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LOCAL.

OUR AGENTS.—The following gentlemen will act as agents for the ROANOKE NEWS: Captain A. B. Hill, Scotland Neck, R. D. Dickens, Fancetts, Geo. T. Simmons, Halifax, Major N. E. Jenkins, Littleton, J. C. Hill, Palmyra, Dr. F. M. Garrett, Ringwood, Rev. C. M. Cook, Warrenton, P. P. Foster, Warrenton, J. D. B. Jones, Jackson, N. C., E. A. Batchelor, Enfield, N. C.

TO THE PEOPLE OF Halifax County. Upon consultation with influential members of the democratic party, I hereby call upon the members of the Democratic Executive Committee of the county to meet in the town of Halifax on Saturday the 23rd of March, and at once proceed to have five representatives from their respective townships chosen to meet with us at the same time and place to consult together on matters of great importance to the party. A prompt and full attendance is earnestly and respectfully requested. E. A. THORNTON, Chairman Dem. Ex. Com., Halifax County.

SEND your Job work to J. W. Sledge, JANT'S MAN who kills a hog a suicide! Two spans of the iron bridge complete, three more to be heard from.

BOTH Editors are sick, that accounts for the sickly appearance of this issue. The body of Dr. Brewer has been buried near here on the banks of the Roanoke.

SEEK notice of five hundred dollars worth of County Orders and Jury Tickets for sale.

JOHN W. SLEDGE, is authorized by us to collect and receipt for all bills due the ROANOKE NEWS, and such receipts will be duly recognized by us.

UNTIL Monday we have had the most beautiful weather—but the clouds have come and we may expect a little dampness.

THE Ladies and gentlemen of Crowell's Cross Roads will give a dramatic entertainment on Tuesday night, the 19th inst., for the benefit of the Baptist Church. They will present the drama "Purse and Refinement and Saved."

If you select good and healthy food for your family, you should also look to the welfare of your baby. For all troubles of early childhood, nothing is better than Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. 25 cents a bottle.

PROFESSOR. "What is a ladder time?" Boy. "Don't know sir." Professor. "What is a solar time?" Boy. "Don't know sir." Professor. "What is a mean time?" Boy. "Six o'clock in the morning sir."

NOTES OF THE WEATHER FOR THE PAST FOUR DAYS.—Highest Temperature 76° Lowest " 51° Mean " 65° Prevailing Wind Southerly.

On Sunday last a Jury of Inquest was held upon the body of Dr. J. L. Brewer who was drowned at this place several weeks ago. A full investigation was made several witnesses being examined. The Jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased came to his death by drowning while in the act of crossing the river at this place.

REV. MR. TAYLOR occupied the pulpit of the Methodist church Sunday morning, and preached the funeral sermon of Mrs. Dorker, deceased—under the text "The path of the just is as a straight way."

REV. MR. PRINCE preached in the evening on the subject of faith, full attendance morning and night.

A little fellow being told by a young man to get off his knee, that he was too heavy to hold in that way, made quite a sensation among the persons present by selling back "Too heavy, my friend! Sir! Sir! weighs a hundred pound more than I, and you hold her on your knee for four hours last night."

A GOOD BEGINNING.—Some of the young men belonging to the best families of this community, not being able to get work on account of the hardness of the times, have manfully pulled off their coats and gone to work on the iron bridge which is now in course of erection for the Seaboard road. This is most commendable especially when done by those who have been raised in luxury and ease. We wish their success and hope all others may follow their example.

THE art of advertising is being brought down to a decidedly low point; and when an agent sends you a long advertisement to insert at your very lowest rates and accompanies it with a six inch local notice, which he wants put in for nothing, you can't help but admit his acreage of "cheek" and wish you had a gun that could shoot a hundred miles, and kill the fellow you are thinking of without taking aim.

Jon Wolk of every description done at short notice. Apply to Jno. W. SLEDGE, Weldon, N. C.

The fruit trees are budding and many fear that the entire crop will be cut off by cold snaps. The fear is unfounded. On the 13th, of last March, a snow storm destroyed almost all the blooms, and yet there was a full crop. This year, though the winter has been much milder than last, the blooming has been retarded by cool nights. Fruit is destroyed by cold in April. If caught just after first blooming out, a latent fruit bud puts out. It not destroyed early, the vitality of this bud is absorbed by the first blooms and a cold snap in April destroys the crop without retrieve.

At the recent term of Halifax Superior court Judge McKay who presided saw among the crowd in attendance, a person whom he thought a man with his hat on. He turned to the deputy sheriff who was in charge of the court room, and in a dignified manner, said, Mr. sheriff are there any quakers in this county? The sheriff answered that there were none. Then said his honor, take that man's hat off sir. The sheriff went off and in a few minutes returned, saying with a grin, your Honor that man's a woman. The court smiled, the rest, tittered.

