

LOCAL ITEMS.

Court will convene on the first Monday in March.

Lane Patrick is spending the week with his family.

J. F. DeBerry has moved his family over to east Rockingham.

Major J. D. Shaw and daughter, Miss Eschale were visitors at Raleigh this week.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Daniel Gray has been quite unwell for several days.

H. H. Kiddle made a pleasant call on Wednesday and paid for subscription of his son.

Messrs. Humminger and Ritter will move next week to the store vacated by Dr. Hunter & Bro.

We learn with much regret that Miss Anna Gaddy, who has been sick for some time, is still quite sick.

Rev. W. C. Webb left last night for Baltimore, to have his daughter treated at Johns Hopkins hospital.

Dr. J. M. Covington Jr., of Wadesboro, spent Tuesday in Rockingham and was a pleasant caller at our office.

Messrs. V. C. Ueary of Exway, and J. A. Morla, of Silver Run, were pleasant and profitable callers last Monday.

Dr. Hunter & Bro. have moved their drug and medicine to the McRae stand, recently vacated by Mr. Hordley.

We are pleased to learn that our worthy mayor, Rev. W. J. Falford, who has been quite sick, is reported better.

Among the new comers to our town, none will be more cordially welcomed than Mr. E. D. Whistlock and his most estimable wife.

Judge Neal seems to be making his mark wherever he goes. He has given satisfaction in every court over which he has presided.

The Lebe, Williams Comedy Co will give entertainments in the court house six nights next week, commencing Monday night.

Mrs. Walker has returned to Rockingham and Mr. and Mrs. Walker are occupying the residence recently vacated by F. L. Astor.

We greatly regret to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin, beloved wife of our old friend Pres. Maunum, of McCall, S. C.

We hear of several new houses to be erected in Rockingham soon. Probably several, in the little town of Watsonville, near Rockingham.

Major Jno. D. Shaw, one of our biggest lawyers and oldest and best citizens has recently made improvements in his already beautiful home.

Glad to see Dr. J. M. Stansell, who is to be riding around a little for recreation. The good Doctor has been imprisoned at home for quite a while.

We are glad to see that the members of the Legislature, up to this time, seem not to be concerned in the matter of creating and accepting offices.

Quite a number of the young people of the Methodist church gave an entertainment in the court house last Friday night to raise funds for church purposes.

We are under obligations to Mr. Brown, clerk, for a copy of the "Report of the Corporate Commission." It is neatly gotten up and seems to be complete in every particular.

Mr. Knox Jones, of Jonesboro, Fla who left this county twelve years ago, made us a pleasant call on Wednesday, and paid his subscription to Headlight. This makes the sixth new subscriber since our last issue.

Mrs. C. M. Hobbs and children, little Miss Marie and Master Charlie, who have been visiting Mrs. J. E. Page at Biscoe, returned Saturday. Mr. Hobbs met them at Hamlet and returned with them.

The town of Hoffman offers a reward of \$25.00 for the arrest and delivery to the Sheriff of Richmond county, Neal Austin, charged with killing John Ann Terry, colored, a short time ago. Read the notice in this issue of the Headlight.

We learn from a citizen of Steele's township, that the roads are in such condition that traveling over them is almost impossible. He says the people are greatly worried over the matter, and that, if they are not worked before court, the matter will be brought to the notice of the grand jury.

We most gratefully appreciate the kindness of so many of our subscribers in paying up their subscriptions. In all our journalistic experience, we have never been treated so well. We regret that we had to strike from our list a few names, but we have received no new ones for every old one we have lost. Every week brings us a batch of new subscribers.

Road Supervisors.

The road supervisors of Wolf Pit township are requested to meet at the Oakdale school house, near E. M. Bogan's residence, on the 2nd Saturday in February at 10 o'clock a. m. A full meeting is greatly desired. Chairman.

Written For the Headlight.

"Delightful task to rear the tender thought,
To teach the young idea how to shoot."

The world to-day bears evidence of the great extent to which the powers of the human mind have become awakened. There is no accounting for the possibilities indicated in a human soul.

