

LOCAL ITEMS.

The muddy roads are rapidly drying off in this pretty, sunny weather. The cotton trade this week has been good, with prices from 9 to 10 cents. Mr. J. H. Misenheimer, of No. 8 township, has been quite ill, we are informed, but is much better. It appears to us as if spring has changed the chestnut quotation and this week has squatted down in the lap of winter. Mr. S. Barnhardt, of No. 5, has a dog that he has owned for sixteen years. This is beyond the average length of a dog's life. The robin, that harbinger of spring, put in his appearance Wednesday morning and made the groves resound with his noisy notes. Mr. Will Harkey has returned from his trip to Northwestern Texas and says he is much pleased with that far away country. We are indebted to the Hon. Alfred Rowland for the Congressional Record, Labor Statistics and Internal Commerce Report. Mr. C. McDonald organized a Farmers' Alliance at Sossaman's school house on last Saturday with a membership of sixteen. Rev. Mr. Kimball, of the Lutheran church, has moved from China Grove, Rowan county, to Troutman's, Iredell county. On Saturday last Jim Long, our erudite representative, played the part of auctioneer, and knocked down several mules, horses and a cow. The sale of Mr. Crawford Culp's property came off on the 26th, (Thursday). We understand that the articles sold brought very good prices. On the second page of this paper in the editorial column in reference to North Carolina improvements read the annual product of our cotton mills \$14,000,000 instead of \$14,000. Mr. Mike Rinehardt, who for several years has carried the mail from Mt Pleasant to Concord, has moved with his family to South Rowan. May his shadow never grow less. There is some sort of an old saying that figures don't lie, but last week the substitution of a 5 for a 2 in the amount of bales of cotton purchased by Mr. C. G. Montgomery made it wrong. Mr. M. bought 2,006 instead of 5,006 bales. Mr. Jno. Lipe, miller at Jacob Stirewalt's roller flouring mill since its erection, has been prevailed on to reconsider his intention of moving away, and will continue to superintend the mill this year. Steel Creek Presbyterian church, which was burned in January, will be rebuilt at once. We learn through the Charlotte Chronicle that the building committee have visited all the contractors in Charlotte and secured very reasonable estimates. Mr. Nicholas Lefler, who for so many years faithfully served Uncle Sam as mail carrier between this place and Mt. Pleasant, is now a hale, hearty old man of 82 years, and we most especially thank him for his good wishes to THE STANDARD. The Phoenix mine is going right ahead, the stamp mills and other machinery is worked on full time, and our informant says that Capt. Thies never permits a month to go over without full payment to the employes. The following lawyers were in attendance at court from neighboring towns: Messrs. Bailey and Grier from Charlotte; S. J. Pemberton, Albemarle; T. F. Kluttz, John Manney, L. S. Overman, Salisbury; B. F. Long, Statesville. Some of our No. 4 friends inform us that their farmers meeting will be held at Petrea's school house Saturday night, and that Mr. C. McDonald has kindly consented to do the talking. The people of No. 4 will surely profit by this exchange of ideas, and opinions in regard to their every day life. The Farmers' Alliance bids fair to be the largest Agricultural organization in the State. There are now 920 organized alliances. We learn there are several in Cabarrus, and we would take pleasure in publishing anything that will aid them in advancing the agricultural interests of the country. Mr. Troutman, who worked Mr. George Hagler's land last year, raised seven bales of cotton on ten acres. Wednesday last he sold three of the bales, for one of which he got \$10.00 per hundred pounds, for another \$9.80 and for the third \$9.65. Mr. Troutman kept his nice seed cotton separate from his inferior grade. Mr. Charley Alexander, one of our wide awake citizens of No. 5, has had a new convenient two story dwelling put up and painted. Mr. A. F. Heilman did the wood work, and Mr. R. J. Cook the painting. Charley is delighted with the work and says he now begins to feel at home.

