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I am now selling at retail, pretty coffee sugars, at 10c per pound, shoulder meat 4c, sides 3c, No. 1 article of coffee at 22c, medium quality at 18c. R. SPIERS, Bottom Store.

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New books just to hand and for sale. Dickens complete books 14 volumes illustrated. Price 10 dollars or 1.25 single volume. Scotts complete works, Waverley Novels 23 volumes, illustrated at \$21 or 1.25 single copy. Also complete line of school books, McGuffin's, Horners and National Readers, Grammars, Geographies, Arithmetics and all kind of school material. Hymn books and all kinds of stationery. Complete line of letter paper at 15 cents per quire, less by the wholesale. R. P. SPIERS, Bottom Store.

The following Juniors were drawn for the July Term of the Inferior Court 1878 to wit:

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2 Geo. W. Pearson, H. S. Neville, 17
3 W. T. Sledge, O. F. Dickins, 18
4 John Hudson, William Smith, (col.) 19
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CORRESPONDENTS will please write on one side of the paper, and to avoid having their communications thrown in the waste basket, will furnish their names and addresses, and publication, but as a guarantee of good faith, we will not notice anonymous correspondence.

OUR AGENTS.—The following gentlemen will act as agents for the ROANOKE NEWS: Captain A. B. Hill, Scotland Neck. F. D. Dickins, Fannetts. Geo. T. Simmons, Halifax. Major N. E. Jenkins, Littleton. J. C. Hill, Palmyra. Dr. F. M. Garrett, Ringwood. Rev. C. M. Cook, Warrenton. F. Evans Foster, Northampton Co. J. D. Boone, Jackson, N. C. E. A. Betchler, Enfield, N. C.

LOCAL.

SEND your Job Work to J. W. Sledge. REV JOHN C. GAILLICK will preach in the Methodist church tomorrow morning, the 7th at 11 o'clock.

A negro woman was shot and killed by a negro man at Franklin Va., yesterday morning. We have not been able to find out the cause.

A bad complexion is frequently caused by worms. Shirley's Indian Vermifuge will remedy the whole trouble. Try it. Only 25 cents a bottle.

One of the Editors of the Jackson Courier was to see us on Wednesday. We thought he came to base ball match but he did not and we didn't insist.

A pleasant and cheerful room is essential to the health of the baby, and the usual pains and ills of the young ones soon vanish after the use of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup. Price 25 cents.

The members of the Musical Club have met Monday and Wednesday night of each week for rehearsals. All the members are requested to take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

SOME of our young men should be more careful when they send boxes of apples and peaches to their sweethearts. Mistakes have been made recently, of an embarrassing nature and the fruit eaten by the wrong girl.

The attention of the Mayor and Commissioners is again called to the condition of the streets and gutters of the town. We imagine we have discovered several new new sewers since our last issue. It is the case next week we will be forced to drop the subject.

NOTES OF THE WEATHER FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1878.—Highest Temperature 93° Lowest " 61° Mean " 74° Prevaling Wind Southerly. Amount of Rainfall 2.61-160 inches.

NIGHT latches have but recently come into general use in Weldon and are not thoroughly understood by everybody. We heard of a gentleman the other day who was unable to get into his room by day light, exclaiming piteously, "How in the hell can a man get into his room by night when he falls at 12 o'clock in the day."

WE take pleasure in giving thanks to our young friend, Thad Marning, of the Danville News, for valuable services kindly rendered in getting out this issue. He looked quite at home, at his old place in our office, for he was for a long time local editor and "funny man" of the ROANOKE NEWS.

ONE of our local young men went visiting some nights ago and was detained until 12 o'clock by inability to find his hat on which it was at last discovered his girl was sitting. And now that young man says that when he goes visiting again he will hang his hat up instead of keeping it in his lap.

GEN. ROBERT VANCE has succeeded in getting a bill passed by Congress, to furnish the North Carolina State Guards with tents and camp equipage, and now if we had our uniforms the Roanoke Light Infantry might spend a week, this summer, at some pleasant place. Can the company not get ready?