On Thursday morning about half past six o'clock, a collision occurred at Goldsboro between two trains of the W. & W. R. R. The mail which was a few minutes behind time ran into the freight which was making up its train and had to occupy both tracks for that purpose. There were no lives lost but considerable damage was done to the engine of the passenger train, which would have been greater, had it not been for the coolness and prompt action of engineer John Hessinger, Capt. Browning had charge of the mail train and Capt. Watson of the freight. All these officers are old and experienced men, and no blame should be attached to any of them.

The accident was owing to a heavy fog which enveloped every thing and made it difficult matter to see anything at all.

Now is the time for small boys to write compositions on Spring. The following which emanated from the brains of a Weldon school boy is the latest.

COMPOSITION ON SPRING. Spring is the finest weather we have, farmers commence to plow and plant corn and taters and watermelons. Watermelons is mighty good, but there isn't never enough of 'em. If you eat too much watermelon it makes you feel faint. I wish I had a watermelon. It is most time to go in washing. It is fine fun to take off all your clothes and jump right into a big pond. You don't have to use soap and you don't have to wash and that's why it is fine. You want the other day, and jumped in from a high log, and spread himself out like he was trying to fly. He struck the water and it sounded like a peck. Tom said he liked to bust open a watermelon. He cut it up and ate it. It is most time to go fishing too in the Spring. You catch your worms out the ground and fish, sometimes you catch speckles and sometimes you catch yellow bellies, some folks catch 'em red throats and punkin stummicks but I think yellow bellies the best, cause their bellies is yellow. Some folks say they had rather catch fish than eat 'em but I had rather eat 'em.

That all I know about Spring except when a makes me spring out of bed soon in the morning.

DURING our late unpleasantness, a squad of soldiers were posted one night around a camp fire relating incidents of the past. Some wonderful stories had been told, when Tom Skates, who generally had little to say, narrated the following: "Well boys, when I was at home, I lived in a section of country infested with bears. One evening, while Jack Bull, a neighbor of mine was squiring hunting, in passing through a thicket, he approached too near an old bear with cubs—he did not discover his danger, however, until he saw braver with jaws distended, advancing on him at what appeared to him 240 speed. Jack seeing at a glance he had no time for reflection, and that flight was prefractible determined at once to rely solely upon his rifle; so springing and raising the same, he got ready to fire. Notwithstanding his situation was so extremely unpleasant and well calculated to try his nerve, nevertheless Jack had a steady and his aim was accurate—directing the contents of his rifle precisely into the open mouth of the rapidly advancing foe; but unfortunately for poor Jack, at the crack of the rifle the bear changed front to the rear so quickly that the same ball that killed the bear killed Jack also." You see do you?

A GENTLEMAN resident of Weldon is deeply pained and fond of ten and frolic, occasionally get up a country dance in that section of the county known as Deep Creek. Such recreations afforded much amusement to those in attendance and had acquired so much reputation that it got to be considered a particular favor to be admitted to one of these gatherings so great was the anxiety to witness some of the rare scenes reported to be enacted at them. The gentleman alluded to above, was accosted one evening by a "young blood" living in the country a piece, with anxiety and curiosity excited to the very highest tension, beseeching the chief for mercy's sake to get up another frolic on Deep Creek, and let him go. The "young blood" was so urgent in his appeals, that the chief told him he would grant him. A short time after this, the "young blood" was in town again the chief told him the arrangement was all made, that there were 20 girls and 10 men, so one man had been ruled out; he would admit him in his place as a great favor, and directed him to go on the night appointed to such a house (describing the house) and to be there promptly at 9 o'clock at the same time indicating to him that he must carry ready served, v. z. 1 turkey, 1 goose with biscuits and best bread and a good supply of wine. It is needless to say Z. C. was delighted beyond measure, congratulating himself on his good fortune not only in being admitted but, in being allowed to contribute also hoping there by to become one of the brethren. In high

gle and with fond anticipation of furnished he proceed forthwith to prepare the viands. Having every thing read and nicely prepared, and safely deposited in his baggy, on the appointed evening he started, a cold, black night in December. In the mean time the chief was not idle, he was making preparation also for a rather trying reception for the "young blood"—as the sequel will show.

On reaching the house at the appointed time, with every thing in readiness for high fun, imagine his very great disappointment, at finding an old house which had not been tenanted for years, dark as crepus and cold as seneca. Relinquishing on his situation, a spectral voice from the house, met his ear what are you doing here? I am on a gun; at the same time firing started a shot at him, which very naturally started the "young blood" off for home in double quick, he had not proceeded far in his way when he encountered another ghost, who cried halt, but sorry time did Z. C. halt. On the contrary he got up a little lighter, when got to 2 opened fire on him, a little farther on ghost no 3 did likewise, and by this time "young blood" had his horse at the top of his foot, regardless of the condition of the roads usually very rough at this season of the year, scattering goose, turkey, bread, biscuit and broken bottles along his way about this time ghost no 4 opened fire and "young blood" blood was overboard to say I'm gone—it I can just get through safe and be forgiven this time, I'll never go to Deep Creek again, I could state the condition of the "young blood" next morning; but I don't want to fight.

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