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SOME WAYSIDE NOTES.

Our first stop after leaving home was at Clarkton on the C. C. railroad. We walked about a mile from the depot to the comfortable home of Hon. John Newell. It was early Sunday morning and we were just in time for breakfast. Mr. Newell is the most prominent colored man in Bladen county. He is in good circumstances and his door is ever open to preachers and editors.

Mr. Newell has an intelligent and interesting family. He has a farm of 150 acres and makes an independent living.

At Elizabethtown we found court in session and many people in town the first day. Miss Lizzie Shaw took special care of the MESSENGER. Mr. Peterson's new store is among the improvements here. A weekly paper is now published here and the old town shows other signs of improvement.

After a tedious ride on steamer up the Cape Fear, we were landed at Fayetteville. Here we found things more lively than usual this season of the year. Several stores are being erected on the main street. The Yadkin Valley is surveying the new road to Wilmington and the farmers are busy preparing for planting. All the schools are doing well. The revival at Evans Chapel continues with good results and Elder Hill is as happy and jolly as ever. Mr. Pres. Brown and bride seem as happy as two doves.

At Swan's Station we witnessed the closing of a school taught by Miss Sarah Young. The scholars did themselves credit and showed that pains had been taken with them. After the exercises all partook of the ham, chicken, cakes &c., which were plentifully provided by the parents. At this place is one of the most prosperous young colored men in the State, Mr. Jesse McLean. He is a large land owner, merchant, farmer and furnishes the railroad with wood and cross-tires in large quantities.

At Jonesboro, we found improvements still going on. They have a bank, livery stable, academy and two newspapers. The colored people are doing well. Mrs. R. C. Moore made it pleasant for us during our stay. We met here, Mr. Nathaniel Toney, who is a first class shoemaker and barber and carries on both branches of his business in the centre of the town. Mr. Toney's work has taken the premium at our State fair. He is doing well. The public school closes this week.

At Cameron we were entertained by Rev. E. W. Dix, who seems to be doing as well as any preacher in the State. His church work is prospering finely; he teaches school and is preparing to run a small farm to feed a very fine horse that takes him around to his churches. He took us to one of his churches on Sunday and then to Carthage. This church was lively and he says his entire work is in fine condition financially and spiritually. Other colored men in Cameron are buying property. Here the new railroad branches off to Carthage. It is graded all the way and the iron is being laid.

At Carthage, things in general seem to look up. The court house has been remodeled and now presents a fine appearance. Several new buildings have been erected and old ones improved. There is marked improvement among the colored people. They seem to be inspired by the approach of the railroad and are erecting neat cottages and ornamenting the old ones. There are two newspapers in this town. Mrs. Jane Tyson taught the public school that closed this week. All the schools in the county seem to be closing about this time. Prof S. G. Atkins of Livingstone

College will visit this town next Monday and meet all the colored teachers and organize a teacher's institute. There is a goodly number of first grade teachers in this county. We shared the hospitality of Mr. D. J. McRae, who seems to be as well situated for living as any one should wish to be. He has a pleasant and intelligent family.

At Sanford we met Rev. F. L. Montgomery who is engaged in teaching a parochial school. He holds service in his new Church which shows to advantage. He don't want his friends to forget where he is. He seems to be doing a good work in and around Sanford. This town is keeping pace with others in the way of improvements. Several handsome buildings have been erected here, some of which are brick. Miss Jennie Smith is teaching the public school.

DOCKERY vs. SHERMAN.

Mr. A. V. Dockery, editor of the *Southern Protectionist*, is opposing the nomination of Hon. Jno. Sherman. If Mr. Dockery dislikes Mr. Sherman or prefers some one else, he has the right to oppose him. It is well understood that Mr. Dockery is and has been for Mr. Blaine. Not one should blame him for that, for as any other citizen he has a right to a preference and should express it when he feels like doing so. But we regret to see a very dangerous spirit manifested in the columns of the *Protectionist*. It speaks of party managers as "manipulators," "Sherman bunnings," "Red-legs" and "commorants." This is to be regretted, and is calculated to cause dissention and trouble in the party.

