The Messenger

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1897.

Marion Directory.

Town Government.

Mayor—Dr. M. F. Morphew.
Aldermen—J. L. Morgan, Wm. Sweeney, J. S. Dysart, W. M. Martin, J. G. Nichols.
Second Treas.—Wm. Sweeney.
Marshal—L. A. Martin.

County Government.

Sheriff—N. L. Nichols.
Clerk Superior Court—R. B. Price.
Register of Deeds—Joe C. Brown.
County Surveyor—Jas. H. Burgin
Coroner—Dr. G. P. Reid

Churches.

Episcopal—Rev. J. S. Corpening, pastor. Services every first and third Sabbaths at 11 a. m. and in the evening. Sabbath school 9:30 a. m. R. B. Price, supt. The Guidons meet on alternate Sabbath evenings. Ladies' missionary Society meets monthly on Tuesday afternoon after first Sabbath. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening. On second Sabbath the pastor preaches at Bridgewater, and on the fourth at Old Fort, 11 a. m. and evening.

Presbyterian—Rev. T. J. Rodgers, pastor. Services every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and in the evening, except the fourth, when the pastor preaches at Step's Hill. Sabbath school, 10 a. m. Superintendent Sabbath A. R. Gilkey, supt. Missionary society first Monday evening after fourth Sabbath. Ladies' Aid Society, each Tuesday. Sewing society, second Sabbath. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Episcopal—Rev. C. J. Wingate, rector. Services every second Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday school at 3 in afternoon. At old Fort every first Sunday, morning and evening. Sunday school at 10 in morning.

Presbyterian—Rev. Wm. H. White, pastor. Services every second and fourth Sabbaths at 11 a. m. and evening. On first Sabbath preaching at Glenwood, 11 a. m. Old Fort in afternoon. On third Sabbath at old Fort 11 a. m. Glenwood in afternoon, 4 o'clock; preaching in evening. The Marion Sabbath school meets every Sabbath, 10 a. m. N. B. Ratliff, supt. Ladies' Missionary Society every Sunday before third Sabbath at 4 p. m. Young People's Missionary Society each first Sabbath afternoon at 4 o'clock. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening.

Arrival of Trains.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY (Eastern time)—No. 11, mixed, east, due 11:40 p. m. No. 41, west, due 1:12 p. m. East No. 16, vestibule, due 1:12 a. m. No. 12, east, due 4:12 p. m. Lightning express, (carries passengers,) east, due 12:50 p. m. west, due 4:12 p. m.

N. C. & T. RAILWAY—Passenger arrives 12:50 p. m. daily, leaves 1:30 p. m.

LOCAL NEWS.

—There is a good sprinkling of fruit yet, say some.

—Mr. D. N. Lonon has bought the remainder of the stock of goods owned by Nichols Bros.

—At the close of the school in June the Marion Institute will have yearly closing literary exercises.

—As our news columns show, the town elections in the State were generally carried by the Democrats.

—The bank officers held their usual monthly meeting on last Monday. The institution moves on smoothly and well indeed.

—Mr. Joe. C. Brown sent his horse and buggy through the country this week to Johnson City to his daughter, Mrs. A. R. Johnson.

—In our local election some good Democrats wanted a straight ticket, some did not. So with the Republicans. Here the result as elsewhere.

—During May and the summer months night services will be held in the Presbyterian church at 8:15 o'clock and at the M. E. church, South, same hour.

—The county commissioners held their usual meeting on the first Monday this week. Only routine business came before them—attending to claims, etc.

—A short while some days we may be out of our office, but a clerk will always be found present to attend to any business connected with THE MESSENGER.

—There will be a preparation service for the communion in the Presbyterian church on next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock—the communion on the Sabbath at the morning service.

—Mr. W. M. Nichols has been selected as mayor *pro tem*, and Mr. Wm. Sweeny is secretary and treasurer of the board of town commissioners, L. A. Martin is town marshal and J. M. Clay tax collector.

