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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

TO TEST TOBACCO RAISING LOCALLY

EXPERIMENTS TO BE MADE IN CLEVELAND

Blanton Brothers, Mull and Gardner Planning Experiments With Tobacco Raising in Cleveland

Tests at raising tobacco in Cleveland county will probably be made next year by Messrs. C. C. and George Blanton, O. Max Gardner and O. M. Mull in order to determine if a tobacco crop will be a good substitute for this climate and soil in the event that the boll weevil invades the county to such an extent that cotton raising will not be profitable as a money crop.

These gentlemen have been in communication with experienced tobacco raisers in central Carolina, having placed advertisements in papers at Oxford and Henderson with a view of getting in touch with one or more men who will come to Cleveland and conduct experiments with ten acre fields on the three fine farms belonging to Blanton Brothers, Gardner and Mull. These gentlemen have not closed a trade with an experienced tobacco grower as yet, but expect to hire a man who is thoroughly familiar with the best seed for this soil and climate, one who has a knowledge of sowing the plant beds, cultivating the plant, cutting, curing, grading and selling. A barn is needed for every eight acres in tobacco so one or two barns will no doubt be built.

Tobacco was at one time grown in Cleveland but the venture was abandoned because the market went to pieces and was therefore not profitable. Older people will remember the several barns and fields and recall the fact that the Lineberger shop building was erected as a warehouse. The market is and has been very profitable for tobacco growers in the belt and the Shelby men feel that the same results will obtain in Cleveland after our farmers once become accustomed to tobacco raising.

Should the boll weevil swoop down on Cleveland county and do very considerable damage to cotton, our farmers would suffer greatly, consequently business would become paralyzed in a measure until our agriculture could hit upon some substitute money crop. These gentlemen feel that tobacco is the next best substitute for cotton and are therefore undertaking the experiment, perhaps at a great loss for the first year in order to make the necessary experiments by which other farmers will profit. They are to be commended for their far-sighted policy. Their modern methods of farming have been a source of great stimulus to agriculture in Cleveland and if they find that tobacco can be grown profitably in the event the boll weevil cuts cotton, they will have done a great favor to farming in the county. In the meantime they are securing all the information possible on tobacco culture before they take the first steps on the beginning of the new year.

In the event their tests are successful and it is proven that tobacco is profitable in Cleveland, the county should have two good money crops, thus becoming one of the richest and most advanced agricultural counties in the South. Cleveland county farmers are given up to be among the most progressive in the State and Messrs. Blanton, Gardner and Mull are doing pioneer work which will no doubt serve as a great blessing to agriculture in the year to come.

CHRISTMAS TREE AND ENTERTAINMENT AT HOYLE'S

There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Hoyle School house Friday evening, December 23. The program consists of songs, recitations, drills, dialogues, etc. The program is a very extensive one and will no doubt please those who attend.

LAWDALE MASONS TO SERVE OYSTERS AND FISH

Lawdale Masonic Lodge No. 486 will meet December 27th at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, this being St. John's Day. All members are urged to be present and bring their wives and sweethearts. At six o'clock an oyster and fish supper will be served by the lodge.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT UNION CONSOLIDATED

There will be a Christmas pageant at the Union Consolidated school Friday night, December 23. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Messrs. William Lineberger and Mal Spangler were business visitors in Charlotte Wednesday.

PLAY AT FALLSTON SCHOOL SATURDAY 24TH.

Deacon Dubbs, a Rural Comedy Drama, Will Also Be Presented in South Shelby Club House

Deacon Dubbs, a three act rural comedy-drama will be presented by the Fallston High School Saturday evening, December 24, at the Fallston school building.

Darius Dubbs, a jolly, middle-aged widower from Sorghum Center, State of West Virginia, makes a visit to his nephew Amos Coleman, and while there he helps to extricate the beloved village school ma'am, Rose Raleigh, from the clutches of the villain, Rawdon Crawley; falls in love with his childhood sweetheart, Miss Philippa Popover and is kept in hot water by the pranks of Trixie Coleman. In the course of the play the Deacon makes a trip to "Noo" York and shocks the villagers by his antics in that wicked city, "and him a deacon in the church."

Deuteronomy, a bashful, backward, ambitious country boy finally gives up his heart's desire, Trixie, to marry the Swedish hired girl, Yennie Yeuseu, who has money. If you wish to enjoy a hearty laugh and get rid of old man gloom come and see Yennie make up to Deuteronomy, come and witness the mischievous pranks of Trixie who removes Miss Philippa's wig and then becomes the original hair restorer. The cast is well balanced and includes:

Janie Stamey as Miss Philippa Popover. Ruby Hamrick—Yennie Yeuseu. Pitylla Bingham — Deuteronomy Jones.

