

Goldsboro Messenger

GOLDSBORO, N. C.

THURSDAY, --- APRIL 15, 1886.

GLEAMING HERE AND ELSEWHERE. The Presbytery of Orange met in Wilson yesterday.

Mr. W. E. Best, of Greene county, was in this city yesterday.

Mr. B. W. Cobb will be at Plymouth during court next week.

The Democratic State Executive Committee meets in Raleigh to-day.

We regret to learn that the Henderson Gold Leaf found it necessary to suspend publication.

Read the new advertisement of that enterprising hardware merchant, W. T. Yelverton, Esq.

Our merchants are getting ready for the spring trade. Read the many new advertisements in this paper.

The case of W. S. Farmer vs. the W. & W. Railroad was compromised satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

Hon. W. J. Green is the North Carolina member of the Congressional Democratic Committee. A good selection.

The County Commissioners of Halifax county have ordered an election on local option in the town of Littleton.

The usual reduced rates have been arranged over the W. & W. Railroad for all who wish to attend "Only a Farmer's Daughter."

The Weldon News has entered its 17th volume, upon which event the clever editors have our hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future.

Dr. J. D. Roberts, at the Insane Asylum, has a pair of Ferrets, and they are making it hot for the rats that for some time have annoyed the institution.

Rev. M. T. Yates, a distinguished Baptist missionary in China, has decided to revisit his old home in N. C. during this year. He has been in China 35 years.

We direct attention to the new advertisement of our enterprising neighbors, M. E. Castex & Co. They offer a superb stock this season of everything in their line. Give them a call.

Mr. L. F. Hauston, of Mount Olive, requests us to contradict the report in the Argus, announcing the death of the Rev. J. N. Stallings. We have also received a similar request from Mr. G. W. Carroll, who says that he has just received a letter from Mrs. Stallings stating that he was improving and she hoped soon to see him restored to health.

Messrs. J. Metzger & Son announce their opening of spring and summer goods. They offer a large and complete stock. Mr. Nathan Metzger is an experienced buyer and fully understands the needs and wants of our people and the present excellent stock of the firm was most carefully selected. The firm sells for cash and at rock bottom prices.

The indebtedness of the county to the school fund, according to the finding of the finance committee, was \$6,218.34. After allowing the county various amounts incorrectly charged to the county funds, the indebtedness was adjusted at \$2,500, payable in two equal installments out of the taxlevies for 1886 and 1887. This settles the county and school finances which hereafter are to be kept separate and distinct.

Charlotte Observer: The program for the change of gauge of the Air Line road, has been issued. The gauge of the entire road will be changed between the hours of 4 a. m., and 12 m., on Tuesday, June 1st. The workmen are to be paid from \$2.50 to \$3 per day. Immediately after the gauge of the main line is changed, the side track will receive attention. The gauge of the road between Charlotte and Richmond is to be changed on May 31st.

We publish elsewhere the official exhibit, as required under the laws of North Carolina, of the Home Benefit Association of New York, which excellent insurance institution is represented in this State by Mr. H. Y. Moore, whose office is in the "Messenger Building." We have carefully examined the workings and records of the company and have no hesitancy in recommending it to such of our readers as seek reliable and cheap insurance.

Attention is directed to the new advertisement of Mr. C. G. Perkins. He is one of Goldsboro's most enterprising merchants and his success is attributable to the fact that he thoroughly understands and closely attends to his business. A complete assortment of general merchandise may at all times be found in one of his establishments at bottom prices for the cash, while in the millinery and fancy dress goods department, presided over by three clever ladies, he offers many novelties and seasonable goods.

The first report of the North Carolina State Horticultural Society has been issued. The officers of the association are: J. Van Lindley, Salem Junction, President; S. D. Wilson, Vineyard, Secretary; J. A. Lineback, Salem, Treasurer; Vice Presidents—Arthur B. Williams, Fayetteville, at large; Geo. W. Sanderlin, Oskiseo, 1st district; George Allen, Newbern, 2d district; C. W. McClammy, Scott's Hill, 3d district; P. N. Johnson, Wake Forest, 4th district; D. W. C. Benbow, Greensboro, 5th district; S. N. Nobles, Wilmington, 6th district; F. S. Craft, Shore, 7th district; Capt. Davis, Hickory, 8th district; R. M. Furman, Asheville, 9th district.

Raleigh News-Observer: Yesterday a reporter had an interview with Maj. Finger, who said that the school fund loses money in a singular manner. In the course of the interview Maj. Finger said that many boards of county commissioners have taken for the support of the poor one-fourth of the 27 1/2 cents poll tax levied by the school law, just as they have taken for that purpose one-fourth of the poll-tax levied in the revenue act and one-fourth of that levied for county purposes. This 37 1/2 cents is expressly for school purposes and is not subject to the deduction of one-fourth for the support of the poor. Where this deduction has been made the schools have received 25 cents too little on the poll, and if it were done all over the State the amount would be nearly \$20,000. It is due to an error in the construction of the law and the constitutional requirements.

