

LOCAL NEWS.

—It makes us hungry to read the Household Column on the fourth page.

—Mr. Lawrence Wakefield is attending Catawba court which is now in session at Newton.

—Attention is directed to the bargains offered in Mr. Courtney's advertisement on the first page.

—Read the Watauga court notice and the Real Estate Agency advertisement of Houk and Von Ringharz.

—Dr. W. B. Council, of Boone, and Mr. Edmund Jones, of Caldwell, have both returned from a trip to Raleigh.

—Col. Thomas Smith, a lawyer of Taylorsville, Tenn., spent several days in Lenoir last week, the guest of Capt. Moore.

—We have had many highly appreciated visits from our mountain friends since we moved into our new quarters on Watauga street.

—Rev. Edmund Tilley, of this county, at the age of seventy six, is the happy father of a fine boy baby. Who can beat it—not the baby, but the record.

—Messrs. I. T. Avery, J. T. Perkins and S. C. W. Tate, of the Morganton bar were in Lenoir last week, on professional business before the Probate Court.

—Mrs. G. N. Folk and Miss Alice Council came up from their "Riverside" home last week, and several days at Col. Folk's residence in this place.

—The warm weather has brought out the "turnip greens" in South Carolina, and there has been a considerable decline in the cabbage market, so our merchants say.

—The Legislature has empowered the Board of Health in Burke to call out the militia and to have every citizen of that old county vaccinated by force of arms, willy-nilly.

—In the article on the first page our readers will find a legend explaining the well known Indian grave at the top of Indian Grave Gap between Lenoir and the Yadkin Valley.

—Dr. A. A. Kent, who has been spending the winter in Caldwell, returned last Monday, to Cranberry in Mitchell county, where he will resume the practice of his profession.

—Mr. Wiesenfeld is having the outside of his store decorated with attractive signs. This is a move in the proper direction, we think, and so does Mr. John W. Rainey, our estimable artist.

—Rev. J. H. Page, of Rock Spring circuit, returned from his new field of labor last week, and is now making preparations to remove his family from Lenoir to their new home in Denver, Lincoln, county.

—Mr. Berry has introduced in the Senate a bill providing for the establishment of a graded school in Lenoir, which will doubtless pass both houses of the Legislature without opposition. A graded school properly conducted will do a great deal towards building up our town.

—The special car that carried up the legislative committee to inspect the Western Asylum met with an accident near Hickory on its return to Raleigh, in which Senator Whitford and Representative Crowell were painfully injured. The accident was caused by the breaking of an axle.

—The Vesper met at Mr. S. M. Clarke's last Thursday night. The attendance was large, and the members were treated to some good reading by Miss Em. Scroggs and Mr. Ed. Wakefield and to music by Misses Page and Bristol. The next meeting will be at Capt. Faucette's and Mr. Will Newland and Miss Laura Healen are the readers.

—Nathan Clark and some of his folks, living in the Panhandle country, enjoy the reputation of having visited the small-pox patients in Burke, and, as a consequence, they are not allowed to go either to Hartland or to Collettsville to trade. They will doubtless come this way, and if they do, we can assure them that they will receive a most inhospitable welcome.

—We have received a beautifully printed and handsomely illustrated pamphlet giving a description of the great "Oakland Hotel" at St. Clair, Mich., with a request to notice. We are always glad to accommodate our friends, and if any of our readers in Watauga and Ashe want to go to Michigan next summer for their health, we hope they will stop at the Oakland and present our compliments to the proprietor. They can live very comfortably there at \$100 per month if not extravagant. Parties writing to the "Oakland" for board will please mention that they saw the advertisement in this paper.

—Read the legal advertisement from Alleghany county.

—The last day of winter, and now March is to hear from.

—Miss Heloise Bristol, of Burke, is visiting at Mr. S. M. Clarke's.

—Dr. J. M. Spainhour left last week on a visit to Baltimore and Washington, D. C.

—We are indebted to Col. Wm. H. Bailey, the excellent member from Mecklenburg, for interesting public documents.

—Mr. E. B. Bryan has presented us with a bundle of some of the brightest golden leaf tobacco we ever saw, raised in the "Valley of the Yadkin."

—Mr. W. W. Sherrill, having sold his place at Blowing Rock to Mr. S. M. Clarke, of Lenoir, has purchased land in Globe township and moved upon it.

—A good many of our farmers will try the White Burley tobacco this year as an experiment, with a view to planting large crops hereafter if it should prove remunerative.

