

**PERSONAL AND LOCAL NEWS.**

Will M. Robins went to Hollow Rock Saturday to take part in the drama, "Tony the Convict," which was presented at Vale that night.

Mr. A. V. Bowles has resigned from the faculty of the Benton Seminary and went to Paris Monday where he has accepted a clerical position with a new firm at that place.

The people of Camden have comparatively no sickness because of its high location and pure water. Though it is important to keep the town perfectly clean and continue the good health of the people.

The home of Tom Bomar near Manleyville, Henry County, was completely destroyed by fire last Friday night. It was valued at \$1,400 and was covered by insurance.—Tennessee Republican.

Claude Hudson returned from Hollow Rock Tuesday. He leaves for St. Louis, Cincinnati and Baltimore Sunday to inspect the markets and make selections of spring goods for his houses at Camden and Hollow Rock.

There is a delegation from Huntingdon in the city, here on account of the consideration of the proposed repeal of the charter and reincorporation under the four-mile law. Those here in the interest of the repeal are J. B. Gilbert, W. L. Noell, Jo R. Hawkins, Sam W. Hawkins, Rev. J. M. Carter, Rev. Watters. There are several ladies in the delegation and more will arrive this morning.—Tuesday's Nashville American.

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The redistricting committee has completed its duties and prepared a bill to submit to the general assembly. The changes will not effect the politics of the district in which this county is included. In this Congressional District the county of Hardeman was added from the Tenth District, making the population 203,914. In this senatorial district only three counties will be included, Henry, Carroll and Benton, making the population 60,346. The flatorial district will be composed of Benton and Decatur counties.

After spending a few days with relatives and friends in the country Elihu Hudson has returned home.

The Princes of the Order of Caliphs, a secret order, was organized here last Monday evening with the following officers: Tom C. Rye, sultan; S. L. Peeler, khatib; D. G. Hudson, caliph; J. G. Robins, pasha; G. W. Arnold, vizier; W. E. McCullough, oriental guide; W. T. Morris, first guardian of the faithful; Mike Fry, second guardian of the faithful; J. B. Vickrey, dervish. Several pilgrims will be met on their journey next Monday evening.

A Bakerville special to the Nashville Banner says: "A petition is being circulated here for names opposing the abolishing of the present charter of Waverly. Several signatures were secured. It is understood that a similar petition will be circulated throughout the county. It is also understood that a petition favoring the abolishing of the charter and incorporating under the four mile act will be circulated, and the fight promises to be a warm one, and from present indications it looks as if the saloons must go."

Thomas H. Kelly, who resided near town, died suddenly last Friday night. He was near 83 years of age and an old lank mark; a wife and two children survive him, Mrs. A. G. McDaniel, and Mrs. J. W. Saunders of Nashville. His remains were interred at the Camden Cemetery Sunday. Mr. Kelly was a gentleman of the old school, one of the county's most respected citizens, well read and informed, especially in the affairs of the government, but in his declining years his memory was impaired and he has slowly passed into the great beyond. We join in tendering sympathy to his survivors.

The celebrated Claude Hudson Concert Band have selected Tuesday and Friday nights for their regular rehearsals and it is not improbable that a teacher will be employed shortly. R. G. Hudson has just received a Conn Wonder B-flat cornet, silver, in best velvet finish, heavily gold plated and mounted in pearl. The new organization is as follows: Dr. E. M. McAuley, cornet; U. A. Potts, cornet; R. G. Hudson, cornet; P. J. O'Reilly, cornet; J. V. Travis, cornet; Archie Townsend cornet, R. W. Spencer alto, Travis Brooks, alto; W. D. Cooper, tenor; Bertram Brown, tenor; Eugene Travis, baritone; L. R. Watson, bass; W. L. McElyea, tuba; Walter Hudson, bass drum, and Tom Tucker, snare drum.

**BENTON SEMINARY ITEMS.**

Prof. Johnson has taken charge of the business department in the Seminary since Prof. Bowles has left.

Rev. Waters cast a ray of sunshine by his presence at the Seminary Monday morning.

