

LOCAL NEWS.

-Boy lost. See advertisement. -The Legislature is on the ragged edge.

-Lenoir is about the centre of the new eighth district.

-The advertisement of Mr. S. W. Hamilton will be found on the fourth page.

-The headquarters of the Elk Knob Copper Mining Company is Sutherlands, Ashe county, N. C.

-See advertisement of land in Globe township for sale by virtue of an order of the United States District Court.

-Make new streets and send your children to the graded school. They are the two chronos awarded to Lenoir by this Legislature.

-The alternative method for working the roads by taxation, reported in the Legislative proceedings applies only to Forsyth county.

-Take your tobacco to the big sale at the Farmer's Warehouse, April 4. You will have a chance of winning one out of 20 premiums.

-Professor Kerr's enthusiastic description of the future of North-western North Carolina, published on the first page, is pleasant reading.

-The topic of the hour with the ladies now embraces onion "buttons," garden seeds, and the perverse weakness of old hens to scratch up seed beds.

-Dr. Scroggs has received some fresh vaccine virus and has vaccinated several persons during the past week. Although the small pox panic has about subsided we would advise everybody to be vaccinated at once.

-The total population of the new eighth district is 120,605: Alleghany, 5,486; Alexander, 3,855; Ashe, 14,457; Burke, 12,809; Caldwell, 10,291; Cleveland, 16,571; Gaston, 14,254; Lincoln, 12,061; Watauga, 8,160; Wilkes, 19,181.

-Married at Hartland, Feb. 11, by R. M. Tuttle, Esq., Mr. Douglass King to Miss Bettie Crump. This was Squire Tuttle's first tying of the connubial knot and he went through with it so gracefully that he will become very popular as a marrying Squire.

-We acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to be present at the closing exercises of the graduating class of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore which came off in the Academy of Music, March 1. It came through the courtesy of Dr. M. L. Corpening who is attending that school.

-Lenoir at present has many of the characteristics of a Spanish town. On any bright night may be heard, in various quarters of the city, the soothing notes of the guitar, accompanied by the harmonious warbling of the tuneful "lyres," who pour out their souls in sonatas to their fair innamoratas and pledge themselves to eternal fidelity.

-This is spring, the balmy season when spring poets and lovers catch inspiration and influenza. Gentle zephyrs are also ripe. Jack Frost is playing possum, waiting for the green apples to bloom, and the roseate chigger is whetting his tusks in preparation for the picnic campaign. Altogether the prospect is bright provided we don't have a drought in the summer.

-Mr. Frank Clinard, of Hickory, has a bright little daughter about five years old. The other day a gentleman from Lenoir, in the course of conversation with the young lady, asked her what was her father's name. "Mr. Frank Clinard," she replied. "Ah, yes. He is that ugly man I met on the streets this morning, is he?" "Oh! no. That was Mr. Simpson."

-We were pleased to receive a call, last week from Mr. James W. Norwood, of Lenoir, Tenn., who is on his way east. Mr. Norwood said that he debated some time with himself whether he should come to Lenoir by way of the C. & L. railroad, or take the C. F. & Y. V. at Greensboro, or come by way of Cranberry on the Narrow Gauge extension from that point. He finally reached here by way of the C. & L.

-We have received from Col. Lenoir, chairman of the committee on Agriculture, Mechanics and Mining, a printed copy of a bill introduced by Mr. Powers, of Cleveland, and favorably reported by the committee, providing for the offering of premiums of \$25 by the board of County Commissioners for the greatest amount of wheat, corn, oats, cotton, or tobacco, raised on a certain area of land. The bill, although favorably reported as being an incentive to rivalry between farmers, failed to pass.

-Burke court convenes next Monday. -The commissioners met Monday. Report next week.

-Mr. Jao. F. Morphew, of the Boone bar, was in Lenoir last week.

