

**OUR CHURCHES.**

St. Michael's (P. E.) Church, Mint St. Services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 4 p. m. Rev. P. P. Alstros, pastor.

M. E. Church, Graham Street. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Rev. E. M. Collett, pastor.

First Baptist Church, South Church St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. A. A. Powell, pastor.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, East Second St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. Z. Haughton, pastor.

Presbyterian Church, corner Seventh and College Sts. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Rev. R. P. Wyche, pastor.

Clinton Chapel, (A. M. E. Z.) (Mint St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. M. Slade, pastor.

Little Rock, (A. M. E. Z.) E. St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. J. W. Thomas, pastor.

Grace Church, (A. M. E. Z.) South B, between 3d and 4th. Services at 11 A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. Sunday-school at 3 P. M. Rev. R. H. Stitt, Pastor.

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**LOCAL.**

**X** If this paragraph in your paper has a blue mark, your paper will be stopped. Please pay up so we can continue the paper to you. Hard times is at our house as well as yours. If we continue to send to so many who do not pay we will soon send to no one. So pay what you owe us.

Mr. L. D. Hamilton of Forest City, left this week for New Mexico.

A white man was lynched at Washington, N. C., last Saturday.

Livingstone College commencement will be about the 22d of May.

Miss Addie McAuley arrived home from Stanley county last Monday.

Hon. W. P. Canaday has our thanks for seeds sent the MESSENGER.

Mr. John Holloway is traveling in the interest of the Wilmington Bulletin.

The Republican District convention will be held at Maxton on the 22d of May.

Seven miles of iron has been laid on the new road running South from Monroe.

The MESSENGER is on a big boom for the campaign. Now is the time to subscribe.

The editor is again out of town calling. Surprise him with a subscription on his return.

The District conference of the M. E. church will be held in Laurinburg on the 18th of April.

Mrs. Hattie Gracie of Winnsboro, S. C., has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. McBeth.

On account of the bad weather last Sunday, the collection at Grace church was only \$23.25. The rally will continue to-morrow.

Rev. Goslin has suffered much and long from rheumatism. He is improving and reports a great work in his church at Lincolnton.

Hon. Fred. Douglas passed through this city last Monday evening returning from the South. Some of our citizens got a peep at him.

Rev. A. D. Waugh expects to leave for California next Tuesday. A large party will go with him. Rev. Petty is expected to go the same time.

The Republicans have a superabundance of material for President, Governor and all other places and the prospects are brighter for success than ever before.

It is now talked that the Carolina Central shops will be moved from Laurinburg to Monroe.

The survey on the C. F. & Y. V. railroad from Fayetteville to Wilmington will begin next week.

Mr. A. W. Calvin is now out of the grocery business and will give his time to his farm.

The hospitality of Mr. Jno. Jones and Rev. Blaylock, at Maxton is

much appreciated by all persons stopping in that town.

The colored man or woman that take no colored man's paper is either too poor to do so or untruthful and untrue to his race.

Mr. G. Friday, one of our best citizens, died last Monday afternoon, after three months illness. He leaves a wife and one child.

H. Baruch is now doing the biggest business of any house in the city, in dry goods, fancy goods and men's wear. Give him a call for cheap bargains.

Rev. Prof. Ezekiel E. Smith, principal of the State Normal school at Fayetteville, would make a very good minister to Liberia. Mr. Cleveland would do well to appoint him.

Peach trees are in full bloom all along the lower end of the C. C. railroad. It is feared the crops will be hurt.

E. M. Andrews has on exhibition some of the handsomest parlor suites and chamber suites ever seen in this city. They are very cheap. Call and see them.

Grace church was last Sunday presented a handsome pulpit Bible, by Mrs. Darcas Burton. Mr. W. R. Hinton presented a hymn book.

The rally for Grace church will be continued to-morrow. Time for the dedication is coming on and all things should be ready. Come out and help them.

The MESSENGER thanks Mr. W. K. Price for an invitation to be present at the commencement exercises of Howard Medical school on the 14th. Mr. Price is from Wilmington and graduates in medicine. There are 23 graduates in medicine, 13 in pharmacy and 8 in dentistry. Wm. T. Smith, M. D., and Mr. Jas. R. Wilder of Columbia, S. C., are in the class of pharmacy. A large majority of these graduates are colored, we understand. Come South, young men, you are the strongest factors in solving the vexed problem.

**Making Calls.**

We intend to call on our friends next week; in Fayetteville, Monday and Tuesday, Jonesboro, Thursday; Swann's station Friday; Cameron, Saturday; Carthage Monday, 26th. We hope all will be prepared to pay up and renew, and each will have a new subscriber for us, if for only three months. We have been out this week. Locals are scarce and will be next week also. Meantime friends will send their dues in to us; it will be all right.

