

KINSTON ITEMS.

Borrowed From the New Berne Journal.

Jos. Nelson announces himself a candidate for Sheriff of Craven.

H. F. Dovel, Deputy Revenue Collector of Goldsboro, was in Kinston last Tuesday, taking fruit dissection bonds.

It is believed that Ben Cook owns all of Queen street, or something as big, judging by his Sunday promenades on that thoroughfare.

Messrs Stokes & Ferrell moved their bar fixtures and furniture to Trenton, last Thursday, where they will carry on the retail liquor traffic.

A large number of excursionists went to Seven Springs last Tuesday. This has become the most pleasant and popular pleasure resort of our people.

The unfortunate man of business who falls into the hands of the sheriff will be compensated in a measure by having a handsome deputy to dispose of their goods.

Dr. C. B. Woodley, who is now engaged in the practice of medicine at Trenton, was in Kinston last Wednesday. He reports business reviving considerably in his section.

Mad dogs are getting too unaccountably numerous in Kinston. Two of them have recently died of rabies. The town dog killer would do well to begin the work of death before August sets in.

Abel Ettinger has built the finest and most imposing private mansion in the county. It looks indeed like mercantile success. Other merchants will build when they receive their portion of the Vanderbilt estate.

G. W. Mashaw, convicted at June term of the United States Circuit Court at Raleigh, N. C., of illicit distilling, and sentenced to six months imprisonment in the county jail, was lodged in jail here last Thursday to serve out his term.

W. O. Broadway, of Craven county, and Miss Agnes Paulkner, of Lenoir county, were married last week in Pitt county. Craven and Lenoir being at war in this affair, the interested parties sought neutral territory to negotiate for love, peace and happiness.

Thomas E. Stroud, Esq., of Duplin county, formerly of Lenoir, is a Democratic candidate for the nomination for Superior Court Clerk of Duplin. He is well prepared and qualified for the place he seeks, and, if elected, would serve faithfully and efficiently the people of the "State of Duplin."

Judge Walter Clark will preside at the ensuing Superior Courts of Jones and Lenoir counties, beginning at Trenton, August 16th, and at Kinston August 23d. The judge is always on exact time and expects like punctuality from others. We therefore warn all laggard jurors and witnesses to answer when their names are called, or a fine will be imposed that will stick.

The Lenoir county Republican Executive Committee, D. M. Stanton of La Grange, chairman, met at Kinston last Thursday and directed the chairman to call a county convention to meet at the court house in Kinston, on Thursday, August 12th, 1886, to select delegates to the State, Judicial and Congressional conventions; also, to request the various township committees to hold township meetings on Saturday, August 7th, 1886, for the purpose of selecting delegates to meet in county convention August 12th, 1886, according to plan of organization.

INSTITUTE NOTES.

Crops in this section have been injured slightly by rain, though they are very good still.

Why don't the farmers of Lenoir organize themselves into a body, and pay thirty-five cents for having their cotton picked out instead of paying the outrageous price of fifty cents? Will not some farmer answer this question and give good reasons, if there are any?

Mr. Willie Daly has come to our village to clerk for A. W. Kennedy, Esq. He is welcome.

Several of our men and boys went down to Mebane on the excursion. Some of the boys had many things to tell when they returned from the "big water."

P. M. Hardy, Esq., has recently bought the Prigden lot in Institute, and he is having it fitted up quite handsomely.

We are sorry to note that Mr. John Patrick, brother of Mr. J. M. Patrick, is quite sick. We hope the old gentleman may recover.

Mr. Joseph Parrott, whose leg was broken a few weeks ago, is fast recovering, under the treatment of Dr. Hodges, of LaGrange.

Miss Glenn Gray, daughter of our county treasurer J. T. Gray, Esq., is now in Waynesville, N. C., visiting relatives.

Miss Alice Peacock recently returned home, near Faison, where she has been teaching.

The pump water in Institute holds the thermometer at 65 degrees. Several more families are speaking of getting them. They are just the thing we need.

Our young friend Mr. G. F. Mewborn had quite a store of news to tell us on his recent return from the Teachers' Assembly. He is now teaching in Greensboro.