-Mr. P. G. Moore, of the Granite Falls Manufacturing Company, spent Sunday with his Lenoir relatives.

-Mr. Webb Austin, Jr., who has been living in South Carolina for a year or two, has returned to Caldwell.

-J. F. Morphew, Esq., will deliver an address on "Female Education" at Valle Crucis Academy on the 30th of March, 1883.

-Married, March 4, at Patterson, Mr. Wm. Baker to Miss Emma Fullwood, Rev. N. Keylor being the officiating minister.

-A colored gentlemen all the way from Richmond, Va., has opened a barber shop on Morganton St., next door to the Postoffice.

-Rev. G. F. Bound, of Mocksville, and Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle, of Black Rock, Cleveland county, were in Lenoir last week.

-Married in Watauga county, at the residence of the bride's father, Feb. 27, Mr. Elisha Glenn to Miss Margaret New, Squire Pressnell performing the ceremony.

-We are under obligations to Senator Vance for various public documents, among them the full report of the Sixth N. C. Revenue District investigation.

-Married Feb. 28, at the residence of Mr. N. A. Powell, the bride's father, Mr. Jacob Powell to Miss Eva Powell, Rev. W. A. Poole performing the ceremony.

-Whenever, if ever, the new county of Lee is formed Caldwell might afford to give her daughter something to begin housekeeping. Let her have the jail; we have no use for it.

-When Senator Pool called little Aleck a "jumbeg county," the gallant "Rome" Linney "up and riz, he did" and poured the hot shot into the Senator from Martin in a way that was refreshing.

-As the blustery, windy season draws high fires will get "out" in the woods and care should be taken to prevent it as much as possible. Rails are going to be rails from now on and millions of them are annually destroyed by our forest fires.

-Dick Adams, the Wilkes patriarch, is still at large, no clue having yet been obtained as to his whereabouts. Young Adams is a terrible desperado, and this is said to be the second time his hands have been stained with the life blood of his fellows.

-A petition has been sent on to the Postoffice department asking for additional service on the mail route from Lenoir to Collettsville, making it tri weekly instead of semi-weekly, and asking for the establishment of a new office to be called Dickson on the Patterson-Globe mail route.

-Catawba court is still in session. On last Thursday the case of the State vs. Nicholas Jenkins, charged with the burning of Connelly's mill four miles below Lenoir, was taken up and consumed the remainder of the week. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty on Saturday night.

-If the court house were to be burned, every record and public document belonging to the county would be destroyed. We understand that an effort will soon be made to induce the commissioners to have a fire proof vault constructed between the Register's office and the Grand Jury room. It is estimated that the cost would not be over \$300.

-Last Sunday was a week, Jim Helton, Linville Beach and Tom Tilley got on a drunk and went to Mrs. Emily Tilley's, on King's Creek, and tore down the piazza of her residence, set fire to an out house and burned it to the ground and after firing pistols and blustering around for some time, left the neighborhood and, we understand, the country.

-As the present session of Congress neared its end a perfect avalanche of pub docs. flooded the country. Thanks to the thoughtfulness of Senators Vance and Bansom, and Representatives Vance and Armfield, the mail carrier from Hickory to Lenoir was compelled to have two extra horses to bring up patent office reports, &c., on two days last week.

-The Newton Enterprise says that Capt. Waddell, of the Narrow Gauge railroad, was in Newton last week to receive the crosties on the line between Maiden and Newton. All the crosties necessary to complete the gap between Maiden and Newton have been placed on the line except about 5,000, which will be secured within a month. On the first of April a force of hands will be placed on the road sufficient to lay half a mile of track per day, and the road will be completed to Newton by the middle of April.

-Sink next Friday evening and not again until the first Friday evening in April.

-We desire that the Spring courts may give our books a thorough renovation. We have waited till spring in several instances when the settlement should have been made in the Fall.