THE just and impartial decisions of Capt. J. J. Robertson of Enfield, the umpire in the game of ball between Halifax and Weldon at Halifax July 2nd, is well worthy of mention. His thorough knowledge of the rules and regulations of the game, aided by a cool and strong determination to accord equal justice to both sides, rightly entitles him to be a judge in base ball matters.

WE have received two cotton blooms this week. One from Mr. L. Wilsons correspondent one from Mr. W. T. Britt on the farm of Mr. W. L. Winfield on the 1st of July, one from J. J. Green on the 23rd of June and a notice of one from Rocky Mount on the 1st. Notwithstanding the many complaints by farmers of the backwardness of the season we believe there are more blooms reported to date than in any previous year for several.

TRINER of Petersburg's lovely daughters spent several hours in Weldon on Wednesday last. It must have been of our handsome person and fascinating ways, that caused their gallant escort to neglect us, until fifteen minutes before their departure. Had we been notified earlier it would have given pleasure to have shown them the beauties of Weldon. However they have promised to come again, when we hope to make an impression. We believe they admitted, we were the best looking of a party of several, at the table, but that was not at all flattering, as it consisted of the ugliest men in Weldon.

DR. L. T. FRUQUA, one of the best dentists in the state will be in Halifax next week ready and willing to serve his friends.

CONTINUOUS effort impoverishes the blood unless it be kept pure by suitable food and (when needed) Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture.

A rumor was current in town Wednesday night that a 4th of July oration was to be delivered. Naturally the town was deserted on that glorious day.

THE train of last Friday evening, caused a slight break in the Petersburg R. R. just beyond Roanoke station. The morning train was delayed a few minutes thereby.

IT is will be very gratifying to the many friends of Gen. Harry Heth to learn that he has received the appointment of Special Agent of the Treasury Department. He will make a faithful officer.

A cold-blooded murder was committed in Petersburg on last Saturday. Hugh Sykes a recently released convict killed Richard T. Green stabbing him through the heart. Green died almost instantly.

WHOLESALE CANDY PRICES AT V. J. NAW'S BAKERY AND CANDY MANUFACTORY. Sugar Cakes per barrel \$5.00. Ginger Cakes per barrel \$4.50. Candy 12 cents in lots of 25 pounds and upward.

WE call attention to the article in to day's issue headed "Two Fifties" It was written by an esteemed friend, who was one of the parties mentioned in the story and who has given us a most interesting account of a most mysterious transaction. Who can doubt the hand of God in this? We know the story to be true in every particular, for we have been told so by the author, and no living man has ever doubted any statement made by him.

OUR new advertisements this week consist of the announcement of the Purcell House, Norfolk, which we notice at length elsewhere and the advertisements of the Warrenton Male Academy and Greensborough Female Seminary. We take great pleasure in giving these advertisements to the public and in recommending the schools to our patrons. It is only by public patronage of our schools that they can be built up and so duty to the State as well as to the children prompts us to patronize home institutions.

VENUES.—Last Tuesday night Harold Stovall, very bad, went into Mr. L. M. Long's house and room and stole a suit of clothes in the pockets of which was a very fine watch and a number of valuable papers. Wednesday night the same negro burglarized the house occupied by Wm. Turner Esq. Thursday morning Stovall started to Raleigh on the excursion but Tom Field took him in at Henderson and found part of the plunder on him. Stovall is now in jail and will pull heavy, he having committed two capital felonies.

BASE BALL.—A match game of base ball was played at Halifax on Tuesday last, between the Weldon club and the Halifax club. Weldon was defeated on account of the unavoidable absence of five of the members of the 1st nine.

ANOTHER match game was played in Weldon on Wednesday, between the Reindeers (colored) and the Halifax club (colored). A dispute having arisen, the game was called, without resulting in victory to either party.

WE are requested to state that a match game will be played here on Monday next between the Blue Devils, and the 2nd nine of the Roanoke R. B. Club.

