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## PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

### Social Calendar.

Mid-week prayer meeting at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday nights. You are invited to come.

Sunday school at both the Presbyterian and Baptist churches every Sunday morning. You are welcome and your presence will be appreciated at either place.

Rev. W. H. Rymer will fill his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday.

Christian Endeavor society meets at the Presbyterian church Sunday nights. Interesting topics are discussed; and you are requested to come.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Clemmer, Monday night, a boy.

Russell's store pays 25 cents a dozen for eggs.

Mrs. Dave Burch spent Tuesday with friends in town.

August McClary is in Nashville this week, attending the Tennessee State Fair.

Mose Sweeny is sick this week. We understand that he is improving.

Several from here have been leading the revival meeting at his Chapel.

Dyke Higgins, John and Winston Prince, and others, spent a few days at Knoxville recently, seeing the sights.

Will Elrod, an engineer for the Tennessee Power Company of Parksville, was in town Tuesday.

The Bentonian Literary Society will meet in the high school auditorium Friday night, for the first time during this term of school. A very interesting subject has been selected for argument.

A. R. Arp, the popular L. & N. agent at Benton Station, has in recognition of his good services for the railroad, received as a present a free pass for an extensive trip to several cities on the L. & N. and other lines. It will take him thirty days to complete the trip. He will start in a few days. Another man will be furnished to take charge of the depot during Mr. Arp's absence.

Rev. W. H. Rymer favored us Tuesday, with a dollar on his subscription to the paper. The men who cheerfully help any enterprise that is striving to bring about the conditions which tend to upbuild the county, are the men in whom the people have confidence. Rev. Rymer is that kind of man.

John Goble, who worked as blacksmith at the rock crusher near here, fell from a motor boat at Caney Creek Sunday evening, and was drowned. He leaves a family. He was well known and respected here. Up to this time his body has not been recovered.

A man recently came into W. F. Love's store and called for 30 cents' worth of meat. Tom Cavett, the clerk, cut the meat and, placing it on the counter and placing the pepper sauce by it, said "Alright, there's thirty cents' worth, served. Do you want to eat it here?"

Born—to 'Squire and Mrs. W. F. Russell, Sunday, a girl.

Quarterly court meets next Monday.

Ben Pack of Austral is in town this week.

Mrs. W. F. Harper went to Cleveland Wednesday.

Several from here attended meeting at Wire Grass last Sunday.

Lynn Hicks of Wetmore spent a day last week with homefolks here.

Ed Byrd is painting W. F. Russell's residence. When finished, the looks of the building will be greatly improved.

Mrs. Jake Day who has been sick for some time, we are sorry to state, continues unimproved.

Andrew Kerr conducted a song service at Benton Station Sunday. Mr. Kerr is a good singer.

Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Brown of Charleston route 1 spent last Saturday with Rev. and Mrs. T. M. Hicks. Saturday was the 77th birthday of Mr. Brown.

J. T. Albright has moved his saw mill to the Boyd farm on Charleston route 1 and is sawing the timber thereon, by contract, W. F. Russell having bought the timber.

An insane woman by the name of Helton was confined in jail here a few days ago, and last Saturday she was taken to Lyons View and confined in the asylum there.

A revival meeting began at Rahts Chapel Sunday night. Large audiences have been present at every service, and indications are that the meeting will be a success. It is being conducted by Rev. T. M. Hicks.

Annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, is in progress at Cleveland this week. Several from here expect to attend it a day or two.

The glass front of the new Russell building is being put in this week. The building only lacks a few days work ceiling and a few minor jobs of being completed.

An election was held in the fourth district last Saturday to elect a justice of the peace to fill the unexpired term of John Lucy, resigned. H. T. Giles, a Democrat, was the successful candidate, having received 111 votes; R. S. Parks, Republican candidate, having received 91 votes.

Lax Fos for sale at Russell's store.

### Aged 74; She Goes to School.

Johnson City, Tenn., Sept. 25.—At the age of 74 years, Mrs. Emily A. Bandy of Polk county has entered the normal school here, to better fit herself for teaching. She is a native of Georgia, and began teaching in her native state in 1864. She is known as "mother of Gordon Institute." At 74 she is, in spirit one of the youngest teachers now seeking new methods in the state normal school.

No paper prints it all—take THE NEWS-GAZETTE.

