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CITIZENS TO BUILD TELEPHONE.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held Wednesday Night and Stock Subscribed to Install an Exchange Here.

The recent fight here by the Merchants' Association for a reduction of telephone rents has set our business men to thinking and brought them together for self protection against the iniquities of the trusts. For some time our people have thought that they were paying too much for the use of their telephones. Upon investigation it was found that they were paying much more than many other towns in the State were paying for a similar service. After a thorough discussion of the matter, the Merchants' Association asked the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co. to reduce the 'phone rental fifty per cent. This the 'phone company refused to do. The merchants then went a step further and passed resolutions declaring that they would not use the phones after a certain date, unless the rents were reduced to the figures named by them.

The telephone company refused to reduce the rents to the price asked for by the merchants and the result was that more than thirty 'phones were taken out on January 17th.

Some of our people began the agitation of a local telephone company with the result that a meeting was held Wednesday night in the Pythian Hall in connection with the meeting of the Merchants' Association. Mr. Will Wynne, manager of the Raleigh Telephone Company, was present, by invitation, and explained several points about the telephone business. The meeting was an enthusiastic one and showed that our people are in earnest and that it is a question of only a few months until Smithfield will have an up-to-date telephone exchange of its own.

It was proposed by some present that subscriptions be taken and that a stock company be organized to build and operate a telephone exchange here. More than \$1,000 was subscribed at the meeting and a committee consisting of Messrs. J. H. Kirkman, J. D. Boyett, J. D. Underwood, T. J. Lassiter, N. M. Lawrence and Dr. N. T. Holland, was appointed to solicit other subscriptions. It is proposed that we organize a company with a paid-in capital of \$2,500 and install an exchange as early as possible. Shares will be \$25 each and it is hoped that every citizen of the town who is interested in the welfare of this section, will take stock in the new concern. A meeting will be held tonight in the Pythian Hall at 7:30 to consider the matter, and every subscriber and every prospective subscriber are earnestly urged to be present.

Marriage in Smithfield.

Thursday morning a carriage drove down Market street in Smithfield and stopped in front of the court house. Two men and a lady made their way to the Register's office where a marriage license was obtained for Mr. Solomon W. Eason, of Raleigh, and Miss Mary Lee Muns. Mr. Troy Eason, of Selma, father of the groom, applied for the license. After securing the proper papers they came merrily from the court house and entering the carriage made their way to the home of Rev. J. H. Shore where they took the vows of husband and wife.

Hunting for Trouble.

"I've lived in California 20 years, and am still hunting for trouble in the way of burns, sores, wounds, boils, cuts, sprains, or a case of piles that Bucklen's Arnica Salve won't quickly cure," writes Charles Walters, of Allegheny, Sierra Co. No use hunting, Mr. Walters; it cures every case. Guaranteed at Hood Brothers drug store. 25c.

Little Girl Burned to Death.

The people of Smithfield were shocked and saddened last Sunday afternoon when it was learned that Melba, the ten year-old daughter of Mr. George W. F. Barber, had been horribly burned. The little girl was standing before the fire place when her dress caught on fire. Seeing her dress all aflame she rushed out of the house and into a nearby field, crying for help. Before any help could reach her she was so severely burned that death ended her sufferings early Monday morning. Her eldest sister and Mrs. J. R. Bailey, who lives near, were the first to reach her, and in trying to tear off the child's clothing Mrs. Bailey's hands were badly burned. A colored man passing rushed to the rescue and cut off the clothing, but it was not soon enough to save the child from fatal burns.

The funeral services were held at the residence Tuesday afternoon, being conducted by Rev. D. P. Bridges, after which the interment was made in the town cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. The floral offerings were beautiful and especially so was the wreath sent by the dead girl's schoolmates, evidencing their love and sympathy.

Melba was a bright little girl, obedient and kind, and much loved by her friends and schoolmates. Her sad death has left a vacant chair in the home where she will be so greatly missed, and especially by her sister Miss Nellie, who has had the care of the little girl and her sisters since their mother's death several years ago.

The grief-stricken family have the deepest sympathy of the people of the community in this sad hour.