THE MATCH GAME OF BASE BALL MONDAY.—The match game of Base Ball to take place between the Blue Devils and the Second Nine of the Roanoke R. B. Club, at their grounds, in this city, next Monday, promises to be one of the most interesting events of the season. The young gentlemen composing both Clubs may properly be termed experts in the game, and the contest will doubtless be a close one. They have been practicing for some time and are pretty evenly matched. Having just provided themselves with becoming uniforms they will present quite a handsome appearance. A large crowd is expected to witness the game. The ladies are especially invited to be present to lend encouragement to the occasion by their sweet smiles and merry laughter. Good order will be preserved and none need hesitate to witness the play. The game will be called at 2 o'clock, p. m. Let there be a large crowd to see how handsomely the boys acquit themselves.

WE travel sometimes and hear many funny things not intended for our ears. We never close but to slanders, gossip and harsh criticisms, we never lend a willing ear. A conversation of this sort, was forced upon us, not a thousand miles from home on a recent business trip to a near city, by two young ladies, apparently school girls. The young ladies in question were seated very near us and our attention was drawn to them by hearing the name of a young lady friend of ours mentioned and of course we felt an interest in anything concerning her. But much to our mortification, she was dissected with no tender hand but rudely hacked until we almost wept over her mangled, mental and moral remains. A pause, after the operation and a sigh of relief, from us. But, O! horrors it was only to gain breath for another and more vigorous attack on another of our friends, and we really believe, if the railroad had been a thousand miles in length we would have heard every friend we had in the world well ventilated. We certainly heard more of those two in the short space of ten minutes than we had found out in a long acquaintance. Now we have been loving the girls just exactly forty-two years and a half, and never knew they talked so before. We wonder if they all do so? If so—well! Ahem!

MR. JOHN H. P. LIGON is our authorized agent for Petersburg Va.

COTTON BLOOMS.—In addition to the blooms sent in Monday and already noticed, we have received a bloom from Messrs. Matthews and Partin of Ringwood, while Wesley Peebles sends us a branch with 20 young buds on it, with a promise to send us a bale soon.

IT is entirely antagonistic to our nature to quarrel or complain, we have never been able to decide whether it was our good nature or laziness which has always kept us out of big quarrels, but such has been the case, and we only now speak in justice to our partner. To begin with there is neglect somewhere in the postal service. Within the past ten days complaints have been made from Garysburg, Petersburg and Richmond that the News was not received for days after it was due, and frequently not at all. For instance a subscriber at Garysburg who should have received the paper on Saturday afternoon did not get it until the following Thursday. In Petersburg the paper reaches some subscribers and not others, this we cannot understand as the entire Petersburg package is made up together and so leaves this office, now, we know this is not the fault of our office in Weldon, for the obliging Post Office clerk Mr. Jack Joyner, sports our large mail to find that bound for Petersburg and North Friday nights and send it off by the 2 1/2 p. m. train so that it should reach its destination 12 hours earlier than it did formerly. Another fact we know, is that our mailing clerk is always very careful to see that every subscriber's paper leaves this office. We hope it will not be necessary to allude to this subject again but that then whose duty it is will remedy the evil at once.

SPEAKING of Norfolk and its hotels the National Hotel Reporter says: Norfolk has any number of hotels, but only one or two worthy of mention. The Purcell House and the Atlantic Hotel are the large and first class hotels of the city. The Purcell House, opened in December last by Col. J. R. Davis proprietor of the Purcell House, Wilmington, North Carolina, for the ten years previous to its removal here, was known as the National Hotel, until this gentleman took possession and changed its interior and exterior so that its old patrons would not recognize it. Col. Davis has one of the largest and most conveniently arranged hotels in the South. Its office and rotunda are large and well lighted; the dining room could not be improved upon; the working department is roomy and fitted up with every convenience and the guests' rooms are all cool and handsomely furnished. A passenger elevator, one of the first in this state, was introduced by the Colonel when making his many improvements and alterations, and is an unexpected luxury to the stranger making a visit to Norfolk for the first time. It is almost unnecessary to say that the Purcell House is well kept and has an excellent table, for the Colonel's reputation in this part of the country is an assurance of this fact. A more liberal general hotel keeper can not be found anywhere; to make his guests feel at home and give as much as possible for their money seems to be his sole aim, the question of his own profit never entering his mind. Col. Davis is ably assisted in the management of his hotel by Wm. H. Billings, cashier; J. O. Bailey, room clerk, and Wm. Johnston, book-keeper and cashier. All gentlemen of a number of years experience and very popular with the traveling public.

