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## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Enthusiastic Meeting Held in Court House Last Friday Night. All of Last Year's Officers Re-elected for The Year 1910.

With Mayor J. A. Wellons, president of the Smithfield Chamber of Commerce presiding, a most enthusiastic meeting of the Chamber was held in the Court house last Friday night, it being an adjourned meeting from the regular meeting held the first Friday night in January.

Upon motion of Mr. W. W. Cole, all of last year's officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year.

The report of First Vice-President W. M. Sanders showed that he had been active in his efforts to locate at Smithfield various manufacturing industries, and that he had been in communication with parties desiring to purchase building lots here.

Mr. H. L. Skinner, Second Vice-President has been active in behalf of Smithfield along the lines of advancing the tobacco market here. Smithfield already has one of the best tobacco markets in this section of the State and the Chamber of Commerce is determined to bend every effort to increase the advantages which this market now affords. It is through the influence of Vice-President Skinner that the Chamber has decided to offer a prize to the young man between the ages of 14 and 21, who raises the largest yield upon one acre of land of cotton and tobacco. Cotton shall be counted by pounds and the money value of the tobacco shall be considered as ruling in the tobacco contest.

Mr. W. L. Woodall, Third Vice-President has been active in his efforts to beautify the city, and it is through his aid and influence that we hope to soon have the unsightly shelters in front of the stores removed and awnings placed in their stead. We also hope to have the sidewalks laid in nice cement walks. The report of Fourth Vice-President, F. H. Brooks, furnishes hope that in the near future Smithfield is to have a passenger depot commensurate with the needs of the city.

The report of Treasurer, A. M. Noble, showed a balance in the treasury of \$51.50. The week beginning May 15th, has been fixed as the "Home Coming Week." This week was thought a very appropriate one by reason of the fact that during this week the commencement exercises of the Burlington Graded School will be conducted. Several committees have been appointed to look after the different phases of the program and all are looking forward to an event the most noted in the history of the county.

The question of electric lights was also discussed, but definite action was postponed to another meeting.

## FORTY-THREE DEAD.

Sixty-five Others Missing in Colorado Mine Disaster.

Primero, Colo., Feb. 1.—Forty-three are dead and sixty-five missing as a result of the explosion in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company's mine yesterday. A rescue party is working to save any of the missing miners who may be still alive.

So far only one miner has been brought out alive. He was Leonardo Virgin, a young Mexican. He was found under a heap of a dozen dead men and half as many dead mules. The sixty-five men still entombed in the wrecked workings are believed to be dead.

The money loss to the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company, which owned and operated the mine, will reach \$100,000.

There is still mystery as to the cause of the explosion.

While it is often impossible to prevent an accident, it is never impossible to be prepared—it is not beyond any one's purse. Invest 25 cents in a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment and you are prepared for sprains, bruises and like injuries. Sold by Hood Bros.

Active operations in railroad building are going on in the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Santa Clara, Camaguey and Oriente, Cuba, and many thousands of men are employed.

## GENERAL NEWS.

Mrs. Sallie Hughes, aged 108 years, died at the home of her son in Kentucky last week.

It is announced that the Norfolk and Western railroad will spend \$2,000,000 in improvements in the near future.

A lot 50x100 feet, which reluctantly took for a trival debt in 1849 was sold at Portland, Ore., last week by Peter Steven for \$250,000.

Because their parents would not let them marry, Vernon Barr, aged 16, and Line Ammer, 14, drank poison together and died at Des Moines last week.

Gen. William F. Draper, former American Ambassador to Italy, died at his home in Washington Friday night after a prolonged illness. He was 68 years of age.

Two men in New Jersey got on a spree Saturday night. They got so rowdy they were put off the train on their way home from a neighboring town. They lost their way and one, who was very drunk, was found next morning in a snow bank dead.

Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of Philadelphia, retired, of the Methodist Episcopal church, one of the best known clergymen in the country, died Saturday in the Habemann hospital from a stroke of paralysis which seized him while riding in a trolley car on January 18.

One of the most serious railway accidents in England since the disaster to the steamer Train at Salisbury in July, 1906, when many Americans lost their lives, occurred at Stoats Nest Station, near London on the London and Brighton Railway Saturday afternoon. Eight dead and about 30 injured were taken from the wreck.

Last Saturday morning Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp, Nick Nolan and Luther Williams, of Chattanooga, were released from the District of Columbia Prison at Washington City, after serving a term of ninety days for contempt of the United States Court. The contempt proceedings grew out of the failure to prevent the lynching of a negro in 1906 after the Supreme Court had granted a stay of execution. As soon as he was released Sheriff Shipp paid a visit to the Supreme court and assured the Justices that he had no ill will toward the court for the sentence imposed. Upon the arrival of Sheriff Shipp and his comrades at Chattanooga they were given a warm reception by their friends.

