

A New Crater in the Moon.

Nature states that Dr. Hermann J. Klein of Cologne, discovered a great black crater on the moon's surface, a great black crater on the Mare Vaporum, and a little to the northwest of the well known crater Hyginus. He describes the crater as being about three miles in diameter, being deep and full of shadow, and as forming a conspicuous on the dark gray Mare Vaporum. The appearance of this crater is new, seeming to indicate that the surface of the moon is subject even now to changes of a volcanic nature.

A Story of Proctor Knott.

(From the Capital.)
Jones tells us a good story of Proctor Knott. It will be remembered that in the fall of 1850 Knott, then residing in Missouri, was elected attorney general on the Blair ticket. When Frank Blair seized the State of Missouri in 1861, he sent out Colonel Burstein, at the head of two German regiments, from St. Louis to take possession of Jefferson City. Burstein was a Revolutionary of '48 and a native of Hesse-Cassel. At his approach Blair, Jackson fled to Nesho, accompanied by all the State officials, except Knott and one other. As soon as Burstein had established his quarters in possession with headquarters at the State house, he sent a corporal and a file of men to collect those fragments of the State government which Jackson in his haste had left behind. The corporal collected Mr. J. Proctor, then in full regiments, with sword and pistol by his side, and seated in the great chair of the chief justice, received him.

When Knott was presented to him, Burstein began a speech as follows:

"Mr. Addoness General: The relations of this State to the Federal Union are now complete. The moderate old der Stultate government has now in its hands the reins of government, and the United States are now in a position to effect a reorganization of the State government upon a new basis, and for the institution for which our forefathers bled and died."

"Allow me to interrupt you, colonel," Knott broke in solemnly.

"Certainly," said Burstein, with enormous gravity.

"I merely desired to conserve the accuracy of history," pursued Knott. "You observe, colonel, that the context of your remark would lead to the inference that your forefathers and mine fought shoulder to shoulder in that conflict. But if you will refer to any reliable account of the battle of Fort Mifflin or Princeton, you will find them represented as facing each other on those fields."

"Gosh!" rejoined Burstein, sadly, "shake that man away; he's not my py. his house were he, and black him under guard till further order."

Knott tells me, says Jones, that he has never since ventured upon a joke at the expense of a Dutchman, particularly if he was a native of Hesse-Cassel.

Special Locals.

In time of peace prepare for war. While all is quiet don't forget to insure your property with R. F. Butler, General Insurance Agent.

Sixty Sewing Machines, needles and all attachments, for sale at White & Stainback's Bottom Store.

100! 100!! 100!!!—One hundred lbs. of Flour just received and for sale cheap for cash.

Call and examine our large and new selected stock of Groceries before purchasing.

White Stainback & Gooch.

If you die soon will your family be provided for? If not be sure to insure your life in the METROPOLITAN.

R. F. Butler, Agent.

Two elegant business and pleasure wagons for one or two horses for sale cheap at the Roanoke Agricultural works. Weldon, Va.

Winfield and Emory have to arrive 100 barrels of flour and 25,000 pounds of bacon, which they will sell at Baltimore prices, without any charge for freight.

Just received a lot of Mies Celebrated Walkenphast and Bismarck Stoves. Call and see them. No guarantee satisfaction.

White Stainback & Gooch.

You can find Borden Lined Oil, Raw Lined Oil, Machine Oil for Gigs, &c. Sewing Machine Oil, Lard Oil, Tanners Oil, at T. A. Clarke Drug Store.

On and after October 1st all goods will be sold strictly for cash. Every thing down at lowest prices. Call and see us before purchasing elsewhere.

Whitefield & Emory.

Just to hand one ear load Liverpool fine salt, full weight, factory filled 155 per sack. Also at Garysburg Store same price.

Bottom Store.

To the Ladies—We have just received a few pieces of beautiful dress goods call early and get the first choice.

White & Stainback, Bottom Store.

PLEASE remember that your little accounts are past due and we respectfully ask a settlement of the same.

White & Stainback, Bottom Store.

The Best is the Cheapest.—Therefore you should call and get the best of Flour, for which we are agents—before buying elsewhere.

White & Stainback, Bottom Store.