By invitation of a sweet young friend, a year old graduate of the Institution, we attended the annual concert of the Southern Female College, located in Petersburg. Arriving at an early hour, we found the hall and aisles crowded almost to suffocation, we suggesting however in gaining a bare entrance. We and our companion (a handsome lady at course) being jostled and trampled upon, having our bosquets knocked into pie, and back hair disarranged, thought to retire and after much labor disengaged ourselves, and reached the street with a sigh of relief. Determined to hear sweet music discoursed and cast our final offerings at the feet of our sweetheart, we entered into the adjoining lot, where we were kindly received by a lady friend of our companion and more kindly presented with a "step ladder," and here is where we expected trouble, as there was a high fence to scale, and only one ladder, after a little reflection this difficulty was overcome as follows: The ladder was firmly fixed against the fence, the young lady gracefully mounted, seated herself on the ground, until we could draw the ladder to the opposite side to aid us in releasing her from her lofty position. However, this was all accomplished without accident and with little delay, and placing this useful article, (the ladder) against the wall of the building, we soon found comfortable seats for two, in a window of the concert room, where we could listen to sweet music discoursed by lovely girls, only interrupted by having to pass notes between a young lady inside, and a young gentleman who stood on the fence, too far to whisper. We take it back, it was no interruption, we rather like to aid in such little pleasantries. We used to do so too, but it has been a long time ago. We believe we could do so again, if people wouldn't make us feel bad by saying we are too old for such foolishness. But the concert. The overture by Misses. L. V. Jones, M. E. Leigh, M. E. Young and J. E. Buxton, was finely executed, and was received with great applause, while bosquets were showered at the feet of the fair performers. We were particularly struck with the rendering, of that sweetest of all music, "Home Sweet Home," by Misses Deax and Booth; Miss Laura V. Jones, in that splendid song "Flour des Alpes," (our bouquet is gone); and Miss Sallie Doggett in "Casa Diva." The two last mentioned young ladies have sweet and melodious voices that could soothe all the savage ears on earth. A just medal of praise is due to the juveniles, Misses, E. Hall, Willie Leigh, B. Scott and A. Higgins for the excellent manner in which they performed their parts, in selections from

Luceria and Lucia. We regret to be unable to mention others who deserve notice at our hands, but ignorance of the names of the parties and the pieces rendered, prevent our saying much, that we would like to speak of. Altogether the occasion was pleasant, and was enjoyed by all present. We regret not being able to attend the distribution of medals and distinction, on the following night. Mr. Gregory's address we know was well worth hearing, and the girls well worth seeing again.

SUMMER COL. GA., June 10th 1878. POST MASTER, Sir:—Please publish this what I write to you in the newspapers for me. I have been from there 21 years, I was sold to the speculators, and brought here to Georgia. I would like to find my people if I can, provided if any of them are now living. When I was there I used to belong to Mr. Rolling, Darda, of Weldon, N. C. The names of my people are, Sam, Green, Mary, Dowds, Jane, Adline, Pink, Lucy, Nelly, Henry, Matilda, if you can hear any thing of them and of their where about, please write to me, and let me know, as soon as you can, as I wish to hear from them very much. Direct your letter to Americans, Sumter county, Georgia. I remain yours respectfully, JOHN FOOT.