—Mr. Finley Coffey, of Collettsville, has returned from a six weeks trip to the stock markets of South Carolina, where he has disposed of a large drove of horses and mules at good prices.

—Rev. M. V. Sherrill preached at Littlejohn's last Sunday, and Rev. Messrs. Page and Pool held services in the Methodist church in Lenoir. Services at both the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches.

—Messrs. Godbey and Carper, the vocal music teachers, are for the present stationed at Bakersville and they request all who desire to communicate with them to address them at that town until further notice.

—Since the Legislature has authorized the Board of Commissioners of Caldwell county to offer a reward for the killing of "certain predatory animals," we suggest that the first premium be laid on sheep killing dogs.

—In "Freedman" last week, Wash Norwood, raven-hued, one eyed and sixty five, took "for better or for worse," Nancy Miller, aged nine teen, and heiress to the estate of Joseph Miller, of the tribe of Ham. Ebony cards.

—By sending the Globe mail by way of Patterson and Rieden we will now be able to get Tax Topic to our subscribers at that post office on Wednesday instead of Friday as heretofore. We have 17 subscribers there now. Make it 40.

—At Statesville Court, last week, Marshall Mott was fined \$100 for his attack on Major Robbins last fall. No true bill was found against Osborne for shooting Cooper. True bills were found against Stockton and Solicitor Adams, but the grand jury withdrew the bill against Adams and Judge Gudgeon quashed the one against Stockton.

—The case of the State vs. Jenkins, is set for trial today (Wednesday) at Catawba court. Judge Cilley appears with the Solicitor for the prosecution and Col. Folk appears for the defendant. It is hoped that the case may be finally settled at this term of the court, as it has already involved the county in a great deal of expense.

—Mr. W. H. Cloyd is having the grove on his lot on College Hill nicely cleared of underbrush. This probably indicates an inclination to build a residence there at no distant day, an inclination not inconsistent with an intention on his part to live in the house, which intention does not necessarily imply that he will become a recluse and occupy the whole house himself. We await developments—and the house.

—It may not be generally known, but is nevertheless a fact, that both buffalo and elk once abounded in the valley of the Yadkin in Caldwell and Wilkes. Daniel Boone and the hunters who succeeded him, soon exterminated the buffalo herds, which it appears, were never very abundant, but the elk took refuge in the mountain gorges and was for many years the pride of the chase to the valley hunters; the last elk being killed by Col. Wm. Davenport, on the waters of Elk Creek, and its broad antlers, if we mistake not, are now in the University Museum at Chapel Hill.

—Sometime in next May a tobacco fair will be held in the thriving going city of Durham in this State, one of the principal objects of which will be to show the finer grades of tobacco from all parts of North Carolina, and to this end it is important that every county should be represented. We are confident that Caldwell can show as fine yellow leaf tobacco as any county in the State, and we hope that steps will be taken to collect specimens from the different sections of the county and that a committee will be appointed to see that all is properly represented.

he Durham fair. Thousands of people will doubtless come to Durham to inspect the production of the different sections of the State with a view to engaging in the cultivation or the manufacture of the weed, and the counties that make a good exhibit may expect a rich return for their trouble and expense.

—Last Wednesday's pleasant looking old colored brother entered our office, bowing and scraping and going through all the salams and hat raisings as only an old fashioned, ante-bellum darkey can.

—"Good mornin, gen'lensens, hopes you's bofe well. Ken you tell whar de small pox is sholy broke out in Burke? Case I wants to take de railroad at Icard tomorrow I'm gwine home to Haywood county and I loved mebbe dey'd interfere wid my gwine through em." Upon being informed that "they" would not interfere with railroad travel, he said, "Thankee, gen'lensens, thankees; thousand times bleeged to ye! God bless you!" And he bowed himself out with the same pomp and circumstance of a darkey of the old school with which he had bowed himself in Gap Creek.

—Correspondence of The Topic.

Married, Jan. 18, at the residence of the bride's father on Reddick River, Wilkes county, Mr. W. H. Edmisten, of Watauga, to Miss Eliza Dancy. Respective ages 63 and 19. Long may the happy pair live to enjoy the sweets of conjugal bliss, and may their only troubles be little ones. R. E. N.

—Rutherford College.

—Correspondence of The Topic.

Our school has never been so prosperous as at present. We have about 200 students, and still they come.

Our commencement will be on May 22 and 23. Rev. W. M. Robey will preach the annual sermon. As yet it has not been determined who will deliver the address. A.

To Reach Lenoir by Fall.