## Seed Corn Meetings.

That the corn crop is one of the most important throughout the state is being more and more understood, and this is being emphasized at Seed Corn Meetings being held under the direction of experts and men of practical knowledge in corn growing and seed selection.

Aside from methods of preparation, cultivation, fertilization, etc., the kind of seed planted plays quite a large part in the question of yields, and in order to assist farmers in getting good seed to plant, the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work will have a number of seed corn meetings this month.

Several expert judges and several practical corn growers will be present to help seed corn and make talks upon corn growing. They will be on the grounds from 10 a. m. till 4 p. m. The talks will probably occur from 1 to 2 p. m., and farmers are urged to be present and to bring from thirty to fifty of the best ears of their seed corn and have enough selected to plant a seed patch of one acre. In the fall the experts will go into the seed patch with the farmers and help to make a careful field selection, and will talk about preserving from weevils, storing and keeping corn perfectly sound during the winter. Next spring the same operation will be started again, and it is hoped by this means to have some excellent seed corn on a large number of farms.

Mr. C. R. Hudson, the State agent of the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, in charge of the Farmers' Co-operative Demonstration Work, issues the following notice of the meetings to be held: Smithfield, Friday, February 11th. Wakefield, Saturday, February 12th. Coats, Saturday, February 26th.

## NO MORE LOOSE COIN.

Postoffice Department Requires it Wrapped When Put in R. F. D. Boxes.

The postmaster at Raleigh is in receipt of instructions from the Postoffice Department that commencing February 15th, rural letter carriers will not be required to collect loose coin from rural mail boxes. This order is made in view of the extent to which the practice of placing loose coin in boxes by rural patrons and the delay incident thereto in the delivery and collection of mail and the hardship imposed on the rural carriers. Patrons should enclose coin in an envelope, wrap it securely in a piece of paper, or deposit them in a coin holding receptacle so that they can be easily and quickly taken from the boxes, and carriers will be required to lift such coins, and, where accompanied by mail for dispatch, attach the requisite stamps.—News and Observer.

## BENSON NEWS.

Mrs. G. A. Hood, of Kenly, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parrish, this week.

Rev. Mr. Sutton, pastor of the Four Oaks Methodist Church, was in our town Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech and sister, Miss Nannie Underwood, of Smithfield, spent several days here recently with relatives.

Mr. R. E. Parker, who is teaching the public school at Rehoboth, was in town Saturday. Mr. Parker spent several months here in school and his friends are always glad to see him return.

The Revival Services at the Baptist church here will continue through this week. Much interest is manifested and much good being done. Rev. J. W. Suttle, assisted by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Justice, is conducting the services.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Farmers Commercial Bank last Friday Mr. M. B. Britt was elected president, Messrs. W. D. Boon and Bradley Johnson, Vice presidents, and Mr. J. P. Johnson, cashier. With the election of these men as officers of this institution the prospects for the year 1910 bid fair to eclipse even the splendid record made in the year 1909. Mr. Britt is a young man of high character who has had several years experience in banking, the bank here last year, under his management, having earned a dividend of 42 1-2 per cent. Messrs. Boon and Johnson are both men of several years' experience in business and are too well known to need mention in Johnston county. Mr. J. P. Johnson, the cashier, is a brother of Mr. C. T. Johnson and a young man of sterling qualities. Under this management Benson has one of the safest banks in the State and those who do business with them may rest assured that they will receive fair treatment at their hands.

## Thieves Break Through and Steal.

Last Friday night two negroes entered the store of Mr. G. F. Woodard at Princeton and stole from him four dollars in money, three watches, four razors, twelve pocket knives and perhaps a few other goods. They then went to the store of Mr. A. F. Holt where they got through the front by breaking a glass window. Each had a sack and held a candle for a light. They first took about seventy-five cents in pennies which were left in the money drawer and then proceeded to fill their sacks, first putting in shirts and shoes. About this time Dr. A. G. Woodard and Mr. Robert Wells saw them across the street from an upstairs room where they were sleeping. Dr. Woodard shot towards them. They had gone into another store there being two together with a door from one to the other. They broke out at a new place and started off with one bag of goods. Dr. Woodard shot again and probably hit one of them. The bag of goods was left with several shot in it which entered when the last shot was made. Four shots in all were fired. Nobody knows where the negroes went. They are supposed to be men who had visited other towns to do the same work. They were at Princeton about three o'clock at night.

## DR. WHITE IN CLAYTON.

All the Churches Invited Him to Preach Last Night in the Town of His Birth.

