

Marion Directory.

City Government. Mayor—J. M. Morgan. Aldermen—J. M. Morgan, Wm. Sweeney, J. S. Stewart, W. S. Martin, J. G. Nichols, J. C. Terry, Wm. Sweeney, Marshall, A. S. Martin.

County Government. Sheriff—J. L. Nichols. Clerk—B. B. Price. Register of Deeds—C. C. Brown. Assessor—S. S. Brown. Treasurer—C. C. Brown. Surveyor—A. P. West.

Churches. Baptist—Rev. J. S. Carpenter, pastor. Methodist—Rev. J. S. Carpenter, pastor. Presbyterian—Rev. J. S. Carpenter, pastor.

Acceptance of U.S. Mails. The U.S. mails will be delivered at Marion, N. C., on the following days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS.

Major W. W. Phillips has been appointed postmaster at Asheville.

Rev. W. H. Perry was in town on Wednesday in the interest of the Central Fair.

It is reported that S. Otto Wilson, railroad commissioner, is preparing the Knott Hotel.

Mr. T. D. of New York, a relative of Mr. E. F. Greenlee, was in our village with the latter on last Saturday.

Rev. M. P. Pratt will preach at Murphy's Chapel on the fourth Sabbath of April at 11 a. m. All are invited.

The rain appears to be over, and clear, open spring is upon us. This is the time to "make hay while the sun shines."

Mr. J. Ed. Conley, of North Cove, rejoices in having at his home a bright little boy of four days. Doing well.

Miss Mary Young passed through from Mitchell last week, spending while here on her way to her home at Old Fort.

There will be services in the St. John's Episcopal church on next Sabbath at eleven o'clock, and at the usual hour at night.

Collector J. G. Neal will erect a five room cottage on the lot just above the one occupied by the pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. J. W. Streetman and wife, (nee Miss Daisy Eaves), were out from Hendersonville a few days the past week visiting her father's family.

Mr. Ab. Blanton has had his sign on the top of the end of his last store building, renewed an attractive form, so that "the who runs may read."

Mr. Thos. McGuire reports that the rainfall on Sunday, April the 5th, was 0.4 inches, heaviest recorded in fifteen months, in Marion for 24 hours. The average for a year is about 45 inches.

Mr. S. B. Stuart, who was injured some time since, was out of his home on Wednesday, and returned to his recovery. His sister was here last week to see him, and visited Mrs. Lizzie Davidson.

As usual, communion service will be held in the Presbyterian church on the second Sabbath in May, at Salem and Old Fort, on the first Sabbath, and at Greenville on the third Sabbath of the same month.

Miss Allie McDonald's opening of millinery goods is very pretty indeed, and attended by many admirers of the art of appearance and beauty in the wear of such goods. It goes without saying that head dress and hair.

The Missionary and the Presbyterian churches both a year ago, one dollar is not only a good bargain, but to get a county and religious paper for the same cost. Do not neglect religious reading for any other kind. As usual, the Union this month is full of helpful religious matter.

Concord Presbytery meets in Statesville on April 27th, at 7:30 p. m. There will be reduced rates on the railroads. A program is arranged to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the completion and adoption of the confession of faith in London, Eng., in Westminster Hall on April 29th, 1647.

It was shown a letter a few days ago by Mr. W. C. Crawford stating that Green, Supt. Greene, Southern Railway, Washington, D. C. would try and get for Mr. W. C. Terry, of Old Fort, the position of engineer of the switch engine at Salisbury, N. C. We are pleased at the success in prospect for this worthy, venerable engineer.

Messrs. Wren and other gentlemen, whose name we could not get, from High Point, N. C., were here on last Tuesday looking out for the location of another furniture factory—a plant to be stocked at some \$100,000, we are told. They looked at different lots about town, and left for a visit to Lenoir, and may be back again soon. We trust they may come among us. This is a most favorable location for such enterprises.