Mr. Elliott entertained the students Monday and Monday night by his dialect reading. Mr. Elliott is a distinguished reader and his "Brer Rabbit and the Tar Baby" and many other stories were greatly enjoyed by all present.

The subject for debate this afternoon is: Resolved, "That Abraham Lincoln has made a better President and statesman than Andrew Jackson."

We are indebted to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Morgan C. Fitzpatrick for a copy of his annual report to the governor for the scholastic year ending June 30, 1900. It is an interesting compendium of statistics and shows a grand total of the school attendance in Benton County to be 4,794 as follows: Males 2,391, females 2,206, colored males 102, colored females 95. The county is composed of 17 school districts with 70 teachers who received an average compensation of \$26.50 per month. Estimated value of school property \$2,800, 60 school houses, 76 licensed teachers of which 4 are in first grade and 72 in third grade. Three colleges, other than public schools in the county, Benton Seminary, Big Sandy High School and Holladay Independent Normal.

We tender our thanks to Private Secretary J. Harry Landerdale of the board of prison commissioners for a copy of the reports of the board to the governor for years 1899 and 1900 with a supplementary report denying the charges made by expert Walter Allen against the bookkeeping methods of the State mines and main prison. The warden's report included, shows the following criminals sent up from Benton County:

Tom Lyons, colored, murder, life sentence and incarcerated in 1896; William Pierce, murder, life sentence and incarcerated in 1892; Henry Ballard, murder, 10 years sentence and incarcerated in 1899; Will Euloe, colored, rape, 10 years sentence and incarcerated in 1898; Fulton Granberry, colored, rape, 10 years sentence and incarcerated in 1898; Newt Reddick, robbery and felonious assault, 9 years sentence and incarcerated in 1894. The latter being confined at the Brushy Mountain branch prison, and with "good time" allowed will be free next January.

**SUCCESSFUL BANQUET.**

**The Sans Souci Club Hold a Disbanding Banquet at Tom C. Rye's.**

The disbanding banquet of the Sans Souci by the gentlemen of the club at the residence of Hon. Tom C. Rye last Friday evening was a marked success, surpassing any event of the season. The reception of the guest began at 7.45 and despite the unfavorable weather, all were present but two couples prevented by illness and absence from the city. The handsome home presented a bright and inviting scene; a general parlor for the guests, a cloak room for the ladies, in the library were cigars for the gentlemen and frappe was served in the hall by Miss Nell Rye. The members of the club wore white carnations. The dining room was decorated with pink carnations.

At 9 o'clock the assemblage entered the dining room. At each plate was laid a printed menu with a violet attached by a loop of purple ribbon and were retained as souvenirs. The supper was served in four courses and the menu as follows:

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| Blue points.       | Celery.                 |
| Radishes.          | Quail, oyster dressing. |
| Salmon Salad.      | Chicken Salad.          |
| Queen olives.      | Sliced tomatoes.        |
| Pineapple sherbet. | Mixed pickles.          |
| Chocolate.         | Strawberries and cream. |
|                    | Assorted cake.          |
|                    | Fruits, Nuts.           |
|                    | Coffee.                 |

Two hours were spent in the dining room during which time music was discoursed by a string band.

Following the banquet the entire company filled the parlor and joined in a round of old time games until a late hour, the last of the guests departing at 1 o'clock. Conveyances were waiting at the gate.

The following were present: Dr. and Mrs. E. M. McAuley, Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Rye, Mr. Elihu Hudson and Miss Lizzie Bivens, Mr. L. R. Watson and Miss Hallie Whitfield, Mr. D. G. Hudson and Mrs. Dora McAuley, Prof. W. D. Cooper and Miss Lizzie McCullough, Mr. Will M. Robins and Mrs. C. N. Travis, Mr. W. T. Morris and Miss Inez Gibson, Mr. Harvey Garrett and Miss Nell Rye, Mr. Eugene Travis and Miss Allie Alsup, Mr. Eugene Morris and Miss Pearl Arnold.

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