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A SAD ACCIDENT AT CLAYTON.

A Movement on Foot to Build A New Cotton Mill—Other Items of Interest.

Gulley & Gulley have moved to their new store adjoining W. A. Barnes' dry goods store.

Dr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Broughton, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Broughton's parents.

Nearly all the college students have returned to college and some of the young people of the town are looking sad.

All of Clayton's industries paid handsome dividends January 1, 1907. Did you ever know Clayton to fail to "make good"?

Mr. John S. Barnes, who for the past year and a half has resided in Smithfield, came back home Wednesday, January 2nd, 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. Flack, of Shelby, N. C., are visiting Mrs. Flack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stencil. Mrs. Flack spent the holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Scarborough, of Rocky Mount, spent a part of the holidays here with Mrs. Scarborough's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Adams.

Miss Lilla D. Mann and Miss Bessie Pulliam, teachers in the Clayton High School, have returned from their holiday visit. They report a jolly good Christmas.

A movement is on foot and being pushed to a finish towards the building, right away, of another cotton mill. On last Monday night, December 31st, a representative crowd of Clayton's business men met at the Academy to discuss the advisability of such a movement, and the outcome of the meeting is that Clayton will doubtless have a new mill shortly. A committee of three was appointed to select a site and report in two weeks, also a committee of ten was appointed to solicit subscriptions. When Clayton's people get behind a thing that thing must go.

One of the saddest accidents in the history of our town occurred on Monday morning, December 31st, when Vernon Ellis, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Ellis, was caught in a shaft while at his work at the Clayton Oil Mill, and was so seriously hurt that he died from his injuries about 3 o'clock that afternoon. The whole town was severely grieved at the sad occurrence and offered condolence to the bereaved parents in the form of kind notes and flowers in profusion. The funeral exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Starling, the new pastor, from the M. E. Church. The interment was at the Ellis family burying ground on his father's land.

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Earpboro News.

Mr. A. G. Kemp is going to Zebulon soon.

Mr. Hubert Raiford, of Prince, was in our midst last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Fuller have moved out of the community.

Mr. H. R. Hales, of Rocky Mount, is in the community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Atkinson visited Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hales Sunday.

On the 20th of December Mr. S. V. Wilder and Miss Claudia Richardson were married at the home of Mr. Wilder.

Mrs. I. B. Richardson returned from a visit to her parents in Wake County last week, accompanied by her sister, Miss Cola Temples.

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General Litvinoff, Governor of the Province of Akmolisk, Asiatic Russia, was assassinated last week.

The first Baptist Church of Charlotte is planning to build a handsome structure during this year to cost not less than \$50,000.

Notes and Comments.

The year 1906 closed with a terrible famine in Central China, in which, it is reported, 10,000,000 people are actually starving to death.

According to Health Commissioner Darlington the birth, marriage and death statistics of Greater New York show an increase for 1906 over 1905. During 1906 there were reported 111,172 births, 48,355 marriages and 76,206 deaths.

Sir Mortimer Durand, who has been the British Ambassador to this country for several years, has given up his position and returned to England. He will be succeeded at Washington by James Bryce. Mr. Bryce has been for the past year a member of the British cabinet and is one of Great Britain's leading Statesmen. He is author of the well known book, "The American Commonwealth."

Pennsylvania's retiring Governor, Samuel W. Pennypacker, who lacks much of being a general favorite with the newspaper men, is said to be a man of wide learning. In addition to the English language, he reads French, German, Spanish, Greek and Latin. He is an industrious man and during his term of office as Governor, has labored constantly. He will be succeeded on January 15th by Edwin S. Stuart.

The directors of The Pennsylvania Railroad held a meeting Wednesday and elected James McCrea President of the system to succeed the late A. J. Cassatt. Mr. McCrea, like his predecessor, began in railroad work at the very bottom. He is 58 years of age, is six feet tall and weighs about 250 lbs. He has been in the service of the Pennsylvania Railroad for many years and is familiar with its policies. It is said that McCrea abhors graft of every description.