W. P. Fife Is Dead.

W. P. Fife died suddenly at the St. James Hotel in St. Louis last Sunday. For the past several years Mr. Fife has been interested in mining ventures, oil wells, etc. It is said that during the past two or three years he has amassed a fortune of a quarter million dollars. Mr. Fife was a native of Newbern and married the daughter of Col. John D. Whitford of that city. He was a traveling salesman up to about 20 years ago when he was converted in a meeting at Charlotte. He later took up evangelistic work and for several years held meetings in this State and other States. He lived in Smithfield for several months something like 25 or 30 years ago. He was about 55 years old at the time of his death.

Longevity in New England.

A careful reading of The Springfield Republican week by week will reveal the fact that people of New England are a long-lived race. In the issue of the Republican for January 24, we counted on one page accounts of the deaths of eighteen people who lived to be above 70 years of age. Ten of these persons died between the ages of seventy and eighty, eight living to be above 80—one reaching the advanced age of 92, while still another died at the age of 103. This last was Mrs. Toby Rosenberg, who was said to be the oldest woman in Vermont. She left 208 descendants in five generations, the oldest being a son 81 years of age.

Rising From the Grave.

A prominent manufacturer, Wm. A. Feltwell, of Lucama, N. C., relates a most remarkable experience. He says: "After taking less than three bottles of Electric Bitters, I feel like one rising from the grave. My trouble is Bright's disease, in the Diabetes stage. I fully believe Electric Bitters will cure me permanently, for it has already stopped the liver and bladder complications which have troubled me for years." Guaranteed at Hood Bros., druggists. Price only 50c.

Clayton News.

Miss Kate Futrell, of Scotland Neck, is the guest of Miss Lucile Ellington.

Mrs. Priddy, of Keysville, Va., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

Mr. N. J. Allen killed a hog last week that weighed 477 pounds. Quite a nice pig.

Mrs. Moncure and little son are the guests of Mrs. Moncure's sister, Mrs. C. W. Carter.

Snow and sleet here for the first time during the winter, Sunday. It made us feel like winter time is really here.

Miss Nellie Pool, who is taking a business course at King's Business College at Raleigh, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Misses Ella Brady and May Kemp, students of the Baptist University, were the guests of Miss Ione Guley for a day or two recently.

Miss Lina Kennedy, of Raleigh, and Miss Rosa Satterfield, of Mount Airy, were the guests of the Misses Barnes for several days recently.

Preaching at both the Baptist and Methodist church last Sunday by the respective pastors. There were several additions to the Methodist church.

We are pleased to note that Mr. Doane Spence, who has been quite sick for some time, is now very much improved and hopes to be out in a few days.

The young people here enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the very hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gower last Friday. The party was given in honor of visitors who were former schoolmates of Miss Christine.

You can get some stock in the new cotton mill if you will see any one of the soliciting committee. Some of those on the committee are: Jno. T. Talton, Will H. McCullers, C. W. Blanchard, Will D. Tomlinson, Dr. J. A. Griffin and John Wray.

The stockholders of the new cotton mill met on Tuesday night and had reports from the various committees. The subscription committee shows a neat sum subscribed, so much that a meeting was unanimously ordered for February 12th to effect a permanent organization.

The chairman of the road commissioners for Clayton township, Mr. J. D. Eason, has called a meeting of the citizens for the 11th day of February (Tuesday) for the purpose of discussing the present system of working the roads and to make any suggestions that will better the system now in operation. Every citizen of Clayton township should be present.

Mr. H. Pool and family have entirely recovered from the effects of smallpox and are now back at the hotel and are prepared to take care of the business in the same satisfactory manner as heretofore. We are all mighty glad to have them back with us. The traveling public will be perfectly safe in their care, and will have good, clean, fresh rooms.

YELIR.

Marriage in Elevation.

On last Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Harriet Barber, Mr. Loyd Surles and Miss Bettie Barber were happily married in the presence of many relatives and friends. The ceremony was performed by Mr. T. Marion Johnson, J. P.

The attendants were Mr. L. C. Johnson with Miss Mattie Creech, Mr. Ransom Creech with Miss Bessie Byrd, Mr. W. H. Holmes with Miss Emily Morgan, Mr. William Barber with Miss Callie Creech, Mr. Arthur Byrd with Miss Alma Creech, and Mr. George Weeks with Miss Delia Creech.