—Again we have the pleasure of calling the attention of our readers to the advertisement of H. Redwood & Co., Asheville, N. C. This house is thoroughly reliable, having an immense stock of goods, with a great variety of different kinds in the dry goods, fancy goods, millinery goods, dress goods line, shoes, etc. The house is run on the straight forward one price system to all. Mail orders are promptly attended to. When in the city call at H. Redwood & Co.'s.

—Like wise business men, the officers of the furniture factory closed for awhile for the purpose of taking stock to ascertain the amount that has been made, etc. After stock-taking it was found that expenses have been met, and that a good reasonable profit has been made. They will open up at once on full time with the usual force in charge. We congratulate the management on this most excellent showing, presaging a greater success in the future. This still further feathers Manager Raper's cap.

—This and last week we increased our circulation by about fifty copies, sending out now between five and six hundred copies each week. Within the next month we want to send out a hundred more, regularly, besides two thousand of the week of our anniversary issue. If a sample copy goes to you it is an invitation to examine and subscribe. We will pay when you see us, or when we come to town. One year, one dollar; six months, fifty cents; three months, twenty-five cents. Our subscription books are open to our subscribers and advertisers.

—In "our fatherless ones" of March we note a suggestion, and a good one, that "the orphan's acre" be set apart and cultivated for the support fund of the Barium Springs Orphanage. If not an acre, then a part of an acre, and let, at least, the net proceeds be sent to the orphans. This is a good suggestion by which to help any orphanage. If arrangements are made before the produce is brought to the depot for shipment, and it is distinctly stated that it is a gift to an orphanage, and not a purchase, the railroads will generally ship the goods free of freight charges. Remember the orphans when you plant and when you gather.

—Dr. King and Miss Kate Hemphill, of Bridgewater, were married week before last in Bamcombe county. They came to Bridgewater on the evening of their marriage and we learn were treated to an old fashioned serenade that night. Dr. King enjoys a good practice in the vicinity of Bridgewater and has made many friends during his several years' stay there. His bride has been deputy postmistress at Bridgewater for quite a while and is a young lady of many charms and rare accomplishments. The bride and groom have we learn gone to housekeeping at Bridgewater. The Misses seek extends congratulations and best wishes.

Death of Mrs. Joe C. Brown. We are joined to chronicle the death of Mrs. Brown, wife of Register of Deeds Joe C. Brown, which occurred at her home in Marion at 11:30 o'clock this morning. Although Mrs. Brown has long been in delicate health, her death is a shock to her many friends in McDowell county. Mr. Brown has the sincere sympathy of all in the sore bereavement which has befallen him.

The County Commissioners' Court. Very little was done at the meeting of the court Monday except to go through with the regular outline of business.

The following tax listers were appointed: Marion townships, W. B. Ratliff; North Cove, J. E. Wilson; Finley's, S. D. Hallyburton; Dysartville, W. H. Taylor; Bracke's, P. D. Nanney; Montford's, T. Y. Lytle; Broad River, Jonathan Ledbetter; Old Fort, W. H. Greenlee; Higgins's, A. C. Garden.

Esq. G. G. Eaves was appointed on the public school committee of district No. 1, in place of Mr. J. C. Nichols, who has moved to the country. All the members of the court were present.

Miss Sallie McDonald will have a beautiful line of millinery goods at Old Fort on next Tuesday the 13th to Thursday the 15th inst. See them at the Blocker House.

During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin, of Long Beach, W. Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it, he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grows in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Morphew & White.

Wanted—A position as teacher (of any grade of pupils), especially in the public schools of McDowell county. Have had several years of successful experience in teaching the different grades of pupils. Can teach between June 10th and September 10th, next. Apply at MESSENGER office.

Wanted to buy—a good milk cow. Apply at MESSENGER office.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. This is the best medicine in the world for bowel complaints. It acts quickly and can always be depended upon. When reduced with water it is pleasant to take. Try and like many others you will recommend it to your friends. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Morphew & White.

Good warm meals cheap at George Mockridge's restaurant at all hours.

authorizing it, the spirit is all right.

