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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. Tup. M. Hicks will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday morning and at the new church at Taylors Sunday evening. Come, and bring another with you.

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

Ernest Orr of Ocoee was in town first of the week.

G. T. Hood of Wetmore was here first of the week.

The Christian Endeavor was conducted last Sunday night by Frank Harrison.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Taylor, last Friday night a girl. Both mother and child are doing nicely. Herschel is wearing a bright smile.

As we go to press [Wednesday] circuit court is still in session, with Judge Brown on the bench and Atty. Gen. Peace representing the State.

If you expect to build, or have any carpenter work done see Cavett & Smith, contractors and builders.

Chas. B. Witt has accepted a position as teacher of the McFarland school, and John Prince is teaching at Hickey school house.

U. J. Hembrey, more commonly known as "Balsam" has been here this week, playing his guitar and selling balsam. He could be defined as "a poke of hot air entirely surrounded by people."

Harry Hicks returned from Gadsden, Ala., last week on account of sickness. The hot weather in that part of the country makes malaria prevalent there. He does not expect to return to Gadsden.

Earl Mowry, a son of Pack Mowry, was drowned at Clemmer's Ferry Sunday evening at about 4 o'clock. He and his sister were on their way home and when they came to the river the boats were on the other side. The boy, thinking he could wade across and bring the boat over in order that his sister could get across, waded in but had not gone far until the swift current caught him and made his escape impossible. He was about fourteen years of age.

Miss Veta McClary entertained a number of friends Saturday night with a party in honor of Misses Eula and Dessie Lea, daughters of Rev. Granville Lea, who were visiting Miss McClary. The evening was spent in playing games, and was much enjoyed by all present.

J. B. Taylor of Prendergast was here Monday.

Give us that order for job printing. We know how it's done.

Editor H. M. Linn, of the Cleveland Journal and Banner was in town Monday and called at THE NEWS-GAZETTE office.

Miss Loma Green has returned from Wetmore, where she held a position as telephone operator and assistant to the post master.

For Sale or Trade: Good house and seven lots in Benton. Cash or on time. Call on or address John S. Shamblin Benton, Tenn. (Advertisement)

We took our first bite of watermelon for this season, Monday. They were raised by Messer Thomas.

Dr. Geo. F. Mellen, while in Benton, called and "paid his respects to the Editor." Dr. Mellen is a historian of note and an appreciative reader of THE NEWS-GAZETTE.

Mrs. Mollie West, of Persia, Hawkins county, Tenn., came last week for a few days' visit with her brother, W. F. Russell.

Rev. Clough of Chatata delivered an excellent sermon from the Baptist church Sunday morning. His subject was along the line of regeneration, and he handled the subject well. Rev. Rymer, the pastor, is taking a two weeks' vacation, he having been in the hospital for some time.

We see in the Ducktown letter that Y. M. C. A. Secretary F. R. Kennedy, will resign at the end of this month. We desire to thank him for the assistance he has rendered THE NEWS-GAZETTE, and we are confident he will meet with success where ever he goes, for honest, christian gentlemen such as we believe him to be, are in demand. May the time come ere long when such men can be secured for all responsible positions.

New steps have been built in front of the Presbyterian church and this week some work will be done on the yard in front of the house. The work was done by the Benton Sunday school, and Mr. James Ramsey gave the school, free of charge, lumber to make the improvements. We extend our hearty thanks to Mr. Ramsey, in behalf of the school, for this kindness. Everybody come, and let's make it the best Sunday school in the county.

J. E. COOK, Superintendent
DAN HICKS, JR., Secretary.

Call and see the complete line of clothing at the Benton Merc. Co., before buying.

(Advertisement)

J. M. Lewis was painfully but not seriously injured Friday of last week, while helping to arrange the platform and seats at Clemmer ferry for the picnic held there Saturday. A log which Mr. Lewis was attempting to place for the purpose of laying planks across to make seats, rolled onto him, and it was feared at first that he was internally injured. We are glad to say that he is improving rapidly.