Mr. A. V. Dockery has been honored by the party, and to-day is held in high esteem, and while he has a right to contend for his choice in all honorable ways, he has no right to endanger the success of the party.

We will not be styled a "red-leg," and Sherman is our choice and has been; yet we will submit to the nomination of Blaine or anybody else, though we think Blaine the weakest man that could be nominated against Cleveland. Sherman is a Republican and if he gets the nomination he should have and will have the support of all loyal republicans. Mr. Dockery nor any one else can oppose Mr. Sherman in case he is nominated without injuring our State ticket and aiding the Democrats. No one can abuse leading men in his party and make charges of corruption against them without injuring the party.

This paper was at one time accused of sowing discord, but it at that time fought against the bringing of Democrats into the party. We fought on the line of Republican principles and opposed no republican. If Mr. Dockery's course is continued, he will not only make the prospect for carrying this State for the National ticket doubtful, but he will endanger the election of his father and destroy the hope of changing this miserable county government. No one wants to drive Mr. Dockery out of the party, but we all would like to see him working in more harmony with his party. He says his own father opposes him. If that be true he should not blame others for wanting to see him change his course.

We agree with Mr. Dockery when he says the South should have but little to say about the nomination and that the matter should be left with the Northern States that will give their vote to the nominee. Yet every man should be allowed to express his choice and do all he can in a proper way to secure the nomination of his choice and his choice should be a man he thinks best fitted for the place and that would make the best run. No one ought to abuse other candidates. We should leave it for the opposition to find and point out all faults.

We must have harmony and peace in our own ranks this year. If there are any personal grievances between men, they should be settled outside of party management. Let the *Protectionist* advocate the nomination of Blaine, its choice; the *Messenger*, Sherman, our choice, and all others their choice, but let neither of us abuse any other. Let us have peace among ourselves, brethren. Cease firing on each other and save your powder for the Democrats.

COLUMBIA NOTES.

Republicans Organizing—California Emigration—Batch of New Colored Doctors.

This is the year for the waging of political warfare in this country. On one side is the army of tyranny, bigotry, folly and oppression—the Democratic party; on the other is the army of human rights, truth and justice—the Republican party. Colored men, upon what side do you propose to muster? You must arrange yourselves on one side or the other. There can be no compromise with wrong, if you favor right. It is all folly to give ear to the sophistry of some of our intelligent, selfish colored politicians, who urge a division of the colored men. A house divided against itself must fall. When in the history of the human race, where there has been a conflict of ideas with parties or armies arrayed against each other, one side would divide itself (or better stated, one part desert itself,) going to the opposing faction, and then succeed in defeating its enemy. Preposterous is the thought!!! If the Democrats are ever to be defeated, there must be kept up a solid array of Republican phalanxes in all parts of the country; and the colored man should arrange himself in such ranks.

The Republicans of Richland county will hold their precinct meetings on the 29th inst., to elect delegates to State and District conventions, which elect delegates to the National Republican convention at Chicago next June. The field is full of candidates.

The California fever has struck this section. If free transportation were offered, or transportation to be paid for in installments after arrival there, hundreds would leave this State. It would be a great blessing to the Negro, here, if 500,000 would move to the West. They would do a most excellent thing for themselves, and leave the whites in a majority, and make the sins they commit so frequently against Negro majorities unnecessary. Again, it would put a premium on those who remain, because of their scarcity. Diamonds are enhanced in value by their rarity, and because of the difficulties by which they are obtained.

Drs. Johnson, Wilder, and Smith arrived from Washington to-night. They are fresh from the medical college and the hospital. Dr. Johnson will practice here; Dr. Wilder will return to Washington, and Dr. Smith will seek his fortune in the West. These are bright and worthy young men, who should have the hearty support of all men. May success crown their efforts in alleviating the sufferings of humanity, and may they reap rich rewards. UNUS.

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NEW ENGLAND LETTER.

The King of Blizzards—The Like Never Heard of in The East Before.