FARMERS save money by using the Home Fertilizer, made at home by the Formula of Boykin, Garner & Co., which has given such general satisfaction everywhere. The chemicals can be had pure of T. A. Clark Weldon N. C. Agent for Boykin Garner & Co.

I am now selling at retail, pretty coffee sugars, at 16c per pound, shoulder meat 21c, sides 24c, a No 1 article of coffee at 22c, medium quality at 19c.

R. P. Spiers, Bottom Store.

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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, Pamlico.
Dr. F. M. Garrett, Ringwood.
Rev. C. M. Cook, Warrenton.
B. Eugene Foster, Northampton Co.
J. D. Bower, Jackson, N. C.
E. A. Byrcher, Enfield, N. C.
John H. P. Leigh, Petersburg, Va.

LOCAL.

Eggs very high.

Trade improving.

Flowers all gone.

Watermelons in flower.

Farewell to soldiers.

Weather very pleasant.

Now is the time to advertise.

A ladies club—the broomstick.

Farmers busy picking cotton.

All the fodder has been saved.

The ice dealer's sun is setting.

To day is the Jewish New Year.

The old soap bonnet is revived.

Cotton very low for a beginning.

Our merchants will soon go north.

No preaching in town last Sunday.

Travel very good on all the roads.

Elbow sleeves are very fashionable.

Our merchants wear cheerful faces.

Have you put down your carpet yet?

Send your Job Work to J. W. Sledge.

Very little sickness in this community.

Farewell mosquitoes after this month.

Walk over on the bridge badly needed.

Printers ink will tell merchants. Try it.

Ladies now wear gentlemen's neck ties.

The damp weather is keeping cotton back.

Squirrels are now in prime order for broiling.

Get ready the tax collector will be after you soon.

Everybody looking forward to the Weldon fair.

A walk over on the bridge is something we must have.

And so O'Hara is to be made to step down and out.

Several bales of new cotton shipped from this place this week.

Come to the Weldon fair, and our word for it, you will never regret the trip.

Job work of all kind done very cheap.

Apply to J. W. Sledge.

We understand the ladies will have another feast in Literary Hall during the fair.

The quickest way to reform is for all to run for office and every man vote for himself.

Why is the letter "B" like the end of hogs? Because it's the beginning of sausage.

It is the season for missing the hickory nut and fetching your thumb a mischief.

Court adjourned Thursday morning, having finished continuing cases on the Civil docket.

The colored troops fit nobly, but the way they paraded Tuesday evening is past telling.

Rev. C. M. Cook has just closed very successful revivals at Mount Tabor and Calvary.

Several unions are busily engaged working on the uniforms of the Roanoke Light Infantry.

Every day brings new evidence that the Weldon Fair this year will eclipse all its predecessors.

Three eloping couples from Richmond went to Washington on one excursion train last week.

No cards, no cake, no company, nobody's business is the way weddings are announced in Italy.

The books are now open and the collector is calling on all parties to come and settle their taxes.

Essexford's dime party raised a little more than \$150 for the fever sufferers. It was sent to Brownsville Tenn.

Capt. Louis Rans formerly of the R. & G. R. R. was married to Miss Lillian Scarlett of Raleigh last Thursday.

In reply to the question what the coming man be bald an exchange says that he generally is when he first comes.

A. H. Lavin, naval officer ex-member of Congress and brother of our Byron Lavin committed suicide by hanging, last Tuesday.

He thought he heard "that angels sing" and it proved to be a chorus of yells from the next door children. He grew desperate, procured a bottle of Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup and sent it to Mrs. S. with his compliments. He was a bachelor.

Had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Pleasant of the Petersburg Index Appeal in Weldon last Tuesday on his way to Hantsport.

Whom the Gods love die young has been amended so as to read, whom the Gods love eat cucumbers. It means the same thing.

Capt. L. E. Lantry, the Junior Editor of this paper, has been seriously ill during the past week, and we are sorry to say is still no better.

All of them have used Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture. Who? Those who heretofore suffered with Rashes and Pimples, but who free from such annoyances.

Capt. Turner W. Battle and family of Nash county have been in Weldon during this week, being detained here by the serious illness of his little boy Gordon.