—On Sabbath morning, May the 2nd, the tops of the Black Mountains were snow capped. An old reliable citizen tells us that about 1850 he saw the top of the Black Mountains covered awhile each month in the year with snow, ice or hail.

—Quite a number of persons boarded the train or passed through this week to the Southern Baptist Convention in Wilmington. Five thousand are expected in attendance. The convention draws delegates from all the Southern States.

—We have received a very artistic and well arranged program of the commencement exercises of Rutherford College, May 18th and 19th, with an invitation from the Platonic literary society to be present, which we would appreciate. How such things wing us back to school days. May the boys succeed in life's school.

—The colored independent order of Odd Fellows had a very interesting program rendered on last Sabbath here on "Thanksgiving to God." The sermon was preached by Rev. B. W. Williams, a member of the order. A collection for charity of about $6.00 was realized. The house was fairly full.

—A promising Westminster League was organized in the Presbyterian church on last Wednesday night. Ed. H. Dysart was elected president; Clarence M. McCall, Vice President; Miss Edith House, Secretary; and Miss Nannie Gay, Treasurer. Time of meeting, each Monday night, 8:15 o'clock. First meeting next Monday night.

—The Marion Furniture Company this week increased its stock to $12,000; elected the old officers—W. A. Conley, President; Dr. M. F. Morphew, Secretary and Treasurer; D. R. Raper, General Manager; will add some new machinery, so as to double the capacity of the plant; will build a new storage room and dry kiln. The success of such enterprises means much for Marion.

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

—Concord Presbytery adjourned on Friday last to meet in regular session next October in Taylorsville. The general work was found more prosperous than for years. The churches were all supplied, or arranged for; larger collections for missions and other work, by several hundred dollars, were reported, relieving the work of the body from all debt.

—We regret to learn that Morgan & Moore lost one of their good livery stable horses on Thursday morning about 2 o'clock. The animal had been driven from Marion Wednesday morning by George Kincaid, with a gentleman in the buggy, to Duncan's creek, about 30 miles away, in Rutherford county. By rushing too fast and allowing him to drink too much water he died on the return, four miles below Marion.

—Mr. Jesse Hoskins, of Summerville, N. C, State agent of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., of North Carolina, presided at a meeting in the Court House Monday of McDowell farmers for the purpose of organizing a McDowell branch. About fifty or more farmers were present, most of whom went into the organization. Mr. J. C. Pool was elected president and Mr. G. W. Conley secretary and treasurer. It was supposed that some $50,000 or more of insurance would be secured in the county. It is a good voluntary fire company with low rates charged. This can the better be afforded, as farmers' risks are generally not so great as others.

—The Nettie Smith infanticide trial came off before Magistrates Ratliff and Craig on last Saturday. From what one of the main witnesses told the writer—a man of unimpeachable verity, on the whole, quite different testimony was given Saturday from that, that was given on the Coroner's inquest. From the evidence then, the jury did not need but about five minutes to decide that she was guilty of infanticide. But in this trial Saturday she was triumphantly acquitted on the evidence. This is one of those cases where the public will be benefitted if the grand jury looks carefully into it before it is finally disposed of. It is said some witnesses were afraid to tell all.

—Editor and proprietor Chas. M. Ray, of the *Courier*, and his wife moved from Bakersville to Marion on Tuesday. For the present, and until he can rent a dwelling, he boards with Mr. J. A. McDonald. The weekly publishing day of the *Courier* will be Wednesday. If the unmeasurable amount of work incident to removing a newspaper outfit does not prevent, the first number of the *Courier* will appear here on Wednesday, the 12th inst. If not then, it will most surely appear, says Mr. Ray, on the 19th inst. Generally considered, the weekly publishing day is a good one, and it would be better for the public, as to local news especially, if the different papers appeared upon different days, where this can be done.

