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DEATH OF DR. H. D. HARPER.

A Man of High Rank in His Profession and Universally Esteemed.

Kinston, N. C., Nov. 26.—Dr. H. D. Harper, Sr., dentist, preacher and prominent citizen, died Saturday morning in the hospital at Wilson, N. C.

The death was a peculiarly sad one and will be a sad shock to his many friends throughout the State who will bear of it for the first time through these columns to-morrow.

Dr. Harper had gone to Wilson a week ago to be at the bedside of his little daughter, Faye, who is ill at that place of typhoid fever. He had been suffering for several days before leaving home with a severe cold and shortly after his arrival he, too, was confined to his bed beside his little daughter and his case pronounced pneumonia.

For three or four days past, friends and relatives here have been notified from the hospital that both patients were at the point of death. Early this morning Dr. Harper quietly passed away, surrounded by his family and his lovely young daughter will probably join him beyond the gates in a few short hours.

Dr. Harper was fifty-nine years old. He was perhaps the most prominent dentist in North Carolina, having twice served as president of the State Association and always took an active part in its affairs.

He was an ordained preacher of the Christian denomination, and up to within a few years filled regular appointments each Sunday, in addition to his professional work.

No man had more devoted friends in this city and county than he, and every co-operative business enterprise in the city will feel a distinct loss in his untimely death.

He leaves three sons and three daughters as his immediate surviving family, his wife having preceded him several years ago.

The interment took place at Maplewood cemetery here Sunday.—News and Observer.

Dr. H. D. Harper, whose death is noted above, was a native of Johnston County, having been born near Bentonsville, May 4th, 1847. His father, the late John Harper, was a large planter in that section. Dr. Harper, when only seventeen years of age, entered the Confederate army in the year 1864 and served until the close of the war. In 1869 he entered the Kentucky University where he received his literary and ministerial education. During the five years he stayed there, he studied dentistry, and later on he graduated from the dental department of the University of Tennessee. He worked his own way through college.

He located in Kinston in 1882, and lived there, where he met with much success, until his death. He was chairman of the Board of Education for five years. He was a prominent lodge man and was connected with the Masonic, Pythian, Odd Fellows and Knights of Harmony Orders.

Dr. Harper was married to Miss Della Coward in 1877. In 1898 she died leaving six children. One of these, Miss Faye, died at Wilson Monday of this week. It was her illness that called her father to Wilson at which place he was when he died. The Kinston Free Press writing on the death of Dr. Harper says:

"Dr. Harper was one of the moving spirits of the new Kinston that is now so rapidly changing from the country village of by-gone days. The kindest of men, with a sweet and lovable disposition, he drew his acquaintances to him and bound them in the bonds of eternal friendship. Besides this, as a minister of the Christian Church, he was prominent in the work of uplifting and bettering those about him. No call to the service of the Master ever fell upon his ears unheeded; and his deeds of charity mingled with the loving kindness of a big heart will make his memory a treasure to large numbers of those who knew him."

Benson News Notes.

W. R. Denning is erecting a handsome residence here.

It is a hard road for sinners now; claim and delivery is the program.

J. R. Denning has purchased property here and will build a handsome residence at an early date.

J. Pierpont Morgan received a slight scalp wound from an ax in the hand of one John Carroll, Monday.

The business of the Atlantic Coast Line here has so increased that there has been an extra man put on.

Bradley Johnson, of Emporia, Va., is here to let the boys know that his business in Virginia is "still running."

Benson can boast as fine a bearse, or funeral car, as there is in this county, that of Rose & Stencil, but we hope the thing will have to stand still and rust out.

Frank Barefoot, of Greensboro, is here, after an absence of several years. He has come back to congratulate his brother, A. L. Barefoot, on his defeat for the Senate.

The cotton market here still holds its own, and will be even better now that the fire company has shown the buyers and the railroad that they can surely put out a bad fire.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. (do you know what this means?) turned out in a body Sunday to hear Rev. D. F. Putman, who always preaches able sermons, practical sense, the best side of life and how to reach it.

Our amateur fire company saved the railroad company about \$8,000 worth of cotton, rosin and other freight on the platform Tuesday. The damage that might have resulted to other property can not be estimated.

