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**TAR DROPS**

—Miss Cleora C. Hale is visiting friends in Louisville.

—Be sure to attend the town meeting in the court-house to-night.

—The young people hopped at the Eagle Hotel on last Friday night.

—Mr. E. C. Jones returned last week from a short visit to Birmingham, Ala.

—Miss Irene Perrell is visiting friends and relatives in the burg this week.

—Maj. Bullock's family arrived last week. The Major is occupying the "Malone place."

—Merchants and others would do well to read the notice of Sheriff Kearney in another column.

—Guardians, executors and administrators will do well to read the notice of A. W. Pierce, Clerk of the Superior Court.

—Mrs. Dr. Garrett, of Black Mountain, is among the recent visitors to Louisville, guest of her brother, Mr. E. C. Jones.

—Samuel Green has opened a carpenter's shop in the old Brummett shop, and desires the patronage of the public. See his ady.

—Last Wednesday morning was one of the coldest we have had this winter. One was reminded very often of such a word as zero.

—Capt. A. W. Pierce, our new Superior Court Clerk, has rented the "Fuller residence" and expects to move his family here this week.

—There will be a meeting of the citizens of Louisville at the court-house on Friday, Jan 21st, at 8 o'clock p. m. to consider matters of importance to the town.

O. L. ELLIS, Mayor.

—Several new names have been added to our subscription list during the past few days. That's right. Let every one who is in the habit of borrowing their neighbors copy come to the office (or write by mail) and subscribe for themselves, you will feel better, and can sleep more soundly at night.

—Next week is court, and our friends who come to town, are cordially invited to call at our office, and warm themselves, as we expect it to be cold weather, and will have a warm fire. Before leaving it will probably be agreeable to ascertain whether you have a warm place in the editor's heart. "A hint to the wise" &c.

—From some cause, we know not what, our Raleigh correspondent failed to send us a letter this week. He started off well, but as very little has been done in the Legislature that would be of interest to this section, we suppose that he decided to wait until next week. We have been keeping up with the proceedings very closely, and can say to our readers that nothing of much interest to this county has passed either house. Mason introduced a bill to repeal the stock law, but no vote has been taken upon it.

—The writer is not among those who like so much to say bad things about the legal profession, as it is very plain that the lawyers are very necessary in this country, and the most of them do a great deal of good, but we do enjoy a joke upon them occasionally, and the following from an exchange strikes us as being a good one:

There is said to be but one lawyer in heaven. How he managed to pass St. Peter is not positively known, but it is conjectured that he passed himself off for an editor and slipped in unexpectedly. When he was discovered the startled angels searched the realms of felicity in all their lengths and breadths for another lawyer to draw up papers for his statement, but they could find none, of course, and he held the fort.

—T. J. Chivers was hung in Richmond, Va., on last Friday. He was convicted about a year ago, for the murder of his cousin, Fannie L. Madison. Everything against him was purely circumstantial. There was much interest manifested in the case here. Some think that he was innocent and some think that he was guilty, and many think that there was not sufficient evidence to convict him. Certainly there was a doubt that he committed the murder, and the fact that a man has been hanged under such "doubtful" circumstances is enough to make every good citizen tremble for safety. Here comes the truism that it is better that ninety-nine guilty persons should escape than that one innocent one should suffer. He maintained his innocence to the very last, and his spiritual adviser, Dr. Fischer, a most excellent Baptist divine, believed him innocent.

—The farmers have been unable, as yet, to do much in the way of work on the farm.

**How to Injure Your Town.**

Oppose improvements.  
Mistrust its public men.  
Run it down to strangers.  
Go to some other town to trade.  
Lengthen your face when a stranger speaks of locating in it.  
Do not invest a cent. Lay your money out somewhere else.  
Refuse to advertise in your village paper.

If a man wants to buy your property charge him two prices.  
If he wants to buy anybody else's interfere and discourage him.  
Be particular to discredit the moves of public spirited men.  
Refuse to see the merit in any scheme that does not directly benefit you.

**How To Make It Prosper.**

Don't fret. Talk about it. Write about it. Beautify the streets. Patronize the merchants. Be friendly to everybody. Elect good men to all offices. Don't grumble about hard times. Keep your sidewalks in good repair. Avoid gossip about your neighbors. Do your trading with your home merchants. Sell all you can and buy all you can at home. If you are rich, invest something; employ somebody; be a "rustler." Remember that every dollar invested in permanent improvement is so much on interest. Be courteous to strangers that come among you, so that they go away with good impressions. Always cheer on the men who go in for improvements; your position of the case will be nothing but what is just. Don't kick at any proposed improvement because it is not at your own door, or for fear your taxes will be raised fifty cents.