It is said that the reform laws passed by the last session of Congress will result in the addition of several thousand extra servants of the government, and will involve an increased expenditure of five millions per year. The laws are the New Rate law, the Pure Food law, and the Meat Inspection law. The enforcement of the Meat Inspection law is estimated to cost \$3,000,000 per year. This act is to be enforced under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Last week the sword owned by Commodore Paul Jones, was deposited in the library of the Navy Department at Washington city. It is said that the sword is in practically the same condition as it was when Paul Jones carried it during the Revolutionary War. There is a story to the effect that Commodore Jones was given this sword by the Jones family of North Carolina from whom, it is said, he took his name, but the records show that the sword was given to the famous Revolutionary fighter by the beautiful Theodosia Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr.

A Russian General or Admiral has a hard time. If he fights the battles of his country and happens to lose, he is almost certain of being sentenced to death. A few days ago Admiral Nebogatoff, who commanded a Russian ship at the Battle of the Sea of Japan, was tried by court martial and sentenced to death. He was found guilty of the unpardonable crime in Russia of surrendering his ship, even when there was no hope of holding out longer against the enemy. While the sentence carries with it disgrace to the Admiral's name, it will never be carried into effect. It is just one of the rules that Russia has in order to give the Czar an opportunity of exercising clemency and restoring a forfeited life to an officer who is unable to overcome obstacles that fall in every general or admiral's path.

Sixteen persons were killed and more than thirty injured in a collision on the North British railroad in Scotland last Friday.

ATLANTA RIOTERS SCORED.

Committee Reports That 12 Persons Were Killed And 70 Wounded.

Atlanta, Dec. 28.—The committee appointed by a mass-meeting of citizens at the time of the September riots in this city to investigate the facts connected with the troubles at the time made its report today. The report shows that 12 persons were killed and 70 wounded. Of the dead 2 were white and 10 colored, 2 were females and 10 males. Of the wounded 10 were whites and 60 negroes. The sum of \$5,363 was expended by the committee for relief of the wounded and for the families of the dead, of which the city contributed \$1,000. The report says:

"The crimes of the mob included robbery as well as murder. In a number of cases the property of innocent unoffending persons was taken. Furniture was destroyed, small shops were looted, windows were smashed and money taken from small hoards. In the commission of crime, men and women alike were treated with unspeakable brutality."

As a result of the riots, the report continues, good citizens have been driven away. Concluding, the report says:

"As 12 persons were killed and 70 were murderously assaulted, and as by all accounts a number took part in each assault, it is clear that several murderers or would-be murderers are at large in this community."

General News Items.

Archduke Leopold of Austria, who renounced all of his titles to marry an actress, will, it is reported, apply for a divorce because of his wife's eccentricities.

Lee Holder, 18 year old, has been arrested at Union City, Tenn., charged with the murder of his father, the Rev. J. R. Holder, a Presbyterian minister who was found dead Thursday night.

Bishop A. Coke Smith, of the Southern Methodist church, died at his home in Asheville last week of heart failure. Bishop Smith was 57 years of age. He was elected Bishop at Norfolk in 1892.

George W. Perkins, first-vice-president, and Charles S. Fairchild, a trustee of the New York Life Insurance Company, have been indicted by the grand jury on charges of forgery in the third degree.

Five men all sleeping in a caboose were crushed to death Friday night in a collision between a stock train and a locomotive near Winnipeg Junction, Manitoba. All the bodies were terribly mangled, and four have not yet been identified.

At Hopkinsville on Friday, Lewis Wilson shot Margaret Taylor, his sister-in-law and Henry Morris, her husband. Both will probably die. They had just been married. Wilson shot them because the marriage was against his wishes.

The Congo Slaves.

The Congo Free State embraces 900,000 square miles of territory and has some 17,000,000 of population. The Congo Association, originally formed under the patronage of King Leopold, had for one of its chief objects the suppression of the slave trade, and was intended also to open the Congo region to industrial and commercial development. Even if the charges of barbarous cruelties and mutilations be held under reserve it appears to be proved by the report of the Belgian Commission that the natives of the Congo Free State are kept in a condition practically indistinguishable from that of slavery. They are controlled in their goings and comings and in their vocations to a degree that certainly appears to deprive them of liberty and the pursuit of happiness, even if it does not in some cases deprive them of life itself.—New York Times.

With The Churches.

There will be services at the Primitive Baptist church here tomorrow and Sunday at the regular hours.

