

Goldsboro Messenger

GOLDSBORO, N. C.

THURSDAY, - FEBRUARY 25, 1886.

CLEANING HERE AND ELSEWHERE.

Wayne Superior Court convenes on Monday the 8th inst.

The Board of County Commissioners will meet on Monday next.

Sheriff Keane, of Duplin, conveyed one recruit to the penitentiary on Monday.

In Greensboro on Saturday last Judge Clark refused to grant an injunction against the graded school tax in Durham.

Thanks to Mr. John T. Edmundson for a treat in the shape of delicious raw oysters. Mr. Edmundson knows how to serve them.

We are sorry to learn that the residence of Judge Ruffin, at Hillsboro, was burned by accident last Saturday while he was absent from home.

It is thought that Col. Thos. S. Kenan will be made the Clerk of the State Supreme Court. A better selection it would be difficult to make.

Henry Scott, colored, sentenced to be hanged in Wilmington, for an outrage on a white girl, has received a respite of three weeks, from Gov. Seales.

Mr. Daniel T. Hood has given us a list of donations which he received towards buying school books for orphan children in his section. The books were promptly purchased by Mr. Hood.

Mr. H. T. McLeod will represent the MESSENGER at Martin during Court on Monday and Tuesday next.

Our delinquent friends in that section will please come prepared to settle arrears with him.

Wilmington Star: A well posted insurance agent places the aggregate amount of loss at \$600,000, about half covered by insurance. Others, equally well informed, however, place these estimates much higher.

Among the many new subscribers added on our books this week, are the Hon. Preston L. Bridges, Consul-General at Montevideo, Uruguay, and Hon. Thos. R. Jernigan, Consul-General at Kanagwa, Japan.

Married, at the residence of Mr. D. D. Carroll the bride's father, in this city, on the 23d inst. Mr. John H. Smith and Miss Etta S. Carroll, Rev. T. Whitfield officiating. Our hearty congratulations to the young couple.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of the N. C. Phosphate Company, offering to the farmers for fertilizing purposes their prepared and valuable lime phosphate, which have given general satisfaction to all who have used it.

Maj. Wm. H. Bagley died at Raleigh on Sunday last, in the 53rd year of his age. He has long been a prominent member of the Odd Fellows' fraternity, and since 1869 had filled the position of Clerk of the State Supreme Court in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. W. T. Walters, of Baltimore, telegraphed to the Wilmington Relief Committee to draw on him for \$250 for the benefit of the sufferers of the recent fire. Mr. Walters is one of the managing directors of the Atlantic Coast Line, and a philanthropic gentleman.

Raleigh News Observer: Capt. W. W. Carraway, President of the Monticello mad stone company, has shipped several mad stones to Sir Ramjeejee Jejeebhoy, at Bombay, India. They will be tried as antidotes to the bite of the cobra and other deadly Indian snakes.

On the second page of this paper appears an excellent article on Silk Culture, from the pen of Mr. A. Canzi, of Italy, for which we are indebted to Mrs. Oscar G. Thompson, whose deep interest in silk culture has won her a national reputation, among the friends of silk growing.

Cotton futures sold in New York yesterday at the following quotations: February, \$7.00; March, \$7.77; April, \$8.85; May, \$9.08; June, \$9.08; July, \$9.15; August, \$9.21; September, \$9.15; October, \$9.15; November, \$9.15.

The meat supply of this section has been seriously diminished by hog cholera which has been unusually fatal. Many farmers who generally made their own meat and some to spare, are this season compelled to buy western pork, hence the importation of meats was never so large as now.

Mr. Andrew Flanner came very near being burned up in the late Wilmington fire, while aiding his grandmother, Mrs. Bennett Flanner, in rescuing her furniture from the burning building. He succeeded in making his escape from the building after the exits were nearly enveloped in fire.

The Appeal, is the name of a little sheet, published in this city under the auspices of the Colored Normal and Classical Institute, C. N. Hunter, editor. It appeals for aid in behalf of the school, and has for its motto: "The best help is that help which helps us to help ourselves."

