

Near river was 18 feet above low water mark yesterday.

The rise in the river has caused the necessary work on the railroad bridge across the river to stop.

We have a communication from Mr J W Stevenson, of Warrington. It will appear next week.

Coradius Coraiga, a colored lad, was arrested Wednesday night for stealing an overcoat, the property of Thomas Dean.

Messrs B R Hood & Co, has a beautiful line of Christmas goods. Call at his drug store on Third street and examine them.

The street lamps are being put up, and instead of pedestrians in our town having to grope their way in darkness, thanks to our efficient commissioners, our pathway is to be lighted up.

Married.
Mr. Ed. S. Abell, one of our promising young attorneys and Miss Irena Page, of Fayetteville, will be united in marriage in the historic town of Fayetteville to day. Mr. Walter Fuller acted as "best man." We extend our congratulations to the young couple, and wish them a long, happy life.

Furniture.
200 Bedssteads and mattresses, 300 chairs and rockers, 30 Beaureaux and washstands, offered for the holidays at greatly reduced prices at
M. Summerfield & Co.

A High Complement.
The Winston Sentinel says of Dr. Pool, the new Methodist preacher for this circuit:

"Dr. Solomon Pool is the recipient of a purse of \$100 tendered him before his departure for his new field of labor by the citizens of Winston, by whom he is held in the highest esteem. He preached a farewell sermon in Brown's Hall last Sunday. The Dr. has joined the M. E. Conference and has been appointed to the Smithfield circuit, in the Raleigh district. Winston has a good citizen and Smithfield gains an eloquent and earnest minister."

Young Men.
If you wish to look pretty when you call on your sweetheart on Christmas day be sure to get one of the fine Dress suits at M. Summerfield & Co.

No Reflection Intended.
The following resolution was passed at the last meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

"Resolved, that the publication of the annual statement for the county of Johnston in the Clayton Era was not intended as a reflection on the Smithfield Herald."

Then after making arrangements with us to do the county printing, then why was the contract violated, we understand the county Commissioners are not to be blamed?—(EDITORIAL HERALD.)

For Xmas Trade.
1. A fresh supply of mince meat, cranberries, etc., etc., at Williamson & Blake's.
2. Just received a new lot of macaroni and Tarelli's cheese.
3. Best Pennsylvania Buck wheat flour at Williamson & Blake's.

Remember
Clothing for the Holidays at reduced prices at
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Raided
Last week a force of revenue officers, sent out by Col. Yarborough, raided an illicit distillery in the corner of Harnett and Wake counties, destroyed 2,000 gallons of beer and 60 gallons of singletons. The still was carried to Raleigh. A week after deputies Holt and Temple was sent out to get up evidence and found the distillery was being repaired and a new lot of beer made with a fresh lot of malt. They again destroyed the beer and malt and fired the house. Deputy Holt says he found at the distillery the finest lot of blockade hogs he has seen since the war.

Trunks.
Another lot of trunks just received at Beatty & Morgan's. Trunks all sizes and cheap.

Questions.
Mr. Editor:
What is the proper name of the plant commonly called May pop?
What are Sun flower seed worth. Will it not pay better to make them, than to make cotton or tobacco?
Do Frogs drink water?
We would be glad for some one to answer these questions in the next issue of the HERALD.
L. A. F.

A F & A M.
At the regular monthly meeting of Fellowship Lodge A. F. & A. M., last Saturday, the following officers were elected to serve the ensuing year.

W. M.—T. R. Youngblood.
S. W.—Elias Rose.
J. W.—C. S. Powell.
Treas.—D. W. Fuller.
Sec.—T. S. Thain.

At Auction.
Messrs. Beth Woodall & Co., will sell out their stock of goods at Webster, in Elevation Township, at auction December 21st and 22nd, and at Smithfield December 23rd and 24th. A good chance to buy goods cheap.

Santa Claus.
Santa Claus is on his way to Smithfield with a nice line of Ladies Misses and childrens Cloaks; Newmarkets and Circulars have already arrived at
M. Summerfield & Co.

Personals.
Mr. N. G. Myatt and family left for their new home, near Guiley's Mill, in Wake county, the first of the week.

Mr. George A. Minor, the clever traveling salesman of the Messrs Ryland & Lee music house, Richmond, Va., paid us a pleasant visit Wednesday.

Mr. B. F. Faison of Raleigh, was in town Tuesday.

Rev. G. B. Perry is in town. He leaves for his new field Friday.

Miss—Holland, who has for the past few days been on a visit to Mrs. J. W. Talton, left for her home in Wayne Tuesday.

Christmas Trees.
The Methodist Sunday School will have its Christmas tree Christmas eve night. All of the necessary arrangements have been made, and a pleasant time may be anticipated. The Baptist Sunday School will have theirs Christmas night, and it too, promises to afford much pleasure to the scholars. Rev. J. R. Jones and Messrs. John Ives and G. R. Guy is the committee to buy the presents.