-The firm of Houk & von Ringharz, whose advertisement appeared last week, are pioneers in a business which we wish to see prosper in this section. They will direct their efforts towards drawing to this country a class of immigrants who will be an acquisition, and we are led to believe that they possess unusually good facilities for inducing such immigration. Write to them.

-The Landmark brags about a man in Iredell who has kept house 50 years and has never let the fire go out in his house. Within two miles of Lenoir lives a man who has kept house nearly 50 years, has never lost fire within that time, has never bought a box of matches, never wore a paper collar, nor a bell-crowned hat, nor a spike-tailed coat, nor striped stockings, and never tasted chicken in his life.

-Lenoir's watchword is, "Save money and miles by bringing produce to this market," and that there is meaning in it is witnessed by the constantly increasing number of mountain wagons that reverse engines every day and return home after having sold out to our merchants at good prices. When the railroad is finished to this point we will call your attention to the "Queen City of the West," none excepted.

Correspondence of The Topic. On the 10th of Feb. Elders E. F. Jones and J. J. L. Shearwood commenced to hold a series of meetings at the Three Forks Church, which continued thirteen days and nights in succession and were attended each day and night with large congregations. Good order prevailed and great interest was manifested during the meeting.

During the meeting there were twenty two accessions to the church, fifteen baptized and several more professed that did not join.

Beaver Creek, Ashe County. Correspondence of The Topic. In our midst is a steam saw mill, which is cutting at the rate of five thousand feet of lumber per day. I stood by and saw it cut 250 feet in 3 1/2 minutes.

We have as fine timber as any country, and those who would wish to engage in manufacturing wagons, buggies or furniture of any kind, would do well to come to Ashe, as there is a growing demand for labor, and at present our farmers are having to send to Waightown and elsewhere for wagons, &c.

Our Inferior Court just closed, its docket and was small. No cases of any very great note. The mails are very irregular, and sometimes I do not get my paper until it is a week old.

A Subscriber. Knoxville. Correspondence of The Topic.

We are informed that Col. James C. Horton has purchased of Mr. Edmund Jones, the Clover Hill farm, and intends making that his future home. Col. H. is a fine farmer and good citizen and we hate to have such men leave our county.

Mr. Green W. A. Wellborn, of Ore Knob, was visiting at the P. O. last week.

Mr. R. B. Horton is in Ashe county on business.

Mr. T. E. Horton, Misses Nella and Sallie Horton, are visiting in Cabarrus county.

Mr. W. L. Horton is having a very large barn built. There seems to be yet a spirit of enterprise in the "State of Wilkes." All we lack is a railroad.

We are glad to notice that our popular and efficient doctor, A. F. Houck, is getting a large practice in Wilkes, Ashe and Caldwell counties.

Watauga School Notes. Correspondence of The Topic. I believe nearly all the reading men of Watauga have subscribed for The Topic, and we want all the school committeemen in the county to take the paper for two good reasons.

registrar, and the "Requests" of the school committee, all of which when they come to Boone, do not furnish them with the blanks and school laws, and if necessary, some instructions. You blue-oval and copy.

The Senator from Watauga is, in himself a flag staff, and his hands the waving banner; his hair is the red, his eyes the blue, his soul the white and every word a star.

The accomplished representative from our county, is the diamond in a golden ring of legislators. This tribute, of praise, is bestowed on him by the Watauga ladies, wrapped in cotton.

We would be pleased, to see the stars in the galleries, shine on a more beautiful or a more deserving complement, than that one, illuminated by the gems of the mountains. Thanks to the gallant statesman, for so bravely defending our rose lipped daughters of joy, in whose rosy cheeks there are dimples enough to catch and hold and glorify all the tears of an honest man! They live among the wild flowers on the banks and tributaries of the rippling Watauga, which in the Indian vernacular means beautiful river: and from whose banks of rock and cliff pine and cedar, a hemlock and laurel, stretches a vale back to the West, more beautiful and grander than the orange groves of the "sunny south."