Who would have thought that a "wee tottler"—the child of a poor washer-woman and not allowed to enter the houses of the rich, but sent to the kitchen to eat and romp with the little darkeys, would ever become President of these United States?

And through all the categories of life, other instances are vividly perceptible of greatness being attained from the very base of the ladder on which thousands have mounted to the topmost pinnacle.

How weighty then, the responsibilities developing upon those entrusted with the care and guidance of youth, the parents first, the teachers next, and like the preachers of the gospel, who proclaim the unsearchable riches of a crucified and risen Saviour to a fallen and perishing world, it must be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth inculcated into the youthful minds, for an erroneous impression is never wholly eradicated; pernicious influences must be contemned and nought but a pure and noble dignity encouraged and maintained.

Let those who are to occupy our places upon the great arena of life be encouraged to seek a higher, still higher plane of existence.

One who has long been accustomed to watch the alacrity with which the mental vision grasps the axioms recorded in the textbooks, confesses she finds not only congeniality, but assimilates the situation to "voices around the Throne." What music on earth can be compared to the ringing laughter of happy children as they amuse themselves upon the play-ground or raise their sweet voices in chanting the praises of the living God?

Then peering into the dim vista of coming years, can behold the germs of greatness fully expanded and shedding a halo of effulgence in the galaxy of a nation's glory.

Attention Veterans.

Veterans of Richmond county will meet in Rockingham on Tuesday, the 2nd of March to elect officers of Camp 820, and delegates to attend the re-union at New Orleans, May 19th, 1903.

W. I. Everett, Commander.

To Reaver Dam Teachers.

In consequence of the inclemency of the weather, I failed to hold the Teacher's Township meeting for Beaver Dam and Mineral Springs. The meetings for these townships will be held as follows: Beaver Dam, Friday, Feb. 20th, and Mineral Springs, Tuesday, the 10th at 2 o'clock p. m. Even if any schools have been closed we hope they will be represented.

J. H. Walsh, C. S. S.

To School Teachers and Committewomen.

In a previous issue of the Headlight I requested that the teachers not close their schools before they had taught a four month term. I did this with the assurance that State help would be rendered in good time to help the needy schools. Now I am advised by the State Superintendent that the appropriation of the second \$100,000.00 is "not in hand or in sight, and may not be available." For this reason, I herewith advise all committewomen to close their schools when they have taught out the money on hand.

J. H. Walsh, C. S. S.

Carry your chickens to H. H. Smith. He'll buy them.

Captain Richmond Hobson, of "Merrimac fame" has resigned his office as a naval constructor in the navy.

COUNTY NEWS

Ledbetter's.

Some of Pee Dee's fair sex paid their respects to our village last Sunday.

Miss Eleanor Saunders spent two or three days in Rockingham last week with Joseph Gibson's family.

Miss Melissa Dawkins, of Candor, Montgomery county, was visiting her sister, Mrs. W. M. Turner, last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Ida Nicholson is making preparations to take a course in school at Sanford, Moore county. She contemplates leaving about the 12th ult.

Shooting bees in Texas was the program last Saturday night in this village, by some of our young people. Wish they would kill some nearer home.

There has been more cotton sold and hauled to this mill since the first of January than any time previous, and it still continues to come. We don't know how they managed to get over the gulches and hold their temper.

Mr. S. F. Webb and Miss Minnie Sullivan, of this village, were happily united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Sunday morning at 8 o'clock by Rev. S. E. Mercer. We extend to them our kind congratulations and may their future lives be crowned with successful devotion and happiness.

Subscriber.

Pee Dee.

Mrs. Gurgain and daughter have arrived. Gladly we welcome them with us.

Mrs. Jones, formerly of Carthage, is now with her daughter, Mrs. Hancock, where she expects to make her home.

Misses Ada Davis and Grace Caudle went to Steele's mill last Monday.

Misses Mamie Bolton and Jennie Tyson, and Mr. Tyson visited Roberdel No. 2 last Sunday.

We regret to learn that Miss Florence Usery is very sick.

Mr. Usery returned home last Wednesday night from the hospital in Charlotte, where he has been treated for cataract on the eyes. We are glad to note that his eyesight is much improved.

