

A picnic will be held at Barefoot's mill to-day.

Rev. R. P. Pell acceptably occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning.

The races on Tuesday are the first of a series that will be held in Wilson in the near future.

A hay ride was enjoyed on Saturday night by the young people.

There is some talk of reviving the Wilson baseball club this season.

W. R. Henry, Esq., of Henderson has been invited to deliver the literary address at the commencement of Wilson Collegiate Institute on June 2nd.

The case Batts vs. Baily and Crowell, which was moved from Wilson to Nash county, comes up for trial at Nashville today.

There will be a called meeting of the Nash county Alliance on the third Monday in May (18th) at the Court House in Nashville at thousand hour.

The series of meetings, which have been conducted in the Baptist Church here by Rev. H. W. Battle the pastor, closed last Saturday night.

Bro. Battle commenced a revival last Sunday a week ago, and will close tonight.

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FOR SALE.—One second-hand iron safe, fire-proof. Call at this office.

PERTINENTLY PERSONAL.

People You Know, Will Know, or Ought to Know.

Mr. Silas Lucas is in Nashville to-day.

Mr. L. F. Lucas, of Lucaema, was in town yesterday.

Miss Alice Brooks, of Black Creek was in town last Friday.

Dr. J. A. Stevens, of Clinton was in town last Friday night.

Miss Mattie Hadley is visiting Miss Mattie Wright, of Tarboro.

Mrs. E. P. Griffin returned last Saturday from a brief stay in Rocky Mount.

Messrs. Frank Wilson and Austin Williams, of Tarboro, were in town Sunday.

Miss Susie Porter, of Tarboro, is visiting the family of Dr. Nathan Anderson.

Mr. Geo. D. Best and William Bryant of Fremont, are attending the tobacco sale to-day.

Preston Brooks, of Black Creek, was in town last week, the guest of Mr. R. E. Copeland.

Miss Josephine Purvis, of Hamilton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. V. L. Stephens, of this place.

Mr. W. S. Mehaffey, of Atlanta, who brought Caser Wooten here, left yesterday for his home.

Mrs. J. W. Harper, who has been visiting friends here left last Saturday for her home in Southport.

Dr. E. K. Wright returned last Saturday and can be found at his office in the Central Hotel building.

Mr. W. F. Thorne, owner of the registered stallion, "Ulmur," arrived Monday and will be here this week.

Mr. Chas. C. Couper, of Norfolk, Va., is in town. He represents the marble yard of Mr. John D. Couper.

Messrs. R. G. Briggs and Walter F. Woodard returned last night from a flying trip to Henderson, Oxford and Durham.

Mr. Frank Phippen, of Enfield, was in town yesterday. It is rumored that he is interested in a large real estate deal here.

Mr. J. W. Carlton, of the Fayette Tobacco Co., and J. B. Walker of Durham, arrived last night and will be on the breaks to-day.

Mr. Kinchen Batts, of Elm City, one of the oldest subscribers and best friends of the ADVANCE, called to see us on Monday.

Mr. Nestus Uzell, of Seven Springs, is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Woodard, near town. We were glad to see him Tuesday.

CAPTURED!

"MURDER WILL OUT,"

AND CAESAR WOOTEN NOW REPOSES IN WILSON'S COUNTY JAIL.

The Murderer of Mittie Strickland Captured—After Many Years Justice Will be Done—Details of the Capture and Return—He Talks Freely—Here's the Story.

On the night of the 23rd of May, 1887—nearly four years ago—the town of Wilson was shocked by the startling news that a murder had been committed in the heart of town.

The staid quietude of the place was aroused. Inquiry developed the fact that a negro woman, Mittie Strickland had been shot and had died almost instantly.

The place of the shooting was the railroad crossing at the intersection of Vance street, just below the residence now occupied by Sheriff Jonas W. Crowell, and almost directly in front of Wilson Collegiate Institute.

The hour was between nine and ten o'clock, p. m. It was said that a negro man, Caesar Wooten, did the bloody deed.

The Circumstances. Mittie Strickland was a respectable negro woman. She was employed by Mr. Warren Woodard as cook.

She bore an excellent character and was well thought of by her neighbors. She had been down below the railroad at a store, buying some groceries, and was on her way home accompanied by some friends.

Two shots were fired. The woman sank down. She was shot through the left breast, and in a few minutes expired.

Her head was held by a negro woman who was with her. Caesar Wooten disappeared. As he ran off some one cried out: "Catch him!"

He replied: "I'll be d—d if you ever catch me!" A reward of \$200 was offered for his capture.

Various rumors have since reached Wilson concerning him. Several men have been arrested, but proved not to be the man wanted.

The years rolled by and the killing was only a faint memory to Wilson people. Many had forgotten all about it.

The Capture. Some few weeks ago Sheriff Crowell received a letter from Rev. E. W. Bradshaw, a negro preacher who formerly lived in Wilson.

The letter was from Atlanta, Ga., and said Caesar Wooten was in Atlanta, and that he could be arrested.

Sheriff Crowell wrote instructing him to arrest him. About the same time Governor Holt received a letter from D. E. Keith, an attorney of Atlanta, asking about the reward.

After communicating with Solicitor Woodard Governor Holt wrote advising the arrest of Wooten and saying the reward would be paid.

So on last Saturday morning Wooten was arrested.

which we do not care to publish before the trial.

The Murderer Talks.

The prisoner did not appear to be at all frightened when he arrived Tuesday night.

Yesterday morning the editor of the ADVANCE called to see him. He talked freely.

He said he had rested well the previous night. He gave a history of the murder claiming it was done in self-defense.

We do not care to print what he says as it would have a tendency to prejudice his case.

After the deed was done he says he left town almost immediately. He went through Mr. Walter Woodard's field in the rear of Mr. Silas Lucas' brick yard, coming to the railroad just before reaching Toisnot Swamp.

After crossing the Swamp he took the county road and went through Nashville. At a country store in Nash county he bought something to eat.

He left Wilson with only fifty cents in his pockets. He passed through Warrenton and finally reached Danville, Va., on foot.

He took the cars at this point and went South, passing through Greensboro, and Charlotte, and on to Florida.

He spent about one year in different places in Florida. Then he came to Atlanta, where he has since resided.

At the time of his arrest he was working around the premises of Dr. Winters, of Atlanta, who has a residence on Peachtree avenue, the most aristocratic part of the city.

It is therefore almost free from the presence of officers, hence his security. He had been sick for sometime, and on Saturday morning was down town after some medicine, when arrested.

At the time he was accompanied by a negro girl, whom he referred to as "Miss Lucy."

In appearance Caesar Wooten is a small, lithe, active, coal black negro, under the medium size, of rather meek, pleasing countenance.

Before the occurrence of the crime for which he is now in jail he bore an excellent character.

He paid his debts promptly and could get trusted for ten dollars worth of goods almost anywhere in town.

He worked with different contractors here, mixing mortar and carrying brick. He helped put in the steel cells in the jail here, one of which he now occupies.

He was born in Leonoir county, near LaGrange, on the plantation of Mr. S. I. Wooten, and is about thirty years old.

TOBACCO.

GOSSIP STIRRING IN THE WILSON MARKET.

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Of all seasons in the year, is the one for making radical changes in regard to health.

During the winter, the system becomes to a certain extent clogged with waste, and the blood loaded with impurities.

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