The writer wishes them a long and happy life.

A FRIEND.

Just a Few Errors.

On Saturday January 19, the Holt-Sanders Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, of this place, held a meeting in memory of the South's great leader, Robert E. Lee. An account of this meeting, written by a member of the Chapter, was furnished The Herald for publication. The editor, who is also proof reader, had to be out of town Thursday afternoon and night, and a few errors, through some cause, crept into the article, which we regret. Accordingly we gladly give space to the following written by a member of the Chapter:

"It is evident that one of the young men on The Herald force met the Chevalier Bayard for the first time in last week's paper; strange to say, he seemed fully as well acquainted with the 15th century Frenchman as with his own countryman, Henry Wyatt. "However, the numerous errors in the article were not all typographical, but were mainly due to carelessness and came about in this way: Two members of the local Chapter of the U. D. C. in the discharge of their official duties got up the report and thinking it a good way to acknowledge their indebtedness to the friends mentioned therein, had it published. At the last moment, one of these two, seeing that something of importance had been overlooked, hastily rewrote the whole. And since this person's handwriting is said by intimate friends to be such as calls for the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer to read, the mistakes are not surprising."

Archer Items.

Mr. and Mrs. John I. Barnes visited relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bissett spent Sunday with Mrs. Bissett's sister, Mrs. Sam Suggs, of Clayton.

The family of Mr. J. A. Batten attended the burial of Mrs. Batten's sister, Mrs. Wm. Pittman, of Selma, last week.

Mr. J. W. Barnes recently killed one Berkshire hog, two years old, which weighed 540 pounds. Mr. Barnes also killed six others 15 months old, which weighed nearly 1,800 pounds. Who can beat it?

Mr. Eli Batten, of near Smithfield, and Mrs. Mary Hilliard were married at the bride's home near here last Thursday by W. B. Eason, J. P. After the ceremony the happy pair went to the dining room, accompanied by a few intimate friends, where an elegant repast was served, after which they went to the home of the groom near Smithfield. May their lives be bright and happy.

On Friday night, January 18, the Cullom School of Music closed at White Oak church with a nice concert. The program consisted of songs, recitations and marches. Miss Selma Lee Cullom, the elocutionist of the Wilson Female Seminary, rendered her pieces with the ease and grace of an actress. Prof. Cullom is one of the best singers in the South; his methods of teaching are modern and simple. After the concert there was a voting contest to raise funds for the church. Miss Selma Lee received first prize for the most beautiful girl and Mr. Luther M. Barnes for the handsomest young man in the choir. Miss Bertha Barnes received the other prize for the most beautiful girl present, which was a handsome silver tea pot. The funds amounted to about \$50.

Jan. 29.

S. L. W.

A Card of Thanks.

To the many friends here who have given their help and their sympathy in this sad hour I return my sincerest thanks. Their many expressions of sympathy and their kindly interest in every way have greatly touched my heart and words fail me in expressing the appreciation and gratitude I feel. May God in his goodness richly reward all.

G. W. F. BARBER.
Smithfield, Jan. 29, 1907.

Polenta News.

The children's party at Polenta Academy recently was a grand success.

Mr. J. R. Holt, who has had a painful attack of rheumatism, is able to be up again.

A number of our people have lost their meat owing to the recent extreme warm spell.

Dr. McLemore has been elected Superintendent of Shiloh Sunday School and has taken hold with a determination to make things move.

Rev. Mr. Souders preached two splendid sermons at Oakland last Sunday to small crowds. The weather was too cold for many to turn out.

One day last week the little child of Mr. Robert Lee was painfully and seriously burned whilst playing around the fire. We are glad to report, however, that at this writing the indications are that the little one will recover.

The Tacky party at Mrs. Sarah Barbour's last Thursday night was largely attended by our young people and greatly enjoyed. Miss Corinna Sanders won the prize for being the tackiest young lady present, and Mr. Artist Coats carried off the prize for being the tackiest young gent. There were many contestants, and the winners barely came in ahead. The whole affair was excellently carried out.

The Tanglewood Dramatic Club has been organized, and will in the near future appear before an audience in the role of "Three Glasses a Day." The following young ladies and gentlemen are now practicing for the play: Misses Lizzie and Emma Tomlinson and Miss Mary O. Booker; Messrs. R. M. Myatt, Malcolm Sanders and Dr. McLemore. It is thought that their first appearance before the public will be February 15th at Polenta Academy.