—Our readers will remember the noted land case that was tried last year in Asheville, Scaife vs. The Western North Carolina Land Company, involving many thousands of acres. The case is to be tried over again. The jury located the boundary of the Tate and Cochran grant, but found that The Western North Carolina Land Company had been in possession for seven years. By this the plaintiff lost about 32,000 acres in McDowell county, claimed by the defendant land company. From this judgment the plaintiff Scaife appealed. The appellate court hearing the case, because of error, grants a new trial to the plaintiff. It may come off in Asheville in June. These points we gather from the plaintiff's attorney here, P. J. Sinclair.

Attention, Confederate Veterans!

We are told that the surviving Confederate veterans that are living in this county will meet in the court house here to-morrow, the 8th, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of organizing a "United Confederate Veterans Camp" in McDowell county. All old Confederate soldiers in the county are most cordially invited to be present. Arrangements may be made by which they may attend the Centennial Exposition at Nashville, Tenn., at a much reduced rate. May the years bear lightly over the heads of the veterans of the Confederate States of America.

A Card of Thanks.

To the Editor of The Messenger:

I wish to express through your paper, as I fear otherwise I might not reach all, my grateful appreciation of the kindness and thoughtful tenderness extended to us during my husband's illness, and the sad days following. Most heartily do I join in the almost last words of the dear departed one, "*God bless you all!*"

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WILLIE BROWN'S SAD END

Shot and Killed Last Night By Ab. Longiery, Colored.

LONGIERY IS NOW IN JAIL.

The Negro Confesses the Shooting, But Claims It Was Accidental—A Heart-Rending Occurrence.

Last night about 10 o'clock Willie Brown, ten years of age, and a son of Mrs. Mary Brown, was shot and killed by Ab. Longiery, colored, at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Neal.

Longiery claims that the shooting was accidental.

The negro is a drinking, trifling fellow and had been pointing the loaded gun about promiscuously during the day.

Willie Brown was a good, quiet boy, and was studying his lessons at Mrs. Lizzie Neal's, his boarding place, when the shooting occurred. The shot made an ugly wound in his left breast and he died in a few minutes.

It is a heart-rending occurrence and the sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved mother and relatives of the lad.

The funerall will take place to-morrow in Marion.

Longiery has been arrested and is now in jail.

David William Greenlee.

The subject of this sketch died quietly, peacefully and triumphantly the death of the christian at his home here last Sabbath morning at 1 o'clock. He was in his 47th year.

He had been confined to his room from Bright's disease for some weeks.

He was of one of the oldest and most prominent families of McDowell county. He was brought up in the Presbyterian church, having united when young. He was one of the church's most devoted, conscientious members. He was a man of unswerving integrity; a fearless advocate of the truth as he saw it; a man of tender sympathies in his home life, and for those in trouble, whom he often aided. He was guided by principle, not by expediency; the scriptures was the man of his counsel. Besides the vacant chair at home, he will be missed by his church, the Sabbath school class, and from business life. He was a faithful friend. When possible he was always found in his place at church.

By those who knew him he was held in high esteem for his sterling traits.

He leaves a widow and two children—a boy and girl of tender years.

Very many friends from the town and country, and relatives, gathered at the family residence on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, where, at the funeral service, conducted by his pastor, the writer, they paid him their last respects. Many were at the cemetery, where his remains were laid to rest.

He was a successful man of business. He managed well what he inherited, leaving an estate valued at from $30,000 to $35,000, besides leaving a policy on his life in favor of his wife for $5,000 in the North-Western, of Milwaukee, Wis.

The Town Election.

The election Monday passed off with some local interest, but void of excitement. The result is told by the figures below, as the votes were cast: For mayor, W. M. Martin, 81; Dr. M. F. Morphew, 58. The five gentlemen elected aldermen are, J. S. Dysart, 139 votes; W. W. Nichols, 100; J. H. Finley, 74; Wm. Sweeny, 72; J. L. Morgan, 71. The following votes were also cast for aldermen: D. N. Lonon, 67; G. E. Lee, 65; W. W. Cooper, 46; Blanton, 31; W. M. M. Martin about the same number as the last named.

