

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

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Town and country news. Your own and your neighbors doings briefly and tersely told in a readable manner.

The lightning bug is handsome—but, He'd make more dazzling flight If he'd drop that feeble gimmer. And wear electric light.

Only sixteen days until Christmas.

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An umbrella mender struck the town Saturday.

Miss Phoebe Bryan, of Traphill, was in town Saturday.

Vane Madison has gone to Winston to remain for some time.

W. B. Handy, Esq., of Stuart, Va., was in the city Tuesday.

L. L. Shugart is general agent for the Davy patent fly catcher.

The Elkin stores are beginning to assume their holiday attire.

Ed. McDaniel has moved into the rooms over Mathis & Crater's store.

Mrs. J. H. Williams and John Meek, of Boonville were here Monday.

The colored people had a "festival" at Hartsville Saturday night.

A. M. Smith made a business trip to Winston and other points last week.

Seales B. Eldridge, of Progress, Randolph county, is visiting relatives in this section.

Mr. McCallough, of St. Louis, the pin and bracket inspector came up on the train Tuesday.

George Bailey, of Mt. Kisco, N. Y., has accepted a position in Bailey's Bargain House.

The pupils of the Elkin Academy are arranging to give a concert during Christmas week.

Capt. G. T. Roth and wife arrived Saturday, from a visit to relatives in Allentown, Pa.

For refusing to serve on a jury, J. A. Edral was fined forty dollars in Forsyth court last week.

A profane meeting is in progress at Island Ford this week, conducted by pastor Van Hoy.

J. H. Dinglehoff, of Winston, made an assignment Saturday. Liabilities, \$12,000, assets, \$13,000.

Mrs. J. B. Finley, of North Wilkesboro, came down Monday on a visit to relatives at this place.

Cager Woodruff, of Knottville, and Mack McCraw, of Aaron, Va., were at Braxton Woodruff's this week.

Rev. G. M. Durham is conducting a series of meetings at White Plains, near Roaring River, this week.

E. F. McNeer has bought a beautiful white pony, which he presented to his wife for a saddle horse.

Dr. J. B. Adams, who spent several days here last week the guest of the Elk Inn, left for his home Friday.

Messrs. William Gilliam, E. E. Harris and J. S. Roth, returned from a business trip to Winston Friday night.

Master Raymond Chatham has a maltese cat that caught two large rats in its mouth at the same time, a few days ago.

Mrs. Lizzie York, of Danville, Va., who has been visiting relatives in this section, returned to her home Saturday.

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N. W. Fowler has over five hundred bushels of good wheat on hand, which he took in exchange for fertilizer.

This is an unusual time of the year to be making gardens, yet one of our citizens planted his onion crop last week.

The North Carolina Conference met at Raleigh last week. The following appointments will interest our readers: Millbrook circuit, J. M. Ashby, Carteret circuit, G. T. Simmons, Burgaw circuit, D. A. Furrell, Elizabeth circuit, C. P. Snow.

Earnest Gwyn has resigned his position at the central telephone exchange office, and is succeeded by Miss Ethel Dinkins.

Last Friday was such a cloudy, gloomy day that the lamps had to be lighted in one store in town to see how to do business.

John Leagan's wife and children have gone to Iredell county to remain awhile with Mrs. Leagan's mother, who is quite feeble.

T. R. Crumpler, of Roaring River was in town Thursday. He came after a horse which R. A. Reyes purchased from J. D. York.

Tuesday was hog killing day in the eastern part of town. Mr. Alex Chatham slaughtered one that tipped the beam at over 500 lbs.

The Elkin Cornet Band are practicing almost nightly now, getting ready for the grandest concert of the season, during the holidays.

We thought southern Virginia was a cranberry country, yet this fruit is being shipped from Elkin to Marion and Berks Garden, Va.

Not a whistle was heard in town Monday morning. The freeze on Sunday night did the work for them, and they refused to "screach."

H. G. Chatham had an opossum for dinner Monday that weighed nine pounds dressed. It was the fattest possum seen here in many a day.

Rev. C. W. Robinson will hold services in the Presbyterian church tomorrow, Friday night, also Sunday morning and night at the usual hour.

Dr. L. R. Jones, of Spring Valley, Va., spent several days here last week, treating Mrs. L. H. Carter, who has been quite ill for some time.

We have a citizen who cannot tie a four-in-hand scarf, and when he stands before the mirror to put on his collar he gets it on upside down.