Our singing class continues in profit and pleasure. Our chairman, Mr. B. F. Dixon, keeps perfect order.

The Institute school begins the work of its third year the first Monday in August.

Mr. George B. Wilson is teaching at the Wilson school house, near Institute.

We learn from Superintendent J. W. Brothers that the Sabbath school recently organized at Wheat Swamp Church is in a prosperous condition.

They strolled along the broad parade. John Jones and his friends said: "Your teeth are awful, John," she said: "Why don't you buy the beautifier?" See mine! How white! Yes, I'm my want to polish them with SOZODONT."

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AMERICAN SONGS.

Musical Visitor. "John Brown's Body" is an old Methodist camp-meeting tune, and the words were adapted to it by a glee club of Boston. It was published at Chelmsford, Mass., by Captain James Greenleaf, an organizer of the 54th Mass. Col., an organization of colored men. The Massachusetts regiment made them first noted by singing them in Fort Warren in 1861.

The author of "Maryland, My Maryland," lives at Washington, and you may see him in the press galleries of Congress almost any day during the session. He writes gossipy letters to the Augusta Chronicle. His name is James K. Randall.

"America" was written by the Rev. Samuel Francis Smith, in 1835, and it was first sung in Boston on the Fourth of July of that year. Like the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," it was inspired by a great tune—viz: "God Save the King." This tune is in use in nearly every country, and it has been ascribed to Handel. The writer of the words still lives in Massachusetts, and he says that he wrote the song at a sitting. He is now seventy-five years old.

John Howard Payne's "Home, sweet home" was written for an opera, and he never got anything for it but his tombstone in Oak Hill Cemetery. It was first sung in the Covent Garden Theatre in London, and made a big hit.

Foster got \$15,000 for writing "Old Folks at Home." Charles Dibble netted several weeks' board for writing "Poor Jack," while his publishers made \$15,000 out of it. Crouch, the writer of Kathleen Mayourneen, received \$25 for the production and afterward became a begging tramp, while its publishers could have built a brown stone front out of its sales. George P. Morris wrote "Woodman, spare that tree," because the purchaser of a friend's estate wanted to cut down a tree his grandfather had planted. His friend paid the purchaser \$10 to spare it. Morris was touched by the story and wrote the song.

"Hail Columbia" was written by Joseph Hopkinson in the summer of 1798, and it was first called the "President's March." It was always sung when Washington came into the theatre, and one of the objects of its writing was the cultivation of patriotic spirit among the people of the republic. Joseph Hopkinson was twenty-eight years old when he wrote it. It was first set to music by a German, at Philadelphia, named Roth.

The "Star Spangled Banner" was written by Francis Scott Key while watching the bombardment of Fort M'Henry. He was in a small vessel among the British ships and he saw his countrymen win the victory. All through the fight he watched anxiously to see if the flag was still standing, looking for it at night by the flash of the bombshells and anxiously awaiting the dawning. The song was printed in the Baltimore American eight days after the battle, under the title of "The Defence of Fort M'Henry."

Many people will be surprised to know that "Yankee Doodle" is not of American origin. Even the words date back beyond the days of Queen Anne, and the tune is still older. In the wars of the Roundheads, says Commodore Preble, in his book on the flag of the United States, to which, by the way, I am indebted for much of this information, "Yankee Doodle" was applied in derision to Cromwell, and Prof. Rimbault, a prominent physician of London, wrote the song directed at Cromwell under this title. The jingle of these two songs are about the same, and the words are not much different. Dr. Schueburg first introduced the song into this country in 1775, and this was also in contempt of the ragged colonial soldiers. At Concord and Lexington the British, when advancing to fight, bravely played "God Save the King," and after they were defeated, the Yankees, as they watched their retreat, struck up "Yankee Doodle."

"Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," was written by Thomas a'Becket, an English actor, who in 1789 was a teacher of music at Philadelphia.

"The Blue and the Gray" was written by Francis Miles Finch, and dedicated before a reunion of the Army of the Potomac. It was drawn out by the fact that the women of Columbus, Miss., strewed flowers on the graves of Confederate and Union soldiers alike. It was published in the Atlantic Monthly, September, 1867.

GREENE COUNTY.