Democrats have the Mayor and three aldermen, Republicans two aldermen.

Those elected are good business men, and so are those who were not elected.

Some confuson was caused among some voters because of the lateness of the hour when some of the candidates were put before the voters. To avoid this, as we have formerly done, it would be better to have a public nomination, or at least ratification meeting a week or so before hand, placing candidates before the voters, let it be citizens' or party meeting.

From the excellent business men selected on Monday we expect a year of good town government—as to streets, order, etc. Let us continue to go forward.

The result of Monday's election shows that the Democrats are from 25 to 30 the strongest in the town.

Nealsville Notes.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

Miss E. B. Garden has been visiting relatives in Dysartsville.

Mr. G. Dobson has returned home, after a long stay in the sand hills.

The principal town gossip is stock law.

Mr. Frank Anthony, of this place, who is cook of the O. R. & C. trestle force, is sick in Marion.

The Glenwood Sunday school is in a flourishing condition.

TANSY.

☞ Mr. A. M. Kirkland, of Old Fort, desires to call the attention of his patrons and the public to the fact that he has constantly on hand a varied and fresh line of family and fancy groceries in the J. C. Sandlin building. Examine his stock and prices and you will likely be pleased.

Old Fort's Election and Other Interesting News Items.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

Our municipal election passed off very quietly, resulting in the election of the following ticket: Mayor, W. M. Goodson; commissioners, Geo. B. Thomason, J. C. Sandlin, John H. Blalock, L. F. Long and W. A. Graham. Now that we have an able mayor and an energetic and capable board, it is to be hoped that some of "our ways may be mended," as some of our sidewalks are much in need of repair.

Mrs. M. R. and Miss Virginia Mabry, of Jehua, Ala., are guests at the house of O. H. Blocker, Esq.

That clever gentleman and thorough business man, Dr. W. P. Jones, of Marion, was in town on Tuesday making glad the hearts of the Poplar square men with cash for the product of their labors. Dr. Jones is winning golden opinions from the lumber getters by his courteous manners and prompt settlements.

Mrs. J. S. Bradley and Miss Ida B. Crawford are this week visiting friends in Marion. Many warm friends of Mrs. Bradley join me in congratulating this esteemed lady in the improvement in her health and hope it may continue.

Hon. A. C. Avery, of Morganton, was in town to day, stopping at the Kelley Hotel. His friends and admirers here, of whom there are many, are pleased to see him looking so well.

Quite a number of our citizens are summoned as witnesses to Rowan Superior Court in the case of the lamented Enginner James against the Southern Railway Company.

Since the advent of May this section has had quite unseasonable weather, and much fear has been felt for fruit and "garden truck," but as yet no damage has resulted, though the cold nights will cause much of the young peaches and apples to drop. This, however, will be rather a benefit, as the trees are loaded much beyond their capacity.

Sheriff Nichols and ex-Sheriff Gardin spent a portion of Saturday in town, not staying, as is usual, until the afternoon. I suppose the scarcity of money here caused their earlier departure.

The first picnic of the season was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Round Knob Hotel by the belles and beaux of Old Fort and vicinity. Quite a party walked up in the morning, spent a delightfully pleasant day and returned by rail at 4:12 p. m. Probably the handsomest man in our town and this humble scribe were compelled by press of business to forego the pleasure of this enjoyable occasion and both are hoping for "better luck next time."

Engineer Trexler, of the Southern, has moved his family to our town, occupying the Blackwelder house on East Main street. All new comers to Old Fort have a hearty welcome, and I hope these may find life in our pretty village so enjoyable that they may make it their permanent home.

SIDNEY.

Old Fort, May 5th.

Marriage of Mr. John Yancey, Jr., of McDowell, to Miss Carrie Motz, of Lincolnton.

Lincolnton Special, 5th, to Charlotte Observer.