Wilmington Review: The W. & W. and W. C. A. Railroad authorities have proved equal to the emergency. We mentioned yesterday that they had purchased Mr. Wm. Calde's residence and they were moving in there to-day. Mr. Calder having been regu to move yesterday. Hon. R. R. Bridges, the President of both roads, tells us everything will be rebuilt just as soon as it is possible to do so.

A public meeting was held in the city hall at Wilmington on Monday to take into consideration means of relief for the sufferers by the great fire in that city on Sunday last. A committee consisting of prominent gentlemen was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the destitute but they confine their appeals to the citizens of their own city. Thanks were voted the Goldsboro fire company for their readiness to render assistance.

Our Supreme Court has decided that in a case for the recovery of real property where the defendant sets up claims for improvements under the title, the plaintiff may claim rents and profits where more than three years have expired. The damages in such case is the actual value of the property exclusive of the improvements. The plaintiff cannot "home-head" on the land against the value of the improvements.

The negroes of Grantham's township are exercised and indignant over the elopement of John H. Ray with Missouri Stevens, both colored. Ray is a married man.

Mr. R. M. Johnson will represent the MESSENGER at Pender Court on Monday March 8th. Mr. Cobb will be at Fayetteville during Cumberland Court the same week.

GOLDSBORO JOTTINGS.

Personal Mention and Items of Interest at Home.

"ALVIN JOSLIN" next Tuesday night.

KITE FLYING now engages the attention of the boys.

Mrs. I. S. D. SAULS left yesterday on a visit to Fremont.

The prospects for an ice machine in our city seem to be cooling off.

MR. JOHN R. MORRIS is spending a few days in the city with his family.

BOSTON Star Concert Company, at the Opera House on Friday night of next week.

DR. B. F. DIXON, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphan Asylum, was in the city yesterday.

DR. AND MRS. J. M. LYLE, of Franklin, Macon county, are on a visit to Mrs. F. L. Castex.

Mrs. CARRIE SCHWERENER, of Philadelphia, is on a visit to her sister-in-law, Mrs. Joseph Edwards.

We learn that the ladies of the Presbyterian Church will give a "Mikado Party" at an early day.

MISS JENNIE WILSON, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is improving, we are glad to learn.

The places in the city where garden seeds may be obtained are numerous—see seedingly more than usual.

MR. CHARLIE WREN, of the old and reliable carriage house of A. Wren & Son, Norfolk, Va., was in the city on Tuesday.

MR. SIG. SCHWERENER, of Philadelphia, who has been on a visit to his sister, Mrs. Joseph Edwards, in this city, left for his home on Monday.

The following are the prices of admission to "Alvin Joslin," next Tuesday night: General admission, 75 cents; gallery, 50 cents; reserved seats, 25 cents.

ARE you going to plant a garden or raise chickens? is an opportune question for solution. Well, you might try both. The garden will help to raise the chickens.

MEETING of Stonewall Lodge, Knights of Honor, this (Thursday) evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance to be considered and a full meeting is desired.

MR. WILL PATTERSON, one of Durham's very clever young gentlemen, passed through the city Tuesday on his return from a visit to his father, who resides in Clinton.

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ALL trains on the Wilmington & Weldon road were running on schedule time on Tuesday. This company displays a vim amid disaster that excites the admiration of all enterprising people.

Rev. T. P. CRAWFORD, D. D., from Tung Chow, China, preached at the Baptist Church, Sunday night, to a large congregation, who listened with unusual interest to the discourse, which was interspersed with amusing illustrations, and imparted much information concerning the Chinese which the missionary had acquired during a residence of thirty-four years in that country. Dr. Crawford is the guest of Rev. Dr. Whitfield. His object is not the collection of money, but to inform the churches as to the best manner of sending the gospel to the four hundred millions of heathen in China. The Doctor delivered a lecture last night, at the Baptist Church. He will go from here to Wilmington.