Our legislator lives in the morning shadow of one of the grandest mountains of the West, on whose summit, I have seen the clouds gather of their own accord, even in the brightest day. There, I have seen the great spirit of the storm, after noontide, go and lie down to rest in his pavilion of darkness and of clouds. Then I have seen him aroused at midnight, come forth like a giant refreshed by slumber, awake the tempest, and let loose the red lightning which ran along the mountain tops, for a thousand miles, swifter than an eagle's flight in heaven. The electric flashes stood up and danced like angels of light in the clouds, while the beating storm, wave on wave, kept time to the music of that grand organ of nature, peal on peal, whose keys seemed to have been touched, by the fingers of Divinity, in the halls of eternity, that responded in notes of thunder, that resounded throughout the universe. Then the clouds drifted away beyond the horizon, and morn got up from her saffron bed, came forth like the stars, in the galleries, robed in their wedding garment, and while black night fled from before her glorious face, to his bedchambers, at the poles, she lighted up the glittering gems, wrapped in cotton, with a smile of sunshine.

Oh! beautiful women of the West, with thy hair flowing like deep rivers rippled by the wind, how long will the good people of the East think you heathen, and your husbands and sweethearts renegades and outlaws!

Old Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany and Wilkes, which never a town surpasses, for honest men and bonnie lasses. So say Bowler, Linney, Wilcox, Lovell and Lenoir. "Quoth the Raven, ever more so." S. M. D.

THE NEW DISTRICTS. The following is the plan of re-districting the State into nine Congressional Districts lately reported by the committee:

First-District-Beaufort, Cumberland, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hertford, Hyde, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrell and Washington.

Second-District-Craven, Green, Halifax, Lenoir, Northampton, Vance, Warren and Wilson.

Third-District-Pender, Duplin, Sampson, Bladen, Wayne, Cumberland, Harnett and Moore.

Fourth-District-Nash, Franklin, Wake, Durham, Orange, Chatham, Alamance and Johnston.

Fifth-District-Ferson, Caswell, Rockingham, Stokes, Guilford, Surry and Forsyth.

Sixth-District-Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Richmond, Anson, Union, Stanly, Cabarrus, Robeson and Mecklenburg.

Seventh-District-Montgomery, Randolph, Davidson, Rowan, Davie, Iredell, Catawba and Yadkin. Eighth-Wilkes, Alexander, Ashe, Watauga, Alleghany, Caldwell, Burke, Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln. Ninth-Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Macon, Swain, Jackson, Haywood, Transylvania, Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, Buncombe, McDowell, Madison, Yancey and Mitchell. Below we give the smallest democratic majority to eight seats: 1st District-Dem. 428; 2nd District-Dem. 16,900; 3rd District-Dem. 999; 4th District-Dem. 809; 5th District-Dem. 1,118; 6th District-Dem. 1,913; 7th District-Dem. 1,400; 8th District-Dem. 1,500; 9th District-Dem. 1,082.

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WATAUGA COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT. HALL BROTHERS vs. W. H. CLARK; Attorney's fees rendered for one dollar and thirty two cents. The above case appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendant has left the State and that personal service cannot be made, and the summons having been returned by the defendant not to be found in this county - IT IS ORDERED that publication be made in THE LENOIR TOPIC for six successive weeks, requiring the defendant to appear at the Court House in Room on the 6th Monday after the 4th Monday in March 1883, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, otherwise Judgment will be taken according to plaintiff's Complaint.

WATAUGA COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT. ACTION FOR TITLE TO LAND. Levi Stephens vs. Mary A. Smith, Joseph H. Smith, John P. Smith, A. A. Buchanan and wife Ophelia, Wm. F. Craig and wife Mary A., Hector C. North, John and wife Ellen R. North, et al. The petition of the Court upon affidavits that personal service of the summons in the above entitled cause cannot be made, and the Court having ordered the summons to be served by publication in THE LENOIR TOPIC for six successive weeks, and defendants are hereby notified to appear at the next term of the Superior Court for said county on the 6th Monday after the 4th Monday in March 1883, and answer or demur to the complaint which will be filed within the above time, otherwise Judgment will be taken according to plaintiff's Complaint. J. P. TODD, C. C. Watauga County, Feb 29-83. J. F. MORPHEW, Atty. for Plaintiff.