Miss Carrie Motz, of Lincolnton, and Mr. John Yancey, Jr., of Marion, were married here this evening at 8 o'clock, in St. Luke's Episcopal church, by Rev. Dr. W. R. Wetmore. Miss Foil, of Newton, played the wedding march. Mr. Aubrey Motz, brother of the bride, gave her way. Mr. Sam Yancey, of Marion, was best man, and Miss Bessie Motz was maid of honor. The bridesmaids wore white organdies, and were as follows: Misses Lenoir and Link, of Hickory; Miss Alma Newland, of Lenoir; Miss Lillie Yancey, of Marion, and Misses Eva Sumner, Agnes Rice and Estelle McBee, of Lincolnton. The groomsmen were: Messrs. S. G. Finley, A. L. Quickel, Wood Wrenshall and R. E. Costner, of Lincolnton; Zeph. Blanton, R. L. Greenlees nd J. Q. Gilkey, of Marion; Frank Huggins, of Wilmington, and W. A. Graham, Jr., of Machpelah.

The bride was dressed in white brocade and satin and carried a handsome bunch of bride's roses. The gentlemen wore carnations, which were their only ornaments.

Masters Caleb and Victor Motz, brothers of the bride, acted as ribbon boys. The church was tastefully decorated for the occasion.

After the wedding a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Emeline Motz, which was largely attended.

The bride and groom leave on the early morning train, and will be gone some time on their wedding tour, after which they will reside at Marion.

[Mr. Yancey is one of McDowell's most prominent young men. After the bridal tour Mr. and Mrs. Yancey will spend about a month at Woodlawn, Turkey Cove, with his father's family; then they will reside here in the Yancey residence, which John has purchased from his father. We are pleased that their home will be among us.—MESSENGER].

Garden City Gleanings.

Correspondence of The Messenger.

The Misses Chapman and Curtis, accompanied by Messrs. L. A. and George Chapman and Mr. Hawkins, have returned from a short trip to Morganton.

Mr. Zeb Dillinham is very ill with typhoid fever at Mrs. Gowan's.

Mr. Myers is displaying a great deal of energy in his efforts to try to get the church rebuilt.

Mr. Frank Chapman was "on the wing" last Sunday.

The fashionable disease about here now is whooping cough, but we hope that fashion will soon be out of date. PANSY.

☞ NOTIE! NOTICE!—All parties indebted to Martin Bros. must settle within the next 30 days or we will place our accounts in the hands of a lawyer for collection. We can be found at any time at the store of J. H. Gouge & Co.

☞ Base ball goods and hammocks at Swindell's.

PERSONAL.

Mr. G. W. Crawford went to Asheville Monday.

Ed. Pullium came over from Lenoir this week on a visit.

Mrs. C. F. Hyams, of Charlotte, is visiting Mrs. Agnes Hyams.

Mr. John Cheek returned Monday from a short trip to Asheville.

Aleck Sinclair was up from Blacksburg a few days this week.

Mr. E. J. Justice and family returned from Rutherfordton Saturday.

Our very efficient coroner, Dr. G. P. Reid, was in town on official business last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greenlee returned to their home in Turkey Cove on Tuesday morning.

Owing to the death of a sister of Mrs. T. J. Rodgers, she left for Henrietta, on last Monday.

Messrs. John and Sam Yancey and Miss Lily Yancey spent several days in town this week.

Elisha Neal has been sick a few days lately at Sheriff R. L. Nichols', but he is walking about again.

Miss Katie Westerman, of Old Fort, came down on Thursday to visit Mrs. W. F. Craig, returning on the passenger same day.

Attorney Gwyn Finley, of Lincolnton, left on Tuesday. He had been at the funeral of his brother-in-law, the late Mr. D. W. Greenlee.

Attorney C. F. McKesson, of Morganton, passed through on Thursday from Sunshine Institute, Rutherford county, whither he had gone to deliver the annual address.

Mr. J. G. Hall, of Lenoir, general agent for the North-Western Life Insurance Company, of Milwaukee, Wis., was here on business for his company several days this week. He also represents fire insurance companies.

