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AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER

THE HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK AT BENSON.

Several Business Changes and New Buildings, School Opens With Good Attendance.

Benson, Jan. 3, 1911—Miss Ruth Stephenson, who has been spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. J. F. Lee, returned to Raleigh Monday afternoon to reenter King's Business College.

Miss Lizzie Utley, after spending several days with her uncle, Dr. H. H. Utley, returned to her home at McCullers yesterday.

Mr. Allen Daughtrey, of Sampson county, visited in Benson Saturday.

Mr. C. T. Johnson went to Richmond last week on business.

Mr. Henry Creech, of the firm of Creech & Woodall, has sold out his interest to his partner, Mr. G. G. Woodall, and returned to his home at Glenfield, where he will open a general mercantile business.

Mr. Dennis Armfield, of the firm of Royal & Armfield, has sold out to his partner, Wade H. Royal. Mr. Armfield will return to his home in Fayetteville.

Dr. W. T. Martin, after spending Christmas with his father, Prof. W. D. Martin, principal of the school at East Bend, and his brother, Dr. J. F. Martin, of Advance, Yadkin county, returned Saturday night.

Mr. George Benson returned from Greensboro Sunday, where he has been for several days.

Mr. Jno. Holland, of Kenly, spent Sunday and Monday with his brother, Mr. Geo. Holland.

Messrs. Ezra and Almon Parker and James Eldridge left Monday for the University to resume their studies.

State Senator O. A. Barbour, left Monday for Raleigh to be present Wednesday, when the legislature convenes.

The two-story brick building on Railroad and Main streets is nearing completion. The first floor will be occupied by The Benson Drug Company, the upper floor being used exclusively for offices. The store building now occupied by the Benson Drug Company will be used by L. E. Stevens, while the building in which Stevens has been doing business, will be occupied by the new firm of Parrish & Godwin.

Mr. Ralph Canaday left Monday for Wilson, where he has accepted a position with the Patterson Drug Company.

Mr. Wm. Canaday has accepted a position with the Peacock Drug Company.

The Benson Graded School opened Tuesday morning with a full attendance. The same teachers are back this year, with the exception of Miss Richardson, who resigned her work, on account of the death of her father. Miss Nan Gordon, of Hamlet, is teaching in Miss Richardson's room. The faculty is now composed of Prof. Z. H. Rose, as principal, and Misses Mary Cooke, Emily Canaday, Nan Gordon, Ruth Jones and Mrs. Luna Tolar, as assistants. The music department is conducted by Miss Louise Carroll.

Welsh-Johnson.

Sunday morning, January 1, 1911, at the home of Mr. E. A. Johnson, a beautiful marriage was solemnized by a large crowd of relatives and friends, when his attractive daughter, Miss Effie, was led to the hymeneal altar by Mr. William L. Welsh, where they were made one by Rev. N. H. Gibbs. The attendants were: Mr. Curtis Page with Miss Ora Tyner, Mr. Calvin Holmes with Miss Lector Johnson, Mr. Ira Barbour with Miss Cora Belle Olive, Mr. Jasper Holmes with Miss Lillie Tyner, Mr. Booker Creech with Miss Lana Tyner, Mr. Harvey Creech with Miss Flossie Tyner, Mr. Troy R. Allen with Miss Geneva Blackman.

Mr. Welsh is a native of Texas, while Miss Johnson is one of Johnston County's charming young ladies. They left Sunday afternoon for Texas, where they will make their future home. The writer wishes them a happy journey through life.

A WITNESS.

NEW YORK'S NEW GOVERNOR

JOHN A. DIX INAUGURATED LAST MONDAY.

A Democrat Will Be At Head of Empire State for First Time in 18 Years.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 2.—John Alden Dix, a Democrat, was formally inaugurated governor of New York State at noon to-day. He succeeds Governor Horace White, who became chief executive last October when Governor Charles E. Hughes resigned to become an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Surrounded by a brilliant gathering in the great assembly chamber which had been appropriately decorated for the occasion, Governor White relinquished the office of chief magistrate to Governor Dix, the first Democratic Governor to assume the office in 18 years. The Governor then delivered his inaugural address after the oath of office had been publicly administered by Edward Lazansky, Secretary of State. Governor Dix was sworn in privately at his home on Saturday.

Preceding the inauguration ceremonies there was a parade of State military organizations and Democratic clubs through the principal streets of the city. Governor Dix and his predecessor in office and their secretaries, riding in automobiles, headed the procession.

NEWS AND VIEWS.