A Booster Club or something of the kind in Benton could be put to excellent use. The majority of the people ought to get

together and see to it that the streets are cleaned, that every thing is made sanitary and kept that way, and be a general look-out committee for the town. We want electric light and power, more sidewalks, more houses, a sewerage system and more people, but we are not apt to get them at the rate we are going now. Let's wake up and wash our faces and put on our glad rags and show the plumes that Benton is still on the map and is not doomed to die the death of a beggar and be carried away by the buzzards and the grafters.

Ducktown News Letter.

Ducktown, Tenn., July 22—A meeting is being conducted at the local Methodist church, and Rev. Benton is assisting the pastor, Rev. Williams. A good revival is expected, and a large crowd is in attendance.

Revs. Williams and Browning conducted a series of meetings at Crofts Chapel recently. There were 45 conversions and renewals.

Mr. J. O. Hunnicutt, physical director of the Ducktown Y. M. C. A., is spending two weeks at Black Mountain, near Asheville at the Y. M. C. A. training school of the south. Mr. Mark Anderson, one of the directors also attended, to present the viewpoint of the employee in relation to the Y. M. C. A. They report a big time.

A fishing party from here have camped out for the past few days at Fowlers Bend.

F. R. Kennedy, who has been General Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the past two years, will leave Ducktown to take up the Secretaryship in Benham, Ky., at the end of July. The Y. M. C. A. is in a flourishing condition, and is prepared to conduct the largest years work ever. The new Secretary has not yet been elected. Mr. Hunnicutt will act until a new man is secured. Jesse Yoder, B. A., will assist until the first of September. The retiring Secretary wishes to thank THE POLK COUNTY NEWS-GAZETTE for its courtesy and help during the past two years, and wishes the paper continued prosperity and success.

Castles In the Air.

By ROBT. L. TAYLOR.

A Jeffries in the prize ring sets the sporting world agog when he puts some Fitzsimmons or Corbett to sleep in fifteen brutal rounds; but I have seen a mad hornet in a blackberry patch knock out a meddlesome boy with a single blow delivered straight from his business end, and the boy got up and ske-daddled, with a knot on his head and the hornet returned, with blood on his glove, to his swinging castle in the air.

Banish the castle-building power of the mind of man—take away the soul and make him only an animal, and the humblest creatures around him are his superiors. In length of life the camel and the swan become, compared to him, Methuselahs; in size and strength the ox and the elephant become Samsons and Goliaths; the hound can outsmell him, the deer can outrun him, the granddaddy-long-legs can out-leap him, the eagle and condor

can outsee him—except when it comes to searching for a dollar. He can then outsee all the eagles and condors in the world.

The microbe of indolence is the great destroyer not only of men, but of nations. It breaks down the tissue of every rapturous dream and stills the heart of every laudable ambition. It is the bacillus of poverty and the germ of corruption and crime.

GREATEST EVENT OF ITS KIND In Polk County For Years

Picnic at Clemmer Ferry Was a Success

The picnic given by the Benton Historical Association for the purpose of erecting a monument over the grave of Nancy Ward at the Clemmer ferry Saturday was seemingly much enjoyed by all who were present. In all, nearly one hundred dollars was donated by the people for the purpose of erecting the monument. J. D. Clemmer delivered an interesting address in the forenoon. Dr. Geo. F. Mellen made a very instructive and interesting speech in the afternoon. M. S. Waldrop also related some interesting history. Hon. John S. Shamblin was master of ceremonies.

The subscription list was headed by L. W. Hildebrand, a descendant of Nancy Ward.

Great credit is due the Benton Sny and Sunny choirs for the music they furnished. The singing was wonderful, and the music, a success.

Messer Thomas, a member of the Association, who owns the ground where Nancy Ward is buried, volunteered to deed the ground to the Association free of charge.

Dinner was served on the ground. It was prepared by the ladies of the country round about Benton and the Clemmer ferry, and was another one of the great factors in making the event one long to be remembered.

The Historical Association hopes to follow this event with one similar to it at least once a year.

The City.

Upon the azure reaches of the night
The City sparkles with the wan-ton lure

Of harlot's jewels: a menace to the pure;
Encroaching ever on each virgin height

Ten thousand-thousand fallen stars, alight
With all the beauty that the skies imbure;

A forgery of God's great signature,
Scrawled in the diamonds of the Sybarite.

—American Magazine.

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.

CLEMMER'S COLUMNS.

