LENOIR TOPIC WEDNESDAY, FEB. 21, 1883

LOCAL NEWS.

-New subscribers for THE TOPIC have been booming for the past week. -A petition has been sent to the Legislature asking for a graded school in Lenoir.

_The Club met at the Jones House last Thursday night. The attendance was large.

-Rev. M. V. Sherrill, the new pastor of Lenoir circuit, arrived in Lenoir last week with his family.

-Mrs. J. C. Harper, of Patterson, spent several days in Lenoir last week with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Cilley.

-Iredell Superior Court is in session, this being the second week. Col. Folk, of the Lenoir bar, is in attendance.

-On Wednesday, Feb. 7, Mrs. Herman, daughter of Joseph Green, Esq., died suddenly at her residence on upper Mulberry.

_Mrs. Allen, wife of Rev. Mr. Allen, rector of the Episcopal church in Lenoir, reached this place last week from Minnesota.

-The South is, we are informed. overstocked with horses and mules. and returning drovers say that their business is not profitable.

-The cotton fields are thronged with negro women and picaninuies who strip the bark from the cotton roots and sell it to the "yarb" deal-

-Last Thursday Dr. Beall drew off the water from his lower pond and found in it 3,000 carp. It was scarcely two years since he placed in it only 47 young ones.

-Catawba Superior Court con ven s next Monday. The case of the State vs. Jenkins, from this county, is set for trial at the present term of the court for that county.

-Last Wednesday was St. Valentine's day, and the young folks thronged the post office in anticipa tion of the arrival of that most un satisfactory piece of literature-a valentine.

-The housekeeper will find two valuable recipes on the fourth page of this paper. The recipes which we will from time to time publish in our household column have been tested by one of our best housekeep ers, and if preserved, will be well worth the subscription price of this

-Some of our legislators have lately been down to the seacoast at Beaufort, among them, Dr. Wilcox, of Ashe. The Newbern Journal says that on waking up Sunday morning and finding the tide two feet higher than it was the night before the Doctor thought that "there had been a d-l of a big rain."

-Reports from our correspondents in all sections inform us that the farmers are taking advantage of the fine weather of the past few weeks and are pushing their spring work ahead with unusual zeal. Upon the whole, small grain crops in the mountains are reported as looking more flourishing at present than those in the lowlands.

-The Fayetteville Observer, many years edited by that stately Caroli nian, E. J. Hale, has been revived by his son, E. J. Hale, Jr., a gentleman who besides his inherited editorial talent has had wide experience as a writer and publisher. We welcome Mr. Hale into the North Carolina brotherhood of the press, where his father was so long a recognized lead-

-When our legislators went to Raleigh we particularly requested Col. Lenoir to keep a watchful oversight on our member who is young and impressionable; but since the member from Watauga has taken to writing pretty speeches about the ladies, we may be prepared to receive tidings that the member from Cald well has eloped with an entire female seminary.

-We regret to learn that Dr. S. A. Grier, of Patterson, has decided to remove to Cabarrus county to practice his profession. The people of our county are so distreesingly healthy that the doctors have very little encouragement. While wishing the people of Cabarrus no harm, we hope that Dr. Grier may find a better field for the practice of his profession in his new home.

-On the first page of the paper will be found a very interesting letter written for the Vesper Reading Club by an honorary member in Texas. We commend it to our young men who are suffering from the "Texas lever," and for fear that some of our readers may think the letter a product of the elastic veracity of Tom Ochil tree, we will state that the writer is a native of North Carolina, a State where the sublime influence of a of a wandering son, even in Texas.

-The thermometer has gone down we are having a touch of winter

-Mr. G. F. Harper, at Davidson College, has been quite sick but is now better.

-The Reading Club meets at the residence of Mr. S. M. Clarke tomorrow night. -Singings, quiltings, choppings

and other sociable gatherings are all the go in the country now. -The firm of T. J. Coffey & Bro., of Boone, has withdrawn from the firm of Curtis & Co, at Butler, Tenn.

business at the latter place. -The remaining cases of the State vs. Jenkins and of the State vs. Freemans were disposed of Saturday by Justice Miller, who bound

Curtis & Farthing will carry on the

most of the defendants over to court. -Within the last few days we learn that the bill lately passed by the House to change the boundary line between Caldwell and Watauga

meets with opposition in the country. -Mr. D. Stewart Hessey, of Columbia, S. C., Chief Engineer of the C., C. & A. Railroad, was through here last week on a tour of inspection of the track and trestles of the C. & L. R. R.

-Mr. Mark Holsclaw, a venerable citizen of Watauga, living on Brushy Fork, is 83 years old, has been twice a widower and three times married and is now 'cutting a new set of teeth. And still the cry is for "young men to take the lead in politics."

-Col. Tate has introduced a bill in the House to establish a new county to be called Lee and to be composed of parts of Callwell. Burke, Mitchell and Wataugs. The project meets with the hearty ap proval of the citizens of north wes tern Caldwell.

-An account of Friday's pro ceedings in the Senate, coming in advance of the full regular report, says, "Bill to establish a Normal School in Boone passed." Capt Lovill, you are a trump. Now, if it can be done, Col. Lenoir will navigate it through the House.