Mr. A. F. Alden has accepted a position in this mill as beamer.

Three cheers for the Pee Dee string band. Sunshine.

Roberdel No. 2.

Mrs. McKinnis returned home Thursday, from a visit to her parents in Montgomery.

Miss Sarah Tom Ashworth is on the sick list this week.

John McCaskill and wife were visiting relatives here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Pence spent the day with their sister, Mrs. McRae, Monday.

Mr. Gullidge is still drilling away. He has been to white flint rock and is still going. The well is over three hundred feet deep now.

A Sunday school was organized here last Sunday. Mr. Wiley Dawkins will superintend it. Hope all near here will attend and help us out. We will be glad to have any minister that can and feels like it, to call and preach for us when convenient. We live so far from church that some cannot get to go often.

D. O. R.

Roberdel.

Miss Amanda Currie left Monday morning for Ellerbe Springs, where she will teach music.

Dave Sedberry was a visitor here Sunday. He left to come again.

The greatest drawback to the laborers are barrooms. Unfortunately our town is cursed with them and a good percent of the wages stops at them. Anyone who drinks does not save anything nor do they care so. Liquor is the monster curse to all working

people.

To my mind the best way to improve the condition of the laboring people is to give their children more and longer school terms, to teach them economy, honesty and industry and to keep them in the fear and love of God.

I have no practical knowledge of the effect of working children in mills etc., and am not in a position to give any opinion of any value, but if a good many of older ones would go to work and send their children to school they would feel better.

S. T.

Great Falls.

J. T. Brnton and W. J. Ormsby, of Cordova, visitors here, Sunday.

Lumber is being piled for the erection of overseer F. S. Terry's cottage, near Mr. Ed Terry's residence.

Everybody ought to read Bill Arp's letter of last week.

Would suggest Richard Olney as a suitable name for S. T.'s baby, of Roberdel.

Sorry to hear that Miss Julia Dean was sick on Saturday.

Mrs. Stogner, who was so painfully hurt by a fall several days ago, is slowly improving.

Herman O'Brien has been on the sick list several days with la-grippe. His mother continues quite unwell.

Captains Tracy and Vic seem to be desirous of adding more members to the band.

Glad to always read such letters as your Wadesboro correspondent writes. Hope he will continue.

Textile.

Black Jack.

The weather keeps wet and there is not much being done, but cutting and hauling wood.

The sick and crippled in this community are getting some better, so I will take for my subject

Hampton Covington was visiting at Mr. Holt's Sunday evening.

John Webb and Miss Sneed were visiting about Rockingham Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrington and son Ellis attended Miss Nellie Henry's wedding at Rockingham, Sunday.

A certain widower likes to cross a certain red, rocky hill near here occasionally, on Sunday. If he captures the prize don't be surprised.

Henry Rush's son, colored, cut his foot pretty badly one day last week.

Willie Thrower, from Lowell, Mass., is visiting his father, M. J. Thrower. We are glad to see him.

Pee Dee No. 2.

Miss Susie Allen is spending some time with relatives in Moore county.

Glad to see our old friend, Tracy Worley in this village Sunday.

Miss Ethel Moore, of Marshville, visited Miss Blanche Shores last week.

Mrs. O. C. Baldwin, of Malee, spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Carr, at this place last week.

Mrs. Nora Thomas has moved her family from Laurel Hill to this place. We give them a cordial welcome to our town.

Mrs. Robert Thomas, of Midway, was visiting relatives here Tuesday.

Miss Ina Godfrey, of Wadesboro, is with her mother at this place. We understand that her mother will return with her to Wadesboro in a few days.

Jesse Baldwin spent Sunday with his father in the country.

V. S. C.

Fresh lot snowflake crackers at H. H. Smith's.

Ross Cream Cheese at H. H. Smith's.