Produce Wanted.—Two hundred and fifty live grown pigeons wanted; to be delivered on Friday Oct. 23 at Weldon, N. C. Parties will please communicate with the ROANOKE NEWS office at once.

Discontinued.—The Edgecombe race horse Jennifer, has taken up his quarters at the Fair Grounds, where he will be put in condition for the fall races by Anthony Hall.

A million of worms gnawing day and night is quite enough, we think, to throw a child into spasms. Shrinne's Indian Vermifuge will destroy and expel them and restore the child.

Removal.—William McNell formerly of the Hotel Barber shop has removed his shop on 2nd street near the Postoffice where he will be found ready and willing at all hours to serve his customers. Read his advertisement and give him a call.

The handle of a crank car caught in the button hole of the vest of a colored road-hand at Halifax Wednesday. It threw him about forty yards and when we left Halifax that day he was curled up in a corner of the warehouse waiting for the verdict.

On Thursday night during our Fair there will be a German at the Weldon Hotel lead by our accomplished friend W. B. Ayres of Richmond. By the way we are indebted to him for extreme kindness shown us on a recent visit to that city.

NOTES OF THE WEATHER FOR THE PAST THREE WEEKS.—

Highest Temperature 89°

Lowest " 55°

Mean " 74°

Prevailing Wind Northerly.

Amount of Rainfall 1.98 inches.

L. A. FARMHOUSE Grocery Department is stocked with a full supply of RICE, FLOUR, SUGAR, LARD, RICE, MOLASSES, Canned Hams, Salt, Soap, Concentrated Lye, Essence of Coffee, Blueing, Starch, &c. &c. Dry goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Hats, Clothing, &c. are now being sold low down to make room for fall stock. Prices of every thing to suit the hard times.

Two runaways delighted the heart of the Weldon small boy but they lay. The first was caused by the dog sled driven by Mr. Grayville. He didn't hurt anything but a mule organ; a fat and I tried to have a real mauler and parrot time. He knocked down Pariah's awning, flung a nigger into his but he did not hurt the wagon.

We omitted to mention in our last that Mr. L. M. Long was elected Tax Collector for this year, and Mr. E. T. Clark was elected Treasurer to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Long. These are both first-class appointments and for evidence of this, if any is needed, we state that at this time of the court the jury was paid in cash, which we believe has not happened before in a number of years.

We had the pleasure of seeing in Weldon last Thursday our young friend Col. W. H. Tucker of Raleigh. The colonel was just returning from an extended tour in Europe in which he was accompanied by his charming niece Misses Maggie, Lulu and Florence, daughters of Maj. R. S. Tucker. Mrs. R. S. Tucker, still no less charming than any of her daughters had joined the party in New York and was with them on their return trip.

The Jackson Courier has the advantage of us in one respect at least. We noticed among the scraps in its last issue one spelt as follows: K-i-s-s-e-m-e-w-e-o-t. Now the Courier published this request and it has led to no serious consequences. If we had dared to do so every one of our young lady readers would have conceived herself personally appealed to and there would have been a rush of beauty to our office which would run the devil crazy. All the same we wish sweet would do it.

READ! READ! READ!—Just received 100 Bunches of Cotton Ties 100 Bunches of bagging.

100 Bunches Flour—family, extra, super.

100 Cases Salt—factory filled.

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THE WILSON ADVANCE.—Col. H. G. Wilson has sold this excellent weekly to T. H. Boggs and John E. Woodard, Esq., a strong team, who will sustain the reputation and character of the paper in every particular. W. H. Blount, the Sweet Singer of the East, severs his connection. We do not hesitate to say a goodly portion of credit is due the pen and brain of Henry Blount for the standing and interest of the Advance. We trust he will not be long without employment in the sphere for which he is so fitted by mental equipment. Success to the new management.—Tarboro Southener.

In our new advertisement column this morning will be found the annual fall announcement of Messrs Noah Walker & Co. the well known clothing merchants of Petersburg. This firm keeps on hand every article necessary to the adornment of the outer man and those in want of any thing in their line cannot do better than by going to see them.

