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Benson Notes.

Mr. Ashley Grant is building a residence on Mill street.

Messrs Hebrew Creech, and W. C. Royal, returned to college.

Dr. G. A. Hood, of Kenly, was a welcome visitor to our town this week.

Miss Renno, of Smithfield, is spending several days in our town visiting friends.

Mr. J. W. Whittenton killed a two year old pig Monday that weighed 586 pounds net.

Mr. Ira Rose, a bright and progressive druggist of Rocky Mount, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. Telfair Lee has moved to town. He occupies the Denning House recently vacated by Mr. Lonnie Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boykin, who have been spending the holidays here with Mr. Boykin's parents, left for their home in Virginia Sunday.

The Benson Graded school which was recently made a High School, has an enrollment of 227 and others are expected next week.

after spending the holidays with home folks. Mr. Creech, is taking a course in Pharmacy at Chapel Hill, and Mr. Royal is a ministerial student at Wake Forest.

Miss Neta Penny, of Marshall, visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hall New Year's, returning Monday. Her many friends were delighted to have her in our town once again.

Mr. Lonnie Stephen who has made a very efficient salesman with Preston Woodall, has bought the interest of Mr. John Denning in the firm of Holmes and Denning and the new firm will be styled Holmes and Stephen.

Evangelistic services will begin at the Baptist church on January 20, at 7 p. m. and continue for several days. Rev. C. H. Dunham, of Lumberton, is expected to be present and do the preaching. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Christmas passed off very quietly here with the exception of Christmas eve night and Christmas day, when the boys were allowed to shoot crackers and explode fire works in town. These made the night hideous to those of a nervous temperament who tried to sleep.

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The Road to Love.

Service leads to love. The way to learn to love other people is to serve them. No one of us ever loves or thanks God as we should for what he has done for us until he induces us to do something for him. This is why he lays on us work that he might have done, and giving that he might have given. A wise parent instead of doing everything for a child, will require such service as the child can render, knowing that it leads to love.—Selected.

What is Wrong.

Within the last few weeks more people in Smithfield than usual have been complaining of sneezing fits, tickling in the throat, stoppage of the nose, coughing spasms, raising of mucous, droppings in the throat, and offensive breath, and have asked themselves: "What is the matter?" The trouble comes from catarrh, and unless they take immediate steps to remedy their condition, the disease will increase and spread through the delicate mucous membrane that lines the air passages, resulting in chronic and serious disease.

At the first symptom of catarrh Hyomei should be used. Hood Bros. sell it under a guarantee to refund the purchase price of \$1.00 for the complete outfit to anyone who is not satisfied with the results. You certainly can afford to use Hyomei under an offer like this. Get it now and be cured of catarrh.

Postal Receipts \$183,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The report of First Assistant Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock shows revenues collected in 1906 amounted to about \$168,000,000, a gain of more than \$15,000,000. This growth was continued in 1907, when the aggregate reached \$183,000,000 being somewhat in excess of that of the previous year.

"The present policy of reappointing Presidential postmasters who have conducted their offices to the satisfaction of the public and the department has resulted in decided benefit to the service," says Mr. Hitchcock. He adds that about 65 per cent. of the Presidential postmasters have been reappointed because of efficient service.

Increased salaries for many classes of employes of the department are recommended. In order to relieve third-class postmasters of the necessity of paying for assistance out of their salaries a recommendation is made for an increase to \$2,000,000 of the allowances for that purpose.

Thirty instead of 15 days' annual leave is recommended for postal employes.

An extension of the city-delivery service to smaller towns than are included under the present law is recommended. He suggests free delivery service would be given to more than 1,400 towns that do not now enjoy that advantage. He recommends that a law be enacted requiring patrons of the department to provide a receptacle for the reception of mail as a means of saving the time of the carriers.

The total number of postmasters of all classes appointed during the year was 13,315, as against 14,535 for 1906.

A Row in a Barber Shop.

There occurred a lively row in the hotel barber shop here last Monday night. The facts as best we can get them are given below.