The County Commissioners will meet next Monday. Col. Means has returned from his Washington trip. There are plenty of Irish potatoes on the market. Hon. Charles Price was in attendance at court yesterday. The young folks are now looking forward to Valentine day. How many cotton crops will be decked with a mortgage this year? Our farmers are beginning to clean up their lands for the spring plowing. Yesterday was ground hog day and it was too cloudy for him to see his shadow. The Brown Brothers have greatly improved the side walk in front of their livery stable. The political pot is beginning to simmer, and the municipal election is first on docket. Mr. Robinson Holdbrooks has so far recovered as to be moved from Dr. Lafferty's to his father's. Every farmer and gardner should have a saving bank, commonly called a compost heap. Read the Racket Store advertisement. They still keep up a racket unboxing goods and waiting on customers. Rev. Mr. Bostic has moved to Durham and expects to deliver his first sermon to his new congregation on Sabbath morning. Advertisers will find the Standard a good medium through which to tell the people what they have to dispose of. One State case was tried at this week's court, viz: State vs. Lawson Josey, assault and battery. Verdict, Josey guilty. The growth of Concord is neither mushroomy nor hot housy, but a well worked all the season round advance. We have had a very quiet court week. Not even a fight for "ye local" to chronicle, and the civil cases were uninteresting to any save those concerned. Our merchants are now figuring on spring trade, whilst the average female exercises her curiosity as to the price and style of the coveted spring bonnet. Hereafter The Standard will be issued on Friday, so as to connect with the mail routes through the different parts of the county. Judge Connor has the appearance of being quite young, that is, for a Judge, and his face would indicate that there was much of the milk of human kindness in his composition. The late eclipse of the moon on Saturday night last was witnessed by many of our people. Not a cloud was visible. The moon was totally eclipsed and continued so for over an hour. The gradual disappearance of the shadow as the bright silvery light returned was a splendid sight. We must pause in the search for locals to thank our friend and new subscriber at Central Falls, Randolph county, for the following encouraging sentence: "I wish you much success in your new enterprise and congratulate you on the appearance and 'get up' of your paper. It is splendid—in fact 'A 1.'" Some unknown and unmitigated scamp has this week poisoned four of Mr. W. M. Smith's fine dogs and also the valuable pointer of Mr. Will Bingham's. Whoever is base enough to set poison about in such malicious manner ought to be severely punished to the full extent of the law. It not only endangers the lives of domestic animals, but that of the people. We have had another mad dog scare in town. About three weeks ago Mr. Parnell's yard dog became very rabid and bit his puppy. Mr. P. killed the dog and secured the pup in an old crib. On Monday last another dog belonging to a colored man, which was also supposed to have been bitten by the large dog, became very rabid, attempting to bite everything that it came in contact with. Mr. P. on going to look for the puppy in the crib found him biting the logs and snapping at everything in his reach. Both were killed. Wednesday night Prof. McAnulty, chief of our weather prognosticators, took in the town, and was profuse in his remarks on the thrift and energy of our townspeople. By chance his meanderings brought him to the roller skating rink. The easy grace, the swift and regular motions of the skaters, together with a little persuasion from the boys, induced the Professor to try it on. With a couple of lepts in this exciting amusement balancing him on each side, the Professor started off in the giddy whirl, but after many trials, many falls not as easy as the gentle fall of wintry snow flakes, and innumerable attempts to introduce a new style of roller skating on all fours, he came to the conclusion he couldn't "go it alone," as in weather predictions, and as he left the gay throng some pathetic stanza like the following floated through the air: "For many men that stumble at the threshold Are well foretold that danger lurks within."

Prof. Cook, County Superintendent, requests us to say that the examination of teachers will commence next Thursday and continue during the remainder of the week. It is now remarked, by some who know, that our skating rink club have three kinds of skates: "them that go front'ard, them that go side'ards and them that go back'ards." We call attention to the ad. of Messrs Yorke and Wadsworth. They are really headquarters for everything in the hardware line. You can get everything from a shingle nail to a steam engine, and from a tin cup to a stove. Mr. N. T. Blackwelder did his first day's work since last fall on Wednesday. To be has had a long seige of it with inflammatory rheumatism, but we hope he will not have a repetition of this winter's suffering. A little light vouchsafed to us on these dark nights by our city fathers would be gladly received, and the many expressive, impromptu remarks to open gates by belated pedestrians would be dispensed with. What has become of the old time country school house debating societies? We have always thought that they were beneficial to those who took part in them. Organize again, young men, it is a good way to improve the mind, train the voice and at the same time pleasantly while away the long winter evenings. COURT PROCEEDINGS. The Spring Term of court convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Judge Connor presiding. The following jail and civil cases have been disposed of: James Lefler vs. A. Foil. Verdict in favor of Lefler. R. C. and J. D. Harris vs. David Slough. Report filed and thirty days allowed for exceptions. Swink Bros. vs. P. M. Morris. Verdict in favor of Swink Bros. M. J. Corl vs. Geo. Hegler. Verdict in favor of Hegler. P. M. Morris vs. Brothers & McGinnis. Mistrial. Samuel M. Ninch by his friend A. J. McNinch vs. A. N. McNinch. Plaintiff takes a non suit. Jackson Walter vs. W. H. Lee. Judgment for interpleaders. Cannon & Fetzer. John C. Winecove vs. J. W. Cannon. Compromised. J. J. Cross vs. J. A. Kimmons. Judgment in favor of Kimmons. MT. PLEASANT ITEMS. Mrs. Dr. Moose is still very sick. No change for the better. Mr. David Moose, formerly of Stanly county, but now a resident of Jackson, Tenn., spent a night last week in our town. Mr. M. is visiting friends and relatives in Stanly county. Rev. Brown, of Organ church, preached last Sunday morning and night in Holy Trinity Church, this place. The sermons were edifying and were enjoyed very much. Mr. Geo. Baker, of Baltimore, paid our town a short visit on last Wednesday. I have just received information of the death of Mr. Alex. Misenheimer, of Misenheimer's Springs. He will be buried tomorrow (Friday) at 12 o'clock. Mr. J. F. Misenheimer and lady are stopping for a few days at Mt. Pleasant Hotel. They will occupy the W. T. Tucker cottage as soon as the cleaning up and overhauling is done. We were informed that Mr. Jno. D. Barrier was taken quite sick yesterday at his school. NO. 5 ITEMS. The fourteen year old daughter of Mr. W. H. Edleman is dangerously ill with fever. Miss Ida Ketter, of South Rowan, has been very sick with pneumonia, but is now convalescent. On Wednesday of last week, (the 25th), Ada Benson, of No. 5, in stepping out of the house, slipped from the icy door step and was so much hurt by the fall she could not get up. Her cries brought assistance and a physician was sent for, when it was found that her ankle was sprained and her body badly bruised. She is improving. A dog supposed to be mad ran in to the yard at Mr. Adam Wensel last week and bit his dog. Mr. Levi Fink, who was standing in the yard, narrowly escaped also. Mr. A. Wensel, who moved from No. 5 to Rowan about nine years ago, now contemplates moving back to his old home. CHARLESTON, S. C., Feb. 1.—Fire broke out at the Union wharf this evening in a compartment of the Union cotton press, containing 1,200 bales of cotton all of which was destroyed. The flames then communicated to the next compartment, where 806 bales additional were destroyed or damaged. Eleven other compartments, with a capacity of more than 12,000 were saved by the exertions of the fire department. The loss, including that on buildings, is about \$100,000. Fully insured; mostly in northern and eastern companies.