Yesterday morning Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta, who delivered the address of the day at the Founders' Day celebration at Meredith College, received a telegram from Clayton, the town of his nativity, stating that all the churches of all denominations had joined in an invitation to him to preach there in the evening. He accepted the invitation, leaving Raleigh on the afternoon train, and he will return to the capital city this morning. While in Clayton he was the guest of his uncle, ex-Sheriff J. T. Ellington.

Rev. J. M. White, of Apex, father of Dr. White, and Mr. R. B. White, of Franklinton, brother of Dr. White, with Mrs. White, attended the exercises at Meredith College yesterday morning.—News and Observer, Jan. 28

## SELMA NEWS.

Mr. John H. Parker has moved with his family to Greensboro, N. C., to be near his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Pate, who is quite sick with rheumatism. Mr. Parker is one of Selma's oldest citizens and we regret to give him up. He says he does not expect to stay away from Selma all the time, that he expects to move back shortly. Hope he will.

Mr. C. N. Parker who moved about 2 miles from here, from Wayne county about three years ago, has sold his farm and will return to Wayne county. About the first of last November a hog cut his knee and he has been unable to work any since. He was in the Wilson Sanatorium for nearly two months. He made us a good citizen and all his neighbors regret to give him up. Hope good luck will go with him to his new home.

Dr. Robert P. Noble has been appointed Surgeon oculist for the Southern Railway Co.

Dr. R. J. Noble attended, as a delegate, appointed by Governor Kitchin, The Southern Health Conference, or Hook Worm Convention, at Atlanta, Georgia, on the 18th and 19th of January. There were two hundred and sixty-eight doctors from the South in attendance—Ten from North Carolina. It was interesting to hear those who had made a study of the Hook worm talk. They opened the eyes of those who had not. At Tulane University in New Orleans, over eight hundred students were examined for hook worm and the weights and measures of those found to have hook worms, as well as those who did not have them, taken. Only those from the sand country were tested as those from the hill country do not have them, and those afflicted with hook worms were on the average two and a half inches lower, and ten pounds lighter in weight than those who were free from disease. Does it not look like it is possible for man to add a little more to his height? The speeches made it so plain that one can pick out those infected with hook worm. The treatment is simple; but to be successful must be carried out to the letter.

Mr. Kenedy, from Mount Olive, has moved here and will run a truck farm. This is one of the best openings for a market garden in the state. Very few people have gardens at all, and anything can be sold that can be raised.

Mrs. E. G. Richardson spent a few days with her father at Wendell, who has been quite sick last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hood, of Greensboro, are here on a visit to their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood.

Mrs. Sam Surles spent a few days with relatives at Goldsboro this week.

## Singing Celebration.

Prof. Neill M. Eason requests us to announce that there will be a singing school celebration at Banner Chapel, one mile east of Benson, on Saturday before the second Sunday in February. The program will consist of solos, quartets, choruses, essays and speeches. Three good choirs, in addition to the home choir, are expected. Every one is invited to attend with a basket. The school is taught by Prof. Eason.

## STATE NEWS.

Gus Hennett got both of his legs cut off by a shifting engine at Asheville Saturday.

Eight new rural libraries were reported to the State Department of Education last week.

Last Friday a small cyclone struck Greenville and demolished a colored school house on the outskirts of the town.

One hundred thousand feet of lumber and a large barn were destroyed by fire one day last week at Elizabeth City.

Two help ups on men in High Point were made last Saturday night but proved unsuccessful. Officers are on the outlook for them.

It is stated that Congressman Morehead of the Fifth District has notified his friends that he will not be a candidate for renomination.

Three men in different parts of the city of Goldsboro were waylaid last Saturday night by masked men and relieved of their watches, jewelry and money.

Mrs. Neola Taylor, of Charlotte, has entered suit against her husband for separation and alimony. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor both are from prominent families.

Tom Ashley was caught in the belting at a ginney at Waxhaw Saturday and hurled to death. His head was crushed and one of his arms was torn from its socket.

A shooting tragedy occurred at Waynesville Thursday of last week when Allen Green shot, in the Bank of Waynesville, Bas Browning. The killing grew out of an old feud.

Major John M. Crenshaw, the first student to enter Wake Forest College when it opened its doors in 1834, died at his home near Wake Forest last week at the age of 88.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, has accepted an invitation to address the manufacturers Club of High Point at their banquet in March. The Senator is one of the insurgent leaders in Congress.

The Swain county courthouse at Bryson City was almost totally wrecked and Omar Conly instantly killed on Thursday of last week, as a result of a dynamite explosion. The explosion occurred in the Register of Deeds Francis' office, and it is a wonder he escaped death. He and one other were seriously wounded. The entire town was terribly shaken, windows shattered and the shock felt for over a mile.

