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Benson Notes.

Mr. Bud Lee, of Four Oaks, has accepted a position in the R. F. Smith Department Store.

We are glad to know that Mr. Lewis Fleischman, who has been very sick several weeks, is able to be on the streets again.

Mrs. Phoebe Royal has begun the erection of a large and commodious dwelling on the vacant lot on church street next to the Methodist church.

Hon. Walter Murphy, elector at large, is billed to speak here on Tuesday, October 13. Every voter should come out and hear this able speaker discuss the issues of the campaign.

Mr. S. D. Stone and family, of Gerratt, Va., have moved to our town and will make this place their home. Mr. Stone owns a large amount of town property and is going to improve same. We welcome them to our town.

Benson now has one of the best cotton markets of any town in Central North Carolina. Our buyers are always on hand and ready to give the very best price and to accommodate the farmers in any way possible. There were about 600 bales sold here last week.

Of those visiting out of town recently we note the following: Mr. John H. Moore, at Henderson; Miss Mary Beck, at Raleigh; Messrs. J. P. Johnson and Brogsden Johnson, at Rowland; Mrs. Wade Royal and child, at Emporia, Va.; Rev. W. C. Royal, at Baptist Centre and Pisgah; Rev. D. F. Putnam, at Four Oaks.

Dr. Edwin Hall, that famous apostle of sunshine and laughter, of New York City, gave his two famous lectures, "How to get married and stay Married," and "Roasted Husbands On Toast," here at the graded school building last week. He spoke to a large audience each time and every one who went was well pleased. Dr. Hall will lecture here again about the last of October.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parrish, in Benson, on Sunday night October 4, Miss Eva Parrish and Mr. J. H. Godwin were united in the bonds of marriage. Rev. D. F. Putnam performed the ceremony. The marriage was a very quiet affair, the out of town guests being Mrs. Dr. Hood, of Kenly, sister of the bride, and Mr. and Mrs. Clem Bryan, of Clayton, also brother and sister of the bride.

Of the number visiting in town recently we note as follows: Prof. C. A. Stanbury, Instructor in Latin at Trinity Park High School, Mr. J. C. Bruton, of Fayetteville; Messrs. Robert Smith, J. A. Wellons and George Thornton and Miss Dora Barber, of Smithfield; Mrs. Dr. Hood, of Kenly; Mr. and Mrs. Clem Bryan, of Clayton; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hampton Pickett, of St. Louis, Mo., at Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore's.

The Bryan-Kitchin club continues to grow in numbers and enthusiasm. It has already reached the two hundred mark, with new members every day. There will be a meeting of the club on Tuesday night, October 13. A prominent speaker will be on hand to make an address. Every member will be presented with a handsome picture of that matchless, peerless leader of Democracy, W. J. Bryan. Let every member be present.

Benson can boast of one of the very best Graded High Schools in the State. With a corps of six teachers under the superintendency of Prof. L. T. Royal, the school has grown till every citizen in the town and surrounding community points to it with pride. This year the enrollment is the largest of any in its his-and new pupils coming daily. A large number of young men and women are here preparing themselves to teach, also a large number of regular boarding pupils.

On Thursday evening Oct. 1, 1908, at the home of Mr. O. C. Williams at Newton Grove, Mr. Jno. R. McLamb and Miss Meta Williams were united in marriage. The wedding march was beautifully rendered by Mrs. R. B. Wilson. The maid of honor was Miss Sallie Williams and the best man was Mr. W. C. Woodall, of Benson. The other attendants were Mr. Robert Williams with Miss Lillian Markham, Prof. L. T. Royal with Miss Mamie Page, Mr. Robert Langdon with Miss Clydia Lee, Mr. Junius Warren with Miss Lettie Ryals. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. M. Daniel, of Duke, after which the party returned to Benson where the young couple will make their home. Miss Williams is one of Johnston County's most cultured young ladies. Mr. McLamb is a prosperous merchant of Benson. May true happiness be theirs through life.

CORRESPONDENT.

Benson, Oct. 7.

To The Memory of Ransom Ryals.

"Home at last," on heavenly mountains.
Heard the "Come and enter in";
Saved by life's fair, flowing fountains,
Saved from earthly taint and sin.
Free at last from all temptation,
No more need of watchful care;
Joyful in complete salvation,
Given the victor's crown to wear.

