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STATE NEWS AND VIEWS

What North Carolina Editors Are Talking About.

Short Items of Interest to The Public Clipped and Culled From Our State Papers.

The present enrollment at Elon College is 170.

The University of North Carolina has enrolled 650 students.

Oak Ridge Institute is reported to have nineteen students from Cuba.

The number of convicts in the North Carolina penitentiary is now only 625.

The High Point Publishing Company, with a capital of \$25,000, has been chartered.

A train ran over a negro near Greensboro last Friday cutting off both legs and one arm.

According to Weather Director Thiessen over one inch of rain fell in Raleigh Sunday in ten minutes.

John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, will make two speeches in this State during the campaign.

The North Carolina James-town Commission has arranged to buy a lot 140x110 feet for a State building.

The Democrats of Sampson have nominated A. F. Howard and R. C. Jackson to represent the county in the next General Assembly.

There are 325 children at the Thomasville Orphanage. What a wonderful work this institution is doing for the fatherless ones of our State!

Trinity College opened on Wednesday, September 12th. Up to the 14th, 236 had matriculated in the College department, and 170 in the High School, making 406 in all.

Mr. Edwin Myatt, son of Mr. W. A. Myatt, of Raleigh, died in Jacksonville, Fla., Sunday of diphtheria. He was only 20 years old and was a nephew of Mrs. Mary Myatt of this place.

Rev. John N. Cole, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, has been elected superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Rev. John W. Jenkins.

High Point is boasting of a family of six persons whose total weight aggregates more than 1300 pounds. W. C. Gibson is the head of the family. He weighs 232 pounds. He has five children—four boys and one girl who weigh over 200 pounds each.

A remarkable character died in Ashe county recently. Alfa Barker was his name and at the time of his death he was 95 years old, was five feet eight inches tall, weighing 360 pounds, was not bald and didn't have a single gray hair on his head. Mr. Barker has over 400 descendants—children, grandchildren and great-grand-children—living.

G. C. Whitaker, a Southern Railway flagman, was shot and killed instantly at Spencer one day last week by P. F. Hedrick, a Southern Railway conductor. Hedrick gave himself up and was committed to jail. It seems that the trouble grew out of Whitaker's attention to Hedrick's wife. Eight years ago Hedrick was tried and acquitted of killing A. D. Shuping.

Judge Webb has ordered the Raleigh aldermen to call an election in that city on prohibition in compliance with the petition presented by Rev. S. J. Betts. The requisite number of names was on the petition, but the aldermen refused to call the election under the Watts act. Mr. Betts then prayed for a mandamus which was granted by Judge Webb as stated above. The attorney for the aldermen appealed to the Supreme Court.

Benson News Notes.

Primro Parker, of Smithfield, returned home Sunday.

Frank Woodall has bought half interest in S. E. Williams' stock.

Business is good here notwithstanding we went under with our sister, Mrs. Dunn, in the tobacco market.

John Bryant, of Durham, son of J. C. Bryant, was buried here Monday. He died in Durham Saturday.

Julius Eldridge, of Winston-Salem, has returned to his business there, having been called here on account of his father's death.

Misses Emma Starling and Minnie Culbreth, of Godwin, have returned to their homes, having been here on a visit to Miss Lomie Hawley.

Our graded school had a fine opening. Without flattering ourselves or claiming too much we can say we have a good school as any town in the county.

A. T. Ryals, rural carrier on route No. 2 from here, has a new substitute in the person of William Jennings Archie Columbus Glenn Ryals, who put in application for rooms and other accommodations and attentions and extraordinary services at A. T.'s, recently.

Rev. D. F. Putnam has been called to the pastorate of the Missionary Baptist church here. He has been among us for some time, having other churches in charge and so endeared himself to the people that when Mr. Suttle resigned as pastor of the church here, his call was unanimous.

It appears that the Republicans here have flung up the sponge. Their faces are long and their countenances bear every expression of a forlorn hope. It is nothing unusual to see the mossy-backs from Elevation, Meadow, Ingrams and Banner townships in some shady place nearby a back alley consulting. A study of faces discovers the fact that they are in deep despair.