THEATICAL NOTES. As previously announced "Our American Cousin" was presented last Wednesday by the ladies and gentlemen of our dramatic corps, and we hazard nothing in saying, that it was an occasion long to be remembered by all, who were present. While all did so well, it may seem invidious to particularize, but as a visitor and a member of the audience, we cannot forbear paying a special tribute to the exceptionally fine rendition of "Florence" by Mrs. White, and "Mary" by Mrs. Franklin. The other female characters were well sustained by Mrs. Dyer, Miss Mosely, Miss Long, Miss Jones, and Miss Prince. The fair manager must have felt sure that in choosing her performers, the beauty of the ladies would atone for any possible deficiencies in the actresses.

"The American Cousin" of Mr. Burton, and "Lord Dundreary" of Mr. Batcher, might make Joe, Jefferson and Seth in look to their laurels, while Mr. Longhin as "Coyler" received loud applause, and fully sustained the high reputation which he has already gained. Mr. Hall, as "Murcott," and Mr. Gough as "Binny," were second to none. Capt. Looker gave dignity to the role of "Sir Edward Trenchard," Mr. Butler, as "Lieut. Vernon," Mr. Richard Hall, as "Capt. De Bois," and Mr. Joyner as "Wickens" came fully up to the general standard of excellence.

WE have been betrayed by the wit of the performers, and in entering more on detail than we intended, but we cannot close without expressing the thanks of all who were present to the orchestra, composed of the "Weldon String Band," under the leadership of Mr. A. B. Hill of Scotland Neck, whose admirable music added so much to the success of the entertainment.

LETTER FROM TENNESSEE. COLLIERVILLE TENN., June 28th, 1878. MR. EDITOR.—I am not accustomed to writing for the press, but thinking you and my friends, would not object to hearing from this part of the South-west, I will try in a plain way to tell you something of what I have seen since leaving Weldon, on the 13th of June. I arrived here on the morning of the 17th inst. at 11 o'clock, was met at the Depot by my relative, J. H. Mangum, whom a great many of the readers of the News, will remember was in Halifax county, in 1857 '58 immediately after the late war. He has since that time been engaged in the mercantile business, in Natchez, Miss., and this place in connection with his brother Saml. D. Mangum. They have been quite successful and gained the reputation of being sharp-shrew business men; I found Colliersville, to be a beautiful little village, lying immediately on the M. & C. R. R. twenty-five miles from Memphis and nine hundred and sixty-nine miles from Weldon, with from 12 to 1500 inhabitants from 18 to 20 stores, most of them of brick structure, a fine first and flour mill, a Female and male school, both in a flourishing condition. The society is full and the people are noted for their hospitality, especially to strangers, the people seem to be so thickly settled as, in our State, but in a more prosperous condition, there seems to be disposition on the part of the farmers here to diversify their crops, and make enough at home for home consumption, their smoke houses and corn cribs are not kept at the stores of the merchants, but at home and they pay cash for what they buy, thereby saving to themselves from 50 to 75 per cent.

The land lies well and is easy to improve, the soil is a red stiff loam, timbered with oak, hickory, poplar and gum, and with the same use of compost and fertilizers, that is in use in our State, would produce from one to one and a half bales cotton per acre in this country, and from forty to sixty bushels of corn, this of course is all upland; I went out a few evenings ago, to see the cotton farm of Col. P. Lee Gray, and found a beautiful field of 100 acres, in splendid condition, about half high, and in full bloom I can tell you it was a beautiful sight for a North Carolina farmer to look at, in the middle of June.

I had the pleasure of attending a Masonic picnic, and celebration of St. John's on the 24th inst. at Russellville, a little village, 7 miles above on the M. & C. R. R. A special train came out from Memphis, to convey the Colliersville Lodge to the grounds; we boarded the train at 8:30 A. M., in company with some 40 or 50 of the fair daughters of Colliersville and vicinity, with the brass band of this place, to discourse its sweet music for us, during the day, we arrived at Russellville at 9 o'clock and repaired to the grounds, a beautiful grove, where we found about 2000 people, in waiting, we had plenty to eat, good order, and every body seemed to enjoy themselves. My being a stranger, among strangers, of course I had to content myself, as a looker on, at 7 1/2 o'clock P. M. we took the train for Colliersville to dream of some strange fables, and of the loved ones at home, in the old North State. When I have seen more of this country and its people I will try to give you a more interesting letter.