Skinner Hicks, the principal barber of the shop, hired a horse and buggy Monday afternoon and went to Pine Level dispensary for liquor. He returned in a drunken condition. That night his wife took the liquor from him to prevent his getting in a worse condition. He accused Tom Alford of doing this and a quarrel followed. Alford threw a beer bottle at him and later drew a pistol on him but Hicks' wife sprang between them and prevented Alford from shooting. Hicks then rushed into the Smithfield Hardware Company's store for a gun but being drunk, loaded it with the wrong size shell and could not shoot. The gun was taken from him and he was arrested by the policeman and carried to the guard house and locked up until the liquor died in him so he could behave himself. He was tried by the Mayor Wednesday morning, found guilty, and parted with \$3.85. The affair would no doubt have been sent to the Superior court but as is almost always the case the negro witnesses failed to remember what happened when the row took place. We have heard several times before of liquor being in the back part of this barber shop.

Profit by Experience.

It is wise to always profit by the experience of others. Hood Bros. are positive from their own experience that in Mi-o-na stomach tablets they have an absolute cure for indigestion and the many disagreeable symptoms that follow this disease, such as distress after eating, coated tongue, bad taste in the mouth, dizziness, flatulence, nervousness and debility.

Their action in selling Mi-o-na on a guarantee to refund the money unless it cures, shows plainly their belief in the value of this remedy. They take all the risk, and there will be no charge whatever for Mi-o-na unless you are satisfied that it has cured you of indigestion.

Mi-o-na costs but 50 cents a box, and does more real good than a dozen boxes of ordinary digestive tablets.

NO LIQUOR ON MAIL ROUTES.

Carriers Must Not Transport Supplies While Carrying Letters.

Washington, Jan. 6.—Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order forbidding the carrier of mails on any star, screen wagon mail messenger of special service routes from transporting intoxicating liquor from one point to another upon such route while in the performance of mail service.

The bids for star-route service, which is known as the second section, comprising North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky, will be opened on Wednesday, and as a consequence, beginning on July 1 next, every contractor in the States mentioned will be prohibited from carrying intoxicating liquors on his route.

The order will become effective at once in many sections of the country where it is necessary to install new and supplementary service. It is believed that this order will have a far-reaching effect and will meet the approval of a large number of people judging by the enormous number of complaints that have been sent to the department.

A Noiseless City.

Berlin is said to be the most quiet city in Europe. Railway engineers are not allowed to blow their whistles within the city limits. There is no loud bawling of hucksters, and a man whose wagon gearing is loose and rattling is subject to a fine. The courts have a large discretion as to fines for noisemaking. Strangest of all, piano playing is regulated in Berlin. Before a certain hour in the day and after a certain hour in the night, the piano must be silent in that musical city. Even during the playing hours a fine is imposed for mere pounding on the piano.—Selected.

Child Almost Drowned.

We learn that a few days ago a small child came near losing its life by drowning near Four Oaks. Messrs. W. J. and B. G. Stanley were going to Four Oaks and stopped to talk a few minutes with Mr. C. M. Moore near the branch on the southeastern side of the town. While standing there, three of Mr. Charley Upchurch's children came along and started to cross the branch, walking on the foot-log or plank. The smallest child fell off into the water which was about a foot deep. The other children cried for help. Mr. B. G. Stanley rushed in and rescued the child. If these gentlemen had not stopped for a little talk, the child might have been drowned as the other children were so frightened they knew not what to do.

Two Kinds of Old Age.

Some people think that we can afford to forget God, because whether we forget him or not he will always remember us. But this is the same as it would be if one in a human friendship were to refuse your friendship so long as able to take care of himself, but come to you when too weak to do so. There is nothing sadder than to see an old man go down to the grave without the hope of a future life; so there is no sweeter sight than to see an old person enjoying God and slowly ripening for the tomb. If we remember Him in our youth He will not forsake us in our old age.—Dr. J. D. Jordan.

Boy Went to Pine Level.

We are told by a reliable Smithfield man that a boy walked from here to Pine Level dispensary this week and bought a quart of liquor. He returned drunk and had to be helped in going to his home. After he was taken charge of he staggered and fell down four times before reaching home. This is a specimen of what Johnston county people are having to contend with and it is a burden too great to bear.

Extra Session of Legislature Called.

Governor Glenn has called an extra session of the Legislature to meet Tuesday, January 21, to revise the passenger rate bill. The following is the proclamation:

To the Honorable the General Assembly of North Carolina:

By and with the advice of the Council of State, and the attorneys employed to represent the State of North Carolina.