Maude Richards—Emily Dale. Olin Murray—Rawdon Crawley. Willie Mae Cline—Rose Raleigh. Robert Kendrick—Amos Coleman. Kathleen Stroup—Trixie Coleman. Walter Lackey—Deacon Dubbs. Yates Williams—Major Moses McNutt.

Shelbyites will be given an opportunity to see the play, Saturday evening, Dec. 31, when it will be produced at the South Shelby club house. By Heck! I most forgot, proceeds will be used to buy school desks.

ST. PAUL NEWS NOTES OF LATE HAPPENINGS

Box Supper Well Attended—Personal Mention of Interest

Special to The Star: Our pastor, Rev. J. F. Moser, was with us at his usual appointment Sunday, December 18th and preached a very helpful sermon.

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul gave a box supper Saturday night and in spite of the inclement weather they realized \$22.25. Mr. H. S. Sellers sold the boxes.

Misses Mildred, Myrtle and Gladie Gardner of P. H. S. spent the weekend with their sister, Miss Willie Wee Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Murray spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Erwin.

Misses Laura Sellers and Mamie Smith of Cherryville spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John W. Helton. Miss Alpha Harmon spent Saturday night with Miss Bessie Smith.

Misses Beattie and Lillie Canipe spent the weekend with Miss Bain Canipe.

Miss Irene Dellinger is expected home from the State Normal, Thursday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Marie Harrelson spent Saturday night at home.

The St. Paul school closes Friday afternoon for a week. Miss Gardner will treat her children at that time.

The school children are going to have a Christmas tree Friday afternoon in honor of their teacher.

Miss Willie Wee Gardner will spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sisk of Belmont will spend a few days next week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Sisk.

REV. J. C. GILLESPIE IS MOVING TO CLEVELAND CO.

The many friends of Rev. J. C. Gillespie will be interested to learn that he will move his family from Lexington to Boiling Springs next week. Mr. Gillespie, a native of Cleveland has accepted the pastorate of several churches in Cleveland county and has been coming back and forth for the past several weeks to fill his appointments. Now he is moving his family to this county.

NOTICE—By selling for strictly cash to every one will enable us to give our customers better bargains. Hoyle & Royster, Lawdale, N. C. 2123

NOTICE—You can buy a dollar's worth with a \$ when you pay cash at Hoyle & Royster. 2t-23p



A Christmas Greeting

In the hearts of all of us there is somewhere an abiding faith in the existence of good-will, good-cheer and good-fellowship. But in the intensive strife of life's daily trials and manifold and complex worldly demands and exactions we are prone to be unmindful of the presence within us of these almost divine attributes. It is only when the finger of time points to and recalls the hour of the advent on earth of our Lord and Savior—it is then that we awake to the consciousness that there is something better than the mad pursuit of the material and perishable things of earth: it is then that love for our fellow beings becomes an abounding and all-absorbing passion; our hearts are filled with love. And in this love are mirrored the noblest traits of humanity: we delight in bringing sunshine and happiness into the lives of all, no matter who they may be; for in this great love all mankind are kin; they are of one blood on this great festal day. It is at this period of the year that we are at our best; for in the bestowal of the symbols of our love, affection and esteem we approach nearest to the teachings and example of Him who gave His life that man should have eternal life, a life crowned and exalted by a joy that is without end. So it is that in welcoming the advent of this day of good-will and good-cheer and good-fellowship, The Star with a heart overflowing with love and gratitude extends to one and all

A Merry Christmas

SOCIETY Club

Class Banquet The 2nd annual banquet of the class of 1921 of S. H. S. will be held Dec. 29 at 8:00 at the Central Hotel. Covers will be laid for 24.

School Boys and Girls Home for Holidays The college boys and girls are home for the happy Yule-tide, bringing with them all the joys and gladness of the season. They have been coming home in full force for the past week the list being as follows: Misses Dorothy McBrayer, Meredith; Rosalind Nix, Matilda Lattimore, North Carolina College for Women; Elizabeth Suttle and Hannah Washburn and Bright Elam, Coker College; Janie Blanton, Margaret Morgan, Queens College, Charlotte; Thelma Young Greensboro College for Women; Miriam McBrayer, Florida State College, Fla.; Adelaide Bostic, Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Messrs. Aaron Quinn, Robert Hord, Clyde Hoey, Charles Hoey, Clyde McMurry, N. C. College at Raleigh; Oren and Hubbard Hamrick, Wake Forest.

Miss Sherrill Accepts Position in Winston The host of warm friends here of Miss Ollie Sherrill will be deeply interested to know that she has resigned her position here as stenographer and bookkeeper for the Farmers Hardware store and left this week for Winston-Salem where she has gone as private secretary for Rev. Chas. A. Wood, Sup't. of the Methodist Children's Home.