Messrs. Hood, Britt & Hall appear in a new advertisement. This clever firm is doing a quiet but successful business and enjoys to the fullest extent the confidence of our people. They keep a complete stock of general merchandise and sell at lowest prices.

Dr. H. D. Harper, who has so long filled the position as our Kinston correspondent, finds himself compelled to resign that position greatly to our regret. The Doctor has served us well and his items will be greatly missed. We wish him success. Hope to secure another correspondent at Kinston in a short while.

A case of considerable interest was disposed of in the Superior Court on Tuesday. Mr. A. McGowan, of Duplin, brought suit against the W. & W. Railroad for the statute penalty for failure to transport freight with proper promptness.

Mr. McGowan had delivered to the Railroad at Mount Olive for shipment a small lot of rice, and by reason of their negligence claims to have sustained a loss which he had offered to compromise for \$16. This the company refused, and hence the suit. The jury gave him the full amount of the penalty provided by statute in such cases, amounting in this instance to \$2,850, from which verdict the Railroad appealed. Railroads should be made to be prompt, and the people are entitled to proper protection and penalties for negligence, but such penalties ought to be within reason and justice, which is hardly the case in the verdict given. The next General Assembly should revise the statute in this particular, as it is manifestly unjust. The Railroads will certainly take good care that they recover all such excessive damages, and the merchants at Mount Olive and their patrons will probably have to make it good by increase in freights.

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PERSONAL MENTION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST AT HOME.

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RADISHES have made their appearance in this market.

MRS. J. W. LAMB is on a visit to relatives in Wilmington.

MR. F. B. LOTTIN, of Kinston, is in attendance upon our court.

MR. J. B. WHITE, of Fort Wayne, Ind., is on a prospecting tour to our section.

MRS. H. C. SHANNON, who has been sick, is much improved, and we are pleased to learn.

JUDGE GEO. V. STRONG, of Raleigh, is attending the present session of Wayne Court.

MR. HORACE EMERSON, of the Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington, was in the city yesterday.

MR. J. V. WILLIAMS, agent at New Bern, for the steamer Elm City, was in the city on Tuesday.

MISS MARY MIRMICK, of Baltimore, is again in charge of Messrs. M. E. Castex & Co.'s millinery department.

SEVERAL delegates to the Orange Presbytery, which convenes in Wilson to-day, passed through the city yesterday.

MR. GEO. A. RAMSEY, of Kenansville, was in the city first part of the week in attendance upon our Superior court.

REV. DR. J. HENRY SMITH, of Greensboro, was in the city yesterday en route to the meeting of Orange Presbytery, at Wilson.

It is proposed to issue the premium list for the next Fair of the Eastern Carolina Fair and Stock Association on or before the 1st of July.

MR. W. J. YOPP, agent of the W. & W. Railroad, at Wilmington, and one of the oldest agents of the Company, was in the city Tuesday and Wednesday.

MR. M. L. STARR, wife and daughter, of Savannah, Ga., are on a pleasure trip to the Old North State and are sojourning for a few days at the New Arlington.

THE suit of Mr. John T. Edmundson against the Western North Carolina Railroad for damages for injuries received in the accident near Asheville last summer, is set for trial this morning.

REV. J. M. ROSE will preach his last sermon as pastor of the Presbyterian Church of this city, on next Sunday morning and evening. He and his family will leave for their new home in Greenville, S. C. about the middle of next week.

THE change of gauge of the Atlantic & N. C. Railroad is to begin this morning at New Bern, towards Morehead City. When that is completed the force will be turned in this direction. The Atlantic is the pioneer in the general change soon to be made in the South.

If you walk up to the polls on the first Monday in May and find that you are debarred the privilege of taking part in the process of creating Aldermen because you did not register, do not point your finger at us and say that we are in any wise responsible. We have warned and besought you and shall continue to do so until the books are closed. Many have not yet registered, and to these we again say attend to the matter at once.

REV. DR. THEO. WHITFIELD has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church in this city and has accepted a call from the Church at New Bern, of which Rev. Mr. Jenkins was pastor until his election to a professorship at Oxford. Dr. Whitfield and his excellent lady have many warm friends in this community who will part with them with great regret, but who will sincerely wish them abundant happiness and prosperity in their new home.

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Mrs. G. O'KUNSKY died, after a lingering illness, at the residence of her husband in this city, on Tuesday morning last. Mrs. O'Kunsky was a sister of Messrs. Summerfield, and was an estimable lady. Her funeral took place yesterday morning, Rev. Dr. Marx Moses officiating.

THE PRICES OF ADMISSION to Friday evening's entertainment, "Only a Farmer's Daughter," are as follows: General admission, 75 cents; special reserved seat, gentleman and lady, \$1.50; gallery, 50 cents; single reserved seat, \$1.00. Tickets are now on sale at Kirby & Robinson's drug store.

WHAT shall we have for dinner, is a question of unusual perplexity to housekeepers at this season of the year. Rather late for fresh meats, oysters, etc., and too early for vegetables, except now and then a mess of turnip greens, will they all know how it is and we will not pursue the subject further.

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