LOUISBURG, N. C., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1909.

CYPRESS CREEK

LOUISBURG

Mapleville

Total for Rural

Schools

Hickory Rock 58

Pearce med 16

For Graded Schools and

Totals whole county 3,198

In the year 1900 the total

theat in white schools was 2,178 as

compared with the enrollment of

3,198 m above. The average at-

tendsnowfor 1900 was 1128. The

year 1968 showed 'an enrollment in

the rural schools of 2,204 as com-

The are in the rural districts of

the county 3,133 white children be-

tween the ages of 6 and 21: Of

these 2,419 have been enrolled dur-

ing the present year or a fraction

over 77 per cent. The percentage

of enrollment in the whole State is

68 per cent. But in every district

there are some of school age who

have finished the public school course

and attending some other school. Es-

timating the total of these from re-

ports received from the various dis-

tricts, there is left a total of 2,740

white children who ought to be in

the public schools. The setual en-

rollment therefore has been a little

over 88 per cent, of the possible ep-

rollment and there are in the rural

children who have aftended ne

Dunns Township leads all the

an enrollment of 92 per cent, of all

average attendance in Januar of 80

per cent, of the total entellment

map offered by the Trame. Maple-

ville School, Miss Janet Hayes,

Principal, shows the best percentage

of attendance, 864 per cent. Pine

Ridge, Miss Ellu Pappen, Principal,

was a diose second with 85 per cent,

and Mapleville already possessing a

map, it was agreed that two nice

black boards should be given to Ma-

pleville and the map to Pine Ridge.

A black beard was also awarded to

the Mitchiner School, Mine Lela

Beyes, Teacher, because it appeared

that there, had been enrolled this

year 100 per cent, of the possible

districts of the county 221

pared with 2,411 for this year.

schools with other

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BABY FOUND

MUCH EXCITEMENT AROUSED-

INQUEST HELD.

Evidence Before Coroner's Inquest Point to Dick Gardner and Wife Gladys Gardner-Arrested but Released.

The finding of the dead body of white infant in our neighboring town of Franklinton on Tuesday morning created right much excitement among the good people or that town, and in response to telephone message from Uhief of Police A. B. Cooke, the County Cor oner, Mr. J. A. Tarner, left on the next train to investigate the matter. satisfied, after hearing few facts that the baby was killed and placed in the culvert where I was found by section Master Rae field, and he preceded at once summon the following as a jury of inquest: I. H. Kearney, B. Green, R. A. Pruitt, S. D. Duke, J. D. Speed, J. E. Nicholson.

They made a full and thorough investigation, examined a number of witnesses, among them, G. L. Whitfield, A. B. Coeke, Dr. A. R. Winston, B. F. King, J. T. Raefield and others.

Upon the evidence gotten from these witnesses the jury returned a their verdict, (in substance) that al the circumstances pointed to guilt of Dick Gardner and his wife Gladys Gardner white, who were in Franklinton about three weeks ago with a theatrical company. Upon the rendering of this verdict by the jury Coroner Turner, made his report to the Clerk of the Court, and upon the advice of Solicitor Daniels swore out a warrant before B. B Massenburg, J. P., for the arrest of were in Roanoke Rapids Tuesday night. Deputy Sheriff H. A. Kear ney and Chief High drove to Franklinton Tuesday night and took the train for Roanoke Rapids, where the Gardners had already been arrested by the Chief of Police, under telephone orders from the Sheriff. They were brought to Louisburg on the Shoo Fly Wednesday morning, where they were given a preliminary hearing before Justice Massenburg, the defendants being represented by W. H. Yarborough, Jr., The following witnesses were ex-

amined in the order named: J. T. Raefield who testified to finding the body of the infant. Dr. A. R. Winston, who made an autopsy of the body. He testified that in his opinion the baby was born alive as a test of its lungs furnished evidence of breathing and that there were signs of a liek on top of the head, and blood running out of the nose. G. L. Whitfield, proprietor of the hotel at whose place the Gardners stopped while in Franklinton, testified that Mrs. Gardner was sick and remained in her room most of the time she was in Franklinton, that one night while they were there, he heard a noise at the front door, after midnight, and upon opening the door. found Gardner standing in his night clothes, with a bucket in his hand. Upon being asked what he was doing out there at that time of night he answered that his wife was sick and he had only been to throw out some slops. Witness said he en quired to know if there was any thing he could do for them, and Gardner replied "ne she is better now." Witness upon cross examanition said that he heard Gardner when he went out the door, and that he remained out only a few March, 3rd, at 3:30 p. m. minutes. (A night latch fastened the door when he went out.) B. F. Chief of Police Cooke testified that promptly at the hour named. the body was wrapped with a small piece of eloth and parts of copies of the Charlotte Observer and Raleigh Mas. R. H. Davis, evening Times. He had other

otte Observer which were found in the room occupied by the Gardners, but upon being asked by defendants counsel whether to his own knowledge the extra pages came out of the same room, he answered no and was therefore not allowed to testify as to this. Coroner Turner then took the stand, but as his tes-

dence was ruled out. This wound up the hearing, there being no further witnesses sworn, and the Justice stated that while there might be some suspicious circumstances tending to connect the defendants with the crime, there was not evidence sufficient to bind them over and they were discharged.

timony was all hear say, his evi-

Upon the announcement of the Justice, Dr. Malone arose and said that he did not know whether thes people were guilty of the crime or not, but they were here without meney to get away, and he proposed that the crowd "chip"-he starting the collection with one dollar. We learn that about fifteen dollare was raised for them.