—Cross-ties in large quantities, are now being gotten up for the Narrow Gauge. According to the terms of the lease the road is to be completed to Newton within twelve months from the date of the lease. We do not hesitate to say that it will be completed to Lenoir by that time.

A Little Excitement.

On Tuesday of last week, Jim Small, who lives with his brother in law Mr. J. L. Oxford, at Panhandle above Hartland, came to town to visit his mother, and staid all night. After he had left on Wednesday it was reported on the streets that Jim had met Copeland, the small pox man of Burke, on several occasions during the sickness of his children, and that he and his brother John had slept together on the night before. This news occasioned some excitement and John created more when he went to school, stamping all the boys. Quarantining the town was discussed, but when some of the members of the Board of Health got together, they decided that there was no cause for alarm. The report that Small has been exposed to the disease is said to be false.

Murder in Wilkes.

The Statesville correspondent of the Charlotte Journal furnishes that paper with the following information:

We learn that serious difficulty occurred in Wilkes county on Tuesday, resulting in the death of John Adams. As well as we can learn, it seems that John Adams and his son, Richard Adams, who live near the head of Hunting Creek in Wilkes county, were drinking rather freely and got into an altercation; words led to blows, and finally Richard seized a rifle which was on a rack on one side of the room, and shot his father, killing him almost instantly. The elder Adams was unable to speak after he was shot. John Adams is well known in Western North Carolina where he acquired considerable notoriety as a supposed accomplice in the murder of Miss Thompson of Alexander county. He was tried but acquitted from lack of complete evidence, though it was generally believed that he was concerned in that brutal murder, and now it appears as though he had met retribution at the hands of his son.

Blowing Rock Breecoes.

—Correspondence of The Topic.

I note with pleasure the very extensive and increasing circulation of your valuable paper throughout this county and Ashe. There is a general appreciation of the fact that "there is a heap of sugar for a cent" about Tax Topic in this section, as the distribution at this office shows.

"The Ridge" is flourishing. The jobbins have come, the grass has come, some young leaves have come, applications for summer boarders have come, the voice of Spring seems to be in the air, but we opine that we may yet have a few "North-ers."

—"short horns" equal to those of any climate, and surpassed by none, not even those herons whose eminence has placed them on "The American Herd Book."

—Service by Rev. Mr. Wiggins, at the Methodist church on the 3rd Sunday in each month's services by Rev. I. W. Thomas in the Baptist church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in each month. Also the 4th Sunday.

Watauga Lodge, No. 378, meets on Friday night before the full moon in each month. L. L. Green, W. M., J. P. Morphet, S. W., J. P. Lippard, S. W.

The schools in Watauga county are nearly all concluded for the winter. The Wade Gracia school is in a flourishing condition and is increasing daily. It has 90 pupils. Mr. M. S. Trivette, principal, Miss Mary E. Mast, assistant.

I do not know of a better school anywhere for beginners and for those who want to qualify themselves for teaching. I see a wonderful interest is aroused in education here in Watauga. Our county is improving in agriculture, stock raising and building good comfortable residences.

The good farmer and one of our best citizens, Mr. John Elrod, is building a magnificent residence on New River, a half mile below the Three Fork church, on "one" of the best farms in Watauga county. A great many others are building houses. So, we are awake.

—Iron Ore in Caldwell.

We acknowledge the receipt of a copy of "The Hand-Book of North Carolina," gotten up by the Department of Agriculture. From it we collate the following statistics:

There are many valuable beds of limonite in a line extending from Jacob's Fork of Catawba River, across the Catawba, by way of Gunpowder Creek, to the waters of middle Little River in eastern Caldwell.

Iron was made on Gunpowder creek, Caldwell county, thirty years ago. The beds on middle Little River, 12 miles southeast of Lenoir, were worked fifty years ago and the ore hauled seven miles to Baird's furnace.

A bed of superior magnetic ore occurs on Warrior creek, not far from Patterson, within a mile of the bend in the Yadkin. It is traceable for hundreds of yards by large surface fragments of a fine grained, heavy, metallic ore, remarkably free from rocky admixtures; and a similar ore is reported in large mass on Mulberry creek. Another fine ore, a shining, metallic, slaty hematite, of great purity, is found in the Richlands cove. On the farm of Mr. Joshua Curtis, in the Richlands, is a heavy titaniferous iron ore. Twelve miles northeast of this point, near Cook's Gap, occurs another outcrop of the specular (martite) schist of Richlands. The bed at this locality, which is called Bull Run, is three or four feet thick at the outcrop.

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