-A special legislative com.nittee. composed of Messrs. Powers, Page, Whitford, Boykin, Cowell, Galling, Thompson, Smith and Leazer, visited the Western Asylum last week and we understand, will recommend liberal appropriation for carrying on the work and completing the Northern wing.

-We have reason to be proud of the representatives from this section in the Legislature. The Asheville Citizen speaks in praise of Mr. Bower's skill as a debater, and Col. Lenoir's capital judgment has given his opinions weight in the House. Capt. Lovill is an acknowledged leader in the Senate, and Dr. Wilcox, of Ashe, is probably the strongest man on the republican side in the House.

Rev. C Moretz gives Mr. John L. Hayes a good Character.

Correspondence of The Topic.

The undersigned takes pleasure in stating to the public in general that he has known John L. Hayes for years, and that he is a youth of ex cellent habits of industry, and that in the main his morals are good and unexceptionable. C. Moretz, Small-Pox in Burke,

Our Burke cousins have been considerably alarmed at the appearance of three cases of small-pox in their midst. A man named Copeland, who had small-pox in Texas, returned a few weeks ago to his home on Irish Creek, Burke county, eight miles west of Morganton. Since his return three cases of small-pox have developed in his family, one of his children dying last Thursday. Drs. Pearson, of Morganton, and Hilliard assistant Superintendant of the Western Asylum, have visited the family, and pronounce the disease small-pox. It is supposed that Mr. Copeland brought the disease from Texas in his clothing. Morganton is strictly quarantined against the ection of the county in which the small-pox has appeared and every precaution has been taken to prevent the spread of the malady, which it is hoped will prove effectual.

Col. Folk has given the young people of the valley several very pleasant parties at Riverside since

Christmas. Mr. James Councill is in the valley where he expects to remain this sum-

Mr. F. P. Cottrell is in the South with horses.

The boys in this section are well pleased with the repeal of the fish law in Caldwell county. I fear some of them will let their corn crop get weedy while fishing.

The first letter with foreign post age and mailed out of the United States was received not long since at truthful press tinges the literature this office by Mr. John B. Isbell. Nelson Brothers, of Va., were in

the valley last week buying young

Mr. T. E. Horton, our popular young teacher, closed a 3 months school in Elk district on the 9th ult. Mr. Zeff Young, of Cranberry, is in the neighborhood on business.

Bakersville Budget.

Correspondence of The Topic. Accept a few briefs from this rap idly growing town. I have not seen a town of so much thrift and enterprise in a while. There are two good churches with excellent houses of worship-Baptist and Methodist. Mr. Hamby is pastor of the Methodist church and S. M. Collis, of the Baptist. Both are splendid men.

The Baptist have just closed an interesting meeting in the Baptist church. Rev. I. W. Thomas, of Ashe county, assisted the pastor in the meeting.

Prof. J. C. Carper is here teaching a very large class in vocal music. The class will number near one hundred Prof. Carper will remain in the county till spring.

The mica business is not altogether so encouraging here now as it has been, but new mines are being devel oped. CROCKET.

Elk X Boads Gossip.

Correspondence of The Topic.

Notwithstanding our adtitude, we occasionally have a few pleasant days during winter. The snow and ice are all gone at this writing, yet we have had some very severe cold

The long looked for and desired, has opened up at last. The Elk Knob Copper Mine has at last fallen into the hands of Northern capital ists, who have commenced work in earnest. Capt. Bewel and Capt. Phillips have charge at present; they are wanting to kire miners and wood choppers, colliers and mechanics. The company has deposited \$40,000 he is doing well. for a commencement. Should every thing work well and prove good it will add greatly to the future of Wa-

Well, Hymen has not altogether passed around "the X Roads," as we have had several marriages during the holidays. The Hon. Jesse Lewis had the honor of capping the climax as he led to the hymenial altar Dove'e Seats, on the 18th of Jan., Esquire Dobbin officiating. The groom 63 years old and the bride 26.

"Hamp" Steele was in this section yesterday—looks ordinarily well.

Scarlet fever around. No death in our vicinity. But colds! colds! This dreadful keough! keough! day and night, asleep or awake, is telling among the juveniles around "the X Roads."

Prof. Yates' school at Laurel Ford. (district school,) closed its winter or fall session today. The patrons are well pleased with his labors.

W. C. L. Hulcher is doing a thriving biz at "the X Roads" in the mer cantile trade, and his custom is increasing, notwithstanding the multiplicity of stores in the country.

Elk Lodge with the citizens in the vicinity of "the X Roads" are taking the initiatory steps for building s good school house with a Masonic Hall for the benefit of said Lodge and to try to establish a permanent school at "the X Roads." Wish them great luck in their laudable under-

Work on the Elk Knob Copper Mine has been resumed with renew-

This mine is said to produce ores equal to the famous Ore Knob in Ashe county, and is upon the same lead. Preparations are being made to erect smelters and all the machin ery necessary to the successful work-

ing of a first class copper mine. Married, Jan. 21, Mr. Green By land to Miss Susannah Castle, and Mc Davis to Miss Elizabeth Castle, all of Ball Mountain township. Rev's Hamilton Clawson and C. Moretz being the officiating functionaries upon that occasion.