Editor Messenger:—Among the many names mentioned for Register of Deeds for Greene county, I noticed the name of Mr. E. A. Darden, of Speight's Bridge township. Burt Darden is a young man, of extraordinary business qualities. He is well known throughout the whole county as a man of perfect habits, good morals, industries, and has plenty of energy and go-ahead about him to make a most excellent and useful officer. He is an expert penman and would fill the Register's office neatly and to the satisfaction of the people of Greene county. He is as true as steel to Democracy, and is deservedly popular with our people. We would be glad to see him nominated.

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A Tennessee correspondent of the Albany Journal writes: For a moderate fee my companion and I were paddled across Chattanooga creek, which is ordinarily a narrow stream, but which had now swollen to the width of two miles. Landing at the foot of Lookout Mountain, we climbed up its steep sides to the summit by the grade of the new incline railway which is being constructed. It was a tiresome walk to one unused to it, but was well worth the trouble. Passing around the base of the perpendicular cliff on the north side of the mountain, known as Point Lookout, we hailed a man who was peering down upon us, and by the use of the ladder which he lowered and the expenditure of 25 cents each we were soon standing on the breezy eminence, gazing in raptures at the magnificent view which spread itself out like a panorama before us.

There is no grander outlook in the world than that presented from the summit of these cliffs, either for the lover of nature or the student of American history. At this time, however, the whole aspect of the surrounding country was changed by the prevailing floods. Chattanooga was undergoing another siege, consistently being cut off on every hand, not by armed men, but by the angry waters. The tremendous flood, extending far up the Chattanooga valley, between Lookout and Missionary ridge, with the hundreds of submerged buildings, presented a wild scene. Farther to the east, looking over Missionary ridge, Chickamauga creek could be seen widened into an immense river, and by the aid of a field-glass many pretty residences could be seen nearly covered with water. Looking towards the northeast as far as the eye could reach, we could see the swelled current of the Tennessee come rushing out from among the mountains, bearing on its bosom an immense mass of driftwood, among which was occasionally mingled a frame building that had been torn from its foundation, the remnants of a demoralized timber raft, the body of some unfortunate horse or cow, and various other property of value. The tide swept westward past the northern limit of Missionary ridge, making a sharp turn southward around Cameron hill, and after a furious onslaught at the base of Lookout again abruptly turned to the west and north, around Missionary bend, and plunged out of sight between the hills. The proper channel of the river could be distinguished by the tops of the trees along its margin, which were just putting on their green mantles. The angry flood laved the foot of the Missionary mountains, and the backwaters flooded the valley to the west over which Gen. Joe Hooker's gallant army marched on that memorable day (Nov. 25, 1863), and clambering up the steep western side of old Lookout, under cover of the morning mist, fought the great battle among the clouds. Far below to the left could be seen a square green patch on which a farm-house is located, on a island being entirely surrounded by water. This is the eminence which was occupied as the headquarters of Gen. Hooker during the noted battle. Immediately back of where we stand is Pulpit rock, from the summit of which the signal waved announcing the great victory. In fancy we can hear the answering shouts from the thousands of exultant heroes who were resting their tired bodies along the mountain slope, and far below, over the valley toward Missionary ridge.

Editing With the Scissors. The above remark is frequently made in connection with newspapers, and is too frequently meant as a slur. On the contrary, under proper circumstances, it should be regarded as a compliment of a high character. The same paper may be ably edited with the pen and miserably edited with the scissors. A mistake often prevails that the work of the latter is mere child's play, a sort of hit or miss venture, requiring hardly any brains and still less judgment; that the promiscuous and voluminous clippings are sent in a batch to the foreman, and with that the editor's duty ends and that of the foreman begins.

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His genius is exhibited in the departments, the items of which are similar and cohesive in the suggestive heads and sub-heads, in the sparkle that is visible, in the sense of gratification which the reader derives. No daily paper can be exclusively original; it would die of panderosity. Life is too short, and hence an embargo must be laid upon the genius of its rivals. A bright clipped article is infinitely better than a stupid contributed article. The most successful paper is the paper that is intelligently and conscientiously edited in all its departments, whether by pen or scissors.—Philadelphia Call.

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