In the settlement of February 13, 1897, Mr. Nichols was allowed commissions as follows: On whole assessed tax of the county, \$16,606.36, at 5 per cent, \$830.31; on \$1,078.90, at 2 1/2 per cent, \$26.97; and on allowances, less sheriff's commissions, \$60.58; making a total of \$1,117.73. This seems to be a good showing for a sheriff who has only one month. So, if he can make \$1,117.73 in two and a half months, how much can he make in twenty-four months? We learn that the commissioners paid \$7 for his blank tax receipts, but that Logan did not insist, very strongly, on them paying for his private paper and envelopes, but asked them to do it.

It seems that our article in the Tribune of March 19th stimulated Logan a little, for in his official notice to the tax payers of Old Fort he seems to complain that he is spurring him up to collect the tax. So it appears that his official obligations don't cut much figure in the matter. One would conclude after looking over his role of commissions, which shows that he has been allowed 5 per cent. commissions on the entire taxes of the county, that there were no taxes at the time of his notice in the county to collect, all having been collected and his commissions paid. But we don't say there is anything wrong about this, especially on Logan's part; but don't you think, the collector, it would be better to wait until he collects the other \$7,882.05 due before you pay him for it all? Where is the farmer who would expect a man to pay him on the 13th of February for all the corn he expects to make this year?

We have asked the commissioners to re-open the settlements made in 1896 and 1897, but they have refused to do so. If we could have those settlements made over, and in the proper way, we believe the county would save more than \$3,000, yet our commissioners refuse us an opportunity. There are other irregularities which we may call the tax payers' attention to soon.

So now, Mr. Eaves, either "slow up or shut up." G. W. CRAWFORD, J. C. POOL, Marion, N. C., April 6, 1897.

To the Editor of The Messenger: As to my wearing "Crawford's muzzie," he has never had influence enough over me to make me change my politics. Can Mr. Eaves say as much? It is said that a few years ago he wore some body's "muzzie" and voted against his party candidate. J. C. POOL.

In the discharge of our duty of a journalist (though a modest one) for the public, we publish the above communications, which were presented to us for that purpose. Right or wrong belongs to no person or party alone; the truth and duty is what we seek. After mastering the subject, we may make some observations on the above, but lack of time and space forbids it in this issue. In the mean time we open our columns to any one to discuss this matter. Write as briefly as possible. Allow us to remind any who may write to refrain from any insulting allusions or offensive personalities; these are not arguments. We mean to injure no one through our paper.—EDITOR.

GRANT AT WEST POINT. A Good Record as a Student and a High One as an Officer. He was brevetted second lieutenant of the Fourth Infantry and ordered to report to his command at Jefferson barracks, St. Louis, after a short vacation.

The entire army of the United States at that time numbered less than 8,000 men, and the supply of officers was embarrassingly large. It was the custom, therefore, to brevet graduates second lieutenants.

He graduated twenty-first in a roll of 33, with a fair record in all things—a good record in mathematics and engineering and a remarkable record as horseman.

More than 100 had entered with him, but only one of them had dropped out till only 20 remained.

Apparently Grant remained markedly unimpaired throughout the "four years" of his record as a student, though out of the service during the last year, when he was made second in command of the First Cavalry and was dropped (promotions at that time were made for solitary qualities and had no exact relation to excellence in studies), and during the fourth year he served with us in private.

The first year he took up French and mathematics, and though the course was severe, including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, application of algebra to geometry, etc., he stood fifth in a class of 60 in mathematics and forty-ninth in French, and twenty-seventh in order of general merit. The second year he climbed three points in general merit and stood twenty-fourth in a class of 62. He stood third in mathematics, twenty-third in drawing, but was below the middle in ethics and French.

In his third year he rose in his drawing to 19, and was twenty-second in chemistry and fifteenth in philosophy, which was a very good standing indeed. He rose to 29 in general merit, 16 in engineering, 17 in mineralogy and geology, but was a little below the average in ethics, artillery and infantry practice.

In general, it may be said that he led the academy with a good average record as a student and a very high record as a man.—Hamilton Goehle in McClure's.