Constable L. M. Ryals and a negro whom he attempted to arrest exchanged a few shots Monday night. No one was hurt except Hayward Lucas, and he received his injuries in scrambling over a fence, seeking safety behind Stephen Faircloth's house. It turns out now that Mr. Faircloth's house bears the only evidence of stray bullets, and Mr. Lucas thinks he would have been as safe to have stayed in the middle of the road.

A Sudden Death in Meadow.

In the death of Mr. W. S. Eldridge, which occurred Sunday afternoon, September 9, Meadow township and Johnston county lost one of their best citizens. Mr. Eldridge was 68 years, one month and seven days old at the time of his death. He served in the Confederate army, being a good soldier.

He served his county on the Board of County Commissioners for several years and while on the Board he exercised the same good judgment in the public affairs that has ever characterized his own private business affairs. At the time of his death he was a member of the Board of Pension for this county. He was a good citizen, a kind neighbor and ever looked to the welfare of those dependent upon him. He will be greatly missed in his community.

Mr. Eldridge's death came without a moment's warning. On the second Sunday in this month he went to Hickory Grove church to the morning service and seemed in splendid spirits. He spent the afternoon at his home and just before night he went out to feed his hogs, and while returning to the house he dropped dead. His wife reached him a few minutes after he fell, but life was extinct.

He leaves a widow, two sons and three daughters.

REV. J. W. SUTTLE LEAVES US.

This Faithful Minister and Earnest Temperance Worker Goes to Marshall to Accept the Pastorate of the Baptist Church at that Place.

Rev. J. W. Suttle, who has been pastor of the Smithfield Baptist church ever since January 1, 1898, left Wednesday to visit his parents at Shelby before taking up the work of his new pastorate at Marshall, N. C.

During his stay in Johnston County Mr. Suttle made many friends who regret to see him leave. He has been a faithful and tireless worker for the up-building of this section, both spiritually and morally. As a minister he has been a power for good and has done much to aid in building up and strengthening the Missionary Baptists in this town and county. When he came to Smithfield the Baptists were weak. He leaves the church with a largely increased membership and a wider influence. Since he came here a splendid house of worship has been built and paid for—at the present time the best church edifice in Johnston County. He has served a number of other churches in the county and all have prospered under his ministry. We understand that during his stay in this county he received over nine hundred members into the churches he served, and baptized more than six hundred persons.

As a temperance leader Mr. Suttle has been bold and fearless and the fact that Johnston County has not within her borders today a legalized liquorshop is due largely to his earnest and faithful work. In a word no man in the county during the past eight years has done more for the uplift of the people in every way that means for their betterment than has John W. Suttle. The good influence of this man in our midst will be felt for ages to come.

The Baptist church at Marshall to which Mr. Suttle will give his entire time is to be congratulated. The people of the town and county regardless of denomination will join us in wishing him success and happiness in his mountain home.

NEWSY NOTES FROM SELMA.

Mr. Pet Temple, of Wake county was here this week:

Mrs. John P. Winston is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. C. Winston.

Mrs. R. B. Carrington is spending this week in Manchester, Va.

Mrs. Thos. W. Winston, of Oxford, is visiting Mrs. G. A. Tuck.

Mrs. W. H. McCullers, of Clayton, is visiting Mrs. M. C. Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hood, of Greensboro, spent a few days here with their aunt, Mrs. W. B. Driver.

Selma chapter, U. D. R. A. M. met in regular convocation last Tuesday night and exalted six new members. Before the meeting an elegant banquet was served in courses at the Merchant's Hotel. The visiting companions were Past Grand Master John W. Cotton, of Tarboro, A. S. White, of Clayton, W. A. Henderson, of West Virginia, Dr. H. G. Carroll, H. C. Butler, John Allen, T. F. Harding, Will X. Coley, W. D. Briggs, D. T. Fort, W. R. Smith, M. S. Sherpessee, C. D. Wilder and Robert P. Noble, of Raleigh. The visitors were as well pleased with the work as they were with the banquet and said they would be glad to come again. Senex.

Temperance Speaking.

Prof. I. T. Turlington and Mr. J. M. Beatty expect to speak on temperance at Johnson Union Freewill Baptist church the first Sunday in October at 3 o'clock. Everybody invited to attend.

In a railroad collision at New Prague, Minn., Wednesday five were killed and many injured in a railroad collision.

McIVER LOAN FUND.