Library Closed Tomorrow The public library will be closed tomorrow, (Saturday) during the afternoon hours in observance of the Christmas holidays but will be opened to the public again Tuesday afternoon.

Attending Wedding in Charlotte Mrs. Bloom Kendall left yesterday for Charlotte to attend the wedding of her niece, Miss Sarah Kendall and Mr. Fred Adams, both of Charlotte which happy event took place last evening at 6:15 at Tryon street Methodist church. The bride is a lovely and cultured young Charlotte girl—the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kendall formerly of this place and is the niece of Messrs. Henry, Kemp, Bloom Kendall and Messrs. Zollie and Pink Riviere all of our city.

Christmas Entertainment—There will be a Christmas tree and entertainment at the Methodist Protestant church in West Shelby, Saturday night at 7 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

Wright Washburn Wedding At the home of Mr. John E. Wright

in the Double Springs community Thursday of this week, their attractive daughter, Miss Edna Wright and Mr. D. Purvis Washburn were happily married in the presence of only a few friends and relatives. The ceremony was performed in a very impressive manner by Rev. D. G. Washburn, after which the couple left for Charlotte to spend a few days. On their return they will live with his father Mr. W. W. Washburn until Spring, when he will erect a new home in that community.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Washburn and a very energetic and promising young farmer. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Wright and has been a popular teacher in the Double Springs school for several years. They have the best wishes of their host of friends.

AGED WOMAN BURNED DIES OF INJURIES

Mrs. Wilson Was Eighty-Two Years of Age and Had Been an Invalid for Ten Years

Gaffney, S. C., Dec. 2.—News has reached Gaffney from the Buffalo section of Cherokee county to the effect that Mrs. Martha Caroline Wilson, an aged woman of that section succumbed to burns she had received at the home of her son, J. D. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson was the widow of Lawrence Wilson, who was killed in one of the last battles of the War between the States while serving with the Confederate forces. The deceased was 82 years of age and for the last eight or ten years had been an invalid. She is survived by three sons and one daughter.

Funeral services took place Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Buffalo church, of which the deceased had long been a consistent member, the services being conducted by the Rev. J. B. Bozeman, the pastor.

NO TUESDAY'S STAR

The Star will not appear on Tuesday December 27th in order to give the force their usual Christmas holidays. This will be the last issue until December 30th when issues will be resumed.

The business office will be open during the holidays most of the time for those who wish to pay their subscriptions. Quite a number of subscriptions are expiring with the end of the year and statements are being mailed out. We hope our subscribers whose time has expired will remit promptly by mail or person. We wish to close our books for the year.

The largest American airship, recently purchased from Italy, was christened at Langley field yesterday with a bottle of liquid air.

WEALTHY MANUFACTURER DIES AT CONCORD

Mr. J. W. Cannon, Head of Largest Towell Mills in World in Largest Unincorporated Town

Concord, Dec. 19.—James W. Cannon, Concord's most prominent citizen and generally recognized as the greatest and most successful cotton mill man in the south, died at his home here tonight at 6 o'clock, after a two-week's illness. Death was caused by heart trouble.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it was announced tonight.

Mr. Cannon became ill two weeks ago, and had left his home but once since that time. Last week he was afflicted with severe heart attacks and his death had been expected almost hourly since last Saturday afternoon. Prominent physicians from this and other states were called into consultation by his family physicians, but he failed to rally to all medical aid, and was only conscious for short periods of time since Saturday. Members of his family had been at his bedside since Friday afternoon.

James William Cannon was born in Meeklenburg county in March 1852, and therefore was 59 years of age. He was the son of Jos. F. and Eliza Long Cannon. The old home was near Sugar Creek church, where the deceased lived until he was 14 years of age, when he came to Concord. His first business connection was with the mercantile firm of Cannon & Fetzer, and after holding a position as clerk in the firm for a number of years, he purchased the Long interests and became one of the owners and managers. He was recognized as a genius in the mercantile world, and he gave up this business to take up bigger interests in the cotton mill industry, just beginning then in the south.

Giant in Textile World

His first mill was erected in Concord in 1882, and is still standing, being known as the Cannon Mills. The mill specializes in the manufacture of "Cannon Cloth." So successful was Mr. Cannon with his first textile venture that he soon enlarged his field, culminating his efforts with the building of Kannapolis, the largest unincorporated town in the world. The Cannon mills at Kannapolis manufacture more towels than any other single group of mills in the world, and Kannapolis is recognized as a model mill city. At the time of his death Mr. Cannon was president, chairman of the board of directors, or actively engaged in managing the following mills:

Cannon Manufacturing company, with plants at Concord, Kannapolis, N. C., and York, S. C.; Cabarrus Cotton mills, with plants at Concord and Kannapolis; Gibson Manufacturing company, Concord; Franklin Cotton mills, Concord; Patterson Manufacturing company; China Grove; Kesler Manufacturing company, Salisbury; Amazon Cotton mills, Thomasville; Barringer Manufacturing company, Rockwell; Efrid Manufacturing company, Rockwell; Efrid Manufacturing company, Albemarle; Wiscasset Mills company, Albemarle; Tuscarora Cotton mills, Mt. Pleasant; Bloomfield Manufacturing company, Statesville; Paola Cotton mills, Social Circle, Ga.; Imperial Cotton mills, Eatonton, Ga.; Buck Creek Cotton mills, Siluria, Ala.