I can think of no more fitting words than the above applying to the end of the faithful journey of Uncle Ransom Ryals who departed from this life on Monday morning, Sept. 28th, 1908.

"Uncle Ransom," as he was called by nearly everyone who knew him, was born January 30th, 1819, having lived on earth 89 years, seven months and 28 days. During all his long life, if there was ever a charge brought against him for any wrong he had done, it has failed to reach the writer's ears. He was married in 1855 and settled on his farm two miles east of Benson. Here he reared a large family and for 50 years was one of the most successful farmers of the county.

As a father he was one of the best; as a citizen he was patriotic and faithful; and as a neighbor the writer knows there could have been no better. There was no sacrifice he counted not joy when made for his friends. His eyes were blind to wrong and his life knew no shadow save the shared sorrows of others. Wherever sickness came there was his presence and his strong arm ever ready to help; wherever sorrow fell there was his sympathy. The cry of hunger waited not long for his foot fall in the cabin door, and his charity in this way has carried gladness to many hearts.

But above all and best of all, he was a sincere Christian. Over sixty years ago he professed faith in Jesus Christ and joined the Primitive Baptist Church at Hannah's Creek, and for forty years was one of the leading spirits there. It has been told the writer by his children that for years he did not miss a single service of his church.

He was not unprepared for the visit of the Grim Reaper; he expected it at any moment, and like a faithful sentinel who knows not at what moment the death-shot may reach his heart, he held himself in hourly readiness for the call. Death came on velvet sandals, and His kiss was as the fall of snow. Like a ripened flower, ere the first frost, ere autumn's solemn sigh, in the fading beauty of his noblemanhood, he was culled for the garden of God and there among the flowers on the streets of the Beautiful City with the redeemed of God's own beloved, he has entered into the Life worth living. And when the twilight shall come to us all, as come it must; when the evening star, and the evening song; when the dark vessel, whose sails are filling for each one of us, shall cross the bar, I ask no more than that I may meet him where he is.

J. W. HOLMES.

Benson, N. C.

Legal Blanks at HERALD office.

A "DRY" TOWN INDEED.

Up in Iredell All They Know About Liquor is What They Read in the Papers Now.

Mr. L. C. Caldwell, of Statesville, who is in the city on legal business, hails from the beautiful, hustling little city where not a drop of liquor has ever been sold on prescription by its drug stores, since the day when, by the act of its own citizens, it voted out its saloons, this going into effect July 1st, 1901. Up to the present hour, so far as the records go, no one has died for the want of alcohol and the sentiment there now seems to be unanimously against its sale on prescription. The board which first passed on the question was not entirely unanimous, but the citizens now seem entirely pleased.

"One of the leading physicians of Statesville and one of the best in the State," said Mr. Caldwell, "made a statement to me that I have since quoted in several speeches, using his name. He operates a largely patronized hospital. Discussing the question one day he said to me, 'You know that I've been running this place five years. How much liquor do you suppose we have used?'"

"Well, I had no idea. If he had said five barrels I would have been prepared to believe it. His answer to his own question struck me dumb. 'We've used less than half a pint,' he said. He followed this by expressing his entire disbelief in the theory of those physicians who hold that whiskey is an indispensable drug.

"We've got the cleanest town in the State, take it any way you want to," concluded Mr. Caldwell. "You folks have got a bigger town, and a faster one, and a finer one, but we have to stick up for Statesville as the best for her size anywhere."—Charlotte Observer, 6th.

Archer News.

The Masonic Lodge here is nearing completion and is a handsome building.

Messrs. J. W. Barnes and L. W. Green made a business trip to Smithfield Monday.

Mr. Ed. Boyett, of Smithfield, was here Saturday looking after the tobacco interests.

Mr. W. H. Austin has accepted a position as teacher at the Barnes School for the winter term.

Sheriff R. M. Nowell, of Selma, was in our community last week to the delight of his many friends.

Messrs. W. A. and J. M. Eason, of Wendell, were home Sunday, the guests of their mother, Mrs. A. M. Eason.

Mr. George Hinton, keeper of the County Home, was here Saturday looking after his interests in this section.

Mr. Joe A. Eason, of Greensboro, was home Sunday, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Eason.

Rev. A. A. Pippin will conduct services at White Oak next Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. and Sunday at 11 a. m.

Hons. Robt. N. Simms, of Raleigh, and L. H. Allred, of Selma, will address our people next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Let a good crowd greet them.