A party of young people, including Miss Lily Yancey, Messrs. John Yancey, Jr., Sam Yancey, Quince Gilkey, Ceph Blanton Bob Greenlee and Gwynn Finley went to Lincolnton Tuesday to attend the marriage of Mr. John Yancey, Jr., to Miss Carrie Motz.

Dr. J. G. Reid left to-day to be absent about a week. He will attend the annual meeting of the State Dental Association at Charlotte before returning, after which his patrons will find his office open here all the time. He will be glad to have them call on him for any kind of dental work.

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to which the expectant mother is exposed ere she presses to her heart her babe, and the dread with which she looks forward to the hour of approaching motherhood. By the use of

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A Story Showing the Sympathy and Simplicity of Professor Child.

Twenty years ago the writer, with her 3-year-old child, was on her way to Washington in midwinter. Instead of reaching that beautiful city early in the morning, as was expected, the train was stalled in the night by a terrible blizzard. After the height of the storm was over it took hours to dig away the heavy snow that buried, not only the rails, but the whole world apparently. Slowly and laboriously the locomotive crept on, and we were still 200 miles from Washington when the church clock struck 8 in a village where we halted. Men jumped up to see if there were time to get a cup of coffee; nervous and anxious women clamored for tea, and I cried with the rest, "Oh, if only I could get a glass of milk for my little girl!" "Impossible," said the brakeman, who was passing through the car; "we shan't be here but a minute."

Paying no heed to his words, a gentleman of striking appearance, whose fine face and head I had been silently studying, hurriedly left the car and disappeared upon the snowy platform. "He'll get left," sneered the brakeman.

The train moved on, feeling its way through the huge white banks on both sides. The gentleman had evidently been traveling alone, for no one seemed anxious because he did not come back. The cars were hardly in full swing, however, when he jumped aboard, a little out of breath, dusted with snow, but self possessed and calm, holding carefully a tall glass of milk, which he gave to the wee girl beside me. My stammered thanks for such unexpected kindness from an unknown traveler he brushed away with a wave of his hand. "But the glass?" I insisted, knowing it could not be returned, as we were now thundering onward. "Is yours, madam," he replied, settling himself into his seat, paying no more attention to us. But later in the course of the dreary forenoon he motioned to the little lass to come to him, which she willingly did. He lifted her to his side, and with his arm round her she cuddled up against him, and for two hours he whispered stories into her ear, so low that no one else could hear, but the delight of which was reflected in her dancing eyes and smiling lips.

At Baltimore the stranger disappeared, and a gentleman across the passage from us leaned over and said, "Do you know who has been entertaining your child so charmingly, as indeed only he could?" "I haven't the faintest idea." "Professor Francis J. Child."

So many years have flown since then that the little lass herself writes stories now—perhaps faraway echoes of those she heard that wintry day when Professor Child made summer in her heart, but the tall, thick depot tumbler still stands on the high shelf of the cupboard, too sacred for any use, save as a memento of the kindly chivalry of a great man to a little child.—Atlantic's Contributors' Club.

How to Dispose of Bad Coins.

Tackleton—Some one gave me a bad coin yesterday, and I didn't know what to do with it.

Von Blumer—Couldn't you pass it?

Tackleton—Not for a long time. The first man I tried it on was a ticket clerk, and he refused it with scorn.

Von Blumer—Why didn't you try it on a chemist? Their profits are so great they're likely to be careless in money matters.

Tackleton—Oh, I did, but it wasn't any use. Then I tried to buy a newspaper with it, but the boy wouldn't have it. I went to buy a drink, but that wouldn't do. I was almost discouraged, old man.

Von Blumer—I should say you might have been. But you finally passed it, didn't you?

Tackleton (proudly)—Oh, yes!

Von Blumer—On whom?

Tackleton—On a friend of mine.—Boston Traveller.

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Yours truly,

A. Blanton.

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Marion, N. C., March 22, 1897.—1 f.

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