A recent dispatch was sent from Washington City to the Baltimore Sun to the effect that ex-Governor Aycock and Governor Kitchin would both be candidates for the seat of Senator Simmons in the United States Senate, before the General Assembly of 1913. Governor Aycock has denied that he expected to be a candidate in terms that can not be mistaken. But Governor Kitchin has made no statement. It is believed that he will be a candidate for Senator Simmons' seat and that a battle royal is ahead. Senator Simmons is one of the strongest campaigners in the State and it is not expected that he will yield the place he now holds without a strong fight. A State primary may simplify matters, still it is not yet known whether such a law will be passed by the present General Assembly or not.

Monday marked the inauguration of the Postal Savings Bank system in the United States. The last session of Congress authorized the Postmaster General to begin the system by establishing one bank in each State and Territory. Salisbury was the favored town of North Carolina and the new system was put in operation at the Salisbury postoffice Monday. While this is an experiment with the government of the United States, it has been in successful operation in several European countries for many years. Great Britain has had the system for about forty years. Many depositors throughout the forty-eight States and Territories availed themselves of the opportunity of placing their earnings in the hands of Uncle Sam last Monday. Reports from Washington are to the effect that the majority of the deposits were made by the young and the poor. The new system will be watched very closely and will have a fair trial.

The General Assembly of Ohio opened Monday at Columbus with the Democrats in control of both branches for the first time in about twenty years, and Judson Harmon, a Democrat, in the gubernatorial chair. In the Senate there are 19 Democrats and 15 Republicans, in the House 70 Democrats and 48 Republicans. A Democrat will be elected to succeed Senator Charles Dick in the United States Senate.

Tobacco Seed Free.

If you want to raise tobacco this year and have no seed, you can get them free of charge by calling on or writing to the Banner Warehouse, or the Farmers Warehouse, Smithfield, N. C.

TWO DARING AVIATORS KILLED

ARCH HOXSEY AND JOHN MOISANT DIE SAME DAY.

Treacherous Air Currents Sweep Them to Earth, Ending Careers of Both Men.

John B. Moisant and Arch Hoxsey, two of the world's most daring aviators, were killed Saturday. Both fell out of the treacherous air currents with their machines—neither from a vast height—and Moisant's remaining minutes of life were so few as to count as naught. Hoxsey was killed instantly.

Moisant met his death at 9:55 a. m., attempting to alight in a field a few miles from New Orleans, La. Hoxsey, who went into the air early in the afternoon at Los Angeles, lay, at 2:12 p. m., a crushed, lifeless mass in view of the thousands who were watching the aviation tournament.

Thus the last day of 1910 capped the list of deaths of aviators with two of the most illustrious of those air-men who have been writing history of aviation in the sky of two continents.

Moisant, a Chicagoan by birth, after an adventurous life in Central America, became interested in aviation in France less than a year ago. After soaring into the public recognition by his plucky flight from Paris across the English Channel to London with a passenger, Moisant's fearlessness and resourcefulness were exhibited frequently.

Finding himself without a machine, he purchased one from a friend for \$10,000, and within ten minutes started on his winning flight from Belmont park, New York, around the Statue of Liberty, winning a prize of \$10,000.

Saturday a sudden puff of wind caught him within 500 feet of the earth, turned his machine over, and a broken neck terminated his career.

Arch Hoxsey, after a year of uniform success with the Wright aeroplanes, had gained a name for daring and competence in the air. Only within the week he had set a new world's altitude record of 11,474 feet, and then, to show his contempt for the earth, had sailed majestically more than 4,000 feet above the highest mountain in California.

Saturday he ran afoul of the same kind of boiling, treacherous wind when some 500 feet from the earth, and a minute later lay dead on the ground beneath a torn bit of canvas and some broken spars.

Both met death in almost the same manner. Each machine was headed for the earth, and suddenly seemed to stop, hover in the air, then "turn over its nose" and dive headlong to the earth, and to destruction.—Washington Post.

Baptist Baracas Elect Officers.

Last Sunday morning in the Baraca room at the Baptist church after the teaching of the lesson, the class elected their officers for the next six months as follows:

President—Mr. Ira Medlin.
Vice-President—Mr. Horace Easom.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mr. Carl Sanders.
Teacher—Mr. A. Vermont.
Assistant Teacher—Mr. T. J. Lassiter.

A good attendance was present and the meeting was an enthusiastic one. All the members of the class are earnestly urged to be present next Sunday morning at 9:45.

THE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.

Next Meeting to Be Held Here on January 21st.

The next meeting of the Johnston County Teachers' Association will be on Saturday, January 21, 1911. There will be a quiz on the "Primer of Sanitation," led by the principals of the High Schools of the County. Teachers are requested to study this book before the meeting.

Dr. Venable President of the State University, is expected to be present and deliver an address to the teachers.

A. VERMONT, President.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

MR. W. C. DOWD, OF CHARLOTTE, ELECTED SPEAKER.