TAX REDUCTION. Durham Tobacco Plant. A large meeting at Philadelphia adopted the following platform: Tax reduction is a necessity. There can be no successful defense of a fiscal policy which takes more money out of the pockets of tax payers than is necessary for economical administration of the government. The remedy for excessive revenue is revised taxation. President Arthur recommended, to this end, the abolition of the tobacco tax, an enlargement of the free list, and a simplification and reduction of duties on cotton, iron, steel, sugar, wool and wooleens. President Cleveland recommends free raw materials of manufactures, and such other tariff reduction on the necessities of living as shall afford the greatest possible relief of the public burden. Believing that a substantial reduction of tariff duties is demanded, not by a mere indiscriminate popular clamor, but by the best conservative opinion of the country, including that which has in former times been most strenuous for the preservation of our national industrial defenses, and that such reduction should be not only a due recognition of public sentiment and a measure of justice to consumers (but one conducive to the general industrial prosperity and beneficial to the special interests affected, it is hereby resolved: That the existing duties upon raw materials which are to be used in manufactures should be removed; that the duties upon the articles used or consumed by those who are least able to bear the burden of taxation should be reduced. This is a good platform. Tax reduction is necessary. Not revenue reduction only, but tax reduction. Good for Philadelphia. THE INTERNAL REVENUE BILL. WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The House Judiciary Committee has adopted Mr. Henderson's bill on internal revenue, which differs very slightly from the one he introduced last session. It imposes slight fines or very short imprisonment for illicit distilling; prohibits the issuing of any warrant upon information and belief, unless sworn to by a collector or deputy collector, or revenue agent; allows no fees except upon conviction; increases the number of United States Commissioners, and provides that the arresting officer shall carry his prisoner before the nearest one, and empowers the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to remit any fines, penalties, or forfeitures, or compromise any civil or criminal cases. In addition to this bill, which is remedial in its nature, Mr. Henderson has, by request, prepared and submitted to the sub-committee on Ways and Means, certain sections relating to Internal Revenue which are to be embodied in the new tariff bill. These sections, which were accepted by the sub-committee, include the total repeal of the fruit brandy tax, \$1,090,379.07; the removal of the storekeepers and gaugers from the distilleries; the total repeal of the tobacco tax, smoking, chewing, cigars, cigarettes, leaf and snuff, and the total repeal of the license tax. AESTHETICS OF STREET MUD. Where the untrained eye will see nothing but mire and dirt, says Sir John Lubbock, science will often reveal exquisite possibilities. The mud we tread under our feet is a grimy mixture of clay and sand, soot and water. Separate the sand, however, as Ruskin observes—let the atoms arrange themselves in place according to their nature—and you have the opal. Separate the clay, and it becomes white, fit for the finest porcelain; or, if it still further purifies itself, you have a sapphire. Take the soot, and if properly treated it will give you a diamond. While, lastly, the water, purified and distilled, will become a dew drop or crystallized into a lovely star. Or, again, you may see in a shallow pool either the mud lying at the bottom, or the image of the sky above.—Arkansas Traveler. TOTAL DEPRIVITY.—If such a thing exists, it seems to be centered in a white woman, by the name of Propst, who recently deserted her husband in Cabarrus county and came to this city, entering upon a life of shame herself, unmercifully beat her 12-year old daughter for refusing to do the same. She has now deserted her children, and gone off with a negro, who is represented to be one of the lowest of his race, and a cripple withal, named Joe Glenn. The children were taken in charge by the police, cared for, and sent to Concord, where they claim to have friends. If all that is said of this woman be true, she should be hunted until found and punished severely. An orthodox hell is too good for such creatures.—Charlotte Hornet. The Grand Lodge of Masons have accepted the duty of laying the corner stone of the handsome assembly building at Morehead City during the Easter holidays (April 2d and 3d). It is intended to make the occasion a grand one, and a very low rate of fare will be given by the railroads so that a large crowd of teachers and friends will attend.