Quite a number of our people went to Clayton Saturday to hear a discussion of the issues by the county candidates. All came back bubbling over with enthusiasm and Democracy.

The Archer correspondent to the Smithfield Journal says in the issue of October 2nd that Republicans were so thick in Wilders that if you should cut down a tree you would kill one and cripple two or three more. Sheriff Nowell came through Friday and cut the tree that destroyed their race here.

Oct. 5, 1908. S. L. W.

Clayton News.

Miss Swannanoa Horne spent Monday here with parents.

Some of our townsmen attended the big rally at Apex Tuesday.

"Are you going to the Fair?" This is what they ask you every now and then.

The Jeannette Kling Co. will give an entertainment at the Academy on Monday night, Oct. 12th.

Several Clayton people are attending the big democratic rally and speaking at Hare's Store today.

The second series of the stock of the Clayton Building and Loan Association begins Saturday 10th.

The Clayton High School continues to grow. We are hoping for a still larger attendance in a few days.

Messrs. Ashley Horne & Son are having a very pretty galvanized awning erected for their store front.

Mr. Charles W. Horne has been confined to his room for a day or so lately but fortunately, his sickness is nothing more than a cold.

For the convenience of the country people who will drive here to go to the Fair, Mr. Zeb Jones will have the old livery stables open.

Everything is alright around here. Although cotton is somewhat lower than what the farmers expected, they are able to get there just the same.

New families are moving to the Liberty Cotton Mills and it is thought they may soon be running at their full capacity. Scarcity of help so far being the only reason for not running full capacity.

The Democratic county candidates spoke here Saturday to a big crowd of enthusiastic citizens. Mr. Beatty, of THE HERALD, was here and secured quite a good number of renewals and new subscriptions.

YELIE.

Clayton, N. C., Oct. 7, 1908.

Kenly News.

Mr. G. F. Pope, of Dunn, was in town yesterday.

Miss Bernice Pike, of Goldsboro visited Mrs. J. C. Grady last week.

Miss Melissa Wellons and mother spent a few days in town last week visiting friends.

Mr. C. L. Lane is having a nice seven room cottage erected on his lot in West Kenly.

Miss Rosa Edgerton left Friday night for Selma to spend a few days with Miss Bettie Edgerton.

Our Ginnery is ginning lots of cotton now. From the way it is coming in it looks like cotton will soon be ginned.

Little Eula May Edgerton, of Selma, who has been visiting friends and relatives here, returned home Friday night.

Several of our people attended the Township Sunday School Convention at St. Mary's church in Wilson County last Sunday.

Kenly is soon to have one of the best hotel buildings in Johnston County. The work is being vigorously pushed and the finishing touches will soon be put on.

Mr. Alvin Hodge, one of Kenly's foremost young men, left this evening (Wednesday) to go after his better half. He finds her near Pine Level. We will report in full in next issue.

Nearly all of our voters went to Hare's Store today to hear our next Governor W. W. Kitchin, in his eloquent way, discuss the issues of the campaign. Several say they never heard a better speech.

Our town came near having a serious accident last Sunday. Mr. J. C. Trotman's horse became frightened while standing in front of the Post Office and ran away but as luck would have it no one was badly hurt.

Kenly, Oct. 7. REPORTER.

STATE FAIR NEXT WEEK.

Many Attractions to Draw Visitors. Railroad Rates Low.

The Great State Fair, to be held in Raleigh, Oct. 12-17 next, promises to be the best ever held in the State.

Premiums have been increased and the agricultural, industrial and educational displays will be unexcelled. The County exhibits will be a feature; Haywood county will show the resources and possibilities of the glorious west, competing with counties from the east.

The Virginia Horticultural Society will have a magnificent display of fruit, simply for exhibition purposes and not competing for premiums. Cattle will be here from Kentucky and poultry from all over the country.

The attractions will include Beachy in the marvellous Strobil "Air Ship" navigating the clouds. His ship under perfect control, sails as easily and gracefully as a bird. This is the ship that set Washington wild and broke up a session of Congress, the members rushing from their seats to see the wonderful sight.

The automobile race with tremendous machines going a mile a minute will be a thrilling sight. One of the most beautiful sights will be the dress parade and exhibition drill of the Battalion of the A. & M. College.

Another feature will be the grand Floral Parade of decorated floats.