FARMERS! WHAT OF THE HOUR?

Warning to Cotton Planters.

For several days the price of cotton has been tending downward, until on Tuesday it reached the lowest notch it has been quoted since the close of the war. The market for futures, too, has been slowly declining, and Monday the decline was right sharp, considering how low cotton now looks to be. Sales of middling in New York for February fell to \$7.00 and for March at \$8.25 to \$8.31. The turn the market has taken has surprised many, and was not looked for by ourselves. And our cotton buyers seem to be at sea as to the future. It may go lower, and there seems to be little hope for much improvement in price, judging from present indications.

It then becomes quite a serious question with our farmers as to how much cotton they should plant. Will it pay to plant cotton to sell at 8 cents a pound? Let every farmer solve the question for himself. If they cannot make money they can at least avoid a loss, and the MESSENGER is forced to give it as its opinion that unless there should be a vast improvement in the general business situation there is but little hope for higher prices.

The New Orleans Picayune calls the attention of planters to the general depression in trade prevailing throughout the world, and also to the fact that the last years crop of 6,500,000 bales of American cotton alone, has overstocked the market and that the supply on hand is unusually large. And then it adds: "The policy to be pursued relative to planting this spring ought not to be a matter of doubt. Nothing but force of habit and obstinacy can induce large cotton planting this year. The risks of loss are so great that planters should, one and all, determine to reduce their cotton acreage and devote more land to home supplies. Any commercial crop—that is, one that has to be shipped to market and sold at current rates—is hazardous in the extreme with trade in its present condition. And we candidly confess we can see nothing on which to base any hopes of an early reaction. It is a trifle above all others when planters should risk as little as possible and turn their attention more to those products of the soil which they can consume at home. A large cotton crop in 1886, such as could be made on the usual acreage with a nominal increase in the area, might put prices to figures never known before."

The MESSENGER does heartily concur in all the *Picayune* says on this subject, and as the planting time is now here let every farmer make his calculations for himself. Doubtless there are many improved farms, and many more progressive farmers, who may find cotton profitable even at 8 cents, but these are exceptional instances. True, meats, bread, coffee, sugars, and almost everything is more than correspondingly reduced in price. Cotton at 8 cents will buy more to-day than a pound of cotton did any time since the war, but this is based on cash considerations. The farmer who is compelled to buy his supplies on time prices will generally find that cotton is an unprofitable crop if sold at 8 cents a pound.

AURORA ITEMS.

Real estate in Aurora in the last two years has increased more than one hundred and fifty per cent; yet a half acre building lot can be purchased in a desirable part of the town for fifty dollars.

The Academy at this place is well patronized.

Two merchants from Norfolk, Messrs. Douglass and Gallop, have opened a stock of goods at Lenoir.

Preparations are being made for the coming crop.

Mr. L. H. Ross, one of our teachers, leaves for the Southern Normal at Lexington in a few days.

There will be a grand ball at Chapin Hall, Feb. 25.

Beaufort county was formed from Bath in 1729.

Our section can compare favorably with any part of the State for fine, healthy people.

Several of our farmers are going into raising tobacco.

We have quite a mixture of weather. The thermometer drops in a heap at 5 deg. to 10 deg. then careers wildly at 80 deg. Occasionally the sun shines.

Mr. B. H. Thompson, a son of W. A. Thompson, ex-Sheriff of Wayne, is running a large farm here. He is erecting a large store on the corner of 4th and Main street.

A boy in Pamlico county last week drank himself drunk in the morning and that night he was a corpse; yet we are told that this is a free country and we should not have our liberties taken from us.

We believe that as certain as there is a God that this thing will be the means of putting a third party, Prohibition, to the front and their candidate in the White House. So mote it be.

Mrs. W. A. Thompson is running a very successful hotel at this place.

The good people of Bath, the oldest town in the State, gave an entertainment Thursday night for the benefit of the Academy at that place.

Our people are awaking to the importance of education.