Pleasant Exercise. Stern Father—What were those peculiar noises I heard down here last night? Did you and young Comeback work any of my best battles? Demure Daughter—No, papa. We were just going through some labial exercises.

Stern Father—Oh, I suppose those new educational fads must have their run.—Detroit Free Press.

Set Out Trees in the Spring. Spring is a better time to set trees than fall, because at that season trees are beginning to grow and will, therefore, be in a condition to respond more readily to treatment, while in fall they are unlikely to establish themselves before winter sets in. For the same reason, the fullest possible extent and do not disturb the tree until after it has ripened and has shed its foliage. If the roots are cut away, as they almost invariably are in spring planting, be sure to cut back the top proportionately.—Eben E. Rexford in Ladies' Home Journal.

Old Fort News. Correspondence of The Messenger.

The "Deon Pan" panorama of interesting scenes of various kinds exhibited here on Saturday night to a very meagre house. It is said to be of rather more merit than the usual run of such shows and the manager appeared to be quite a worthy person.

Owing to the rain which fell almost incessantly Sunday afternoon there was no services at any of the churches on Sunday night last.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dula was interred on Thursday morning last. Many friends were present, though owing to the fact that some of the children have whooping cough, and the rawness of the weather, many more were prevented from paying their tribute of sympathy.

Mr. Owens, the engineer of the pumping house at the Southern Railway station, shows his good taste and love of the beautiful in the pretty little grass plot with fountain in the centre at the door of his engine room.

A most delightful young folks' social at the Kelly Hotel last evening was graced by the presence of many lovely young ladies and gallant gentlemen of our town. For beauty, wit and attractiveness Old Fort's girls are the peers of any.

For some weeks past our town has suffered the presence of a negro fortune teller and conjure doctor. Nothing would have been said concerning him, but I learn that he is playing on the credulity of ignorant negroes and fleeing them right and left. One negro man of whom better things were expected is said to have paid him as much as \$25 at one time, the conjure undertaking for this sum down, and as much more when the cure is effected, to entirely cure the man's wife of rheumatism; and it is all to be done by his magic art? In another case for the princely sum of 50 cents he proposes to secure for one of his dupes the love of another negro's wife! This wonderful doctor has also lower charges, but the smaller the payment the worse the fortune, as in an instance where the peeper into the future had only 15 cents, it was predicted that the poor fellow would die on Monday last! In this case the "trick" did not work as the man is alive to-day. It would seem that there should be some way in which our community could be rid of such scamps, but our worthy J. P.'s say that there is nothing to be done except on complaint of a victim. Some quiet talk is heard of White Caps, so maybe in my next I may have something of interest to write to SIDNEY.

Old Fort, April 6, 1897.

An Affidavit. This is to certify that on May 11th, I walked to Medicine Stone on a pair of crutches and bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm for inflammation of the knee joint, which had crippled me up. After using three bottles I am completely cured. I can cheerfully recommend it.—Charles H. Wetzel, Sunbury, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed to before me on August 19, 1894, Walter Shipman, J. P. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by Morphew & White.

Idaho's Island Wonder. Henry lake is a beautiful body of water with an area of about 41 square miles and is situated on the shore of the continent in a depression in the Rocky mountains near Terrell pass, Idaho. Henry lake is of no especial interest, but it is the "island" of a most wonderful floating island, which is seen first on one side of the lake and then on the other. The island is about 100 feet in diameter and has for its basis a mat of roots and decayed vegetation sufficient to support large trees and a dense growth of underbrush. The edges of this floating island are thin, of course, but near the center it is several feet thick and is situated on the water which is continually blowing over this highly situated lake, and acting as sails on a boat, move the 300 foot island hither and thither over the 40 square miles of water at their will. Old mountaineers who are well used to all kinds of queer things declare that the floating island of Henry lake is the most wonderful thing to be seen in the mountain regions of the United States.—St. Louis Republic.

Election Notice. There will be an election held in Marion, N. C., on Monday, the 3rd day of May, 1897, for the purpose of electing a mayor and five aldermen.