Married.
At the residence of Mr. Thomas Coats, in Pleasant Grove Township, Dec 9th by Elder J. A. T. Jones officiating, Mr. Albert Stevens and Miss Pattie Coats were united in marriage. The Herald extends congratulations and wishes the newly wedded couple much happiness in their wedded estate.

A Good Worker.
Smithfield, N. C., Dec. 14th 1885.
Mr. Editor:
Allow me space in your columns to return my sincere thanks to Miss Lillie Denton, one of the committee to solicit contributions for the Orphan Asylum for the neat little sum of \$4.50 and one pair of shoes, turned over to me on the 12th of December. Lillie is a good worker and has done the work assigned her well, and I hope she will meet with generous hearts while she continues in this field of labor.

Mr. Editor, I will again ask space in your columns when I hear from the other members of the committee. We have an excellent committee, and as it is for a noble and glorious object, I hope they will meet with a generous response.

Respectfully,
J. W. Talton,
Ch'm Committee.

Public Debate.
December 25th, at the Poplar Spring School House, the P. S. L. Society will give a public debate. The query is: "Which has the greater influence on human conduct the hope of reward or fear of punishment?"

Affirmative—J. M. Surles and N. T. Ryals.
Negative—H. C. Morgan and J. V. Morgan.

First Declaimer—J. H. Rose.
Second Declaimer—W. R. Strickland.
First Reader—B. Broughton.
Second Reader—L. R. Murray.
Orator—John M. Morgan.
Exercises will commence promptly at 9 a. m.
The public generally invited.
JOHN M. MORGAN, Sec'y.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.
December Meeting.
Board met according to adjournment, all of the Commissioners being present. Journal of previous meeting read and approved.

On motion, P. H. C. Dupree was duly re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

R. D. Lunceford, Register of Deeds, filed his official bond in the sum of \$5,000 with A. Muns and N. G. Galley as sureties.

L. R. Waddell, Clerk of the Superior Court, filed his official bond in the sum of \$10,000 with E. J. Holt, D. J. Wellons and D. W. Adams as sureties.

S. R. Morgan, County Treasurer, filed his county bond in the sum of \$23,000 with D. W. Adams, D. H. Graves, C. Radford and J. A. Morgan as sureties; also his school bond in the sum of \$19,500 with D. W. Adams, Iredell Godwin and D. H. Graves as sureties.

Romelus Lambert, County Surveyor, filed his official bond in the sum of \$1,000 with Aldridge McGee and J. T. Whitten as sureties.

Ordered that the official reports of R. D. Lunceford, Register of Deeds, S. R. Morgan, County Treasurer, L. R. Waddell, Clerk of the Superior Court, Jesse T. Ellington, Sheriff, be received, approved and registered as required by law.

Jesse T. Ellington, Sheriff, filed his official bond in the sum of \$3,000 with W. A. Smith and J. F. Ellington as sureties; also his State bond for the collection of State taxes for 1886 in the sum of \$20,200 with W. N. Benton, D. H. Graves and G. L. Jones as sureties; also his county and school bond for the collection of county and school taxes in the sum of \$43,000 with J. T. Ellington and A. Horne as sureties.

Ordered that the report of the committee to settle with S. R. Morgan, County Treasurer, be received, approved and registered.

J. W. Koon, Constable of Ingram's

city democratic committee of Richmond Virginia, has decided not to have any demonstration on the occasion of his inauguration as Governor of Virginia January 1.

The long-lost sixth piano-forte concerto of Beethoven has been discovered in a Carinthian village by Friedlander while searching for Schubert's works. The manuscript is almost completely finished, and is dated 1805.

Cotton Market.
Reported by D. H. Graves
SMITHFIELD, N. C., Dec. 17.
Good Middling..... 8 1/2
Middling..... 8 1/4
Strict Low Middling..... 8
Low Middling..... 7 1/2

THE JUNK MARKET.
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HIDES, dry flint good, 11 1/2
Hides, dry salt good, 10 1/2
Hides, green salt good, 4 1/2 to 5
Sheepskins dry woolled, 25 to 50
Sheepskins green woolled, 20 to 40
Goatskins green and dry (good), 25 to 40
FURS, mink good, 25 to 40
Furs, Raccoon good, 25 to 40
Furs fox, good, 30 to 50
Furs, musk rat good, 12 to 15
RATS, nice mixed, 1 to 2
Leasaw good, 1 to 2
Eggs, 18 to 20
The above are cash prices.

FOR SALE CHEAP FOR CASH.
One horse, in fine condition, (excellent for family use), one rockaway and harness, in good condition, buggy, and harness, wagon and harness, saddle and bridle, all of which can be bought cheap for cash. Apply at once to W. L. RILEY, 29-1m. Smithfield, N. C.