With solemn deliberation and absolute forgetfulness of himself, Rev. N. H. Gibbs did the everlasting act last Sunday morning when he extorted promises from Albert Stewart and Miss Victoria Wade to live together as man and wife and to love, cherish and comfort each other while the vital spark doth remain. All this happened at R. A. Stewart's in Benson.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon the fire bell told us there was danger in the district. Without waiting to adjust our glasses we hurried forth to see the best work done by an inexperienced company ever accomplished under our observation. E. P. Britt who holds the nozzle can turn more water into a small place than any other man we have ever seen, barring our recollection of N. T. Ryals. The company is to be congratulated upon its fine beginning and should have the encouragement of our people.

Death of a Good Woman.

News comes to us of the death of Mr. J. E. Allen's wife, which occurred at his home last Saturday afternoon. She had been in bad health for a number of years, and for the past three months had been quite sick with the dropsy. She lacked only a few days of being 45 years old, and was the mother of eight children, seven of whom are living. She was a member of the Primitive Baptist church at Hannah's Creek. She was a good woman and lived an exemplary life before all the world. She was the daughter of the late W. B. Massengill.

Had a Close Call.

"A dangerous surgical operation, involving the removal of a malignant ulcer, as large as my hand, from my daughter's hip, was prevented by the application of Bucklen's Arnica Salve," says A. C. Stickel, of Miletus, W. Va. "Persistent use of the Salve completely cured it." Cures Cuts, Burns and Injuries. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

CLAYTON'S NEWS BUDGET.

Miss Laurie Adams, of Cary, spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Vallie Blanchard.

Mr. Frank L. Jones is at work on the Methodist parsonage. We think he intends finishing it right away.

The cotton market has been splendid here this week and our farmers are taking advantage of it on every hand.

Mr. Charles Gully, of Durham, was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gully Sunday from eleven A. M. until eleven P. M.

Thanksgiving day Thursday and in all our observations, we have not seen a single man, woman or child who had nothing for which to be thankful.

Yelir is improving, though unable to write, he is still able to shut his eyes and talk and promises a Clayton letter each week now unless something bad happens.

Messrs. John and Pat Massey and their families attended a family reunion at the home of Mrs. Farley at Princeton on last Sunday. Mrs. Farley is the mother of Messrs. Massey.

It seems that burglars attacked our town again Sunday night. The doings of one of the desperados was told in Tuesday's News and Observer in very vivid terms by Mr. Quint F. Pool, of this place.

We should be pleased if our people should take the advice of Mr. Stencil, of Archer, and give us before Wednesday of each week any items of interest that may happen to come to your knowledge.

Messrs. Marvin Ellis and Louie Holland, of the Southern Railway service, are here on a visit this week. We regret to note that Mr. Ellis has suffered much from toothache. He had ten teeth extracted while here.

The Robertson Hotel will be under a new management after Monday, December 3rd. Mr. H. Poole will move in and take charge on that date. We learn that Dr. and Mrs. Robertson will remain for awhile to teach Mr. and Mrs. Poole the rudiments of the business.

We hear the gobble of the turkey and it suggests the proximity of Christmas and the drawing to a close of another year. It also suggests the extreme swiftness of time and that, seemingly, only a few days ago we ate a slice from the breast of a Christmas turkey in 1905.

About a month ago Clayton's Board of Aldermen bought a fire fighting engine, forthwith a fire company was organized. We are not sure of the officers, but think Mr. E. L. Oneal is captain. They have in the company some of the strongest and most active young men in our town.

Meetings continue at the Baptist Church. Preaching every night. Ladies hold daily prayer meetings in the church in the afternoons. Much and lasting good is being done. Professions of religion are being made at almost every meeting. Pastor Blanchard has had no one to assist him in the preaching, still to-day when seen seemed as fresh and spirited as when the meeting began, nearly two weeks ago. Nov. 28th. "YELIR."

Made Happy for Life.

Great happiness came into the home of S. C. Blair, school superintendent, at St. Albans, W. Va., when his little daughter was restored from the dreadful complaint he names. He says: "My little daughter had St. Vitus Dance, which yielded to no treatment but grew steadily worse until as a last resort we tried Electric Bitters; and I rejoice to say, three bottles effected a complete cure." Quick, sure cure for nervous complaints, general debility, female weaknesses, impoverished blood and malaria. Guaranteed by Hood Bros.' drug store. Price 50c.

Bible and Flag Presentation at Graded School.