BY J. D. CLEMMER

First Historical Picnic of Lower East Tennessee

We defer further account of war time schools and use this column to write something of the first historical picnic held in this section.

In upper East Tennessee such meetings have often been held on historic spots. By far the greatest benefit of the Nancy Ward picnic of last Saturday was awakened interest in the minds of more than a thousand people present as to early pioneer history of both white and Cherokee. Away from here the people call this the "Cherokee Country." Here in what is now Ocoee land district was the last stand, the last home of the proud Cherokee nation before their expulsion to the west. Just across the Ocoee river from the meeting place, the personal following and family of the head woman of the tribe, on whose spoken word hung the issue of life or death to captives, gathered as a part of the remnants of the powerful Cherokee nation, once prominent enough in the world's history to negotiate a London treaty with the King of England in which the King of the most powerful country on earth was anxious to secure peaceful relations with their nation.

Treaty after treaty in the seventeenth century narrowed the Cherokee territory until two smaller whelms' ridge, and the world's history to negotiate a London treaty with the King of England in which the King of the most powerful country on earth was anxious to secure peaceful relations with their nation.

The grinding was intensified in the thirties by the man of iron will, Andrew Jackson. In 1835 the treaty of Removal, bought by bribes given to such chiefs as would sell their birthright, and put pelf above principle, was intended to clear the mill of the red rye grain, so that it might produce white wheat flour and the bread of civilization. In 1838 the millstones ground down together, expelling the last grist as a pathetic human exodus of about 16000 Cherokees. A few scattered grain, as Nick and Doss, hidden by the Witt family on Spring Creek, or the old Indian woman who lived in the great hollow tree near Fighting Town creek, opposite Copperhill stuck in the crevices of the buhrs. Several grain flew to the mountains of N. C., outside the narrowed confines of the final Cherokee territory here.

Now, so far as I know, there is not a full-blooded Cherokee in the Ocoee District [the Cherokee country of their last twenty years' stay east of the Mississippi.]

The "mill of the white Gods" have at last ground to powder—nothing of the full-blood Cherokee remains in this section except their dust, the powder of their bones.

Their great War Path, their old town sites, their battle fields their noted houses, their church-

es, their illustrious dead's resting places should be marked in permanent form, while yet are some living descendants who remember from their fathers' lips the facts. The Wards and her descendants, the Harlans Martins, Youngs, Starrs, Beans, Walkers, Hildebrands and others belonged to the Wolf clan and to the Ross party which opposed the Treaty of Removal.

This "Cherokee Country" centering south of Hiwassee river at the last home, and the grave of Nancy Ward, ought to have hundreds of Cherokee markers to remind present persons of past powerful people. Our pike roads should at each War Path crossing, Indian town and historic spot, have markers stating the great facts, then our section would become the "Cherokee Palestine."

Tourists and people who travel extensively are usually people of means as well as of superior mental training, and their presence makes greatly for the prosperity and public knowledge of any country. As Dr. Mellen said, "This Cherokee country should become the Switzerland of America."

To be Published in The News-Gazette

Col. John S. Shamblin, author of "The Tennessee Volunteer" and known over East Tennessee as a writer, has consented to favor this paper with a story which will be a greater success than anything he has heretofore written. The story will relate a thrilling romance which happened in the Ducktown mining camps, a few years ago. It is intensely interesting, and everyone in the county, who likes good literature, should read every chapter. To all who send us five yearly subscriptions paid in advance, within the next month, we will give FREE one year's subscription to this paper. Don't miss a chapter.

Opening Chapter will appear about August 1st.

Some people very much resemble what, in the vocabulary of parlor language, is called the "pimire." They look like they have forgot something and haven't time to go back and get it.

Notice of General

Registration.

Notice is hereby given that the Registration Books will be opened at the court house in the eighth civil district of Polk county on the second Monday in August 1913 and stand open for ten days, Sundays excepted, for the purpose of allowing the voters of the said district to register under the general registration laws for two years. Said books will be open from 8 o'clock a.m. each day until 4 p.m. and all legal voters will be given an opportunity to register. Done by action of the board of election commissioners on this the 12th day of July, 1913.

B. B. C. Witt, Chairman
A. E. Love, Secretary
M. C. Bacon
Commissioners of Election