Very Respectfully, R. J. COCHRAN.

[For Roanoke News.] THE TWO FIFTHS.

I remember the place well, Wilkesville, in the county of G. The State of Va. The southern man never flows as a layler spot. Beautiful it was indeed to them with nothing but the sun-shine of wedded love illumining their hearts in those quiet, peaceful, and happy days. As the placid surface of the mountain lakes, though bordered with the towering, densely wooded height is not always without a ripple, so the place of the calmest domestic tranquility has both its shadow and its sun shine. It were only wise, we would heed the admonition so surely conveyed to us that here we have no abiding place—no continuing city.

So many years have rolled away that I can recall only a few of the prominent facts connected with the private history of those to whom I am about to refer.

Never shall I forget J.—and his wife, and their two noble boys.—the nice politeness, general respect, gentleness—Amanda the wife, one of those angels of the earth with bright, pleasant face, beaming with kindness and love, and so unselfish as to seem to be always striving to promote the comfort and enjoyment of those around her. The boys handsome, manly, well-dressed, and you may be sure high in the esteem of the mother, who made no effort to conceal her honest pride in beholding them.

A clear beautiful night, the 4th of May 18—, fell upon the village of Wilkesville. The moon was in full splendor, scarcely a rustling leaf disturbed the calmness of the hour. Suddenly a mighty commotion seized the villagers—alarm spread—rapid steps of persons hastily collected could be seen advancing in the direction of the Railroad over which a train of cars had passed within the quarter hour previous. Some five or six hundred yards from the hotel, and one hundred and fifty yards beyond the outer switch—by which connection was formed with another Railroad, and directly on the main track, found to be assembled a group of persons, upon whose countenances a nearer approach soon made visible the horror, and dismay depicted there. A little nearer and I beheld the lifeless form of J.—the head newly severed from the body to which it was attached only by a narrow strip of skin at the back of the neck. Eighty wheels had passed over the dead man's neck. The chest, arms, and lower limbs were entirely unharmed. The head outside the track presented a ghastly spectacle. The face was pulled out to nearly twice its length from the mouth, and was lying in that position by the firmly closed to the pieces of neck-bone laid on the ground just underneath, and blood trickled from the open throat. The suicide had arranged himself with great care. Evidently he intended that the wheels of the train he knew to be approaching should strike his neck only—and not mangle any other portion. With this view he had placed himself obliquely across the track—brought down arms under his body—neck outside—lower limbs extended one foot over the other. Too well did he succeed. He had chosen a thoroughly effective mode of destruction. Poor J.— was with his family at supper on that eventful night. They little thought it was his last supper with them, and had no suspicion whatever of the then deep anguish of his distended soul. Not entirely recovered from the effects of a fall sustained several months before, he was yet using crutches, by the aid of which he had managed to reach undiscovered the place where he was found, hardly yet cold, but dead, dead on the track. At times he had suffered most intensely from neuralgia, to relieve himself from which he had taken to strong drink. At last in utter despair of freedom from his frequent severe attacks, he seemed to have resolved upon self-destruction, and accordingly adopted the mode already described. Outside the track he had placed his hat and crutches near by in an empty valise labeled "Janetum." In the hat was found a letter addressed to three well known gentlemen of the village, T. N., and B., wherein he requested those gentlemen to do what they could for his wife and children. Tenderly the corpse was moved. T. drew a white linen handkerchief from his pocket, placed it under the swollen head, and then gathering the four corners made a support for the head while the remains were in the course of removal to J's last residence. What a night of grief to the stricken ones of that family. And the wretched one, the night through must have been the scene of the striking blood as it fell slowly, drop by drop into the wooden vessel placed below to catch the raw fluid. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death by his own voluntary act in placing himself on the Railroad track during a fit of temporary insanity. A short distance from J's—lived Mr. and Mrs. W., poor but respectable people contented and happy in their humble rented dwelling. 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