M. F. MORPHEW, Mayor. Wm. SWEENEY, Clerk to B'd.

NOTICE! HAVING qualified as executor of W. L. Allen, deceased, late of McDowell county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of the said W. L. Allen, deceased, to file them to the undersigned within twelve months from this date, or their claims will be barred by law. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This 27th day of March, 1897. H. M. ALLEN, Administrator.

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ONE PRICE SYSTEM.

LUMBER WANTED.

Having purchased the lot opposite the depot in Marion to put a woodworking factory on, we will pay CASH for Green or Dry Oak and Poplar Lumber on our yard; will want other kinds of lumber soon. We will be glad to communicate with any one who can furnish shingle bolts.

Payne & Decker Bros. Disosway, The Druggist, Old Fort, N. C.

Offers to his customers an absolutely correct stock of Drugs and Patent Medicines.

Just Arrived: WHOOPING COUGH PLASTER, a specific for this distressing complaint.

COAL TAR FOR CORN PLANTING. The Flemming-Eagle, Two Hotels in one, under one management, by THE GRUBER FAMILY. NO - RAISE - IN - PRICES.

Summer, Regular and Transient Boarding. Reasonable rates. Marion, N. C., July 22, 1896.

BOARDING. Piedmont House. 50 Cents a Day; \$2 a Week; \$8 a Month. A - GOOD - FEED - STABLE. Run in connection with the House.

J. M. ELLIS, Proprietor. Marion, N. C.

NOTICE! Taxes! Taxes!!

All parties owing taxes for 1896 must pay in and settle, as I am in a strain for money. If you do not pay I will be forced to sell every person ought to know that the sheriff cannot meet expenses of the county unless the people pay him, and it is easier for each man to pay his tax than for the sheriff to carry the taxes for so many.

Very respectfully, R. L. NICHOLS, Sheriff McDowell Co.

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A Friendly Chat.

Be ye not deceived; there is only ONE PLACE IN TOWN to buy strictly Up-to-Date Dress Goods. Our line this season FAR SURPASSES our former efforts in Style, Quality, Quantity and Price. We have them, and stacks of them, all fresh, new and not an ugly piece in the store. Remember we never carry over goods from one season to another. So you need not expect to get old styles. We claim to have the Very Latest, and while North was placed in position to know and see the styles, and we have them in our store. Every woman in McDowell, Mitchell, Yancey and Rutherford counties have a cordial invitation to call and examine them for themselves.

Yours truly, A. Blanton.

WATCH BARGAIN, FOR THIRTY DAYS. We will sell the New Era Seven-Jewel Movement, with Safety Center Pinion and Safety Balance Seat, in Screw-back and Bezel Open-face, Silver-tone Case, for \$2.68. POSTPAID. Guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Order TO-DAY.

JAMES B. SWINDELL, JEWELER. Marion, N. C.

If Dysart Sells It, You May Know It is Good and Not Too High.

DO YOU WANT TO DRESS WELL? Then see our new line of Spring Goods, Tennis cloth for evening dresses, Irish dress linen, lawns, plaids, silks for any purpose, calicoes, dotted Swiss and trimmings; general line of Gentlemen's Negligee Shirts.

Also, Shoes (the Douglass Shoes), Hardware, Farming Implements, Harness Goods and Saddles, Lime and Cement, and Groceries.

J. S. DYSART. Marion, N. C., March 22, 1897.

Stop, Look, Read and Examine. My Spring and Summer Line of Clothing. Just to hand. I can sell you a nice suit at from \$3.25 up. Shoes. From the smallest to the largest, and as cheap as you will buy them in Marion or elsewhere. I just will not be undersold. Come and try me. Marion, N. C., 1897. E. L. GASTON.

TRAVELERS, LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST! While at Bakersville, stop at the PEGASUS HOUSE—the best Hotel in the Mountains. The table is supplied the year round with the very best in the country affords. Every comfort of guests looked after carefully. A good Feed Stable is run in connection with the Hotel.

RUBEN J. YOUNG, Proprietor. Bakersville, Mitchell Co., N. C., Oct. 2, 1896.

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