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ONE DOLLAR PAID-IN-ADVANCE GETS THIS PAPER TWICE A WEEK FOR A WHOLE YEAR.

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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Governor Craig has appointed J. P. Kerr of Asheville his private secretary and G. A. Thomas of the same city his chief clerk.

According to the Manufacturers Record there were built in North Carolina last year nearly 150 miles of railroads. For the year 1912 there are under contract 330 miles, more than in any other Southern state.

Governor Wilson, celebrated his 56th birthday in his old home town of Staunton, Virginia on the 28th. The people of Virginia made a big demonstration for him and he spoke to great throngs in front of the church in which he was baptized as a child.

A man named Hulch was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his gun at Caroleen last Saturday. He sat his gun down and as he did so the hammer struck a plank with such force as to make it fire. The charge entered his head killing him instantly.

A barn belonging to Miss Jane Sowers of Bethany township Iredell county was destroyed by fire on Christmas day. Five head of horses and mules and a lot of machinery and feed was lost with no insurance. The fire was thought to have been incendiary.

Of the party of sixteen suffragettes who undertook to tramp from New York city to Albany, only five made the entire trip. They went to ask Governor elect Sulzer to advocate Woman Suffrage in his inaugural message. He assured them he had recommended it in his message.

Eight persons three white and five colored, were instantly killed at Hamlet on the morning of the 28th, by the explosion of a stationary boiler in the round house of the Seaboard Air Line Railway. The bodies were badly mangled, one man being blown 200 feet by the force of the explosion.

Post Master General Hitchcock sent the first Parcel Post package a few seconds after 12 o'clock Tuesday night. It was a loving cup and sent to the post master at New York. It will be returned and properly engraved and kept as a souvenir of the inauguration of the great stride by the post office department.

Thirty eight of the forty men indicted for conspiracy to dynamite non-union shops and works, who have been on trial at Indianapolis for three months were convicted by the jury last Saturday. Their sentences range from one year to seven years in the Federal prison at Fort Leavenworth Kansas where they were taken there by special train Tuesday.

A man named W. F. Feimster was found dead in his bed near Olin last Sunday with a small 22 calibre rifle laying beside him and a bullet hole in his head. He had been drinking and it was thought to be a case of suicide but as his money and some valuable papers were missing, the case is being investigated. He had taken his family to relatives to visit and was alone at his home at the time and was last seen alive on Saturday when he bought a box of cartridges for his gun at a store in the vicinity.

Convicted Dynamiters Sentenced.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 30. Imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., today was imposed as punishment upon 33 labor union officials, convicted of having engaged in the destruction of property by dynamite over an area extending from Boston to Los Angeles.

Frank M. Ryan, president of the Iron Workers International union, whose strike was given as the motive for promoting the dynamite plots, was sentenced to seven years, imprisonment, the heaviest punishment of all.

Of the 38 men convicted as conspirators and aiders in the McNamara dynamiting schemes, eight of the men, all affiliated with Ryan, each were given prison terms of six years.

Two men each were given four years, twelve men each were given three years, four men each were given two years, six men each were given one year and one day, and six men, including Edward Clark, of Cincinnati, a dynamiter, who confessed were allowed their liberty on suspended sentences.

Two Near Fires at Hudson.

Last Friday night about nine o'clock, fire was discovered in the engine room of the Hudson Chair factory. Some gentlemen happened to be at the depot awaiting friends expected on the late train got to the fire in time to save the building by hard work. The fire is supposed to have started from shavings or kindling left to near the furnace. The damage was very little, but had the fire gotten a little headway the entire factory would have gone up in smoke.

Next day the dwelling of Mr. P. M. Throneburg, caught on fire and the flames were making rapid headway about the wood work of the mantle and siding, when discovered. Friends rushed in and the fire was soon extinguished, but considerable damage was done by water.

It is likely the legislature will be petitioned to form several new counties in various parts of the State.

There was quite a general quaking of the earth all over the southeastern states last Wednesday, but no damage was done at any place.

Nearly ninety thousand garment workers are on a strike in New York City. They are orderly and quiet, but the business is badly crippled by the strike.

It is reported that President Taft has leased a house in New Haven, Conn., where he will live after he retires from the White House, March 4th next.

President Taft held his last New Year's reception last Wednesday when large crowds called to pay their respects. It is said the president shook hands with more than seven thousand persons.

A young man was arrested in Wake county last week on the charge of false pretense because he aided a young couple to get married by representing the girl to be 18 year old when she was only 16.

The man who gambles for fun ought not to expect anything else out of it.