EXWAY. Dear Headlight—I will write you my first letter. I am going to school and my teacher's name is Mr. West Luther, and I like him very well so far and I like my playmates. My papa has been sick for two years. I hope that when I stop going to school I will know more and can write better. I wish I could get a copy of your paper once a week, for I like to read it, but I am not able to pay for it. The farmers in this section are busy now. I have four sisters and six brothers. Some of them are in school. I hope that my letter will not be laughed at, for it is my first, and so I will close hoping to see my letter in print. I am sorry that I could not do better. With much love to you and the cousins.

Sue Thompson.

COVINGTON. Dear Headlight—I will write for my first time. I am a little boy 11 years old. I am going to school to my cousin, Miss Hattie Davis, and I like her very much. Well, I will tell you about my grandparents. Both of my grandfathers fought in the Mexican and Confederate wars. One of them is dead. The other is living, but he is very old. He is in his 85th year. We are having some very cold weather. I go to Sunday school every Sunday that I can. My teacher in Sunday school is Miss Mamie Baldwin. I will close my letter now.

A. B. Green.

ELLERBE. Dear Headlight—I think that the larger boys and girls ought to write more on subjects, so I will take for my subject

DANCING:

Dancing is an act of play enjoyed by people before Christ's time, and has been continued ever since. King David praised the Lord with stringed instruments and dancing. I do not think there is any harm in a social dance, but I do think there is harm in a public dance where everybody goes. It matters little what they are or who they are. I will close by asking a question: Who invented the wireless telegraph?

Enf.

Statement

of the condition of the

FARMER'S BANK,

of Rockingham, N. C.

at the close of business on February 6th, 1903. Copied from report to North Carolina Corporation Commission.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....\$52,714.81

Overdrafts.....2,906.45

Banking House.....4,200.00

Furniture and Fixtures.....1,500.00

Cash on hand & in Bks. 45,888.23

\$104,955.99

LIABILITIES.

Capital.....15,000.00

Undivided profits.....3,881.51

Deposits subject to check 86,074.48

\$104,955.99

I, L. S. Covington, Cashier of the Farmer's Bank, solemnly swear the above statement to be true to the best of knowledge and belief.

L. S. COVINGTON, Cashier.

State of North Carolina,)
Richmond County,)
Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day February, 1903.

J. L. BUNDY, Notary Public.

CORRECT ATTEST:

R. L. Steele,)
J. M. Smith,) Directors.
J. B. Caudle,)

The supreme court is now in session. Chief Justice Clark and Associate Justices Walker and Connor are at their seats.

Oranges, apples and bananas at H. H. Smith's.

Wadesboro.

Our county commissioners will have their hands full to-day. Besides their regular routine of business, they will have to decide on issuing license of two candidates for retailing spirits. Mr. Mills, our only bar-room man, who is now selling liquor, is charged with having violated the law of selling liquor to minors, and a petition by the citizens asking that his license be revoked is the consequence. The other is Mr. Hightower, a new applicant, is charged with having violated the revenue law, and also a case in court for an affray. The petitioners do not think he is a suitable man for selling liquor and for this reason the commissioners will be forced to grant him license.

Geo. Parker will commence the erection of a cottage in west Wadesboro at an early day.

Will Lucas will also begin building at an early day in south Wadesboro.

A long felt need of Wadesboro was consummated last week—the organization of a reality company. It is composed of the very best young material that we have in our community. Fred Cox, Esq. is at the head. Young men of progressive minds and indomitable energy compose the balance.

Dr. J. M. Covington, Sr. is not only one of our most efficient physicians, but a most progressive citizen. He has built an ideal home in our midst, and is an important member of the body politic. Let Richmond county send us more of such men.

The cowboy president is at it again. Not satisfied with injuring our people by his misrepresentations, he must invite them to his nigger soiree, not letting them know that this is to be the guest of honor. Give the dog rope enough and he will hang himself." I am glad that some of the southern representatives had self-respect enough to leave the white house.

The negroes in mass meeting endorsed Roosevelt in his action and denounced the south in language that means a great deal of danger to them. I am sure they have nothing to gain, but a great deal to lose.

E. F. F.

L. D. ROBINSON, L. B. WILLIAMS
T. L. CAUDLE,
LAWYERS,
AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS.
Office in Bank Building,
HAMLET, N. C.

Notice.