**Advantage of High License.**

Many good temperance people in Tennessee believe that High License will be a greater advantage to the State than a prohibition law. A prohibition law does not always prohibit, but a high license law does always prohibit the most respectable saloons. Under the new license law of Alabama retail liquor dealers must pay a State tax of \$300 and a county tax of \$200. In Mobile this is increased by a city tax of \$120, while the United States demands a license of \$25, so that the Mobile saloon-keepers pay \$604 a year in licenses. The law went in force January 1, and the Register says: "Several of the grocers have disposed of their stock of liquors and retired from the business. They do not seem to regret the change. As for the retailers, the tax proved to be too high for many of them, and especially did the sickle bars make haste to dispose of their fluids at a sacrifice. One or two of the larger establishments, also abandoned strong liquor and confined their attention to selling beer and pretzels. Several bars will be kept open for a while as an experiment, but it is evident that the great majority of cheap saloons will have to close, as the tax is too heavy for them."—Knoxville Tribune.

**Judicious Advertising.**

Several months ago a pretty and petite Irish girl, named Annie O'Connor, was employed chambermaid at a third-rate hotel in this city. One day a letter came to her from an old English General, in which the girl was informed that the General's son, her father, together with his wife and children, had been lost while crossing the English Channel. The sad event had moved the old gentleman to forgive his high-born son who had eloped with a peasant girl, and lived in poverty for many years. The General, who possessed vast estates, instituted a search for the daughter, who had emigrated to America, and, finding her, asked her to return to England and comfort him in his declining years. Strangely enough the girl, remembering her parents' wrongs, refused to go, and never answered the letter. The affair at the time was widely published, and as a rule the fair Annie was deluged with offers of marriage from all parts of the country. To all but one she turned a deaf ear. This was a mischievous man from John O'Keefe, of Pittsburgh, a well known merchant. A correspondence ensued. Ten days ago the parties met for the first time, and today they were married. Such is the result of "judicious advertising."—New York Times.

**The Boy Orator.**

Through the instrumentality of the ladies, who compose the Parsonsage Aid Society of the Methodist church, Ralph Bingham, the boy orator of New York, has consented to give an entertainment in Louisville on Saturday night January 20th. The citizens of this community may expect an evening of much enjoyment, if we are to judge from the complimentary notices this young man is receiving from the press. Everybody should attend, as one half the proceeds goes to the Parsonsage Aid Society. The entertainment will probably take place at the college.

—We are pleased to state that Mrs. Fannie Neal and her son, Mr. Percy Neal, who have been living for some time on their plantation in the country, will remove to town.

**Franklin Superior Court.**

The January term of this court will convene on Monday next. His Honor, Judge J. H. Merrimon, will preside. In looking over the docket of Capt. Pearce the Clerk of the Court, we find that the dockets contain the following cases: Criminal 40, Civil 78; Summons 20. Each of the dockets may be increased a few cases.

**A Texas Editor's Memorandum**

The editor of a Texas paper gives the following figures from a statistical memorandum of his life:

Been asked to drink, 11,362  
Drank, 11,362  
Requested to retract, 416  
Did retract, 416  
Invited to parties and receptions, 3,833  
By parties fishing for puns, 33  
Book the hint, 3,300  
Died's name the hint, 3,300  
Threatened to be whipped, 170  
Been whipped, 0  
Whipped the other fellow, 166  
Didn't come to time, 166  
Been promised whisky, gin, etc., 5,610  
Been after them, 5,610  
Been asked what's the news, 308,000  
Told, 23  
Didn't know, 308,000  
Lied about it, 99,977  
Been to church, 3  
Changed politics, 2  
Expected to change still, 60  
Gave to charity, \$5,000  
Gave for terrier dog, \$25.00  
Cash on hand, \$1.00

**New Volume.**

With last week's issue of the Trades we commenced a new volume. As will be seen the paper is now in its 10th year. The present owner has been in charge for ten years, and during these years he has endeavored to give the readers of the paper their money's worth, and we trust that some of our readers feel that the small amount they have spent in this direction has been thrown away. It is true there are a great many who are for the paper for several years, and many of them are considered men who pay their debts, but we can't believe that they are satisfied with the paper, because they don't pay for it. The most complaint comes from those who have done the least for the paper. As our readers well know they have seen no "darning" articles in the paper the past year, but we take this occasion to inform those who owe us that we would be glad to give a much better paper during the year if we could collect what is due us. If those who owe can't pay all, pay what you can now—and pay the balance soon. We return our hearty thanks to all of our patrons, both subscribers and advertisers, and hope none of them are thinking of stopping their patronage, but that they will subscribe for their friends and double their advertising.

**LOUISBURG MALE SCHOOL.**

MR. EDITOR,  
I desire to say a word for Prof. Stark's school. Louisville has had a reputation for good schools, and has had in her past history many good schools and many good teachers; but I do not believe we have ever had a better school for boys than we have now. Prof. Stark is an accomplished scholar, a Christian gentleman, a fine instructor and a splendid disciplinarian and manager of boys. He does not allow a pupil to pass over a lesson without learning it. He watches over the behavior of the boys, and requires that they not only be respectful and obedient to his authority, but that they shall also respect the rights and feelings of their fellow students. Those of our community who have boys to educate and who are not sending to this school are losing a rare opportunity of having their boys well taught. There are a number of boys and young men in this county who ought to be at this school, and I am sure that this school would be much larger if its real worth and character were known. The Spring session begins next Wednesday the 26th, and I sincerely trust that all the young men and boys of the community who desire and are seeking an education will attend. This communication is not written as the instance, nor even knowledge of Prof. Stark, but I have felt it my duty to say what I have said in respect to his school, as the testimony of a person to his conscientious and faithful work, and with a earnest desire to do what I can to procure for this school that interest and support which it richly deserves. I am, very respectfully yours,  
C. M. COOK

To arrive for court week, Florida Oranges, Bananas, Malaga Grapes, Apples, Lemons, coconuts, Roysters French and Main candy at  
L. P. Hicks & Co.