Rev. D. P. Bridges will preach at the Baptist Chapel at the Smithfield Cotton Mill Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rev. R. W. Horrell expects to preach at Pine Level Baptist church the first Sunday in January at 3 o'clock and at night.

Rev. D. P. Bridges has arranged to preach at Live Oak church the second Sunday at 3 o'clock and Saturday before at 11 and at Thanksgiving the second Sunday at 11 o'clock and Saturday before at 3 o'clock.

We are requested to announce that Rev. N. H. Gibbs, of Benson, will preach at Oliver's Grove Baptist church tomorrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock, and on Sunday at the same hour. He will preach at Barbour's Schoolhouse Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The first quarterly Conference of this year will be held with the Methodist church here tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the new Presiding Elder, Rev. R. B. John, will preach. Rev. J. H. Shore, the pastor, will conduct the Sunday night service.

Rev. D. P. Bridges will preach at the Smithfield Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and Sunday night at 7 o'clock. His subject for the morning service will be "Walking with God." All the members of the church are earnestly requested to be present at the morning service, and the public generally is cordially invited to attend both services.

Guard within yourself that treasure, kindness. Know how to give without hesitation, how to lose without regret, how to acquire without meanness—George Sand.

Kenly News Notes.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Joe Pearce is very sick.

Mr. R. T. Renfrow is now in business with Mr. R. A. Hales.

Miss Lillian Ayers returned Friday, after spending the holidays at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Darden went down in Sampson county to attend the burial of his mother.

We are glad to welcome so many new comers in our town, and hope that they may find all pleasant with us.

Miss Eva Darden returned to Raleigh Monday where she will resume her studies in King's Business College.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Sasser and little daughter Hazel spent last week with Mrs. Sasser's father, Mr. Wm. Dickinson, near Spring Hope.

Miss Leone Edgerton, after spending the holidays at home, returned to Wilson where she is attending the Atlantic Christian College.

Miss Passie Harris a former music teacher of Kenly Academy, and a lady highly esteemed among us all, has been visiting our town through the holidays.

Our merchants seem to be very busy taking inventory and preparing for the new year's work. We hope that the ensuing year can be put down in history with as much pleasure as the one just closed.

Mr. D. B. Sasser has bought out the entire stock of the Kenly Mfg. Co. and is installing a new forty horse power engine, and expects to put in a heavy saw mill in a few days. He says he will then be ready to fill orders on short notice.

Kenly, January 2nd.

Write it in your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly until he knows that every day is doomsday.—Emerson.

MERCHANTS MOVE FOR REFORM.

Smithfield Retail Merchants Want Telephone Rates Reduced and a Bridge Built Across "Buffalo."

At the last regular monthly meeting of the Smithfield Retail Merchants Association the following resolutions were passed:

Resolved: 1st. That we the undersigned members of the Smithfield Retail Merchants Association and subscribers to the Smithfield Telephone Exchange discontinue the use of telephones in our stores, offices and residences on and after January 15, 1907, except at the following annual rates which are to be made and agreed upon on or before said date (January 15, 1907): Business phones, \$24. Residence phones, \$18. Business and residence phones, \$36.

Resolved: 2nd. That a copy of these resolutions be sent the President of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. as a final notice to remove all phones in the stores, offices and residences of the undersigned on or before said date unless above stated rates can be made and agreed upon on or before said date, (January 15, 1907.)

A committee was appointed to circulate a petition among the people over the county asking the county commissioners to order a bridge built across "Buffalo" near Smithfield at their next regular monthly meeting.

NEWS FROM POLENTA SECTION.

Mr. T. W. LeMay has rented out his farm and will move to town.

Miss Mina Johnson one of the Greensboro Normal students, to the delight of her friends, spent Christmas week at home.

Mr. W. T. Adams and family will leave Smithfield and will locate in this section. We welcome them to our community.

Typo took a stroll through Messrs. A. Horne & Son's new store in Clayton, recently, and will in his next give you a short write up of it.

Dr. McLeMore spent Christmas with his parents in Sampson county. He returned during last week and is now busily engaged in his practice.

Preaching at Oakland on the fourth Sunday in December was largely attended and the congregation was treated to two excellent sermons.

The Oyster supper at Mrs. Sue Tomlinson's last Thursday night was largely attended by the young people of this section, and it goes without saying that it was an enjoyable occasion.