Senator Pharr, Also of Charlotte, Is Made President Protem of the Senate.

The General Assembly for 1911 met Wednesday at noon. The House was called together at noon by Principal Clerk, T. G. Cobb. The roll call showed 118 Representatives present. They were sworn in by Chief Justice Clark.

George W. Connor, of Wilson, placed the name of W. C. Dowd, of Mecklenburg, in nomination for Speaker. The Republicans named Judge Ewart. The vote stood Dowd, 101; Ewart, 15.

Mr. Dowd was the Democratic caucus nominee and had been nominated unanimously the night before. There were several candidates for Speaker, but Dowd's was the only name presented to the caucus.

T. G. Cobb, of Morganton, was re-elected Principal Clerk.

D. Scott Poole, of Cumberland, was made Reading Clerk.

N. D. Kinsland, of Haywood, Engraving Clerk.

G. L. Kilpatrick, of Lenoir, Sergeant-at-arms; D. H. James, of Halifax, assistant.

The Speaker named Doughton, Koonce, Burlington, Connor and Ewart as Committee on Rules.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Newland at 12 o'clock. Forty-nine members answered the roll-call, the only absent member being Senator Kitchin, of Halifax.

Senator Pharr, of Mecklenburg, was elected President protem of the Senate.

Other Senate officers were elected as follows:

W. O. Self, of Jackson, Principal Clerk.

Mark Squires, of Caldwell, Reading Clerk.

The following Committee on Rules was appointed: McDonald, Pharr, Thorne, Reinhart and Starbuck.

CUPID UPSETS PLANS OF BOARD.

Cupid has upset the calculations of the city school board. Instance the case of Miss Martha Bedford Yancey, teacher of the second grade in the Elm Street School. Miss Yancey, 19 years old, an excellent teacher, went to South Boston, Va., to spend the Christmas holidays. There is every reason to believe that she expected to return, but while Principal Johnson, of the Elm Street School anxiously awaited her arrival yesterday, to take charge of her grade on the opening of the school, a telegram, dated Richmond, was delivered to him. It read:

"Married in Washington today. Will not return. Martha Yancey Paylor."

Miss Maggett, a friend of Miss Yancey, also received a telegram, dated in Richmond. It said:

"Lonnie and I married in Washington today. Express trunk to Smithfield, N. C. Letters follow."

The happy man in the case is Mr. Lonnie Paylor, of Smithfield, N. C., a representative of the American Tobacco Company. He was in Portsmouth to see Miss Yancey on Thanksgiving Day, and it is understood that he tried to get her to marry him then. Furthermore, it is supposed that she was almost persuaded, but changed her mind. The couple left together on the Washington steamer, but got off at Old Point and returned home by trolley. Miss Yancey told her friends, it is understood, that they thought they were taking the C. & O. steamer for a little run to Newport News and return, but got on the Washington boat by mistake. The same friends are smiling over the incident, now that Cupid and the fond Mr. Paylor have conquered.

Miss Yancey, that was, is highly connected. She has a married sister in Washington, with whom she spent last summer on the coast of Maine. She has a brother engaged in the practice of law in New York City and another brother is a student at the V. P. I.—Portsmouth, Cor. Norfolk Landmark.

THE WEEK'S NEWS IN SELMA

LITTLE MISS FRANCES GREEN ENTERTAINS FRIENDS.

Waddell Brothers Building New Shop. Local and Personal Items of Interest.

Selma, Jan. 4.—Dr. Pope, of Edisto Island, S. C., spent the holidays with his little daughter, Miss Rosa Richardson Pope, who lives with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Richardson.

Mr. A. M. Noble, of Smithfield, spent Sunday here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger J. Richardson left for Birmingham, Ala., last Saturday.

Messrs. J. A. Spiers and W. H. Call and Dr. R. J. Noble attended the ceremonial session of Oasis Temple Ancient and Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine, at Charlotte, N. C., last week, where Mr. Call was duly initiated into the mysteries thereof. Dr. Noble had the 32nd degree conferred on him while at Charlotte.

Mr. L. H. Allred left for Raleigh Tuesday to be present at the opening session of the legislature of which he is a member. Johnston is well represented at this session.

Mrs. W. L. Speight, of Tarboro, has returned home after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Winston.

Messrs. Waddell are having a Repair shop and Blacksmith shop erected on Ralford street. They expect to be ready for business in about two weeks.

One of the most pleasant features of the holiday season for the "little folks," was the "At Home," given by little Miss Frances Green, to her young friends, on Thursday afternoon, December 29th, from 3 to 5 o'clock.

The guests were received at the front door by little Miss Frances, and ushered into the parlor, where the interesting game of "drop-the-handkerchief" was played until every guest had arrived.