Application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina at its session in 1903, to incorporate and charter the Bank of Hamlet with its principal office and place of business in the town of Hamlet, Richmond county, North Carolina.

This Dec. 31, 1902.

January 27th 1903.

John P. Cameron,
Commissioner.

Mortgagee's Sale of Land.

By virtue of the power contained in certain deed of mortgage, executed to A. G. Corpening and J. W. Sillip, on the 3rd day of March 1898, by Jno. McPherson, and recorded in Book B B B, page 222 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Richmond County; and whereas the interest of the said J. W. Sillip has been assigned to me, I will on Monday the 2nd day of March, 1903, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., offer for sale at public auction, for cash, the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit:

First tract: Beginning at a pine three pine pointers near the old road leading from McLean's bridge to the falling mill and on the west side of the head of Long branch and runs S 20 E 25 chains to a corner; thence N 20 W 25 chains to a corner, thence direct to the beginning, containing 100 acres granted to Duncan McPherson on the 7th day of November 1846.

Second tract: Beginning at a pine among pointers, the fourth corner of Duncan McPherson's 100 acre survey and runs north 20 W 20 chains to a corner, thence south 70 W 40 chains to a corner; thence south 70 W 4 chains to a corner; thence south 15 E 10 chains to a corner; thence S 37 W 13.50 chains to an oak two pine pointers in his own line; thence S 30 E 20 chains to the Long branch; thence up the meadows of said branch to said McPherson line; thence as said line reversed N 20 W 17 chains to a pine 2 pine pointers the beginning corner of said McPherson's survey, thence the home line of said survey reversed N 70 E 40 chains to the beginning containing 100 acres excepting 2 acres that are now enclosed and in cultivation.

A. G. Corpening and J. W. Sillip,
Mortgagees.

A. G. Corpening, Assignee,
J. W. Loggins, Atty.

This the 24 day of January 1903.

Commissioner's Sale of Land.

By virtue of the power contained in a decree of the Superior court of Richmond County N. C., made by Jno. L. Everett Clerk, on the 16 day of January 1903, in a certain special or ex parte proceedings wherein W. R. Reynolds and other heirs-at-law of John Reynolds deceased are petitioners, I will on Monday the 2nd day of March, 1903 at 12 o'clock noon in front of the Court House door in the town of Rockingham in said State and county, offer for sale for cash to the highest bidder, the following described lands, the same being the lands described in the petition in said special proceedings. A tract of land situated, lying and being in Steele's township in said State and county adjoining the Coleman tract and other lands. Beginning at a chestnut oak on the Sugar Loaf Mountain, supposed to be a corner of the Coleman land and runs as a line of said land South 65 W. 45 chains to a stake; thence N 30 W 22 chains and 80 links to Coleman's Creek; thence up the various courses of said creek about 80 chains to a stake by a steeping maple and 2 pine pointers; thence South 45 E 70 chains and 50 links, passing through a small clearing made by Wm. Meacham to a stake by a black gum and dead sassafras; thence S 45 W 25 chains to a pine in the Coleman line; thence with said line N 25 W 13 chains and 50 links to the beginning, containing 250 acres more or less.

John P. Cameron,
Commissioner.

This Dec. 31, 1902.

January 27th 1903.

DON'T THINK.

If you call once and do not find what you want do not think I will not have it next time. I have new goods coming in every day, and if yours are not in one lot, they may be in the next. I have determined to keep what the people want. So continue to call and I assure you that you will get fresh goods at reasonable prices.

Big lot of "stuff" just ordered. They are all fresh from the factories or mills.

Give me a call before buying. I will make it to your interest.

I BUY Butter, Chickens and Eggs, Corn, Peas and almost anything the farmers raise.

yours to serve,

With a Free Delivery.

Henry H Smith.

Behind the Court House.

Notice.

This is to give notice that application will be made to the General Assembly of North Carolina, at its present session, to amend the charter of the Town of Rockingham.

January 19th, 1903.

Road Supervisor's Meeting.

The road supervisors of Wolf Pit township will meet at Oakdale Academy, near E. M. Bogan's Saturday, Feb. 21. All owners are expected to be present.