Quincey will dive daily from a ninety foot ladder into a three foot tank of water, and Marvellous Melville, King of the Trapeze will give performances between the heats of the races, and Alfreno and his children will do hair-raising stunts on the high-wire.

Fast horses will be here and will almost certainly lower the track record of the State.

The Midway will be full of clean high class shows and afford plenty of fun.

Toy whips will not be allowed on the grounds and notice is given that any found will be forfeited.

City water at the Fair Grounds in abundance. Special excursions on all lines, low rates.

Come have a good time.

Democrats Carry Georgia.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 8.—Returns at this hour indicate that Joseph M. Brown has carried the State for governor by a plurality of between sixty and eighty thousand.

Mr. Brown's only opponent was Yancey Carter, who ran as an independent. Brown ran as a Democrat.

A Fearful Explosion.

Richford, Vermont, Oct. 7.—With a concussion which shook the entire village, a large grain elevator having a capacity of 500,000 bushels, exploded late today, causing the death of eleven workmen and two women, who were near the elevator when the explosion came.

The explosion blew off the entire roof of the building scattering timbers in all directions, and almost instantly flames burst out all over the structure. Twenty-one men were employed in the building, of whom 11 are missing and undoubtedly perished. All lived in Richford.

Had a Close Call.

Mrs. Ada L. Croom, the widely known proprietor of the Croom hotel, Vaughn, Miss., says: "For several months I suffered with a severe cough, and consumption seemed to have its grip on me, when a friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery. I began taking it, and three bottles affected a complete cure." The fame of this life saving cough and cold remedy, and lung and throat healer is world wide. Sold at Hood Bros. drug store, 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Polenta Items.

This section will be well represented at the State Fair next week.

The Farming and Mercantile Ginnery is running full time, and will gin a quantity of cotton this year.

Repairs on Oakland church have been completed, and now it is now one of the prettiest country churches we know of.

Mr. R. M. Myatt who spent the summer traveling in the interest of a harvesting machine company, is at home again, to the delight of his many friends.

The young people had a storm party at Dr. Booker's last Friday night. Ice cream and other delicacies were served. The evening passed off pleasantly to all present.

The cotton crop is being rapidly gathered in. The crop will certainly be a short one—not as large as last year. The crop is much earlier than last year; by the 1st of November most of it will have been housed.

Politics very little talked of as yet. However, it is hardly probable that our voters will do otherwise than vote the Democratic ticket, as they have ever done. They will hardly turn from the party that has always given the State good government, and cast in their lot with the Republican party, which has, when opportunity afforded, shown itself incompetent to rule, and disgraced the State.

A colored man by the name of McLamb, living near Mr. Henry Smith's in Elevation township, was accidentally shot last Saturday, the whole load entering his shoulder, causing an ugly wound, which was dressed by Drs. Booker and McLemore. The wounded man is now doing fairly well. It seems that McLamb and another colored man were talking, when the other darkey got his gun and told McLamb he was going to shoot him, and pointing the gun at him fired, the load entering his shoulder as above stated. Both parties asserted there was no misunderstanding between them, but that they were on good terms with each other, the party doing the shooting claiming that it was purely an accident. Accident or no accident, such reckless handling of fire arms should be punished.

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To Speak at Archer.

Arrangements have been made for Mr. R. N. Simms, of Raleigh, and Mr. L. H. Allred, of Selma, to speak at Archer in Wilders Township Saturday, October 10 at 2:30 o'clock.

Work Begun on Inland Waterway.

New Berne, Oct. 5.—One of the most important undertakings ever begun in this section was started September 28th, when the Shull Construction Company, of Beaufort, began the work of clearing out the right-of-way for the first section of the inland waterway. Work was started between Neuse river and Core sound and a large force of hands is employed. The government has a \$550,000 appropriation to begin this work with and it is perhaps the largest undertaking of its kind in the country, with an estimate total cost of about fifteen millions.

Night Riders in East Carolina.

Wilson, N. C., Oct. 7.—Night riders have made their appearance in Eastern North Carolina. Monday night in Nash county they posted a notice on a cotton gin notifying the owner that if he ginned another bale until the price advanced that the barn would be reduced to ashes. Last night in Martin county over a radius of eight miles notices were tacked on different barns to the same effect. In every instance the notices were signed "Night Riders," with the invariable bloody hand after the signature.—News and Observer.