not so with the 500 and odd thugs who were in the local courts last year for whipping their wives."

Representative G. B. Patterson, Page and others had quite a friendly and animated discussion with Mr. Pou over the merits of the whipping post as an institution. It has been one of the most lively subjects before Congress. One of the unique arguments against the measure is that there are more suffering women who complain because they are not married than there are women married who complain because they are beaten.

## POLENTA NEWS.

Wheat is looking well in this section.

Preaching at Elizabeth next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Miss Alice Bailey, of Harnett, is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. A. M. Barbour.

The weather for the past few days has been such as to put a stop to farm operations.

Miss Pauline Guley, who is sick with pneumonia at Clayton, we are pleased to report is improving.

Several of our farmers have gone into the mulberry culture. We are told that mulberry trees are in great demand.

Misses Nellie Johnson and Ava Yelvington spent several days visiting Miss Lillie Turlington, of Banner, last week.

Mrs. F. T. Booker and Miss Ella H. Booker spent Sunday night and Monday in Smithfield visiting daughters of Mrs. Booker.

The closing of the public schools will soon be at hand—four months will be all this township will get—it ought to be six, at least.

Mumps is having its day out here. A number of our younger folks have been considerably worried with this plague, but there are no serious results and all are doing well.

Last week Mrs. Sarah Barbour was called to Benson, to be with Mrs. Lee her daughter, who is ill. We hope her sickness is not of a serious nature and that she will soon be convalescent.

Mr. Tom Wood had his leg broken one day last week. He was driving a two horse loaded wagon when the team ran away,

throwing him out and the wagon passing over one of his legs, crushing it badly. Dr. Booker was called in and rendered the necessary medical aid and at this writing we are glad to say he is resting quietly.

Messrs. Beaty and Allen, of Smithfield, came out Sunday morning and delivered two excellent temperance addresses at Shiloh. Such talks the people need and such talks are calculated to do good and bear fruit. Our people enjoyed the visit of these gentlemen and hope it will not be long before they will visit us again.

Mr. J. P. Canaday, county organizer of the Cotton Growers Association, will be in this Township, on Tuesday, February 20th, and will deliver an address at Polenta Academy at 7:30 p. m. Let every farmer in the Township, interested in the welfare of the farmer, and who wants the very best results from his labors, come out to hear Mr. Canaday. He is a good talker, a good farmer and withal a self-made man. Don't forget the date, February 20th, 7:30 p. m. at Polenta Academy, and don't forget to hear him, and join in with the great mass of agriculturists and work for the good of the farm people. Typo. Feb. 13.

## CLAYTON NOTES.

Mr. Burlan L. Hall, of Wendell, spent Wednesday here on business.

Mr. Carey J. Hunter, of Raleigh, was here Friday on business.

Miss Foy Baucum and Miss Ava Pool attended services here Sunday.

Miss Lizzie Barnes spent Sunday here, the guest of Mrs. John Robertson.

Miss Ethel Bowden, of Louisville, is visiting Miss Jessamine Yelvington.

Mr. Harry Pool, of Raleigh, spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. C. T. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, of Apex, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carter Sunday.

Rev. C. W. Blanchard filled his regular appointments at Selma Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Will Massey, of Trinity, spent a few days here recently with his brothers, Messrs. John and Pat Massey.

Pastor C. W. Blanchard, of the Baptist church, was substantially pounded by his congregation on Friday evening.

Mr. Paul Duncan, of Princeton and Mr. Duke Duncan, of Smithfield, were the guests of Mrs. W. I. Whitley Sunday.

Saint Valentine's day has come and gone. Some of our people had quite a lot of fun, sending and receiving valentines.

Dr. W. H. Wakefield, a very prominent eye, ear, and nose specialist of Charlotte, spent Wednesday, the 7th., here at the Robertson Hotel.

The young people gave a storm party at Mrs. B. H. Yelvington's Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Ethel Bowden who is visiting Miss Jessamine.

Where in the world do so many mules and horses go to? Our stock dealers have sold several car loads this Spring and continue to buy and sell.

Messrs. A. J., C. P. and Geo. W. Ellis left Monday to attend the funeral of their brother, Mr. Boss Ellis, who died at his home in Norfolk, Va., Sunday morning.

Dr. T. N. Ivey filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. Quite a large congregation was out to hear him each time.

The Methodist will soon move the old parsonage and build a new and much larger and better one on the old site. They sold the old parsonage and a plot of ground in the rear of the lot to Mr. J. E. Page. Yelir.

## STATE NEWS.

Henry Cooper, 65 years old, who had been an inmate of the State Hospital at Morganton for 38 years, died there last week.

The jail at Lillington, Harnett County, was damaged by fire last week to the extent of \$1,000. Defective flue. The one prisoner in jail was rescued uninjured.

Out of a class of thirty-seven applicants before the Supreme Court for license to practice law in North Carolina thirty-one stood the examination. In the class were four negroes, all of whom failed to pass.

Isaac Bledsoe, of McDowell County, is 104 years old and is able to ride four miles to town. The fact that he is a pensioner explains his advanced age and the ride of four miles to town was to get his pension check cashed.

Four trainmen were killed outright, one was fatally injured and several passengers more or less injured by flying glass when train No. 34, a northbound express train, ran into an open switch and struck a switching engine in the Southern Railway yards just north of Pomona at an early hour last Sunday morning.

These romantic matrimonial ventures are dangerous. Recently Abe Goldstein, an aged citizen of Durham, advertised for a wife in a Brooklyn paper and got one. Last week Mr. and Mrs. Goldstein fell out and fought and so disabled each other that Goldstein was bleeding when he applied for a warrant for his wife and the woman was not able to go to the trial.

The Mayor of Durham has set a precedent that is worthy of example. When a man is taken before him for being drunk, one of the questions he asks—and which must be satisfactorily answered—is "where did you get your whiskey?" If they fail to give an answer to the satisfaction of the court they are sentenced to jail for thirty days for refusing to answer the question.

## ARCHER LODGE NEWS.

J. I. Barnes was home Sunday. Miss Ava Wall visited the Misses Boyett last week.

Miss Genorra Wall spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wall.

The new church at Salem has recently been painted which adds much to the attractiveness of the place.

Rev. A. A. Pippin preached a very able sermon to a large audience at White Oak Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Maggie Norton and little daughter Ruth, of Mullens S. C. spent last week with her niece, Mrs. Geo. R. Stancil.

The next Vocal Union of this section will meet at Corinth church the first Sunday in March. Several choirs are expected.

Thursday, February 15th, the Star mail route from Archer to Clayton will be discontinued and the Archer mail will come out on the Wilson's Mills R. F. D. Route No. 2. The Archer R. F. D. carrier will leave Archer at 11:30 a. m. instead of 6:30 a. m. This will give most of our people a chance for daily papers. Feb. 13. S. L. W.

## May Live 100 Years.

The chances for living a full century are excellent in the case of Mrs. Jennie Duncan, of Haynesville, Me., now 70 years old. She writes: "Electric Bitters cured me of Chronic Dyspepsia of 20 years standing, and made me feel as well and strong as a young girl." Electric Bitters cure Stomach and Liver diseases, Blood Disorders, General Debility and bodily weakness. Sold on a guarantee at Hood Bros. drug store. Price only 50c.