Then the new game of "Buster Brown," was entered into with much enthusiasm on the part of all present. Each child was blind-folded and told to pin "Buster's" necktie to the correct place. Master James Spiers coming nearest the mark, won the prize—a beautiful box of Chocolate bon-bons.

The guests were then served with delicious refreshments by Mrs. Green and Miss Marjorie Debnam.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality of little Miss Green were: Miriam Lee and Elizabeth Denton, of Raleigh; La Una Mosley, of Kinston; James and Harry Spiers, Margaret and Grace Carolyn Wood, Marjorie, Alta, and Hector Debnam, Grace Rector, Stella Etheredge, Rosa R. Pope and Robert P. Noble, Jr.

JOSEPH M. MOREHEAD PASSES.

Distinguished Greensboro Citizen, Answers Death's Summons—Court Adjourns Out of Respect to His Memory.

Greensboro Jan. 2.—Maj. Joseph M. Morehead, president of the Guilford Battle Ground and a member of the distinguished family of that name, died here yesterday morning at 6 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks. The funeral was held at the First Presbyterian church to-day at 4 o'clock, conducted by the pastor and interment followed in Green Hill cemetery. The Guilford court adjourned this morning soon after convening out of respect to the memory of Major Morehead, who in his youth practiced law at the Greensboro bar. He was 70 years of age and is survived by his wife and one son, James T. Morehead, Jr., of this city.

Mr. John C. Hood is spending several days this week in Kinston.

Senator Barbour is taking a high stand already in the Legislature. He has been assigned to the following committees: Appropriations, Revision of Judiciary No. 2, Mining, Education, Institution for the Blind, Corporations and Chairman of Senate Expenditures.

SAD STORY OF AN UNLOADED GUN

ARTHUR McLAMB AGED ELEVEN KILLS HIS BROTHER.

Taking a Gun Which Was Supposed To Be Unloaded Fired With Fatal Results.

Benson, Dec. 31.—News reached here tonight of the accidental killing of Carson McLamb, a nine-year-old boy, by his brother, Arthur McLamb, aged eleven, at the home of their father, Ira McLamb, a prominent farmer, who lives near Raynor Mills, three miles south of Benson.

It seems that an "unloaded" gun was left in the house by Ben McLamb, a brother of the stepmother of the young boys, who worked with the family. The father, Ira McLamb, had gone to Giles' Mills, in Sampson county, and, their mother being dead, there was no one at home except the young boys and their stepmother. After Ben McLamb had left the home for his work, Arthur thinking the gun was unloaded, took it down, examined it, and, taking aim at his brother, said: "Carson, I'm going to kill you." Carson turning to look at his brother just as the gun went off, received the entire load in his head, which entered at the corner of the left eye and completely took off the back of the head. Death resulted almost instantly.

Later reports say that Arthur is completely prostrated with grief over the killing of his young brother, and has attempted to take his own life.

CENSUS OF CAROLINA CITIES.

Rocky Mount and Durham Made Largest Gains—Increase of Population Shown in Rural District.

Washington, Jan. 4.—North Carolina's population did not show the same tendency of drifting from rural districts to the cities during the last ten years as was the case in many other States.

Announcement to-day by the Director of the Census of the population figures as enumerated in the thirteenth census of cities and towns in North Carolina having a population in excess of 5,000 indicates that slightly over 25 per cent., of the State's total increase in population—312,477 inhabitants—was contributed by these cities and towns. The rural districts furnished 229,391, or about 73 per cent. of the increase, as compared with the \$3,106 increase in the cities.

Eight municipalities increased in population from below 5,000 to totals above that number. The Thirteenth census statistics show twenty such cities and towns in North Carolina in 1910 compared with twelve in 1900. Not a single loss in population was recorded in these places during the ten years.

In point of increase in population Rocky Mount holds first place with a 274 per cent. increase. Durham follows closely behind with 273 per cent., and High Point shows a 228 per cent. gain.

The largest cities rank as follows in percentage of increase: Charlotte 83.0 per cent.; Greensboro 58.3 per cent.; Raleigh 40.8 per cent.; Asheville 27.6 per cent., and Wilmington 22.7 per cent.

A NEW LIVERY BUSINESS.

Parrish & Mahler Recently Opened in the Fuller Corner.

Messrs. D. W. Parrish and J. E. Mahler have recently had the old Dispensary Building on the Fuller corner fitted up for a livery stable and are now running a first-class livery business. It is their purpose to give the travelling public the very best service possible.

In addition to the livery business they are also carrying a large line of up-to-date and popular make of buggies, having just received two car loads.

The Herald wishes the new firm much success and bespeaks for them a liberal share of the public's patronage.