**Poor Mail Services.**

A mean and incompetent postmaster is a great burden to a community. We regret that we and many of our readers have had to suffer on account of the lazy, incompetent officials. We have often complained of delays in our paper between this office and Fayetteville. For some cause this paper, mailed in this city on Friday night at 7 o'clock is not delivered in Fayetteville till Monday or Tuesday. If the Charlotte office is not in fault, it must show up and then the postal clerk's should explain why they keep the paper on the roads nearly a week. If the clerks do not do their duty, the postmaster of Fayetteville is guilty continually week after week holding this paper in the office there and refusing to deliver it to subscribers when they call for it.

We will not say much now, but tell our readers in Fayetteville, that this paper always leaves this office in time to reach Fayetteville on Saturday afternoon. If they fail to get it on Saturday, they may safely put the blame on the Fayetteville postmaster. We will write to the authorities at Washington and try to have the matter investigated. These things are hard to bear, but we must do the best we can with them one year longer when we will have a president to give us officers fit for the places they hold.

**The Difference.**

When a boy in school is compelled to write an essay, he often uses as many words as he can command, to express a single thought. That boy's time is worth nothing to him—or he does not value his time. It is not so

in writing letters for newspapers. Space is valuable and every word must be paid for, and for that, if no other reason, a person ought always use as few words as possible when they write. It would be well for some people to read over their writing and see how many words they could cut out and still have the substance of their article left.

Persons have often sent us letters in which they said good things, but it would not pay us to publish all for the little good that was in it, hence they go to the waste basket. Some writers seem to think the adding of words adds strength—just the reverse. Some attempt to ornament their writing with Latin, French, &c. Generally that is the greatest sign of weakness. Sometimes it is necessary of course; but our readers are generally limited in education and want plain English. Give us short, plain letters, friends, to the point. When you begin to read, you want to see what a person is trying to get at and you want to understand his words as well as his meaning.

**THE SIXTH DISTRICT.**

*Editor Messenger.*—A majority of the Republican Executive Committee of the 6th Congressional district of North Carolina met in this town today: Present Hon. O. S. Hayes, chairman; Hons. John Holloway, S. H. Manning, W. C. Smith, John S. Lewis, W. H. Woodward, W. J. Currie, J. P. Smith, W. G. Hall, and others. The committee called the district Convention to meet in the town of Maxton, May 22d, 1888, for the purpose of selecting delegates and alternates to the National Convention, in Chicago, Ill., June 19th, 1888, to nominate Republican candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States. Each delegate and visitor expressed great satisfaction at the political outlook.

Yours, &c., YEOMAN.  
Maxton, N. C., March 14th, 1888.

**FROM THE MOUNTAINS.**

*Mr. Editor.*—On the 29th of December I moved my family from Wadesboro to this place, and was met at the depot by a goodly number of the members of the church, and was conducted by them to the parsonage, where they had everything properly arranged for us. The ladies had our table laden with the luxuries of the season, which we enjoyed to the full extent.

On the 2d of January I was taken down with rheumatism, which for about five weeks rendered me helpless as an infant. The good people of this community extended to me their profound sympathies during my illness. I was not able to perform any of my pastoral duties for about seven weeks. Notwithstanding my inability to serve the church, it manifested no disposition to withhold its support from its pastor and family. I wish to state that the Presbyterians and Baptists, as well as my own church, seemed to spare no pains to make it pleasant for myself and family during my illness. I feel that I owe them a lasting debt of gratitude for the kindness with which they treated me. The people of Lincolnton reminds me very much of the good people of Wadesboro.

On the 28th and 29th of January we were honored with the presence of our much beloved and esteemed P. E., G. H. Haines. He held his quarter with us the above date. I not being able to get to the church he held quarterly conference at the parsonage. We had quite a pleasant and successful session. We also had quite a spiritual and financial success. We realized about forty dollars—I being unable to attend church in the month of January.

On the first of February we commenced our protracted meeting, and up to the present writing we have had 78 conversions and 71 accessions to the church, and a large portion of them being young and old men. Our meeting is still progressing.

Please find enclosed postoffice money order for \$1.50 on my subscription. Also send me eight copies of the MESSENGER. The people here take pleasure in reading your interesting paper.

Yours for God and humanity,  
A. F. GOSLEN.  
Lincolnton, N. C., March 5th.

**REPUBLICAN PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.**

Rules and Regulations for the Organization of the Republican Party of North Carolina as Amended and Adopted at the State Convention held in Raleigh, North Carolina, September 22d, 1886.

**First. County organization.**—The election precinct shall be the unit of county organization. Each precinct shall have an executive committee consisting of three active Republicans. They shall be biennially chosen by the Republican voters of the precinct, and shall elect one of the number chairman. They shall convene together at such time and place as the majority of them may elect. They shall biennially elect a county executive committee, to consist of not less than five members, who shall elect a chairman from their number. Vacancies in precinct committees shall be filled by the voters of the precinct, and in county committees by a convention of the precinct committees duly called; Provided that in case a vacancy occurs within thirty days prior to an election, such vacancy may be filled by the vote of the remaining members.

