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## A Lunar Eclipse.

The Fayetteville Observer of Saturday stated that there would be a lunar eclipse of the moon that night from eleven till one-thirty o'clock, and that all the colors of the rainbow would be visible, and that such a phenomenon had not occurred in four hundred years—not since the days of Queen Elizabeth and Sir Walter Raleigh, and as I could not remember the last one we had, and fearing that possibly I might not be at home when the next one comes along, I stayed up till midnight. And I saw the same, usual, little white moon—about the size of a dinner plate.

We hear of a number of people remained up to see this unusual sight, and we heard of one man, who says he couldn't see any moon at all, but he could see red.

## Letter to Santa Claus.

From a number of letters to Santa Claus, one has been given us for publication:

Raeford, N. C.  
Dec. 20th, 1926.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am being very, very good these days. I want a 22 rifle if you please. I am in school now. I like my teacher. I want a pair of boots. I wear size 1 in boy size, so please bring a pair.

If you please, I would like to have a male calf.

Dear Santa, please let it be a male.

Yours Cencerely,

## More Uses for Gas.

A company in Baltimore has put on the market a new gas cutting and welding torch that is only a fraction as much as the gas usually used. It is another victory for common gas, that has been the friend of industry for many years; a victory that was bound to come, awaiting only the serious study of an observant scientist. This welding development is one of the best industrial discoveries in years; it means cheaper building, cheaper repairs, and the utilization of many an old machine in ways that were prohibited by the present high cost of welding and cutting. More uses are being found for gas every day, and the industry was never before so promising.

Christmas day 1876 an eighteen inch snow came.

Mr. J. F. Locky of Opp, Ala., Supt. of Opp & Nicolas Mills, spent the holidays with his family here.

Paul Dickson has been elected president of Raeford Kiwanis club; R. B. Lewis, Jr., is vice-president, Bruce Morris, treasurer, Dr. Geddie, trustee.

LaFayette Bank & Trust Co. of Fayetteville recently paid out \$35,000 Christmas club money. Those who joined the club had no idea the sum total would be so great.

The men of the Presbyterian church were given a good luncheon last Friday night by the Woman's Auxiliary and they had a very profitable meeting after the luncheon.

Our big assortment of Dolls are priced very low.

The Kash Store.

FOR SALE—House and lot on North Main Street.

F. P. Johnson.

A good line of regular merchandise as well as holiday items can be found at

The Kash Store.

## LOCAL NEWS.

The schools are closing for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. M. McDuffie is sick with pleurisy we are sorry to learn.

The county commissioners meet in regular session Jan. 3.

The Bank of Raeford building now has steam heat, and is very comfortable.

The stores in Raeford close Friday night for Christmas, shop as you please.

Give The Journal to the boys and girls away at school for a Christmas present.

Mr. Stirling Currie of Atlanta, Ga., is spending some time with relatives in Raeford.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. L. Poole on Dec. 17th, a fine son, William Lawrence, Jr.

It has been a long time since we had any skating ice, not since 1917 if we remember right.

There will be a Fiddlers' Convention held in the school auditorium Thursday night, Dec. 23.

Little Miss Estelle Maulsby is very much improved. She has had a very painful attack of rheumatism.

The people as a rule have their hog and hominy, and many will have flour from their own wheat after next July.

The cold snap failed to hold its grip, and Friday following the coldest night of the season, the weather moderated.

We never have known malaga grapes to sell for 15c per pound before, but they are selling for that now in Raeford.

Mr. E. E. Fridell shipped, as is his custom, a box of holly and mistletoe to his mother in Connecticut a few days ago.

Mr. Gordon B. Rowland has moved his office from the Bank of Raeford building to a room upstairs in the court house.

The men get twice as much pension as the women, and we look for them to quit voting for those male gluttons in Raleigh.

Mr. R. L. Dixon of Timberland, Route 1 killed two Durocs 13 months old on Wednesday of last week that netted 794 pounds of pork.

While we are paying the cost, and roads are being hardsurfaced, Hoke county should be getting more of them along with other counties.

Mr. L. H. Huckabee has sold his farm to Mr. Z. V. Pate and will move the first of the year to Pender county. We regret very much to lose this good family.

Mr. F. F. McPhaul of Antidale township killed five hogs on Dec. 7th, that weighed 380, 400, 420, 440 and 470 pounds, total 2,116 pounds, an average of 523 2 pounds.

The trouble about a State Constabulary will be: When there is trouble on the highway, nobody will know where the officer is, for where the trouble is there's rarely ever an officer.

About ten days ago Mr. John Blue stepped on something that turned his ankle, sprained it, causing him to fall and break his leg below the knee, so he has had a hard time since, but he is out now on crutches.

There have been as many bales of cotton weighed at the platform this fall as in any previous season, according to Mr. Martin McKeithan, Cotton Weigher, 7,000 bales or a little over have been sold on this market this fall.

Mr. M. W. McLean is recovering from a stubborn attack of influenza.

The cold snap was a little behind schedule, but it was cold weather here the past week-end.

The boys and girls who have been away at college are at home and add to the gayety of the town.