## COL. SHAMBLIN RUMINATES

### Puts some pertinent questions before Polk Co. People.

Mr. Editor:—

I have just been ruminating about some of your recent editorials. Webster says, that to ruminate is to muse on; to meditate over and over again. He also says that to meditate is to dwell on anything in thought—but of course you know that—yes; well, that's just what we are doing. In your issue of July 31st, you say: "The people of Polk county who have the welfare of the county at heart want to know who 'Miscellaneous' is." Then you say: "He's the guy that gets a good deal of Polk county's currency and must be a man of considerable wealth; but to find out just who he is and why he gets the money would no doubt take some time and work." In your issue of September 25th, you say: "This weekly sheet is published solely to enlighten the people—and John D. Robafeller hasn't enough money to buy one line printed herein, if he wanted to deceive the people." Right following this, you say: "Beware of water melons that contain 'croakin' oil,' beware also of the deceitful office-holder. The afterward is what counts."

There has been considerable talk by first one and another in regard to the management of the affairs of Polk county; and not long since in a newspaper discussion between B. B. C. Witt and James H. Williamson, in the columns of another paper printed in Polk county, it was charged by Mr. Witt that there was a "nigger in the woodpile," and in Mr. Williamson's article he touched on an editorial of yours in reference to the Chairman having his quarterly reports published outside of this county in place of publishing them in the county paper. Now, if any one knows of any crookedness or mismanagement of the affairs of the county, why don't they ask for an investigation? We know of no mismanagement of the county affairs, but we have always heard that where there is a lot of smoke there is always a little fire; and it seems to us that if we were one of the county officials, we would ask for a thorough investigation of the county records; that is, if our books were all right, but of course if they were not we would just "let 'em set." It might be a good investment to employ an expert accountant to come and examine the county records from J. P. records on up. It has been tried in other counties, and paid well. Bradley county, for instance. But, of course, you understand that we are just ruminating.

JOHN S. SHAMBLIN.

### Kimsey's School.

Mr. Editor, will you give us room to come in again? We are not dead, neither have we been asleep all this time, but things have been so rushing and business so transcendent that writing has occupied very little of our time.

The stork has been moving around some, too. He has visited six different homes in this community since our last writing.

Sunday school is progressing nicely, even though some have

sloped off and dropped out. The interest of others seems to be running higher and higher and indications are that we might accomplish something.

Rev. Billingsly closed a very successful meeting at Liberty the third Sunday, and is now conducting another at Ducktown Station.

Rev. George Passmore preached at Zion Hill Saturday morning, John Lyle Saturday night and Rev. Scott Kimsey Sunday.

Everybody come to the great singing convention at Turtle-town beginning on Friday before the second Sunday in October. You are invited.

Miss Myrtle Robinson, on last Thursday evening, entertained very pleasantly a number of her young friends, in celebration of her birthday. They first enjoyed a sumptuous birthday supper after which games were played, closing with an old-fashioned "candy biting." Everyone reported a nice time.

School has been doing exceptionally well here, "considerin'." The boys and girls are very much in earnest, and have been applying themselves diligently and progressing rapidly, despite the fact that only a few of the new desks have arrived, and other material discomforts prevail. Our county superintendent is in Nashville to be made a Royal Arch Mason.

### OLD BACHELOR.

### Ben on Route 1.

Rev. Hicks filled his regular appointment at Antioch Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Brock spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joe H. Rymer.

Miss Tot Hutchins spent the week-end with Miss Debbie Sue Biggs at this place.

Quite a crowd attended the party at the Guinn home Saturday night. Messrs. Luther Moore, Winston and Richard Prince, of Benton, were among the number.

Bob McClary called on Miss Ella Mae Biggs last Sunday afternoon.

The Prendergast school is progressing nicely with Messrs. Wayne Lawson and Creed Brock as teachers. The first month ended with an enrollment of 120 students.

### SCODE SIMPSON.

### Yearby-Hood.

Blue Ridge, Ga., Sept. 30.—Mr. J. D. Hood of Sanford, Fla., and Miss Marjorie Yearby of this place were married this morning. The groom is President of the Sanford Vegetable and Fruit Co.; the bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Yearby of this place, and a niece of Rev. T. M. Hicks of Benton. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, at the bride's home.

### He Was Satisfied.

Submitted by W. A. Prince.

Last evening I was talking with A merchant aged and gray, When he told me of a dream that Came to him the other day.

While snoozing in the office A vision came to view, And he saw an angel enter Dressed in garments white and new.