Mr. Cannon also was vice president of the Cabarrus Savings bank of Concord, with branches in Albemarle and Kannapolis.

He had big interests in a number of mills through his selling agency and otherwise.

Mr. Cash is Injured

Gaffney Ledger:

E. R. Cash, superintendent of the Steele Manufacturing Company, at Rockingham, N. C. was painfully injured Friday afternoon while assisting in unloading a car of machinery. A heavy loom slipped and struck Mr. Cash in the abdomen. He is now at his home here recovering from the injury.

Friends of Mrs. E. R. Cash, who has been seriously ill in the City Hospital for some time, will be glad to know that her condition is improving. It is expected that she will be able to return to her home on Cherokee avenue the latter part of this week.

REV. PAUL ANTHONY WILL PREACH AT SALEM CHURCH

Rev. Paul B. Anthony who is a ministerial student at Rutherford College will preach at Salem Methodist church on Christmas Day at 2:30 p. m.

JUST RECEIVED a car load of Christmas hogs and shots last week and will have to arrive a load Tuesday and a load Thursday. See D. A. Beam and get best prices before you buy.

CROP SMALLEST IN TWO DECADES

FIVE MILEION BALES COTTON LESS

World's Production This Year is Placed by the Department at Around 15 Million Bales

Washington, Dec. 21.—World production of commercial cotton for 1921-1922 was placed at 15,593,000 bales by the department of agriculture, in a report made public tonight. This is the smallest crop since 1900, the report stated, and compares with 20,650,000 bales produced in 1920.

Two of the most important cotton producing countries—the United States and Egypt—suffered "disasters" during the year, the report asserted, producing only 61.4 per cent of their total production of last year, or 5,667,000 bales less than was produced in 1920. The cotton crop in China, South America, Mexico and other countries, while said to be not so important commercially, was reported smaller than usual. Russia, which immediately before the war produced around 1,000,000 bales annually, has practically ceased to grow cotton, the report stated.

Prices for cotton in the United States were forced down below production costs last year, the report said, because of the forced shutting down of spinning and weaving establishments in the principal manufacturing countries. Reduced consumption occasioned by the inability of Russia, Turkey and many other countries in Europe and throughout the world to buy cotton cloth since the war, it was explained, necessitated the closing of world mills. American farmers, confronted with a large carry-over, last spring voluntarily reduced their cotton acreage, it was pointed out, and the yield was further reduced, because "comparatively little fertilizer was used and because of boll weevil ravages over practically the entire cotton belt."

The American crop also was seriously hampered by unfavorable weather conditions over the cotton belt, the report further explained. Egypt was said to have been effected by much the same condition.

Resolutions of Respect by the Wesley Baraca Class of LaFayette Street Methodist Church

On December 15 brother Daniel L. Jarrett died suddenly of paralysis. By his death our church and Sunday school have lost a faithful and devoted member.

Therefore, be it resolved: First, that the members of the Wesley Baraca class desire publicly to express our sorrow in the departure of our earnest co-worker and friend, whose gentle spirit, sterling character, and good example, we all should emulate.

Second, that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to his bereaved family and relatives and point them to the Savior in whom he always trusted.

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, published in the Cleveland Star, and recorded in the minutes of our class.

J. C. WHISNANT, R. J. HAMRICK, R. E. WARE, Committee.

AGAINST McSWAIN NEW DIVORCE LAW ON INSANITY

Statesville Landmark:

The bill of the Cleveland county Representative making insanity cause for divorce and otherwise modifying the restrictions with which the marriage bond is hedged about, was killed, which same is also creditable to the special legislative session. Not now, but later, maybe. If the present tendency to looser divorce laws continues, insanity will be made cause for divorce in a few years. An aroused public sentiment against laxness in divorce laws is the only hope, but at present public sentiment shows little disposition to arouse.

At Central Methodist Church

A Christmas Sermon to Children—An illustrated sermon to the Junior Congregation will be preached by the pastor Christmas Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. The intermediate choir will furnish special music. The Juniors will assist in ushering and act as collectors. A blackboard will be used by way of illustration. The subject will be "Music, Geography, and the missing Joy-Note." A merry Christmas to every boy and girl who may come.

The council of ambassadors, according to a Paris dispatch has authorized the United States to contract with Germany for the construction of two Zeppelins.