Mr. H. Crawford, of Goldsboro who owns a valuable farm has been down. He has recently purchased a house and lot in our town.

5) barrels choice Seed Early Rose Irish Potatoes, at R. E. PIPKIN'S. Feb 25

RECENT FIRES.

The Lesson to be Learned From Them.

Besides the great fire at Wilmington there have recently been fires at Durham, Hillsboro and Washington. The frequency of conflagrations should serve as a warning to our people, first, to use all possible care to prevent fire; and second, to make every arrangement within their reach to suppress it in case one should occur. Let the city authorities see that the fire engine is in good working order and that the companies are provided with good hose and other accoutrements essential to a successful combat with the flames.

Certainly, with our limited supply of water, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." We would suggest further that the authorities make it the duty of the chief of the Fire Department, or some other officer, to examine stove pipes, flues, &c., especially in wood buildings adjacent to thickly settled sections, and see that those found defective are made good. Stove pipes near the roof side of a wood building are unsightly and dangerous and ought to be prohibited.

The March winds will soon be upon us and if a fire should gain headway in one of these gusts it would be difficult to foretell the extent of the direful consequences. Therefore, we earnestly hope that our words of precaution and warning will not be taken as a mere newspaper scare-crow, but that they will serve to constrain our authorities and our citizens to redouble their vigilance in guarding against the ravages of the fire-fiend.

LAGRANGE ITEMS.

The popular "pad," indisposition is prevalent—to work you know.

Mr. A. P. Mitchell, of Raleigh, spent Sunday in our town.

D. L. West, our "bird of passage" artist, is a specialist on photos.

It is said of the old cow, if she horns through February she doesn't care a darn for March.

Mr. Arthur Wooten left Monday to attend a business school in New York.

The religious labor conducted in our town of late, has resulted in seven accessions to the church so far.

We received a copy of the *Davis Letter* and in the way of "linked goodness long drawn out" we say it is our first. The *Letter* is an interesting little sheet, and would be doubly so were its locals more "drawn out."

The past sun-hiny days of balmy smokiness is sweetly symbolic of the glad Spring-time when the azure-eyed hyacinth and the pale jonquil lights manfully with the guano for the pre-eminence of scent.

Dr. Wooten and family moved into town last week. L. Grange, a plurality of physicians, greater than any other town to its size; which, of course doesn't signify that its salubrity is under average, but a desirable location. The Doctor is a clever general man, and we wish him a pleasant home in our midst.

While the Argentine radiance of the pale moon was intoxicating Monday night with the shimmering glamour of a Spanish day-dream, a black-hearted villain hurled into eternal oblivion, all fifteen unshated chickens, and all that the golden light of Wednesday morning revealed to our broken-hearted sight was a few scattered feathers of the devoted hen, to tell the hideous tale, and—oh fatal fancy—a track that would throw Miss Liberty from her pedestal in a spasm of mortified indignation.

The colored women, whose husbands are in Georgia, are premium letter-writers. These mail attractions pop into the post office Tuesday nights, and if they clutch a fair couple, the whole town is blue with Georgia blazes and de-population; if they don't, they dive for home and larrup the rising generation.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS

Are you disturbed at night and broken up by your rest by a sick child suffering and crying all night and getting no sleep? No matter what your child is suffering from, whether colic, wind, flatulence, or any other ailment, you can cure it by giving your child a few drops of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It is a simple and safe remedy, and it will cure your child in a few days. It is a simple and safe remedy, and it will cure your child in a few days.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Jennie Chesnut, on Tuesday evening, the 17th inst. MR. FRANK LAMBERT and MISS LILLY HUSSEY, Rev. R. S. Lambert officiating.

DIED.

In Fork township, Wayne county, N. C., at the residence of Dr. J. M. Batten, on the 11th of pneumonia, Mrs. MARY A. BATTEN, in the sixtieth year of her age. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist church, was a good woman, a kind and affectionate mother, and was loved by all who knew her.

THE KEYNOTE.

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