There will probably be several commanderies of Knights Templar present in full uniform, and quite a number of members of the press will also attend. The complete programme will be announced in a few days giving the cost of the trip and other particulars.—News and Observer. THE GREAT FREEZE. The past week will be memorable as one of the coldest ever known in the Northwest, and for the great loss of human life by freezing which has been its consequence. In Minnesota, Dakota and Nebraska, probably a thousand persons have perished of cold within the last eight days. A still greater number have been frost-bitten, some of them losing their feet and hands. Besides the loss of life, the amount of suffering among the settlers in those new regions, scantily supplied with fuel or clothing and living in hastily built board houses, which offer but a slight resistance to the entrance of the piercing winds that sweep the vast expanses of treeless prairie, is incalculable. The beginning of the blizzard came without warning. A blinding storm from the Northwest swept suddenly across the face of the country darkening the air, and rendering it impossible for those who were caught abroad in it, to find their way. The great undulating plains in such a storm are like the sea enveloped in a fog, with the difference that the wind cuts like a knife and the fine particles of frost with which it is filled are like needle points. Great numbers of people caught in the storm lost their way and were frozen. School children and school teachers perished in trying to find their way home from school. The railroads were blocked, and unable to carry fuel to communities which had imprudently neglected to lay in an adequate supply. Altogether it has been one of the most calamitous visitations that has befallen the country of late years. Much of the suffering might doubtless have been averted if greater prudence and foresight had been exercised. But many of the new settlers in those regions were not aware of the danger to which they were exposed till it came; most of them are poor and have expended their means in starting new farms and providing the barest necessities for food and shelter, and were either unable to secure, or had neglected to secure, an adequate equipment of food, clothing and fuel for such a winter climate. The cold has been nearly as intense in Northern Wisconsin as in the remoter Northwest, but it is a timbered country, where the wind is shorn of its deadly power, and where fuel is abundant. Consequently its people have been spared the suffering and loss of life which have overtaken the settlers on the great treeless plains farther west. SHE WILL MARRY THE FLEETEST. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 29.—A novel race will occur Thursday, in what is known as the Spring Creek Oil District, the winner to be awarded by the hand of Miss Annie Longless, an orphan with \$100,000. She lives with her grandfather, James Douglass, on the famous "Calf Killer Farm," one of the most noted in Tennessee. Owing to her large oil possessions—she being the owner of the most productive wells in the State—Miss Douglass is known far and near as "the Oil Queen." She is highly connected in New York, and is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Nashville. The young lady had two suitors—John Lane, of Indiana, who came to the neighborhood two years ago and who is a relative of the widow of Vice President Hendrix, and Nathan Overman, a lifelong neighbor and lover. Miss Douglass could not decide between them, and her grandfather had no preference. The rivalry became spirited and a duel was looked for. The grandfather, however, got the three together and proposed a race, to which all agreed. The men will start from the Douglass home, run east four miles on parallel roads and back to the starting point. A banquet will follow and the marriage occur that evening. The announcement created great excitement in the Spring Creek oil region, and it is expected 8,000 people will witness the race. BALTIMORE, Feb. 1.—The Manufacturer's Record has compiled through direct reports a list of every cotton mill in the south, giving the name and location of each and the number of spindles and looms in each. The figures show an increase of 100 per cent, in the spindles and looms since 1850. The mills now under construction, and those for which the money has been secured, and upon which work will shortly be commenced and the additions to the plants of old mills, will require, as shown by the reports, 242,000 spindles and 4,800 looms. Thus, by the end of 1888 the south will have in operation about 1,735,000 spindles and 38,800 looms.

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