Cove treek Chat. Correspondence of ': he Topic.

Internal improvements seem to be the order of the day. They come and still they come. Mr. Carroll Johnston has purchased a circular saw mill and will run it on upper Beaverdam creek. Also the Roaminger Brothers are putting up one on Laurel creek. The abundance of splendid timber in our county and the numerous saw mills being erected to saw it are building up an import ant industry in our midst.

Hurrah for Watauga and the enterprising spirit of her citizens. It would surprise a person who had once lived here and been absent many years to return and see the change for the better that has taken place. New and elegant private mansions, church houses, school houses, &c , have sprung up as if by magic. Dr. and J. J. Glen have finished

large house. Mr. Wiley Farthing honor to report this bill to the large house. Mr. Wiley Farthing lives among the mountains of W ful combinations pieced after the log inestimable value, gems more

little Dutch cousin!

and does good work.

Reece, who left a large family to stowed safely in their humble cottamourn her loss.

citizens, has sold out to Messrs. James and David Horton and will move to Hawkins county. Tennessee.

home to Wilkesboro. The stock trade is lively. Messrs. Shull, Osborne and Horton are our foremost dealers in horses and

I hear that Messrs. Simon P. Shull, Elkanah Lusk and others living on Watauga river have sold out to parties from Alleghany and will soon move to lowa.

boy about ten years old, a son of Mr. J. M. McGuire, met with a pain ful accident. He was playing on a hillside below a pile of large bowlders which gave away and rolled down the hill, one of the stones catching the little fellow's left leg under it and tearing all the flesh off the un

When the bill to regulate the weighing and selling of cotton, was reached in the House of Representatives, the representative from Watauga, whose duty it became to explain to the House the provisions of the bill, thought of prefacing that explanation with the following remarks. But feeling oppressed, when he arose, with a sense of the infelicity of his delivery, and of the great value of

"MR. SPEAKER: The chairman of to mention.

their new houses and have painted the committee on Agriculture, ale Marshall Greer has built a chanics and Mining, who had the honor to report this bill to the House, has built a large dwelling and is have tauga, where the people do not unding it painted, Mr. William Horton tivate cotton, and know very little has repaired and painted his domicile about handling raw cotton They and has it nicely furnished, and his often wrap up other things in cotton, better half, (Mrs. Carrie,) who is a even bome of their most valuable marvel as a housewife, has carpeted in those wild mountains he is proud the rooms with rag carpets, wonder- to say that there are many gems of cabin" style, all the work of her own cious than were ever found in the hands. I passed by their house the that often weigh from one hundred other day and saw on the clothes to one hundred and fifty pounds; line 48 pairs of stockings, all for her wonderful gems, that have lips and and Mr. Horton! Who can best our eyes; lips the fresh redness of which makes rubies look pale, and eyes Mr. T. A. Sullivan is our painter sparkling as brightly as the brightest sters that twinkle in the galleries above us-I intended to say, in the The railroad boom is renewed and skies above us. But as the words I reviving our hopes of getting a rail have used have the very same force, will not pause to correct them. And these simple mountain folks keep these gems of countless value

Mr. William Shull, one of our best ton. For should any reckless trespassers on their domain try to steal them away, or tarnish their brightness, those brave mountain men would fling themselves on the The Misses Pennell have returned marauders and fight them, in defense of their precious mountain household gems wrapped in cotton, more valiantly than Old Hickory fought, be hind his breastworks of cotton bales.

"But they know very little about wrapping up the raw cotton itself into bales and bags and packages and about carting it, and dumping it, and weighing it, and inspecting it, and sampling it. And in all this the chairman reporting this bill, who is one of the simplest of them all, On the 3rd of February, a little shares fully in their ignorance. But these are the very things which it became the duty of the committee to investigate, to some extent. This bill is the result of those investigations : and it is proper that the chairman of the committee should attempt briefly to explain its merits

And we are informed by a correspondent of the News and Observer, that the "atars in the gallery," by der portion of the leg from the knee which the gaze of the gallant Colonel down to the ankle. The doctor says were diverted from the heavens, were the Peace Institute and St. Mary's girls who were in the galleries that day-an array of loveliness well calculated to inspire the Legislators with tender sentiments.

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Many other things teo numerous

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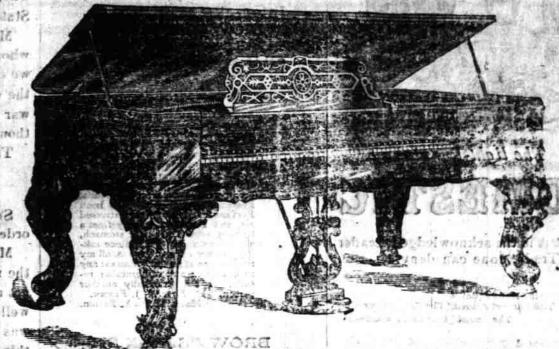
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