Said the angel: "I'm from heaven The Lord just sent me down To bring you up to glory and (Continued on last page)

## CLEMMER'S COLUMNS.

BY J. D. CLEMMER

### The Last War Time Schools Interrupted by Gatewood's Raid

Gatewood lived in Georgia when he started this raid from Springplace, and killed in the edge of Georgia a Mr. Hill, an uncle of James Carmichael Hill who lived on the adjoining farm but in Polk county, Tennessee. Mike Hill's farm lay between the Easley ford on Conasauga river (below Browder's ford) and the Georgia line. Here Gatewood himself began shooting at Mike Hill, who returned the fire till both had emptied their weapons, and were re-loading. Hill saw that Gatewood would get loaded first, and ran, swimming Conasauga river to get away, after going through cane brakes to screen his crossing. Gatewood and his men crossed at the Easley ford and came on toward Old Fort; passing Old Fort they met Rev. Bob McClary where the old Federal road and the old Stock road come together. Here, we take up Hugh McClary's account, written from relation of his father, Rev. Robt. McClary, and interspersed in it what was seen by eye witnesses along their bloody route of robbery and revenge:

"In the Cumberland Shed cemetery near Ocoee post office you can find a small slab monument at the head of a grave, with the following inscribed thereon:

J. B. Armstrong was Born Nov. 6, 1833 and killed by Reb. Guerrillas Nov. the 29, 1864. Aged 31 years & 23 days.

So begins one of the dark pages of local history handed down by people who lived thru the unpleasantness of the 60's.

On the memorable day when Gatewood's raid came, Rev. Robt. F. McClary who lived on Ocoee at the foot of Sugar Loaf mountain, against which the Parksville hydro-electric dam now stands, mounted a fine saddle mare and set out on his way to Old Fort to deliver some hides to the tannery there. When nearing his destination he was held up by the Gatewood band who abruptly ordered him to dismount, took from him his mare and divested him of his clothing, giving him instead some of their tattered and worn garments, including some brogan shoes given him in exchange for his new pair of shop made boots and compelled him to trot afoot ahead of them along the old Stock road, northward."

They met a boy, Ike Fields, driving a team of small mules to a wagon; made him unhitch, mount one mule, lead the other and go along with them, but before reaching Ocoee river they told him he could go home, and he lit a streak through the wood in the direction of his father's, Crabtree Fields.

When the raiders reached Armstrong's house on the Stock road, just south of the branch at foot of the hill below the McCash place, they shot and wounded Baker Armstrong who was running, with another young man, from them; then one took

Armstrong by the hair of his head, placed his pistol in his mouth and shot him to death while his head was in his mother's lap and her arms about him to protect him from their vengeance. (They came that way purposely to kill him for something he had done in regard to some members of the gang, probably helping capture one of them some time before.)

(Continued next week)

### From Johnson City.

Johnson City, Tenn., Sept. 29th, 1913.

Dear Editor:—

The writer is not a very prodigious one, but may tell of several things at the Exposition at Knoxville that interested him. The first building entered was the Woman's Building. There were to be seen therein clothing cooking utensils, labor-saving devices and numerous things that appeal especially to the feminine fancy. In addition there were great numbers of historic relics. There was a fragment of the Parthenon, a building that stood in Greece in about 300 B. C.

There was an arithmetic written by hand about the year 1790. Samuel Doak's marriage license, diploma and family Bible were there.

Some tools used by Andrew Jackson in his tailor shop were there; and a thimble with which 'Andy' sewed a button on his clothing a few days before he died. Young man that must have mamma sew on buttons, what do you think of that?

An exhibit of pure food products was on display, and also some adulterated products were displayed by way of contrast.

Courteous attendants were ready to answer questions about any department or exhibit.

BEN E. HARRISON.

### County Directory.

Trustee, F. D. Copeland. Sheriff, Albert Crumley. Superintendent of schools, W. B. Rucker.

Register, J. E. Cook. Circuit court meets the third Mondays in March, July and November. Sam C. Brown, judge; T. W. Peace, Attorney General; C. S. Harrison, clerk.

Ducktown Law court meets fourth Mondays in March, July and November. W. A. Woody, clerk.

Chancery court meets the 4th Mondays in April and October. V. C. Allen, chancellor; A. J. Williams, clerk and master.

Quarterly court meets first Mondays in January, April, July and October. Quorum court opens first Monday in each month. J. H. Williamson, chm. T. O. Pack, clerk.

### Church Directory

Presbyterian—Rev. J. E. Robinson, pastor, Preaching second Sunday in each month.

Baptist—Rev. W. H. Rymer, pastor, Preaching first and third Sundays in each month.

Methodist—Rev. T. M. Hicks, supply, Preaching fourth Sunday in each month.

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