We expect a number of our friends to remember their subscription to The Journal this week.

Recently Chicago boasted a 90 story building. Now New York will soon have one 110 stories high.

We overlooked the mention of the birth of another fine son born to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Campbell three weeks ago.

Misfortune seems to follow beaten trials. A good mule belonging to Mrs. W. L. Holliday of Jackson Springs died last week.

Mrs. Annie McNeill of Greensboro is spending some time with relatives in town. She has been in a hospital most of the time for a year.

Hoke county cotton crop is over 1500 bales short, and this sold for mighty little over half the sum of money last year's crop brought.

Land sales by foreclosure are as common in other counties as in Hoke, and the large number of such sales shows the effect of low priced cotton.

Mr. W. C. Ray came into town Saturday morning with a paper protecting his radiator. He says a paper will keep the water in radiator from freezing.

The roads are good, we have heard no complaint against the schools, the folks have corn, forage perk and syrup, so we are fixed to live. Not so bad, boys.

Hoke Oil & Fertilizer Co. have had cotton bags made in which they put up their cotton seed meal this year, and they are pretty bags too; and this helps consume eighteen millions bales of cotton.

We appreciate the beautifully printed volume of new poems by Mrs. T. B. Upchurch, sent us a few days ago by the author. We find these poems highly interesting, each with an ennobling sentiment.

Upchurch Milling & Storage Co. have sold the small ice plant they had, and will put in a new plant with nearly three times the capacity of the old one. Work on this new plant will start early in January.

A mob of 75 disguised men flogged E. A. Jones, a Wake county country merchant, who lived 7 miles east of Raleigh, and Sam Green, a negro employee of Jones one night last week. 11 of the mob were recognized and have been indicted.

At a meeting of the fire company held a few nights ago the following officers were elected for next year:

R. B. Lewis, Chief.  
H. A. Greene, Asst. Chief.  
Martin McKeithan, Captain.  
John Blue, Lieutenant.  
L. S. McMillan, Sec.-Treas.

The Journal has been helping out our neighbor, The Red Springs Citizen, for some weeks since the press in its office broke down, and while that paper was being printed in this office last Thursday night, our press was badly broken; but through the help of Teal Bros. and McMillan, we hope the repairs are fully made.

A German engineer is at work on a superplane to carry 10,000 E. P. engines, ten propellers, 180 passengers, in a crew of twenty-five and cross the Atlantic in thirty-six hours.

Merely hearing about that makes us dizzy in this country.

Investigation of watchmen on Long Island grade crossings found eighteen of them asleep. Fourteen "watchers" are found peacefully slumbering on Staten Island. The human is uncertain—more reason for persuading railroads to use devices that do not go to sleep.

The best is the raised or sunken grade crossing. A good one would be a sharp right angle turn in the road before every grade crossing, compelling drivers to stop and think. Swinging red lights and ringing bells help.

The police should have, but hasn't, intelligence enough not to get run over—and not to depend on watchmen.

William Roberts, of Butte, Montana, sent a turkey and five small gold nuggets were found in its crop. The turkey came from a packing house. Nobody knows where it had to eat. There is a tragedy—gold mine somewhere, impossible to locate it.

But a new tragedy is represented by the man of genius. His brain contains intellectual gold nuggets of gigantic size.

But, like the turkey with the jumps of gold in its inside, the genius cannot tell where he got it. Cannot point to the celestial mine whence genius comes.

Four railroads have increased wages of shopmen, showing intelligence in allowing crumbs from the prosperity table to fall within the reach of the workers. There is prosperity enough for all, and it will last longer if everybody has a little of it.

## GREETINGS TO EVERYBODY.

In these forty years I have lived, a dozen of which I have spent among Hoke county people, I have acquired certain valuable experiences. Among them is the discovery that no man

how he may choose his path among men. And of the many things in the year 1926, which have contributed to my blessings, success and happiness, I believe at the top of the list stands the simple word Friendship.

The very ordinary word carries more weight than gold. It polishes the shadow from the dark day. It softens the uneven places along the untraveled road of the future. It even makes the greatest heartaches pass sooner than time and its erasing forces.

To the loyalty of my friends I make my humblest token of reverence, because whatever of accomplishment marks my sojourn during the year is due absolutely to what you, and you, and you, have seen fit to bring me. I said it is my chief experience that no man can live unto himself. What greater observation can I make?

Whatever your disappointments are or may be in the New Year, I wish each one of you to find cheer and comfort in the homely fact that through you it has been possible for me to maintain the little home that I occupy, and to feed and clothe those dependent upon me. If, therefore, there is anything in the nature of the widow's mite which I can offer or bring to you in return in grateful acknowledgement of your patronage and kind indulgence of me and my meagre talents, I assure each of you that it is certainly at your disposal. With this mutual understanding, and with every other good wish to you and yours, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
ARTHUR D. GORE.

We suppose the farmers of the State would be very happy were they getting as much as the humblest employee of the State in Raleigh.

For Rent—Apartment for light house keeping with private bath, also some extra rooms. Miss Ida McLaughlin.

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