**2d. Congressional, judicial and senatorial district committees.** composed of no less than one member from each county, nor less than seven members, biennially elected by the several district conventions, each of whom shall elect a chairman from their number; Provided, that a senatorial committee shall only be elected in districts embracing more than one county. Vacancies occurring within thirty days of an election, may be filled by the vote of the committee.

**3d. As amended by the Republican State convention:**—There shall be a State executive committee composed of one member from each congressional district in the State, to be designated by the district delegations at State convention assembled, five members at large, to be elected by the State convention and the chairman of the convention at which the election is held, and said committee are required to call a State convention of the Republican party at least sixty days prior to every election for members of the General Assembly, and oftener if necessary in the interest of the party. Members of the State executive committee shall be biennially elected at the State convention, shall choose one of their number chairman, and shall elect a secretary, who is not a member, who shall reside at Raleigh.

**4th.** The chairman of the respective county, district and State executive committees shall call their conventions to order and act as temporary chairman, until a permanent organization is effected, with power only to appoint, and receive the report of a committee on credentials.

**5th.** No executive committee shall have power to elect or appoint delegates to any convention, whether county, district, State or National.

**6th.** No member of an executive committee or delegate or alternates duly chosen shall have power to delegate his trust or authority to another.

**7th.** As amended by the Republican State convention: Each county in convention assembled may adopt such plans as it may deem best for the election of delegates from its different townships or precincts to the county conventions.

**8th.** Representatives in congressional, judicial, senatorial and State conventions shall consist of two delegates and two alternates only for every member of the lower house of General Assembly, and shall be apportioned in the several counties accordingly.

**9th.** Delegates and alternates to the county conventions, shall be elected only by a vote of the Republicans of each precinct in precinct meetings assembled, unless changed as authorized by section VII, and delegates and alternates to the district, and State and National conventions shall be elected by a convention of delegates duly elected and sent by the people for that purpose after the notice and publication of not less than fifteen days of the time, place and purpose of such convention, and not otherwise.

**10th.** The certificate of the chairman and secretary of the meeting, setting forth the regularity of the primary meeting or convention, and the election of the delegates and alternates thereat, shall be accepted when uncontested, as a good and sufficient credential for such delegates and alternates.

**11th.** This plan of organization and procedure shall continue in force until changed or abrogated by a subsequent Republican State convention.

Adopted in State convention, September 22, 1886.

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**Republican State Convention.**

The undersigned Executive Committee call a State Convention of the Republican party of North Carolina, to be held in Raleigh on Wednesday, the 23d day of May, 1888, for the purpose of electing four delegates and four alternates to the National Republican Convention, to be held at Chicago, on the 19th day of June, 1888, and for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor and other State officers and three candidates for Supreme Court Judges, to select a State Committee and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed proper in the judgment of the convention.

Each county is entitled as delegates in said convention to twice the number of Representatives in the lower House of the General Assembly.

All persons without regard to past political affiliation, who are in sympathy with the principles of the Republican party of this State, are invited and requested to unite with the Republicans under this call in the selection of delegates.

- J. C. L. HARRIS,
- V. S. LUSK,
- J. H. WILLIAMSON,
- GEO. C. SCURLOCK,
- R. E. YOUNG,
- H. E. DAVIS,
- J. H. HARRIS,
- A. V. DOCKERY,
- W. C. COLEMAN,
- J. J. MOTT,
- J. R. SMITH,
- G. W. CANNON,
- J. H. MONTGOMERY,
- E. A. WHITE,
- T. M. ARGO.

**Presiding Elder's Appointments.**

**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.**—2d Round.  
Fayetteville station—March 1-4.  
Beaver Creek—March 10-11.  
Rock Rose—March 17-18.  
Love Grove—March 24-25.  
Norrington and Long Ridge—March 31 and April 1.  
Chapel Hill—April 7-8.  
Gunter's Chapel—April 14-15.  
Mitchell's Chapel and Union—21-22.  
Thompson's Chapel and New Hope—April 28-29.  
General Conference May 2d, at New Berne.  
Mt. Olive—May 19-20.  
Jones Mission—May 26-27.  
A. M. BARRETT, P. E.  
Raleigh N. C.

**CHARLOTTE DISTRICT.**—1st Round.

Little Rock—December 1-4.  
Rockwell and Jonesville—Dec. 9-11.  
Torrence Chapel—December 16-18.  
Biddle—December 23-25.  
Moore's Sanctuary—Dec. 30-Jan. 1.  
Clinton Chapel—January 5-9.  
China Grove—January 13-6.  
Pineville—January 20-23.  
Grace Church—January 26-29.  
Henryville—February 3-6.  
Trinity—February 10-13.  
Kings Mountain—February 17-20.  
Monroe—February 24-26.  
Redding Spring—March 2-5.  
Rock Hill—March 9-11.  
Matthews—March 16-19.  
Mowing Glade—March 24-27.  
R. S. RIVES, P. E.