## STRANGE SLEEP MYSTIFIES.

Wealthy Cotton Merchant Cannot be Aroused from Stupor.

Toledo, Jan. 30.—Physicians and detectives are mystified over the peculiar condition in which J. F. Smithwick, a wealthy cotton merchant of South Creek, N. C., has remained for two weeks at the Star Hotel here.

During his strange sleep, which began sixteen days ago, Smithwick has not spoken more than a dozen words, and at all times seems to be unconscious.

It was supposed when Smithwick was found unconscious in his room that he was the victim of gas. A small gas jet over his bed was found partially turned on. Physicians considered it remarkable that the victim was not dead, considering the length of time he remained in the room with the escaping gas.

## Saved From Awful Peril.

"I never felt so near my grave," writes Lewis Chamblin, of Manchester, Ohio, R. R. No. 3, "as when a frightful cough and lung trouble pulled me down to 115 pounds in spite of many remedies and the best doctors. And that I am alive today is due solely to Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. Now I weigh 150 pounds and can work hard. It also cured my four children of croup." Infallible for Coughs and Colds, its the most certain remedy for LaGrippe Asthma, desperate lung trouble and all bronchial affections, 50c and \$1.00. A trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Hood Bros.

## A Prosaic Subject.

Reporter—What gave you your inspiration for the song. "There are certain things that money cannot buy?"

Song Writer—The price of butter and eggs.—Kansas City Times.

## FIGURES FAVOR SANE FOURTH.

Seven-Year Record: Deaths, 1515, Accidents, 33,075, Fire Loss About \$20,000,000.

New York, Jan. 29.—The Society for the Suppression of Unnecessary Noise, of this city, has gathered statistics which show that in the past seven years Fourth of July celebrations have been responsible for 15135 deaths, 33,073 accidents and a property loss by fire of \$20,000,000.

The society's plans for bringing about a more conservative celebration of Independence day already have been indorsed by President Taft and the Governors of 18 states. Copies of petitions will be sent to the presidents of 452 colleges asking for their co-operation.

## A Significant Event.

The Missionary Institute held at Centenary Methodist Church last week proved to be a very significant event. The first service was on Friday evening, and Miss Mary Pescud, a Missionary to Brazil at home on furlough, made the address. She gave her impressions of the Student Volunteer Convention, which was held at Rochester N. Y., December 29th, 1909, to January 2nd, 1910. The intellectual stimulus she imparted and the spiritual message she brought fully justified her visit to Smithfield.

Saturday afternoon from three to five o'clock Mrs. J. M. Culbreth was in charge of an interesting display of missionary pictures, maps and charts at the church. The curios from Brazil, lent for the occasion by Miss Pescud, proved very attractive. The number of visitors to this exhibit thoroughly compensated for the labor of preparing the display.

Saturday evening brought an exciting experience with a new style of Magic Lantern. It was the first trial of the Mirrorscope, an Acetylene Lantern that projects post card pictures upon a screen, greatly magnified. Thus the spectators were taken on a journey through Japan, China, Korea and India. Mr. Lewis Paylor operated the Lantern, and Mr. Culbreth commented on the pictures.

Sunday was a day full of good things. An address by Miss Pescud at eleven o'clock on "The Needful Condition of South America," was followed by a splendid presentation by Mr. W. S. Stevens, of the Greensboro Laymen's Convention. In the afternoon Miss Mary Pescud greatly delighted a large company of boys and girls with story after story of her experience with the boys and girls of Brazil.

That evening there was a Consecration Service. Miss Pescud spoke on Why send Missionaries, and Mr. Culbreth presented the thought that the Institute was a challenge and ought to be an inspiration to every believer present.

Six meetings actively participated in by fewer persons than that number indicates, represents a comparatively small investment. But surely some of the good seed cast found good soil in which to lodge. The sowing will be tested by the harvest!

## A Deserved Promotion.

Mr. J. L. Bass who has been working this territory for the past several months for the Singer Sewing Machine Company has received a well-merited promotion, being transferred to Raleigh and made assistant manager of the Singer store at the Capital City. His many friends in this section, while regretting to lose him from our midst, will rejoice at his success. He moved his family to Raleigh this week.

He has been with the Singer people but eight months, yet in that time he has demonstrated his ability to "make good."

He will be succeeded here by his brother, Mr. J. M. Bass.

Do you know that croup can be prevented? Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse or even after the croupy cough appears and it will prevent the attack. It is also a certain cure for croup and has never been known to fail. Sold by Hood Bros.

There are 145 children in the colored orphanage at Oxford.