More money is frittered away upon wabby wishy-washy mediums, circulars and catalogs than is spent for advertising.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS

Items From Our Regular Correspondents and Neighboring County Papers.

KINGS CREEK.

The holiday have very quietly and orderly in this community much to the honor of our people. There was very little drinking and every body seemed happy and enjoyed the Christmas time as they should.

Mr. Carl Pennell visited Granite Falls during the holidays.

Many of our young folks attended the singing at Lower Creek church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brookshire of Downsville were visitors here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Laxton have moved to Boomer to live.

Our school closed for a week during the holidays and Miss Hodges spent the time near Lenoir with friends.

Miss Janie Laxton of Statesville was a visitor to our community during the holidays.

Miss Addie Laxton who has been living near Asheville for some time is home for awhile.

Mr. J. H. Barlow has nearly completed his new dwelling making quite an addition to the community.

Miss Laura Laxton came home from Lenoir for the holidays.

Mr. Elisha Brookshire and wife were visitors at Mr. Lester Brookshiers Sunday.

Will close by wishing The News and its many readers a happy New Year. X. Y. Z.

LITTLE RIVER.

The bad weather has done away with the good roads in this vicinity.

The holiday season passed quietly in this community, there was very little evidence of drinking and no disorder.

Oak Hill school suspended one week for holidays, opening again on the 30th.

Mrs. Price known as "aunt Polly" Price died last week and was buried at Cedar Valley church.

Mr. Lee Henisee of Morganton was a visitor to our neighborhood last week.

Mr. Thomas Blair who has been living in Ohio, has come in on a visit.

Mr. Jesse Brown and wife are visiting the families of Messrs T. H. and C. L. Sherrill this week. Mr. Brown moved from this county to Oklahoma about three years ago.

The Farmers Union No. 459 will meet at the home of Mr. F. M. Whitner on the 4th.

Mr. T. H. Sherrill and W. J. Haas and son have traded farms and Mr. Sherrill expects to move soon.

Cottrell Hill School.

If a visitor who chanced to spend a few minutes in the Cottrell Hill School a few years ago would step in now for a little visit, he would find a wonderful change. A new house has lately been erected, and gives a striking appearance to the place. As the average attendance has heretofore been very small, it was not thought necessary to make more than one teaching room to the building, but as the attendance this year has so astonishingly increased, an assis-

COLORED MAN SUICIDES.

Well Known and Respected Negro Shoots Himself Through Head With a Shotgun.

Bart Little, colored, shot and killed himself last Saturday afternoon near his home in Kings Creek township, this County. When Little left home he took his gun saying he was going hunting. He did not return home and that was the last seen of him alive. On Sunday his wife, who has very little intelligence, made some inquiry about him, but was not much concerned, as she said she thought he had gone to spend the night with some relatives in the neighborhood. When he did not return Sunday night his wife began a search through the neighborhood on Monday and late in the day his body was found in an old field not far from his home. A ghastly wound was found in his head and he held his shotgun in a death grip. A string was found tied to his foot, which had evidently been fastened to the trigger of the gun. The entire charge from the gun had entered the right eye and shattered away a large part of the head and brain. The body was cold and stiff and is presumed the deed was done Saturday afternoon. A piece of string was found in the dead man's pocket that corresponded to that tied to his foot and it was such a plain case of suicide that the Coroner, Dr. Wilson and the jury composed of W. J. Smith, J. H. Taylor, J. F. Flowers, W. D. Oxford, J. L. Walken and R. A. Brown, who examined the body, decided he had come to his death from a gun shot wound inflicted by himself.

Trees Birds.

Mr. George E. Moore, of this place, has a fine pointer dog that not only finds birds and points them, but if his master is not in sight will call him by barking gently until he comes. This dog has been doing this stunt for years and many of the sportsmen of this community are loud in their praises of his wonderful intelligence. Some hunters did not believe "Wiley" would do this unique thing, but Mr. Moore promptly took them hunting with him and showed them that there was no fake about it.

tant is very much needed. Under the competent management of one of our best teachers, Mr. E. A. Shaver, we have a working school. Mr. Shaver's influence is felt far and wide. He has aroused a great interest in the question of education. People who before have shown little or no interest are now sending regularly. Just ask the patrons and see if they are not highly pleased with their present school. X.

Wednesday night, Dec. 25th, Mrs. S. Alice Coffey, gave a "Christmas Party" to a number of young people, at her home a few miles east of town. Several interesting games were played, then the gentlemen were asked to escort the ladies to the dining-room, where delightful refreshments were served. Some excellent music was rendered by Messrs. Fred and Carl Stokes and Albert Kirby. The few hours were most pleasantly spent for Mrs. Coffey is a delightful hostess. REPORTER.