A Suggestion of a Way to Perpetuate His Life and Labors.

(News and Observer.)

To the Editor: I have read with interest and approval the many worthy and loving tributes of respect paid by Mr. Bryan, Governor Glenn, and other good men, to the life and character of our much beloved Dr. Melver. There has not been a single sentiment expressed with respect to the great things he accomplished, the wonderful benediction his life and work have been to the State and Nation, or the unselfish devotion to the great cause of education to which he gave his life and energies, in which I do not heartily concur. Such a life deserves the admiration of the world; it deserves to be commemorated and perpetuated—deserves "a monument more lasting than brass and more enduring than marble." But the question which presents itself to me is how can we best commemorate and perpetuate the life and labors of this noble, generous-hearted North Carolinian? One of the last letters he ever wrote was in reply to a special request to help make it possible for a worthy young lady of this county to obtain the goal of her ambition—an education—and as a result of his co-operation with a few other friends in her behalf she was on her way to Greensboro to receive his benefactions when death claimed him. His big heart was touched by the appeal of her friends and he gladly embraced the opportunity to place within her reach greater possibilities for usefulness.

In my humble judgment the most practical way in which the friends of Dr. Melver could perpetuate his life and labors would be to take the contributions which would otherwise go towards erecting to his memory an almost expressionless (in comparison) monument of marble, and establish a loan fund, to be known as the "Mclver Loan Fund," and place it in reach of the poor but worthy young women of our State, thereby continuing, as far as possible, the great and noble work to which he gave his life. I believe if Dr. Melver could speak from his grave he would say in death what he said and lived up to in life: "Educate the young women of my beloved State." I am ready with a contribution whenever his friends may see fit and proper to inaugurate such a movement.

I will not say more in substantiation of the plan, for its practicability must be apparent to all and its appropriateness unquestionable.

W. A. EDGERTON.
Smithfield, N. C., Sept. 20th.

It is Pay Time.

Some of our subscribers could not or did not pay in advance for THE HERALD. We sent the paper to them during spring and summer but now we need the money and will kindly ask them to remember us by sending in their subscription. Please look at the label on your paper and see how your subscription stands. You can send us the cash or a check or a money order.

The Breath of Life.

It's a significant fact that the strongest animal of its size, the gorilla, also has the largest lungs. Powerful lungs means powerful creatures. How to keep the breathing organs right should be man's chiefest study. Like thousands of others, Mrs. Ora A. Stephens, of Port Williams, O., has learned how to do this. She writes: "Three bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery stopped my cough of two years and cured me of what my friends thought consumption. O. it's grand for throat and lung troubles." Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has ordered 12,400 freight cars, to cost \$15,000,000.

CLAYTON CONTINUES TO GROW.

The Events of the week Carefully Chronicled by Our Regular Correspondent.

Mr. Arthur Wallace, of Smithfield, was a visitor here for a few days recently.

Mr. Eric Ellington will leave Friday for Annapolis to enter the Naval Academy.

Mrs. J. C. Wallace has been spending a short while in the country visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gulley spent Saturday and Sunday visiting relatives and friends in Cary.

A number of our Baptist people will attend the union meeting at Blackman's Grove this week.

Miss Ruby Barbour has accepted a position in the dry-goods department of Mr. D. H. McCullers' store.

Messrs. T. P. Farley and J. R. Ledbetter, of Princeton, spent several days here recently, the guests of the Messrs. Massey.

Mr. C. Vernon Williams left Monday for Henderson where he takes a position with Mr. Edgar Stallings on the merry-go-round.

Several more students entered Clayton High School Monday. The school is having a very satisfactory attendance this season.

The Clayton oil mills started up Monday. Quite a lot of seed have been bought already and the prospects for a good run are fine.

Mr. W. I. Whitley left this morning (Wednesday) for Northern markets to purchase fall stock for Messrs. A. Horne & Son.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Ray and children, of Raleigh, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Barnes for a day or two this week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Hales left Monday for Pine Level where Mr. Hales has a very good position with the Pine Level Oil Mills.

Mr. Edgar Stallings, proprietor of the merry-go-round, which is now situated at Henderson, spent several days in our city this week.

Since our last report Clayton's population has increased. Among the fortunate parents are Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McCullers, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Turley.