**WADESBORO DISTRICT.**—1st Round.

Flat Rock—January 7-8.  
Lethce—January 14-15.  
Jordan's C. Manly—January 21-22.  
Green Lake—January 28-29.  
Chesnut—February 4-5.  
Hallie's Grove—February 11-12.  
Roper's Grove—February 18-19.  
Bennette's—February 25-26.  
Forestville—March 3-4.  
Rocky Mount—March 10-11.  
Robeson's X Roads—March 17-18.

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**CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.**

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 1, 1888.

**WESTBOUND TRAINS.**

STATIONS.	No. 1. Daily ex. 6:40 p.m.	No. 3. Daily ex. Sunday. 7:00 p.m.	Nos. 5 & 7. Daily ex. Sunday. weekly. 7:00 a.m. 5:45 p.m. No. 7. 5:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.
lv Wilm'gton	6:40 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	5:45 p.m.
lv Laurin'bg	11:33 a.m.	No. 7. 5:00 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
lv Hamlet, 2:03			
ar Charlotte	7:00		3:00 p.m.
lv Charlotte	8:45 a.m.		
lv Lincolnt'n	11:09		
lv Shelby,	12:54 p.m.		
ar Rutherford'n	3:00		

**EASTBOUND TRAINS.**

STATIONS.	No. 2. Daily ex. Sunday. 8:40 a.m.	No. 4. Daily ex. Tri-Sunday. weekly. 10:52	Nos. 6 & 8. Daily ex. Tri-Sunday. weekly. 12:45
lv Rutherford'n	8:40 a.m.		
lv Shelby	10:52		
lv Lincolnt'n	12:45		
ar Charlotte	3:00		
lv Charlotte	8:00 p.m.		7:00 a.m.
lv Hamlet	1:25 a.m.		2:30 p.m.
			4:00
lv Laurin'bg	2:27		No. 6. 5:45 a.m.
ar Wilm'gton	8:25		4:25 p.m.

Trains Nos. 1. and 2 make close connection at Hamlet to and from Raleigh.

Through sleeping cars between Wilmington and Charlotte and Raleigh. Take train No. 1 for Statesville and stations on the W. N. C. R. R. and points west. Also for Spartanburg, Greenville, Athens, Atlanta and all points Southwest.

Local Freight Nos. 5 and 6 tri-weekly between Laurinburg and Wilmington. No. 5 leaves Wilmington Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. No. 6 leaves Laurinburg on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Local Freight Nos. 7 and 8 tri-weekly Laurinburg and Charlotte. No. 7 leaves Laurinburg on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. No. 8 leaves Charlotte on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

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**TRAINS MOVING NORTH.**

Passenger and Mail	Freight and Passenger.
Lv Bennettsville 8:30 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Ar Maxton 9:40	5:35
Lv Maxton 9:57	4:15
Ar Fayetteville 11:50	8:10
Lv Fayetteville 12:05 p.m.	8:20 a.m.
Ar Sanford 2:17	12:20 p.m.
Ar Sanford 2:40	1:33
Ar Greensboro 6:00	7:45
Lv Greensboro 10:10 a.m.	
Ar Pilot Mountain 3:00 p.m.	

Passenger and Mail No. 1—dinner at Sanford. Pass. and Mail, No. 11—dinner at Germantown.

**TRAINS MOVING SOUTH.**

Lv Pilot Mountain 4:00 p.m.	
Ar Greensboro 8:30	
Lv Greensboro 10:00 a.m.	7:45 a.m.
Ar Sanford 1:30 p.m.	2:15 p.m.
Ar Sanford 1:50	3:15 p.m.
Ar Fayetteville 4:15	7:35
Lv Fayetteville 4:30	5:30 a.m.
Ar Maxton 6:27	9:00
Ar Maxton 6:40	9:45
Ar Bennettsville 8:00	12:00 m.

**FACTORY BRANCH—FREIGHT AND ACCOMMODATION.**

**TRAINS MOVING NORTH.**

Leave Millboro 8:05 a.m.	4:25 p.m.
Arrive Greensboro 9:40	6:00

**TRAINS MOVING SOUTH.**

Leave Greensboro 1:30 p.m.	
Leave Factory June 2:30	5:35 p.m.
Arrive Millboro 3:15	6:15

Passenger and Mail Trains run daily except Sunday.

Freight and Accommodation Train runs from Fayetteville to Bennettsville and return on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; from Fayetteville to Greensboro on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, and from Greensboro to Fayetteville on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

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