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STRAYED OR STOLEN.

A small red cow with one horn broken off at the end and white spot in face, was stolen or released herself from my pen in Louisiana on last Thursday night. Any information as to her whereabouts will be thankfully received by me.

TARDROPS

—Mr. Frank Davis has a May-pole vine 27 feet in length. Popcorn.

—Last Monday was quite a lively day in town. It being the first Monday in December, when the County officers are required by law to renew their bonds, many were attracted here on that account.

—Recently Mr. Willoughby Rowden's horse has bitten off the tongue of two different cows. They were lapping their tongues through a crack in the stable, when the horse snapped them off.

—Oxford is getting some of the fine tobacco raised in Franklin county, and much praise is given by the buyers of that market. We understand that Mr. H. B. Egerton has secured very high prices there. But that is nothing unusual, as he gets his money for his tobacco, it matters not where he goes.

—It was quite a good sign to see many of our citizens taking so much interest in the sale of town lots on Monday last. The hotel in front of the court house, known as the "burnt district" was out upon small lots, and sold. They were purchased by men who, it is said, will build a row of brick buildings, which will be quite an ornament to that portion of the town.

Right gentlemen, while you are here, put up buildings, and will not only be of good service, but will be saleable.

—Mr. Rutherford Perry informed the editor that one of his neighbors had a gourd vine containing 350 pumpkins in addition to nearly a wagon load which he had already pulled from it.

To set this our old friend Bartholomew Eq. full of a man, in his neighborhood who planted peas on shares. He planted 1 bushel, and at last reports, he already received 143 bushels for his share, and shelling was still going on. These were, it is said, actual and true, so no one need try to get away with either of our friends above by making up some unreasonable narrative.

—The one great thing in male Louisiana; boom and grow in wealth and population is the establishment of a good tobacco market here. We already have one of the best cotton markets in the State, and as regards the large quantity that is being brought here from within 10 miles of other markets, and with a good tobacco market, nothing could be better. Let our business men rub their heads together and determine upon some plan to open both the warehouses. Now is the time to be planning, for at the next season, the market will be ready for the tobacco raisers to bring the weed, right upon the door.

—The closing exercises of Mrs. C. C. Whitfield's school took place at Ingleside, last Friday night, and was largely attended. It is needless to say it was enjoyed to the fullest extent. The children were thoroughly drilled, and reflected credit upon their teachers. From the platform to the audience, they sang clearly and joyously, thereby showing the pupils that had been drilled, both as to manner and elocution. The dialogue and songs were especially good. After the closing song, "God be with you all," by the school, an address was delivered by Mr. W. H. Arrington, on the subject of education; it was quite a treat to the audience, and was highly appreciated by all, who were so fortunate as to be present on that occasion. It was such a practical speech, it was so full of interest in education, which will no doubt be a great benefit to the community. Mr. Arrington is a man of fine culture, and one of whom Franklin County should be proud; we consider ourselves fortunate in having had him address us on such an important subject. We made many friends here, and carried home with him the good wishes of all.

MANY FRIENDS

—The sale of the lot in rear of the court house has caused the question of a town hall to be raised again. It is proposed to get up a stock company, and build a hall during the coming year. The lot is a good one, and one which should have been made some time ago. A good hall, one that would be a credit to the town, is greatly needed here, and properly managed would pay a handsome dividend. Young men, as a class, should feel an interest in the movement, as it is very often the case that the young people are deprived of much enjoyment and pleasure on account of the fact that they are unable to secure a suitable place to have their entertainments. Let all like hold, and help push the enterprise to completion.

See notice of sale of the Dent land Jan. 2, 1888. It is fine land, and a portion of it is well timbered.

County Commissioners.

The board met on the 5th and 6th of the members present.

C. A. Nash was unanimously re-elected Chairman, and C. M. Cooke, Attorney. Jeham McKnight, Sr., was released of poll tax for 1887. W. B. Uzzie was authorized to have the bridge across Sandy Creek, known as Foster's bridge, rebuilt. W. S. Evans was given until February 1st to finish bridge near J. O. Greens. B. F. Bullock, Jr., tendered his bond as Register of Deeds (\$5,000) with the following bondsmen: John T. Bullock justified for \$4,000 and Wm. E. Bullock justified for \$2,500. S. J. Crudup was elected Chairman pro tem. Report of Keeper of poor house was received and filed. N. Y. Gulley, E. G. Conyers and B. B. Massenbury were sworn in as Board of Education.