We notice with pride, the very pleasant remarks by the News and Observer concerning the speech at Scotland Neck on the 20th, by our estimable townsmen, Hon. Ashley Horne.

The Clayton Baptist Sunday School has tendered to the church the funds received as their part of the profit of the Morehead excursion to be expended in a heating plant for the church.

We regret to announce that Mr. Joe Avery Eason, Messrs. W. A. Barnes & Co's. very popular salesman, is at home this week suffering from lumbago. We hope he will soon be out again.

Mrs. Etta V. Johnson's milliner, Miss Susie Runkel, has arrived. Mrs. Johnson will have her opening day Thursday, October 4th, in the handsome new store being finished for her now, on the corner of Mr. Chas. W. Horne's lot.

Although Mr. B. M. Robertson was hindered from reaching Richmond in time for the regular sale, he bought several very pretty horses. We are glad that Mr. Robertson was not hurt in the wreck which occurred to the train on which he was travelling, at Norlina.

Sept. 26.

YELIR.

"To Cure a Felon"

says Sam. Kendall, of Phillipsburg, Kan., "just cover it over with Bucklen's Arnica Salve and the Salve will do the rest." Quickest cure for Burns, Boils, Sores, Scalds, Wounds, Piles, Eczema, Salt Rheum, Chapped Hands, Sore Feet and Sore Eyes. Only 25c. at Hood Bros' drug store. Guaranteed.

General News Items.

About 600,000 children attended the opening of the schools in New York this fall.

The new medical school of Harvard University, erected at a cost of \$5,000,000, was dedicated Tuesday.

The latest information from Jellico, Ky., shows that seven persons were killed by the dynamite explosion there, while five others are expected to die.

Twelve persons were killed, 100 wounded, many buildings collapsed, and \$500,000 damage was caused by the explosion of a car load of dynamite Friday at Jellico, Tenn.

Charles Conley, the negro who assaulted two women in Delaware, received thirty lashes in the yard of the New Castle workhouse Saturday and was then taken to begin his sentence of fifty years' imprisonment.

Congressman Robert Roberts Hitt, of Mount Morris, Ill., chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and a candidate for the Vice-Presidential nomination on the Roosevelt ticket in 1904, died last week, aged seventy-two years.

It is reported the Czar and his family have fled from St. Petersburg for the purpose of getting away from the influence of the bureaucracy, and give the people of his country a government founded on more liberal and modern ideas.

Captain Hatfield, West Virginia's most noted outlaw, who for years spread terror among the natives along the West Virginia-Kentucky border and especially to the McCoy family, is dying at Warncliff, Mingo County, as the result of two bullet wounds inflicted by Dr. Elias R. Hatfield, his youngest brother.

Paul O. Stensland, the confessed embezzler of \$400,000 of the funds of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, arrived in Chicago Wednesday from Morocco, Northern Africa, and in less than three hours was tried and sentenced to a term in the Illinois penitentiary. In another three hours he was in the State prison serving his term. Quick action!

Two More Stills Cut Up.

Deputy Collector Adams and Deputy Marshal Barnes cut up two illicit distilleries on the north side of Holt's pond on Black Creek yesterday. One was 175 gallons capacity, the other 40 gallons. No arrests were made.

Kitchen Burned.

Last Saturday night about ten o'clock after all the family had gone to bed and were asleep Mr. Zack Stephenson who lives five miles west of here had the misfortune to lose his kitchen and all its contents by fire. When he got out to the fire it was all over the kitchen and it was with great difficulty the dwelling was saved. The accident was caused by fire from the stove flue or fire place, most probably from the latter as there had been fire in the fire place during the evening, ironing being done until about supper time. Mr. Stephenson is one of our best farmers and he and his family are very careful people with everything around and this only goes to show that "accidents will happen."

Starving to Death.

Because her stomach was so weakened by useless drugging that she could not eat, Mrs. Mary H. Walters, of St. Clair St., Columbus, O., was literally starving to death. She writes: "My stomach was so weak from useless drugs that I could not eat, and my nerves so wrecked that I could not sleep; and not before I was given up to die was I induced to try Electric Bitters; with the wonderful result that improvement began at once, and a complete cure followed." Best health Tonic on earth. 50c. Guaranteed by Hood Bros., druggists.