The great snow storm which began on Sunday evening March 17th and which shaped itself into a terrible blizzard beats the record in New England and in the Northern States. Beginning on Sunday morning it continued till Tuesday evening before it abated. At first the indications did not give the coloring of a severe storm but the northeasterly wind let its force for two days before spending its fury, during which time we have never seen snow flakes fall so thick and fast. There being such strong wind the snow was drifted in heaps here and there from six to eighteen feet; in many places completely shut up the entrances to dwelling houses. In some instances the police force had to have the snow shoveled away from houses to find families completely closed in and who had to burn lamps in the day time to see how to move in their houses. Others whose doors and lower windows were barred by snow had to jump out of their upper windows to get out of the houses. We know a certain minister against whose front door the snow drifted until the door could not be seen from without and his family had not the exquisite pleasure of peeping out of it from Sunday evening till Wednesday noon. The streets were made impassable. Even sleighs could not be drawn by horses. In the streets the snow averaged about two feet. Trains which started from Bridgeport Monday morning for New York and New Haven were stalled on the road till

Tuesday. No communication nor transportation could be had till Wednesday. Bridgeport was shut in from the other parts of the world. The train which arrived from New Haven early Monday morning could go no farther and the passengers, about one hundred, had to stop over till Wednesday; good for them that the Railroad company paid for their lodging, &c. On Wednesday a steamer was sent from Bridgeport to New York and on its return brought the first New York papers that had reached the city since Sunday. Telephone and telegraph wires were impaired so that to get news from Boston to New York the message had to be cabled to London and thence to New York. A Bridgeport man who sent a message to Washington, to reach the latter place it was (Wednesday) telegraphed to Pittsfield, Mass., thence to Troy, N. Y.; thence to Milwaukee Wis.; thence to St. Louis Mo.; thence to New Orleans La.; thence to Washington, D. C. Five hundred deaths were reported in New York city awaiting burial on account of the storm. In many places those who were not comfortably situated froze to death. There were others who had no fuel and thereby had to burn whatever they could procure for the time to keep alive. Men in Bridgeport offered \$30 for a ton of coal but could not get it hauled. The markets on Tuesday morning were exhausted of their supply. Several drunken men were found half buried in the snow almost chilled to death. Business men gave 75 cents an hour to have snow shoveled from before their doors. All the factories had to stop because their supply of coal was exhausted. Natives sixty and seventy years of age say they have never seen any thing to equal this storm. The people in the North West are no longer the only victims of the terrible blizzards for the East can boast of such an unwelcome visitor; yet since it is in the providence of God to send it we will try to make the best of the situation. While we are experiencing such horrible weather we hear the peach trees in North Carolina are laughing as if to mock us in their blooms. G. L. B.

DIED.

Brother John Albert Brown, an old citizen of Jonesboro, was taken home sick February 6th, and on Friday, February 24th, breathed his last. He was employed for quite a while as a farmer near the town, where he made a snug living. He was a loving husband and a good citizen. Rev. E. W. Dix was telegraphed for, but did not arrive in time for the funeral, which would have taken place at his old home at 3 o'clock. The brothers of the Zion Wesley church put him away in nice style. He leaves a wife, two sons, and one daughter, and a host of friends to mourn their loss. The family and friends have our sympathy.

MEMORIAL MEETING

was held at the church March 2d, by the children of the Sunday-school:

- 1st. Reading the Scriptures, by Miss Sarah Waddle.
 - 2d. Singing by the choir, Gospel hymn No. 222.
 - 3d. Prayer, by J. Miller.
 - 4th. Description of his outward. Read by J. E. Street.
 - 5th. Benevolence in Sunday-school. Read by Miss Emily McKoy.
 - 6th. Solo, by Miss Nannie Street, Gospel hymn No. 85.
 - 7th. His benevolence as a Christian member in the church. Read by Wm. Street.
 - 8th. Prayer by Father Waddle.
 - 9th. Song by the whole school.
 - 10th. The reason for holding a memorial meeting, by Miss Novella Sinclair.
 - 11th. Thanks to the host of friends, Miss Jennie Cox. Song by the choir.—Mrs. John Harrington, Edmond McCoy, R. Harrington, E. Cox, S. Harrington and J. Dalrymple.
- Prayer by Green Patridge, and Rev. R. C. Moore.
Solo, by Miss A. P. Minter. Song, Gospel hymn, 220.
Benediction, by J. McKoy.
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