C. H. Gwyn has our thanks for a sample bottle each of Heinz's esley sauce and evaporated horse radish. They are first class preparations.

We will venture the assertion that more produce has been shipped away from Elkin this season than any other town to its size in the state.

Uncle Richard Wright, living near here, has a cancerous growth coming on his face that is quite painful and giving him considerable alarm.

J. J. Jenkins has moved his family down to the dwelling at the toll bridge. Mrs. Wood has moved in the house formerly occupied by Mrs. Mickel.

There are ten married couples living in Elkin that board. If they were all to "keep house" Elkin would necessarily have ten more residences.

There has been more sweet potatoes sold in Elkin this fall than any two seasons previous to this. They brought from twenty to thirty cents per bushel.

Mrs. J. T. Wellborn, of Wilkesboro, died last Thursday morning, aged 24 years. She leaves four little children, the youngest only ten weeks old.

Mrs. Robert Hix, of Wilkesboro, was in town Monday. There is a possibility that Elkin will claim Mrs. Hix as a permanent citizen in the near future.

P. H. Lybrook has been endorsed for postmaster at Winston by Senator Pritchard and Congressman Linney. He will get the appointment about Christmas.

A beautiful set of tombstones has been erected at the grave of Mrs. Zebedee Beal in the Jonesville cemetery. They were furnished by the Wilkesboro Marble Works.

W. E. Paul, agent of the Southern railway, has been appointed sub agent of the Travelers Accident Insurance Co., and keeps accident tickets on hand at the depot.

Dr. J. M. Reece is fitting up a handsome office in the post office building. He will however still retain his office at his residence, and use this as a down town office.

The town commissioners failed to meet Monday night on account of the absence of two of the board. They will meet tomorrow (Friday) night at Edson & Reeves store.

Hugh A. Gwyn, who has been traveling in Tennessee for the past year has returned to Yadkin, and will work on the farm with his father, Rev. E. N. Gwyn, next year.

Our subscription list is growing rapidly, for which the people have our thanks. Most anybody can take a paper when it is only fifty cents a year, twenty five cents for six months.

We learn that Boonville is to have a weekly newspaper after Christmas. It will be called the Yadkin Democrat, and will be edited by Ray M. Basler of Winterville, N. C.

E. F. McNeer happened to a very painful accident in Winston last week. The axle to the buggy in which he was riding broke and he was thrown out, badly bruising his eye and face.

A gentleman came down from up the country a few days ago and said he was "contemplating laughing" a school over in Yadkin shortly. How is that language for a school teacher?

Henry Kimmor and family have moved from the Wilkeson farm above town to E. B. Bondexter's, Preston Boyd and family, of Mt. Airy, are to move to the Wilkeson farm this week.

Mrs. Atkins, mother of T. A. Atkins of Jonesville, came up on the train Tuesday from a visit to her son at Pinnacle. She is 75 years old, and had never ridden on a train until this trip.

We were told something a few days ago that we did not know before, and that was that the Primitive Baptist are not allowed to join a secret order. It is against their creed so we are informed.

Simon Smith, a colored brake man on the freight train, missed his footing and fell off a box car to the ground at the depot here Friday night. He struck on his head but was not badly injured.

B. D. Harris, our enterprising post master, has added a new row of boxes, twenty-four in number, to the post office cabinet. They will be used for newspapers, the old ones having become too small.

Our merchants handle more kinds of snuff than any town we know of. The leading brands handled are Dental, Three Thistle, Gait & Ax, Brutons, Carolina Belle, Ralph's, Ladies Choice, etc.

Last Thursday night there were at least ten wagons from down in Davie and Rowan here for the purpose of buying produce. They are here every week and literally keep the town bare of green apples.

Sherman Bryan, of Traphill, Congressmans Linney's private secretary, left Friday for Washington to be present at the opening session of Congress Monday. He ordered the JOURNAL sent to his address.

Dr. R. W. Reece bought a horse from Mr. Robinson, of Virginia, last week that beats anything in the way of horse flesh ever seen here. He is three years old and over six feet high and weighs 1600 pounds.

J. H. Hanes has opened up a stock of groceries in the Shephard building next to the Post Office. Mr. Hanes is a deserving young man and we wish him much success in the mercantile business at this place.

There is some probability of an electric railway line being built from Elkin to Sparta next year. The Star says a letter was received at Sparta last week from a St. Louis capitalist, making inquiries in regard to it.