It is agreed by all who have had the pleasure of a visit to it, that the new brick store of Messrs. A. Horne & Son, Clayton, N. C., is the most commodious, the best arranged and by far the prettiest store, not only in Johnston County, but in Eastern Carolina. Indeed, it is the equal of its kind in the State. On the lower floor in front will be found the sales rooms, two in number, one for groceries exclusively, the other for dry goods, shoes, hats, notions, etc. Both are splendidly arranged, the buyer being able to pass from one to the other with very little trouble. The front is solid heavy plate glass, which lights the store beautifully. In the rear will be found the business office and a private room for consultation. On the upper floor will be found the clothing room, which is in every way fitted for such a department. On this story will also be found a large room fitted for a library, where ladies are invited to go and spend their leisure hours whilst visiting the city. On this floor is also located a toilet room for ladies. In case of fire there is a way of escape both in front and back of the store from the upper floor. Headed by Mr. A. Horne, one of the very best business men of the State, assisted by Mr. C. W. Horne, his son, clever, accommodating, popular, and possessed of unusual business capacities, backed by the cleverest of clerks, amongst them being Oscar Smith, Irvin Whitley and others, this firm is destined to still greater success in the business world. The country is proud of such a firm and such a store.

Jan. 30.

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Princeton Items.

There are three or four cases of pneumonia in this section.

Mr. L. G. Chamblee made a business trip to Selma Tuesday.

Mr. Richard Ferrell has returned from a visit to friends near Lucama.

Mr. M. F. Hinnant returned to Wendell Sunday after a short stay in this section.

Mr. James Woodard returned Friday from an extended visit to relatives near Raleigh.

Mr. James Williamson, of Wilson County, spent Wednesday night in this section with relatives.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Louis Crabtree is confined to his room with an attack of la-grippe.

Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jeffreys and little son, Osmond, visited relatives in the Archer section Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Oneil and children, of Clayton, spent Sunday and Monday with the family of Mr. N. E. Jeffreys.

Miss Vernona Jeffreys, accompanied by her friend, Miss Grace Whitley, of Selma, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

We are glad to note that little Miss Ila May Murphrey is rapidly improving after being confined to her bed with a severe case of pneumonia.

The musical entertainment given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Jeffreys last Friday night was a grand success. All went away declaring they had spent a most enjoyable evening.

Jan. 28. BEULAH.

Alkai, the five months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snipes, died on January 22nd.

We are glad to say that John Holt, who some time ago cut his knee while trimming a mule's foot, is improving. It came very near being a serious matter with Mr. Holt.

While G. T. Boyett was sewing up a mule belonging to Kade Lane that fell and cut itself, the mule became unmanageable and ran over Mr. Boyett and kicked him on his knee very severely.

R. F. D. route No. 2 will be discontinued after the 15th of February. The patronage would not justify the Department to operate it. If our people want that part of the Government service to continue, they should show their appreciation by putting up boxes and patronize the routes more liberally.

J. D. F.

Selma News Notes.

Mr. R. L. Ray spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Mrs. L. D. Debnam went to Clayton Wednesday.

We have three meat markets here and all seem to be doing a good business.

We hear that a bill will be introduced into the Legislature asking for a vote for bonds with which to install an electric light plant, which is all right as far as it goes, for the lights we now have are very little better than none, and we want the bill to go far enough to get us a sewer system also. Let the matter be fully discussed, but by all means have the lights.

A few days ago, a farmer who lives in the Sanders Chapel section was heard to say that since October, 1906, he had sold from his farm three hundred and seventy dollars worth of pork and had sold all of it in Selma but twenty-four dollars worth. Said he did not know what went with it but that he had sold it in Selma. Don't that look like Selma is a good place for farmers to take their produce?

Why don't one of our Legislators introduce a bill to give jurors more pay? The idea of paying only one dollar per day and three cents a mile! Three cents a mile is next to nothing and will not pay for the juror's horse feed. Give at least two dollars per day and ten cents a mile.

Senex.

Jan. 31.

Whitley's School House Notes.

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