I, R. B. Glenn, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in the exercise of the powers conferred upon me by Article three, section nine, of the constitution, do issue this my proclamation, convening the General Assembly, in extra session on Tuesday, the 21st day of January, 1908, on which day, at 11 o'clock a. m., the senators and members of the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of North Carolina are hereby notified and requested to meet in their respective halls in the Capitol, in the city of Raleigh, to consider the following specific purpose:

1st. To amend, modify, strengthen, change or repeal chapter 216, Laws of 1907, prescribing the maximum charges railroad companies may make for transporting passengers in North Carolina, and chapter 217, laws 1907, preventing unjust discriminations in freight rates, and to fix the maximum charges therefor.

For information of members of the Legislature, all papers are requested to make notice of this proclamation.

In witness whereof, I, R. B. Glenn, Governor and Commander-in-chief, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State.

Done at our city of Raleigh, this 8th day of January, 1908, and in the one hundred and thirty-second year of our American Independence.

R. B. GLENN.

By the Governor,
A. H. ARRINGTON,
Private Secretary.

George A. Pettibone has been found not guilty of the murder of Frank Stuenenberg, of Idaho, and Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners who was charged with conspiracy to kill the dead executive, has also been discharged from custody. Wm. D. Haywood, it will be remembered, was acquitted last summer. These men were charged with conspiracy to murder Stuenenberg on account of his attitude towards the miners of Idaho.

Johnston County Rural Letter Carriers Organized.

A meeting of the Rural Letter Carriers of Johnston County was called to meet in Selma, January 1st, 1908. At one o'clock p. m. J. W. Watson, Jr., of Kenly, acting as president, called the meeting to order, and appointed Jesse E. Parker, of Selma, temporary secretary.

The following officers were elected: J. T. Holmes, of Benson, president; T. A. Pittman, of Kenly, secretary; Jesse E. Parker, of Selma, treasurer, T. A. Pittman, J. W. Watson, Jr., and Emmett Boykin, all of Kenly, were appointed a committee to write a constitution. The association adjourned to meet in Selma, February 22nd, 1908, at eleven o'clock in the town hall.

J. T. Holmes, Pres. T. A. Pittman, Secy.

Death at Wilson's Mills.

Last Saturday, January 4th, Miss Alberta Vinson died at her home in Wilson's Mills. She had been in poor health several months. She was twenty-seven years old and was a daughter of Mr. D. T. Vinson. The burial took place Sunday at the family cemetery near her home the funeral services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. O. R. Mangum. Her father, two sisters and four brothers survive her.

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A Horrible Murder at Pine Level.

One of the worst murders ever committed in this section occurred at Pine Level last Monday night. It is difficult to get at the facts but we give the story as we have heard it. About five o'clock Monday evening a negro and his wife arrived there on the train from Goldsboro. They were at Pine Level about two months before and gave a show which was not satisfactory. Several negroes made threats as to what would happen if they ever returned. They went Monday evening to the store of Messrs. W. B. Oliver & Son where some negroes threatened the man but they did not take him and he went to the house of Henry Watson where he stopped when in town before.

Henry was up town later and said they were at his house but should not stay there. Between nine and ten o'clock several men with sacks over their heads went to Henry Watson's house and took the man by force and carried him away leaving his wife there. Henry Watson's wife ran to a house near by and said, "They have come to my house and have got him and gone with him." Nothing more was known until next morning when his body was found on the railroad track one fourth mile west of Pine Level. Both arms were cut off, his head broken open and the brains scattered several yards along the road. His body was badly bruised and one of the bones of his leg was bare and sticking out at the knee. His wife was sent to their home in Raleigh at seven o'clock Tuesday morning.

Dr. A. H. Rose, the county coroner, held an inquest over him Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning. The verdict was that "he came to his death at the hands of unknown parties and his body was placed on the Southern Railway." The jury was Berry Godwin, Z. Taylor, L. G. Patterson, W. G. Britt, C. R. Daughtry, J. R. Deans. All believe he was killed some how and placed on the track. One or more trains had run over his body. The evidence of the negroes was very conflicting. Hardly any two of them told the same tale and most of them claimed to know nothing.

Bridge Commissioners for 1908.