Smithfield Council Junior Order United American Mechanics presented a Bible and a flag to Furlington Graded School yesterday morning with appropriate exercises. The school assembled on the Court House Square, formed in line and marched to the school building, the members of the Smithfield Council Junior Order bringing up the rear.

At the school house when all had been seated, the exercises began with the school singing "America." At the conclusion of this song, Rev. J. H. Shore, pastor of the Methodist Church, led in prayer, the school standing.

The handsome Bible and American flag given to the school by the Junior Order were then presented by Rev. Mr. Shore in a short address of force and appropriateness. He spoke of the Bible as the symbol of Religion, the school house that of Education and the flag, that of Patriotism. He said that these three—Religion, Education and Patriotism,—is the trinity upon which our government is built.

Prof. Turlington, superintendent of the school, accepted the Bible and flag for the school, and thanked the Junior Order in the name of the School. In the course of his remarks, he stated that the principles of truth, morality and patriotism were taught in the school each day.

At the conclusion of his remarks he introduced Mr. George E. Hood, Mayor of Goldsboro. Mr. Hood is one of the leading Juniors in the State, having served as State Councilor, and at present is a member of the Supreme Judiciary of the Order in the United States. He explained in a short, but strong address, the principles of the Order which are, virtue, liberty and patriotism. His address was a splendid one and was well received. At the conclusion of Mr. Hood's address, the school sang "The Old North State" and then marched down in front of the school building and watched the unfurling of the flag to the breezes. This was greeted with loud and glad acclaim from the large number of school boys and girls present.

Death Near Spilona.

We regret to hear of the death of Mr. Richard C. Langdon, of Elevation township, which occurred Tuesday of this week. He had been in poor health several months. He was an up-to-date farmer, a good man and highly esteemed by all around him. His relatives and many friends will miss him greatly. He was a son of Mr. Carroll Langdon, who died a few years ago. He was a worthy son of a much loved and honorable citizen.

Attempt at Burglary at Clayton.

Mr. Q. F. Pool, who was here yesterday from Clayton, reported an attempted burglary there Sunday night.

As Night Watchman H. O. Ellis was making his rounds about midnight he ran upon a negro on the side porch of the residence of Mr. Charlie Horne, standing at the window as if he purposed undertaking to enter. As Mr. Ellis came around the corner of the house the negro ran. The watchman took after him and chased him a considerable distance, calling upon him to stop. The negro was about to get away and Mr. Ellis fell to snapping his revolver at him. The pistol would not fire and the negro soon discovered the fact. Then he turned and fired at Mr. Ellis and he then turned and left. He went home to get another gun and the negro departed.—News and Observer, Tuesday.

Famous Strike Breakers.

The most famous strike breakers in the land are Dr. King's New Life Pills. When liver and bowels go on strike, they quickly settle the trouble, and the purifying work goes right on. Best cure for constipation, headache and dizziness. 25c. at Hood Bros., druggists.

Late News Notes.

About 300 people were killed by the explosion of a "roburit" (explosive) factory in Westphalia, Germany, Wednesday.

President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, has been elected a member of the general education board in charge of the Rockefeller's fund to aid higher education.

Thomas F. Costello, Edward A. Smith, S. B. Sargent and E. C. Dwello, Charlotte manufacturers, have been indicted for violation of the immigration laws by importing English girls under contract to work in cotton mills.

In the trial of President George H. Burnham, of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company in New York Wednesday it was charged by the District Attorney that Lou Payne, when State Insurance Commissioner, demanded \$100,000 and received \$40,000 to allow the officers of the company to write the report of the condition of the company.

In the investigation of the coal lands fraud cases at Salt Lake City, a special agent of the Government in an affidavit involves United States Senators Clarks and Warren in an effort to steer him away from his duty; he also says the land department at Washington suppressed evidence secured by him and he was transferred because he was too active.

Gen. Nettleton, of Chicago, former assistant Secretary of the Treasury, once abolitionist and Union veteran has been to Brownsville, Tex., and made a disinterested investigation of the conduct of the negro soldiers; he declares that the soldiers were causless insolent to white men and women, were midnight marauders and murderers, and that there is no earthly reason to look upon them as martyrs.

New Officers to Take Charge.