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Ordered that the magistrates of the county and the constables that have not filed their official reports and bonds be allowed until the 1st Monday in January, 1886, to do so.

The following accounts were allowed:
W. J. Smith, \$10 for removing rafts from Hinton bridge.
I. W. Gries, be paid \$14.50 for repairing the bridge across Swift Creek near W. H. Calloms, (deceased.)
J. H. Boyett, \$182.00 for repairing bridge across B. P. Williamson's pond.
W. N. Benton, \$11 as janitor of court house.

W. N. Benton, \$6 for three days as finance committee.
L. R. Waddell, Clerk Superior court, 4 75 for stationary for office.
R. D. Lunceford \$29 05 for sundry services as clerk of Board.
Ashley Wallace, 70 85 for boarding paupers at poor house.

John R. Wedding, 12 50 for publishing itemize statement.
Ed D. Ford, for boarding prisoners in jail.
A. M. Noble, 9 20 for three days as commissioner, mileage and 24 miles and one day as building committee.
Jesse Hinnant, 21 00 for six days as county commissioner mileage \$30 miles.
J. H. Tomlinson, 9 60 for six days as county commissioner, mileage 32 miles and one day at poor house.
J. T. Ellington 6 60 serving notice on Wm. Hinnant and bondsmen.
J. H. Abell, 100 00 for extra service as county attorney in case B. R. Morgan, County Treasurer, vs. Wm. Hinnant, Sheriff, Seth Woodall and other bondsmen.

Ordered that the bondsmen of Wm. Hinnant, Sheriff and tax collector for 1884 be and are hereby allowed until the first Monday in January, 1886, to pay the full amount of the judgment rendered at Spring term 1884, against Wm. Hinnant and bondsmen.

Munroe Stroud, W. J. Baker, W. B. Johnson, Nestus Whitley, Noaster Crock, Thomas Faison, J. J. Jackson, Dempsey Watson, J. E. Eason, Jerry Hartley, Henry Clay, relieved from paying poll tax for 1885.

Ordered that the following persons be relieved from double tax for the year of 1885, on payment of single tax:
W. A. Sanders, 145 acres valued at 7 90; Willis Barber, 163 acres valued at 8 15; S. H. Whitaker, 36 acres valued at 3 60; F. H. Busbee, Q. L. Johnson, Indiana Pool.

Ordered that Gideon Allen be relieved from paying tax on fifty dollars worth of land for 1885.

Ordered that Isreal Stephenson be and is hereby appointed as constable of Pleasant Grove Township, in the place of Raymond Eanis who refused to renew his official bond.

Ordered that P. H. C. Dupree, W. N. Benton, Finance committee and A. M. Noble be and are hereby appointed a committee to examine all the old county orders and other old papers in the office of the register of deeds and burn such as are not worth anything to the county.

The following Justice of Peace filed their official reports:
J. H. Caady, Robert Sanders, A. M. Noble, Thomas T. Thain, B. R. Hinnant, John Sanders, H. B. Turner, Caswell Langdon.
[Concluded next week.]

Selma Items.
DECEMBER 9th, 1885.
Mr. John A. Mitchever, a former citizen of Selma, returned to his Florida home last Thursday, carrying with him Miss Annie Waddell, one of our most popular young ladies, who goes to spend the winter with her sister in Umatilla. Some of our young folks look decidedly blue since her departure.

We see in the last HERALD that a Roller Skating Club has been organized in Smithfield. Good luck and a long life to the organization. Skating is quite a favorite amusement here, though we are debarred from its enjoyment at present for want of a floor. Some Friday night we hope to go over and visit your rink.


Work has been begun on the new store which Mr. T. T. Oliver, of Pine Level, is putting up near the site of the new depot. We hear that he intends making Selma his future home. If the report is true, he may feel sure of a hearty welcome.

Mr. J. H. Parker is making preparations to build a livery stable, which will be quite convenient to citizens and drummers alike.

Rev. Mr. Brooks, of Wilson, who happened to stop over in Selma on his way home from conference, preached last Thursday night in the Methodist church. Lots.

The cradle in which President Cleveland was rocked has been found in Tennessee. It was made by his father when living near Batavia, O., was sold to a settler who went to Polaski, Tenn., and when the place was sacked during the war it was pitched into a creek. It has just been found and the President has written a letter asking for a photograph of it. This is the latest and most ingenious yarn of the knaves who sell stories to gullible newspapers.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING,
And a great many have not yet bought their supply of Winter Goods. People say that
MONEY IS SCARCE
AND
Times are Hard.
Everybody seems to want money to go just as far as possible, and for the benefit of our customers we have made

A SWEEPING REDUCTION
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