The solo "The Holy City" sung by Mrs. Paul Chatham, with the organ accompaniment by Miss Clyde Worth, at the Methodist church Sunday evening is spoken of by competent judges as the finest effort in music ever rendered in that church. It was certainly beautiful.

Rev. T. H. Pegram, pastor of the Pilot Mountain circuit, entered a suit in Forsyth court for a divorce from his wife, but in last weeks papers we notice that he says a reconciliation has been effected between them, and the suit is withdrawn.

Ephraim P. Minish, a former resident of this section, but for many years a citizen of Caldwell, has for 35 years lived and cultivated one of the three farms owned by the late Col. J. C. Harper. Within that time only one death (that of a little child) has taken place. On the second farm not a death has occurred in 41 years. While on the third farm, Col. Harper's death in 1890 is the only one in 46 years. This is a remarkable record.

Uncle Micajah Phillips, an aged citizen of this place, helped to clear up the site where our town is now located. When he came here the place where Elkin now is was a howling wilderness, where bears and wolves roamed at will, and the Indian gloried in it as his happy hunting ground.

Rev. W. R. Bradshaw occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church Saturday night and Sunday morning. Ransom Hall was received into the church and was baptized on Sunday morning in the river. Three members were dismissed by letter. Mr. Bradshaw preached at Ronda Sunday night.

The streets and roads have been in a sloppy, muddy condition for the past week. It strikes us that it would pay the people to haul rock or sand and make a concrete principal thoroughfare before the bad weather sets in. To use a slang expression, Mada Street was a "Malapoholic" in the city of mud.

We have been told to state that the Elkin Band will give a grand concert at the Elkin Academy on the night of the 18th. The boys are practicing every night now getting ready and they will no doubt give a good concert, that will be a credit to themselves and to the town. Let everybody turn out that night and give the boys a full house.

Rev. Mr. Wyse, of Cameron, S. C., spent Saturday and Sunday here with Prof. Geo. D. Brown. He was on his way to Berks Garden, Va., to take charge of a Lutheran church at that place. He has made the trip so far, 250 miles, in an open buggy, and by the time his journey is completed he will have traveled 370 miles in a buggy overland.

The people of Jonesville and that section are now without a physician and they will of a necessity have to send to Elkin when in need of medical aid. We can boast of two as good physicians as there in the country, Dr's Ring and Reece, and we feel safe in saying that they will gladly and readily respond to all calls from that side of the river requiring their presence.

As it will soon be time for people to be buying their Christmas presents, we will ask the people before they send elsewhere, to examine the stocks of their home merchants, and patronize them if possible. There are a number of Christmas ads, and there will be others next week in this paper, telling you where you can by your Christmas goods right. Patronize home industries.

A couple of urchins were playing in front of the JOURNAL office a few days since, and when one of them began teasing the other because he could not pronounce the word grease plain. He would say grease every time, using the letter d for g. He got so exasperated that he finally exclaimed "If I can't say grease, I dess I can say dravy by drummy." The laugh was on the boy as a matter of course.

Rev. Mr. Townsend and family arrived last Thursday from Hickory and are safely housed at the parsonage for the year. The ladies had arranged the house for their reception, and a bountiful repast awaited them. Sunday morning Mr. Townsend preached his introductory sermon to a large congregation at the Methodist church. It was well received. The special music rendered by the choir was grand, sublime and added much to the services.

Messrs. Sheek & Sugart have closed out their store business at this place and moved back to Yadkinville. They enjoyed a good trade while here, but Mr. Sheek and wife both being natives of Yadkinville, and having large interests there, which they would have to dispose of they had remained here, naturally concluded to go back to their old home. We were sorry to see them leave and wish them much success.

At the last session of the conference, Reeves campel, at Roaring River, was added to the Elkin and Jonesville charge. This necessitated a change in the appointments, which are as follows: First and third Sundays morning and night at Elkin, second morning at Jonesville, three o'clock in the afternoon at Grassy Creek, fourth Sunday morning at Roaring River, afternoon at three o'clock at Maple Spring. This was the best arrangement that could be made, and one it is hoped will prove acceptable to the people.

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After a boy had eaten three plates of turkey with plenty of vegetables and dressing, and three saucers of pudding, besides bread and butter and cranberry sauce, his grandma asked him to have a piece of pie. "Grandma," said he solemnly, "I can't swallow any more, but I might chew some."

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