Christmas has come and gone. It came in cold and disagreeable, it went out warm and pleasant. In this section it proved to be a quiet one, passing off without any friction; it may be said that it was properly kept, little or no drunkenness being observable.

Mr. W. B. Wall, recently Mr. J. O. Ellington's farm manager, has accepted a like position with Messrs. Barbour Bros. and has moved over the creek and is now in charge of one of the Barbour farms. Mr. Wall is a good manager, and the Barbour boys have done well to get him.

Mr. Will Coats and Miss Floyd Kelley were happily wedded at the residence of the bride's father near Auburn, Thursday night of last week, Rev. Mr. Hudson officiating. This young couple starts out in life together with a bright future before them and it is the wish of all of their friends that the voyage may be one of great happiness.

Last Sunday Oakland Sunday School elected the following officers for 1907. Superintendent, F. T. Booker; Assistant Superintendent, C. C. Young, Sec. and Treas., Ed. Edmondson; Organist, Miss Kittie Wood; Assistant Organist, Miss Ellie N. Booker; Leader of singing, Dr. McLeMore; Teachers, Dr. Booker, C. C. Young and Miss Ava Yelvington.

The Christmas tree at Shiloh was an enjoyable success. The tree was heavily laden with nice presents for the scholars as well as outsiders. The pastor of the church, Rev. Mr. Hudson delivered an address which was pointed and full of good advice. The whole management of the tree deserve praise.

The Oakland Sunday School Sociable at Mr. G. B. Smith's on Wednesday night of last week was a success in every particular. The young people and children were all there and the older people were there, too, and all had a delightful evening of it. Mr. G. B. Smith left nothing undone which would tend to the enjoyment of the crowd. The event will long be remembered by those present.

We note the following visitors to our section during the Christmas holidays: Miss Mary Sanders, of Smithfield with Miss Mary Booker; Misses Neppie and Celestia Smith and Miss Cherry, of Raleigh, at Mr. G. B. Smith's; Mrs. Canaday, of Greensboro, at Mrs. Susan Powers; Mr. Canaday and two daughters, of Snow Hill, at Mr. Jake Barber's; Mr. Abe Lassiter, of Davidson College, at Mr. J. W. Yelvington's; Miss Lucile Ellington and Miss Mildred Young, of Clayton and Miss Freeman, with the Misses Tomlinson.

The singing school conducted by Prof. Cullom and daughter, of Wilson, N. C., which closed at Shiloh Thursday night before Christmas with a concert, was what we term a grand success. Prof. Cullom, as an instructor in singing is unsurpassed, and his daughters are equal to the best. Any one wanting to learn, under such instruction as the Cullom School gives, can't fail to learn how to sing. The Concert was of the highest order, the music fine, the singing excellent, and the whole exercise a success. The recitations of Misses Zula Tomlinson and Selma Cullom, deserve special mention, as they were of a high order. Wherever Prof. Cullom goes he leaves sunshine behind him. He came amongst us comparatively a stranger; he left enshrined in all of our hearts. Our people are all well pleased with his visit to our section, and hope it will not be long before he will come again.

Polenta, Jan. 2. Typo.

Card of Thanks.

I take this method of publicly thanking my fellow teachers, Supt. J. P. Canaday, and other friends who held an educational meeting in my honor December 22nd, 1906, at which flattering resolutions were passed and a beautiful silver service was presented to me in appreciation of my efforts for the educational up-building of our dear old County.

My kind friends, I cannot find words in which to thank you for these tokens of esteem and appreciation. With my wholeheart I thank you.

I shall ever regard December 22nd, 1906, as another important event in my life. There are but few events connected with my life that I regard as important. My birth, my graduation from the University of North Carolina, my marriage, the birth of each of my children, the connecting of myself with a branch of the church of Christ after the pardon and forgiveness of my sins, as I trust, are to me great and important events. I count the meeting held in my honor another important event.

The beautiful gift will be treasured by me so long as I live as a token of your esteem and appreciation.

No one appreciates this act of the teachers and friends more than my wife, who has been such a great help to me in all my work. Without her help and love and sympathy much that I have done could not have been done. I thank those in charge of the meeting for their thoughtfulness in connecting her with the reception of the gift.

With best wishes for you, I am, Respectfully Yours, Ira T. Turlington.