On next Monday the recently elected County officers will be sworn in and enter upon the duties of their respective offices. Mr. Robert Millard Nowell, of Selma, will succeed Mr. J. T. Ellington as sheriff; Mr. Sam T. Honeycutt, of Smithfield, will take charge of the Register of Deeds office, succeeding Mr. Walter A. Edgerton; Dr. George A. Hood, of Kenly, will succeed Mr. Alex Wiggs as treasurer; while Mr. W. S. Stevens will succeed himself as Clerk of the Superior Court.

There will be two changes on the Board of County Commissioners, Mr. Allen K. Smith succeeding Mr. C. M. Wilson, who has been chosen Senator from this district, and Mr. Eli S. Turlington succeeding Mr. Josephus Johnson, who has been chosen as one of the Representatives to the Lower House from this County.

Mr. Z. L. LeMay and Mr. Thomas R. Fulghum will succeed themselves as coroner and surveyor.

Broughton-Ellis.

Clayton, Nov. 28.—There took place here this afternoon at half past two o'clock at the Baptist parsonage the wedding of Miss Lessie Ellis, of this place, and Dr. E. H. Broughton, of Raleigh. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Blanchard.

The bride was charmingly attired in a blue going away gown, hat to match, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley. She is a charming and attractive young woman, the daughter of Mr. George W. Ellis. The groom is a popular young dentist of Raleigh, son of Mr. J. M. Broughton. They have gone on a wedding trip to Richmond, Baltimore, Washington and other points North.

Lou Woodall, a white girl 15 years of age, has disappeared from her home in Cumberland county, and Archie Turner has been arrested, charged with kidnapping her. Turner denies all knowledge of the whereabouts of the girl.

Princeton Items.

Mr. J. W. Perry, we are sorry to say, is confined to his room with rheumatism.

Prof. J. P. Canaday was here the 26th looking after the "skule" affairs. Several teachers contiguous to this place met him.

Any one having news and wanting it put in THE HERALD will always find me at "Sunny Side" in the winter and "Shady Nook" in the summer.

Mr. J. W. Massey and family, P. H. Massey and family, of Clayton, visited Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Farley last Sunday. Also Daniel D. Massey and children, of Selma, were here.

Mrs. Mary Talton, wife of T. R. Talton, age 67 years, died on the 23rd inst. She leaves several children and a host of friends. Her funeral was preached by Rev. Lovet Mitchell, of the Free-will Baptist church, of which she was a faithful member.

J. D. F.

Death in Meadow.

Mr. John William Hudson, of Meadow Township, died last Saturday after a season of bad health. He was two days over seventy-eight years old. His birth place was in the upper part of Sampson County but most of his life was spent in Johnston. He was a faithful soldier and lost one arm in the civil war. He had a large family and was a man of considerable influence in community. He was a strong Democrat and always took a leading part in politics. He was buried Sunday afternoon in the family burying ground near where he lived in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. It was with much regret that the people of his section heard of his death.

Marriage in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 26.—This afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stevens, 2417 E. Grace Street, Mr. B. L. Stevens, of Smithfield, N. C., and Miss Della Dale Kevil, of Marion, Ky., were united in marriage by Rev. R. M. Maxey, of the Methodist Episcopal church.

After an extended Northern and Eastern tour, Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will be at home to their friends in Smithfield, N. C.

Mr. Stevens is one of Smithfield's leading business men and is connected with the Smithfield Supply Company. The bride is a popular young woman well-known in Goldsboro and Smithfield where she has spent several months in the practice of her profession—osteopathy.

The Methodist school for eastern North Carolina is to be located at Maxton. The committee of nine appointed by the presiding elders of the Wilmington, Rockingham and Fayetteville districts so decided last week. Maxton donates a site worth \$2,500 and \$15,000 cash. Fayetteville, Red Springs, Sanford and Hamet, also bidders, sent large delegations and liberal offers.

East Wilmington truck growers are now cutting and shipping fall lettuce in large quantities, several car loads having already gone forward during the past several days.

A Year of Blood.

The year 1903 will long be remembered in the home of F. N. Tucker, of Alliance, Ky., as a year of blood; which flowed so copiously from Mr. Tucker's lungs that death seemed very near. He writes: "Severe bleeding from the lungs and a frightful cough had brought me at death's door, when I began taking Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, with the astonishing result that after taking four bottles I was completely restored and as time has proven permanently cured." Guaranteed for sore lungs, coughs and colds, at Hood Bros' drug store. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.