NORTH CAROLINA, PROBATE COURT. Alleghany County. Ell C. Perry by his next friend, Catherine Herwin and others, vs. David Perry and others, heirs at law of Perry Perry, dec. - In the above entitled cause it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Jeremiah Fox and wife Cynthia, Monroe Hill and wife Mary are non-resident defendants, and have no property over which this Court has jurisdiction in the above entitled action, it is therefore ordered that publication of the summons to appear and answer or demur within said time of six weeks from the date of the publication of this complaint which is now filed in said Court. R. S. GARRISON, C. S. C. and Probate Judge, Feb 29-83. Vaughn & Doughton, Attys. for Piff.

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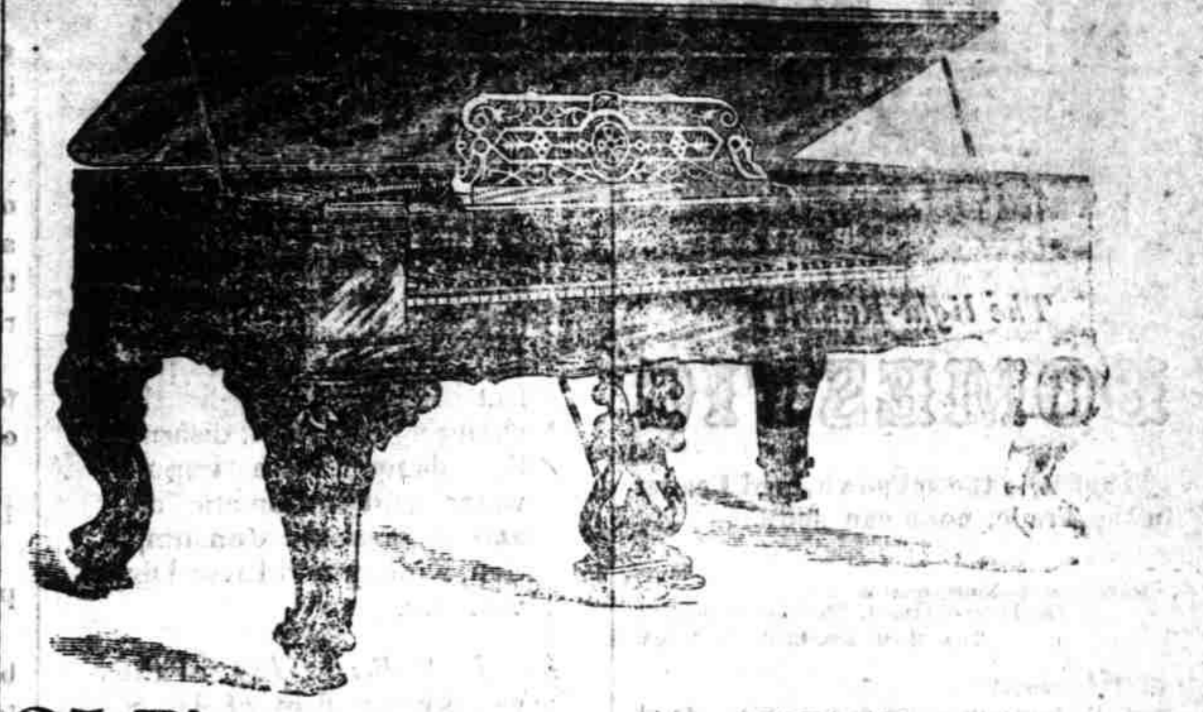
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