**Bargains-Bargains.**

A. D. Green & Co. having made an assignment to me of their stock of merchandise, notes, books, accounts etc. this is to give notice that from and after this date, all of the said stock can be bought at greatly reduced figures, and persons desiring great bargains will do well to call early. All persons indebted to said firm will make immediate payment else their accounts and notes will be put in process of collection by law.  
E. W. TIMBERLAKE, Assignee of A. D. Green & Co.

**For Rent.**

The office of Z. T. Terrell in the corner of J. A. Thomas' yard on Main Street. Apply to B. F. Clifton or J. A. Thomas.

North carolina rice bargains, Hechlers fresh sausages, prepared Buckwheat flour, small and large Hominy, are very nice for breakfast these cold evenings. L. P. Hicks & Co. can supply you with the above and many other nice Groceries.

**NOTICE.**

Application will be made to the present session of the Legislature for an act to amend the charter of the town of Louisville.  
O. L. ELLIS, Mayor.  
Jan. 20, 1887.

**AGAIN**

we take advantage of the season of gladness to express our "good will toward men," and thank you friends, ONE and ALL, for their patronage during the past year, 1886, and therefore kindly wish you a **HAPPY NEW YEAR** and that we may be able to serve you in 1887,

Yours Faithfully  
**L. P. Hicks & Co.**  
Louisburg, N. C.

**January 1887.**

The new year is upon us now, and we must be up and doing. I am still overstocked in many articles too numerous to mention and I will sell any thing in my store very

**CHEAP FOR CASH.**

Supplies &c., furnished on time to good parties, if well secured. I have a few good horses for sale for cash or on time. Also have a quantity of cotton seed for planting or composting purposes. Will also request all parties having seed at my gin, to get them away as early as possible as I do not guarantee them to keep sound. I have a good store house to rent; can give possession at once. A nice jump seat. Station for sale, also a few wagons. A splendid stock of

**HARNESS, & C.**

for sale, Very Truly  
**B. P. CLIFTON.**

**Mortgage Sale!**

By virtue of power conferred upon me by mortgage duly executed by John Richards on the 23rd day of April 1884 and recorded in Register's office in Franklin County, Book 65 Page 162, I shall on Monday the 7 day of February, 1887 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in Louisville the following Real estate situated in said county, viz: one tract of land lying on July's Creek, adjoining the lands of John Mitchell, Jasper Barnham and Clem Richards containing one hundred and fifty acres more or less known as the saw mill tract; also another tract of land adjoining the lands of T. H. Mann and John Richards, containing one hundred and twenty acres.

Terms of sale Cash!  
This 3rd day of January, 1887.  
RIDDING PERRY, Mortgagee.

**Mortgage Sale!**

By virtue of power conferred upon me by mortgage duly executed by J. A. Griffin and wife M. A. P. Griffin and Robert Griffin and wife Martha Griffin on the 25 day of August 1883, said mortgage recorded in Register's office in Franklin County Book 63 Page 143, I shall on Monday the 7 day of March 1887 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in the town of Louisville the following Real Estate: one tract of land in Franklin County, bounded on the north side by the lands of Herring Hopkins, West by the lands of Fitis Williams, on the South by the lands of Rowens Johnson and East by lands of William Johnson, containing one hundred and three acres more or less, including the mill and all appurtenances; also another tract of land situated in said County, adjoining the lands of H. M. Richardson, John Griffin and others it being the land on which Robert Griffin and wife reside, containing two hundred and twenty five acres more or less.  
Terms of sale Cash!  
This 3rd day of January 1887.  
RIDDING PERRY, Mortgagee.

**TO FARMERS**  
And Others.  
The people Must be Fed, and the Lands Must be FERTILIZED.

**MEAT FLOUR GUANO.**

Wagons, Buggies, Machinery and FARMER SUPPLIES.

Any of the above articles can be had ON TIME, with good security, by applying to **E. S. GREEN** Cedar Rock, N. C. or to **R. Y. YARBOROUGH,** Louisville, N. C.

1887 ANNOUNCEMENT 1887

Those indebted to us, will please come forward and settle their accounts, it is not a matter of choice with us, but our necessities compel us to require payments from all, and commence anew for the year 1887. We offer

**MEAT AND FLOUR FOR COTTON.**

General Merchandise

**CASH or on TIME**

The very best brands of

**GUANO.**

ALSO

**Acid Phosphate AND KAINIT.**

Dues Plovs and Castings. Standard cover cloths, &c. &c. &c.

**J. S. BARROW & SON,**

We have also a few young horses to sell.