Why Milk is High.

The people of cities who complain about the high price of milk may be interested in knowing what it costs to produce and distribute good marketable milk. An investigation made last year by the dairy department of the College of Agriculture, Ohio State University, shows that the average cost of producing a gallon of milk in Ohio is about 25 cents or 6.25 cents per quart, allowing 3,200 pounds per cow per year as the average milk production. This takes into consideration the cost of feeds, labor, interest on investment, maintenance, insurance, the taxes, etc. When the average milk production per cow is increased the cost is decreased. The average cost of distribution is 3 1-2 cents per quart, making a total of 9.75 cents per quart as the cost of producing milk and delivering it to the consumer. This means that when milk retails at 10 cents a quart, the average producer and distributor is making little or no profit on the transaction. Where high producing cows are kept and economic methods of handling and distributing on a large scale are employed, the above figures are greatly reduced and there is a fair profit in the dairy business. However, it is the average producer, who keeps average cows, the increasing cost of feeds and labor and the greater demand for sanitary conditions that are contributing to the high price of milk.—National Stockman and Farmer.

Furniture Makers Win Rate Case.

Washington, Dec. 30.—North Carolina furniture manufacturers won a victory of far-reaching effect today when the interstate commerce commission handed down an opinion in favor of the North Carolina manufacturers in the case against the Virginia territory in which it was claimed that the rate on furniture to the Pacific coast was a discrimination against the North Carolina manufacturers in favor of Virginia furniture dealers.

A Word to Subscribers.

We have a number of names on our lists of subscribers whose time expired with the old year. Most of these will find marks on the margin of their papers indicating this fact. To all such we respectfully say we want them to renew and stay with us. We feel that the little paper is worth the small price we ask for it and we hope to have prompt renewals from all those whose time expired with the year 1912. We make no big promises for the New Year, but will endeavor to give our readers all the news "fit to print," promptly and regularly while it is fresh and is news. If we don't hear from these expiring subscriptions promptly we shall deem it an evidence the paper is not wanted, and in accordance with our custom, will drop the names from our lists.

Mrs. Manardy Gibbs, who with her husband has been visiting at Mr. J. A. Allen's for several days, suffered a serious fall Wednesday morning as she was coming down the steps to start for home. They had intended leaving on the 7:30 train and as she was coming down the steps her foot turned and she fell with much force and received injuries from which she has been confined to her bed since.

RIVER BRIDGE COLLAPSED.

Seven Killed and Many Injured. Train Sank to Bottom of the River.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 1.—Seven men were killed and the lives of several others are believed to have been lost today when a west-bound train crashed through a weakened bridge across Guyandotte River, at Guyandotte, a suburb near this city. Upwards of a dozen men were injured.

A crew of 30 or more ironworkers were employed installing a double track across the bridge when the freight train approached. A few left their posts, it is said, believing the bridge unsafe.

When the train was near the center of the structure the bridge crumbled. The heavy train crashed into the water and the bridge debris covered the train wreckage.

Members of the train crew and ironworkers not caught beneath the wreckage struggled through the water to shore.

The engine, one of the largest types, probably will have to be removed from the water before progress can be made in recovering bodies.

The accident is believed to have been caused by water undermining the piling that had been put in at low water stage. A heavy rise in the river had caused considerable loss during the past several days, but the railroad officials felt confident that the bridge was safe. A passenger train had passed over the bridge a few moments before it gave way under the weight of the freight train.

Other Locals.

Mr. F. P. Moore visited his son Mr. Joe C. Moore in Greenville Tennessee during the holidays.

Edgar Mingus, who has been living in Greenville Tennessee for a year or more has taken a position in the job department of The News Printery.

Messrs Frank and Ed Lewis who have been hunting in this vicinity for several days as guests of Mr. Ned Jones will leave for their homes in New York tomorrow.

Mr. W. L. Winkler of Watauga-Caldwell leaves today for Spring Hope where he resumes the position of Principal of the High School. He had planned to rest from teaching for a year but has been persistently called back he says to the work at Spring Hope, until he was almost forced to go back.

Mr. Roscoe Little and Miss Maggie Kerley of Watauga were married last Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. B. L. Stone in this place. Miss Kerley is a sister of Mrs. Stone and was here on a visit and her fiancée came over and they were quietly joined in wedlock by Rev. C. H. Curtis of Lenoir Circuit.

The News is grateful for its growing list of readers and appreciates their support and kindness. The management is also thankful for the advertising patronage extended to the paper and will endeavor during the new year to see that every subscriber gets every paper he pays for and that the advertisers get as good service as it is possible to give them. In this connection we wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.