We also present the announcement of Messrs Plummer & Wheeler of Petersburg well known to the people of this section as a thoroughly reliable firm and one which sells only the best goods and at the lowest prices. Mr. Plummer of the firm has been in the hardware business all his life and is thoroughly an expert in every department of his business.

We also take pleasure in calling attention to the insurance notice of Mr. R. F. Butler. In such times as these it is not only good policy but an actual duty to insure property and Butler is a good hand to place the risk.

Just His Luck.—We have previously had occasion to call attention to the beginning of work on the streets of Weldon and the vigor and energy with which the work was being pushed by the street commissioner. It now becomes our painful duty to tell what part such a golden period to the exertions of said commissioner.

Among other pieces of work instituted by the commissioner was the filling up of the holes just beyond the Episcopal church. In doing this it was necessary to level the breast works and throw the dirt into the water, and so the combination of mud and water made a deep and adhesive paste.

Now the street commissioner has lately gone into stock raising on a large scale and amongst his live stock is a single cow. On the evening that the hole was filled up, when the cows were coming home all the cows walked around the treacherous spot except this one cow of the commissioner's who waded in, got mired, and was only rescued at the cost of much prizeing and probability. The commissioner says he has not been so badly treated since his last steer ran away and broke his neck.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—The number of Little's Living Age for the weeks ending Sept. 21st and 28th, have the following valuable and interesting contents:—

Catherine of Russia. Quarterly Review: Mashed of Dye, by William Black from advance sheets; Among the Burmese; Fraser's History of the Revolt of Greece; Edinburgh Review; Within the Precincts, by Mrs. Oliphant, from advance sheets; Age of the Sun and Earth, Cornhill; Russian Court Life in the Eighteenth Century;—Elizabeth Petrowna—A. Clemeate; Temple Bar; Rose Cherill, an Exile's Love Story, Cornhill; What is Morphology? by Prof. W. K. Parker, F. R. S., Nation; Dark and Fair, Saturday Review; together with choice poetry and miscellany.

The next number, the first in October, begins a new volume, and is a good one with which to begin a subscription. For fifty-two numbers, of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3000 pages a year), the subscription price (\$8) is low; or for \$10.50 any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies is sent with The Living Age for a year, both post-paid. Little & G. Y., Boston, are the publishers.

We have received from Capt. C. B. Denison Secretary an invitation to the Raleigh Fair and were about to give an acknowledgment when the Tarborough Southener came in, and we of course stopped to see what Dorsey Battle had to say, we found his ideas on the subject in accord with our own and so we quote them. They read this way:

Our thanks are hereby tendered to Capt. C. B. Denison, the courteous and efficient Secretary for a "complimentary" to the Raleigh Fair, which begins on 14th Oct., and ends on the 18th. Capt. Denison certainly does all that within him lies to make the institution an honor to the State. Would that the other parts were so well performed! The last exhibition has been extremely criticised. Col. L. M. Blackley was on the boat with us last week going to Pitt County. He was a large exhibitor of fine stock, horses, cattle, sheep and pigs at the last Fair. But he says with his experience under the management and with the system of appointing judges, the methods pursued in the allotment of prizes, the poor show that real merit has, furnishes an encouragement to an exhibitor. For instance his splendid team Ethan Allen and Night Shade, whose beauty and speed, lineage and adaptation in match, have never been surpassed at any Fair, had the prize for match taken from them even after it was awarded. Judges upon stock are not competent to judge. That instead of a pointing such men as Jas. Norwood, who are really competent, judges are appointed who are no judges.

Col. Blackley offered a \$1,000 wager that no one could show a better Berkshire sow one year old, in America. We have been reliably informed that Messrs. Barlow of Edgecombe, and Norwood of Hillsboro, would not exhibit this year. One of the judges of a race last year refused to sign an appeal for Jennifer because the judge was a member of the Church.

The military, too, last year lodged heavy complaint. We do not publish these things to injure or captiously criticize, but to have the abuses remedied for the pride we have in the State. Indiscriminate puffery never yet righted a wrong.

THE longest night in Norway lasts three months, and when a young man goes to see his girl, her mother, before leaving, tells her not to ruin her health by sitting up more than two months.

We republish the above from a Norwegian exchange for three reasons.