Public sentiment seems to somewhat divided as to the guilt of fast. "It was certainly a long time," the Cardners, and we hear that some of our Franklinton friends who heard the evidence before the Coroner's Jury, are somewhat disappointed that they were not bound over. In justice to the Coroner, who appears did his work properly and is said to have enquired cautiously, well, and to Justice Massenburg, we feel that we should state that it is claimed that the evidence before the Coroner at Franklinton, and that given in the preliminary trial here was not the same, by any means.

Why the Docket is Congested. et was absent trying to get an office tion of the court dockets in some counties in this State as judges are. dockets. Sanford Express.

Farmers Warehouse Sold.

We learn that Allen Brothers have sold their large brick tobacco warehouse, and that it will continue to be run as the "Farmers Mutual Tobacco Company." The names of the purchasers will be published next little more time to come to Lisew

Kind Words.

The Louisburg Times has entered on its thirty ninth volume. It is one of the most influential and weeful papers in North Carolina, Reasons: its editer always makes it a power for whatever will advance the best interests of the State educational, political, moral. That is the only sort of county paper that is of value -one that is in close touch with the people and is "racy of the soil."

> Maruesa Breening igridies Re U. D. C.

The merthly meeting of the Jos. J. Davis Chapter will be held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday,

A full and prompt attendance i desired, as several matters of ampor-King, the clerk in the total, testified tance will come before the chapter. to the condition of the room, &c. And the meeting will be opened

MRS. J. E. MALONE, Pres.

Sec'y.

NIGHT POLICEMAN HARRIS TE RIBLY "EMBARRASSED."

Ghost-Hobgoblins-Robbers-Night Riders, And Many Other Ghastly Sights Loom up Before Him.

Tuesday night will long be re membered by quite a number of our citizens. About 2 o'clock phone bells began to rig, and the alarm came from "central" that the town. was full of "robbers on horse back" -that special Night Policeman Allen Harris had been "run in." tied "hand and foot" and was helpless to combat with the "Night Riders" or whatever it was prowling around the

Of course the first thought nearly every one was of "bank robbers" with winchesters, carbines, etc., and although many of our "brave" citizens who can ordinarily be depended upon "in the light" felt it their duty to respond to the alarm, yet they had a kind of weak feeling, and the heart-beats came thick and said Harris, before any one responded. Finally Mr. Geo. W. Ford, was seen winding his way, carefully, and noiselessly down the "dark" side of the street, with a bed slat in his hand. Calling to the policeman, he "where are they?" "There they go," exclaimed the embarrassed policeman, "Halt! halt!" demanded Mr. Ford, and advancing upon the objects in front they came upon an innocent horse that had gotten loose from one of the livery stables.

Recently Judge Biggs held court ordered the electric lights (they are would be the handsome and grace teresting feature was a tabulated others with a total enrollment of 445 the parties, who, it was accertained, in a neighboring county. On the cut off at 12.30,) turned on, and in ful thing to vote for him and thus statement on the blackbeard show second day after it convened the the course of probably a half hour enable him to win one of these judge felt called upon to adjourn several more of our "bravest" citi- prizes to help along his chimes fund. court because one of the lawyers zens were seen to emerge from their A good idea which the Gold Leaf who had a number of cases on dock- hiding places behind corners and heartily seconds. Mr. Robinson's for himself. Lawyers are as much out in the light, prepared to combat help him to make the chimes ring responsible for the congested condi- with the bravest of the brave, all the sooner and more sweetly by they asked. "Why gentlemen, I In some instances lawyers have know I saw several men on the renewals to the News and Observer cases continued from court to court, court square, and others walking and telling them to place the baltheir object being to defeat the ends around the banks, while others rode lots on the Durham Sun man .- Henof justice. If all the judges and all up and down the streets at break derson Gold Leaf. the lawyers would do their full duty, neck speed, and when I hailed to the as some of them de when they ap- two nearest the Mayor's office and the above expressions regarding a pear in court, the people would not they refused to answer, I fired into most highly esteemed hear so much talk of congested them. They ran off, but those near Chip" and the editor would be glad

The whole affair, while very exciting, was very amusing also, And it was very laughable the next morn

ing to hear the many excuses that men gave tor not answering to the "signal of distress." Some said they had no weapons, others that their wives were nervous and would not allow them to leave home, and still others that they had never learned how to attack "night riders" and safe orackers."