At their regular meeting held here this week the County Commissioners appointed the following Bridge Commissioners for 1908:

Wilson's Mills—C. M. Wilson.

Clayton—M. M. Gully.

Cleveland—Thad Stevens.

Pleasant Grove—R. I. Ogburn.

Elevation—J. S. Johnson.

Banner—B. D. Creech.

Meadow—L. P. Johnson.

Bentonsville—W. H. Upchurch.

Iagrams—C. D. Smith.

Boon Hill—J. M. Oliver.

Beulah—J. W. Woodard.

Oneals—W. T. Parker.

Wilders—A. F. Whitley.

Selma—C. F. Kirby.

Pine Level—E. T. Futrell.

Smithfield—D. J. Wellons.

Banquet at Selma.

Mr. M. C. Winston gave a banquet at the New Wyoming Hotel at Selma Wednesday night to the officers and directors of the Selma Cotton Mills, Lizzie Cotton Mills, Selma Knitting Mills and Bank of Selma. It was a very pleasant occasion. There were about forty present to rejoice over the success of the above named enterprises.

Several made short addresses, among them being our townsman, Mr. W. M. Sanders. We shall publish Mr. Sanders' address in our next issue.

For many years Mr. Winston has been one of the leading business men of this county, and no man has taken a greater part in our industrial progress than he. The officers and directors of the enterprises of which he is the leading spirit are under lasting obligations to Mr. Winston for his kindness and manifestations of good will.

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Selma News.

Mrs. N. E. Jeffrey, of Wilders, is visiting Mrs. J. D. Jeffreys.

Mrs. Agnes Dail is here on a visit to her uncle, W. B. Driver, Esq.

Miss Eunice Parker entertained a party of friends last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Creech, who were married last week, were in town today.

Misses Eunice Parker and Ruby Richardson have returned to Davenport College.

Mrs. E. G. Richardson and the little ones have returned from a visit to her parents in Wake county.

Mr. A. M. Noble has decided to locate in Smithfield to practice law. His office will be in the Stevens Building.

Mrs. Noble G. Blackman has returned from a visit to her father, Mr. J. W. Mazingo, of the Carter's Chapel section.

The new horse and mule firm is having the old livery stables remodeled for the winter trade and when finished will be very well arranged for the business.

Our post office has been moved into the store on the corner, just one door from where it was, but it is much larger and when the painting is finished it will be a nice office.

The Southern Railway is now having new rails laid and before this is before the people the rails will be to the Union Depot and then the road from here to Raleigh will be new rails and the trains will run without the old bumping we used to have.

Dr. Robert P. Noble and Miss Annie S. Noble have gone to Aulander, N. C., to attend the marriage of Mr. Hartwell V. Scarborough to Miss Bessie Hoggard on January 9th. Dr. Noble will return next Monday and Miss Annie will make Miss Julia Scarborough a visit.

Governor Glenn has called the Legislature together in special session on January 21st. An effort should be made to make Johnston county a prohibition county. The dispensary at Pine Level has done enough harm so far and it ought to be abolished. Four men dead—one man and one woman in the pen for 20 years each—another man under sentence of 10 years—men on the county roads—cut and broken heads—fights—magistrates trials—work in the factories demoralized, and now seventy-five convicts will be brought here to work in the guano factory because labor is so much demoralized on account of whiskey.

Well, the fourth victim has been found. A negro banjo picker calling himself Doctor Gilmore, who has been more or less at Pine Level since the dispensary opened, was found scattered along the track of the Southern railroad for something like a quarter of a mile Tuesday morning. All sorts of rumors can be heard but none of them can be traced out and found to be true. About as good as any is that the "Doctor" and a negro woman got off of the 5 o'clock train at Pine Level Monday evening and went to Henry Watson's, colored, to stay all night and sometime that night some men with white caps on took him out and that was the last seen of him alive. The woman went to Raleigh the next morning. Dr. A. H. Rose, the coroner, is now at work on the case and the report of the coroner's jury will probably be before your readers. Who will be the next? Jan. 8. SENEX

A Higher Health Level.

"I have reached a higher health level since I began using Dr. King's New Life Pills," writes Jacob Springer, of West Franklin, Maine. "They keep my stomach, liver and bowels working just right." If these pills disappoint you on trial, money will be refunded at Hood Bros. drug store. 25c.