1st. To show that things are alike all over the world.

2nd. As a warning to certain young men of Weldon.

3rd. As a measure of relief to certain of our young lady friends.

AN HISTORICAL FACT.—Every agent who has been steadily selling the Lane proved \$20 Homestead Sewing Machine for three years, owns his dwelling house, has a good account in bank, is clear of debt, and has money at interest—the natural consequences of securing a good agency for superior goods at the lowest prices. A good first-class Sewing Machine, most useful—reliable at all times, easy to understand and control, the same size and does the same work as any machine that sold at four times the price. There is no machine at any price better, or that will do finer or more work, and certainly none so low in price by many dollars. The Homestead is a widely known and used in thousands of families in the Eastern and Middle States, and daily becoming popular in the West. It will save its cost several times over in one season, doing the work of the family, or will earn four or five dollars a day for any man or woman who sews for a living. It is the strongest machine made, is ready at all times to do its work, makes the strongest and finest stitch yet invented, and is fully acknowledged as the standard Family Sewing Machine. Price, complete for domestic use, \$20, delivered at your door, no matter how remote you may reside. Business permanent and honorable, with more certain and rapid sales, and larger profits than any other. Extraordinary liberal offers made to local or traveling agents where we have none established; or if there is no agent near you, send your order direct to J. H. Taylor, Sons, 100 N. Randall & Co., 421 Broadway, New York.

OUR FAIR.

NOTICES OF THE PRESS.

We tender our thanks to the Secretary, Mr. L. M. Long, for a complimentary ticket to the ninth annual exhibition of the Roanoke and Tar River Agricultural Society, to be held in Weldon, October 25th, 29th, 30th, 31st and November, 1st.—Exchange.

THE WELDON FAIR.

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Our Ringwood Letter.

It is now, N. C., Sept. 26th, 1878.

There is an interesting revival of religion going on at Bethesda church near Brinkleyville, under the preaching of Rev. Mr. Page and Dr. Mills. The meetings are largely attended each night and some twenty have professed faith in Christ. They have a splendid choir, and their devotional hymns accompanied by the sweet notes of the organ.

That said fact from late on some faint breeze.

On the 8th of October the choir will give a concert, the proceeds of which will go towards repairing the church. All who are fond of music will have a feast by attending. Rev. Mr. Raven is presiding at a meeting at Farmwell this week, and I hope much good may be accomplished. Young Matt Moore, son of Dr. J. R. Moore, preached at Farmwell yesterday. He is a young man of fine promise and has started out on a career of great usefulness. May he prosper.

Cotton has commenced coming in rather freely—and sells at 3 cents per pound in seed. It is raining to-day and bids fair for a long spell of wet weather which will be a considerable drawback to cotton picking.

G. E. M.

How an Indian was Baptized.

Professor Edward Fontaine, who is now in Raleigh, once baptizd a negro, Mark Davis, the slave of the nephew of Jeff. Davis, at Canton, Miss. Mark had accidentally killed a young white man while hunting. Under the gallows the sheriff was so affected he could not do the execution. Mark helped him to the ground and the gallows "Marked" said he, "when you come to die, I pray God I may be one of them who go to hear you in this world." But the Sunday previous he was baptized. He preferred to be dipped like the other negroes. The jailer and Mr. Fontaine quietly took him down to the creek at Canton, but the thing had got wind, and a great crowd was on the banks, and among them was a band of fifty Choctaw Indians. The creek not far from the bank was some 15 feet deep. After Mark had been dipped, Dr. Fontaine made the cross of Christ on his forehead, and just then "Mark" came a second, and a Choctaw had taken a running leap and plunged head into the depth of the stream.

As he arose he made a cross on his face and said with a grunt, "Hell's gone!" Dr. Fontaine had delivered an affecting sermon on the bank of the creek, and this Indian had understood it. He baptizd himself. They all shook hands, and the Indian returned to his tribe a converted man.

\$5000!! \$5000!! \$5000!!

Wanted! Wanted! Wanted!!—Wanted \$5000 worth of County Orders and Wanted Tickets, for which I will pay the highest cash price.

JAS. T. GOOCH, Weldon, N. C.

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