Several merchants come down back street, slipped into the back door of their stores and after arming themselves came boldly out on the streets (after the lights come on) and two of them Messrs, F. N. Egerton and Dave Mckinne were about to put a few bullets in some plows that were left in tront of W. P. Neat's store. The next morning, however, when Mr. Egerton examined his pistol there was not a single ball in it.

It was mighty funny the next morning, but not so at 2 o'clock about the hour for ghosts, hobgob line and "night riders" to be prowl ing around.

Would be a Graceful Thing.

For some time Mr. James A. Rob inson, editor of the Durham Dail Sun, has been engaged in the very laudable undertaking of raising funds with which to place a set of chimes paid for their trip. in St. Philips Episcopal church in in a spirit of gratitude to the Great Physician for his recovery from a severe filness which came very near terminating fatally.

When its great prize contest, was announced by the News and Quiserver, some of Mr. Robinson's By this time the authorities had friends made the suggestion that it Supts. Sams and Mills. A very ingoods boxes. They "boldly" came friends throughout the State can "What does all this mean Harris? dropping in a few votes for himsending their new subscriptions and

The Times joins the Gold Leaf is the banks lingered around until the for any of his triends who contemstreet lights came on, and then they plate subscribing for or renewing moved off." And no man was ever their subscriptions to the News-Obmore in earnest, apparently, than server, to remember Bro. Robinson.

PEOPLE

THEIR MOVEMENTS IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Those Who Have Visited Louisburg the Past Week-Those Who Have Gone Elsewhere for Business or Pleasure.

Mr. Seaman and wife, of New York, are visiting at Mr. Wm. Ball

Dr. R. P. Floyd came in from Ral eigh and spent Saturday in Long

Mrs. W. H. Wortham, of Durham visited the family of Mr. G. W. Murphy the past week.

Messrs. W. F. Beasley, J. R. Colhe, G. W. Ford and E. S. Ford spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Capt. Franc N. Cooke, of the U. S. Army, whose post is now Charleston, S. C., is on a visit to his people in Louisburg

Among those of our citizens wh went to Norfolk to see the "Return of the Fleet" were the following: I C. Beek, Dr. A. H. Fleming, H. E. Hight, W. E. Uzzell, F. W. Hicks. S. P. Boddie, F. R. Pleasants, N. B. Allsbrook, P. R. White, Senator B T. Holden. They report a delight tul time and "say" they were wel

Durham. The idea was conceived Interesting Statement of Publie School Work

The regular monthly meeting of the Teachers Association was beld ast Saturday. Every school in the county but five was represented. The assigned lessons in Recitations school this year and who ought to and Arithmetic were discussed by ing the enrollment made this year in children in the township and an the white schools and the average attendance during the month of Janusry. This statement was prepared The White Level or Diekens school, by Supt. White from reports made T. H. Sledije, Principal, reports the by the teachers the week preceding. largest enrollment and received the Much interest was manifested in this especially in the primes offered by the Times for the euroliment and best percentage of attendance. For the benefit of our readers we print the statement in fulf:

DUNNS Enrollment Av'ge A

113 Social Plains 18 Pine Ridge 110 Pilot 115 HARRIS Math Rock 61 Clifton Hew Hope 69 Rock Springs Riley Prospect Freeman YOUNGSVILLE Garner Oak Level 39 Tharrington Flat Rock 58

FRANKLINTON 48 Pope 39 Mt. Olivet 47 Mitchiners Kategyille 25 HAYESVILLE Balance Rock Epeom 81 Whitaker

SANDY CREEK Alaton . DOTTEL SELL

COLD MINE

2. Sandy Creek of 60

CEDAR ROUK 1. Bab Rock 8. Cedar Rock 121

number. Mr. Beddingfield Dead. & In the death of Mr. W. H. Beddingfield, which obbured at the home ot his daughter, Mrs. E. M. Hale, on Friday night of last week, another of our oldest citizens has "passed over the river and rests under the shade of the trees." He was a mative of Wake county, but his Been a citizen of Louisburg for a member of years. His age was 82 years, and up to about two - years ago: was a yers active man for his age. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and also a member of Louisburg 10 Louge of Masons. For about six years he filled the position of dotton weigher at Louisburg, and gave general entiefaction to both buyer and His remains were interred on Saturday in the Cemetery, the services being sonducted by Bev. L. W. Swope. The bereaved here of viguer our sympathies.

Easter Picuic. On Monday, April 12th, there will be an Easter Basket Piento at C. E. Gupton's mill in Cedar Rock town. 17 games of b seball and the young people will have a dance in the up-28 stairs of the mill. Brerybody come 16 and bring your backet, and lets have 93 a good, jolly time.

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In order to furnish the people of this section with a variety of reading at a small cost, we have made arrangements by which we can send to all new subscribers to the Tixes and to those who pay up what they owe and one year in advance, the following;

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