The Sheriff was authorized to make connection in taxes of W. W. Wilder. Elizabeth Adcock was allowed \$3 as outside interest. The petition for a road running from Flat Rock church to a point on the road near the residence of the late Henry F. Carr, was granted, provided there shall be no cost to County, and L. C. Mitchiner, P. M. Harrison, B. B. Tomlinson, Geo. Whiston and Nat. May, Sr., were appointed to lay off said road, and assess damages. Nick Goswick was allowed \$3 per month as lantatic. Resignation of Thos. Askew, Constable of Parish township was accepted and J. B. King was appointed to fill the vacancy. The following Constables received their bonds: F. C. Holton, Freeman's township; Peyton Strick, Cypress; Abram Massenbury was put on the outside paper list at \$1.00 per month. Reports of several committees were received. Simon Moore was released of poll tax.

Sheriff authorized to correct the name of the bonds of B. F. Clifton, Treasurer, (\$2,500) with the following sureties were accepted: J. P. Harris, J. S. Clifton and J. B. Clifton. The bonds of H. C. Keener Sheriff (\$25,000) were accepted with the following sureties: Wm. J. Miller, P. A. Danis, J. S. Clifton, N. W. L. Danis, J. S. Clifton, B. I. Holton, N. Y. Gulley, Inc. Elizabeth W. Harris Clerk Superior Court was allowed until Dec. 23rd to close to give his bond. C. A. Nash and R. S. Foster were appointed to examine the official reports. S. J. Crudup was appointed to receive the bridge over Crooked Creek at Camp Store mill. C. A. Nash was allowed \$5.00 for services as Chairman for one year. J. S. Clifton and N. Y. Gulley were appointed to meet the committee of Vance to have a bridge built. The report of the committee was ordered to be printed in the Franklin Times. In addition to the usual amount of about \$75 to papers and notices, claims to the amount of \$1,930.38 was allowed—larger portions of the amount being for bridges.

Personal. We had a pleasant call from Col. W. B. Egerton on the 7th of this week. Mr. John Yarr, of the relatives, and every thing from Yarr & O'Connell, of Franklin, was in town on Monday. The latter gentleman has opened a fancy grocery in Franklin.

Messrs. B. B. Massenbury and J. S. Clifton, and T. M. Bismarck, of Messrs. Carson Bros., in giving a most successful business venture, as the firm is a constant success. They now have orders from Germany, and from all the Southern States, and lots of Wm. Northern, of Florida, and lots of Wm. Northern, of Florida. The factory has a daily capacity of 3,500 spokes and 35 pairs of rims, and it is taxed to its full capacity. The factory gives employment to 35 hands, all skilled labor, who are paid from \$2 to \$3.50 and \$3 per day. —Charlotte Chronicle.

The South needs all kinds of manufacturing industries, and they should be sent to all over the States. Louisiana ought to have a number of them. We cannot move too early in the matter if we want to be successful.

The Farmers Alliance. —Articles of Franklin County, desiring information in regard to the Alliance or Association of Farmers will be acknowledged by addressing D. P. Menachem at Raleigh who will promptly attend to all our 1887-88 persons enrolled, set the time and place and he will organize you. Remember fresh beer 10 cents a bottle at H. Waitt & Co's.

Don't fail to call at H. Waitt & Co's, and be entertained by Messrs. Thomas and Jeremiah. A fresh lot of elegant Christmas Quizzes at H. Waitt & Co's. Beer only 10 cents a bottle at H. Waitt & Co's.

When in Louisiana you can spend a short time pleasantly at H. Waitt & Co's., pool room.

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General Supply

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100 Horses and Mules, 600 Tons of best brands of Guano, 1,000 bbls Flour, 200,000 lbs of Meat, Wagons, Buggies or anything else needed by farmers. The above will be

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