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### GEORGE S. BAKER, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. IT FRANK IN THE REAL PROPERTY AND INTERPORT All letters addressed to GEO. S. BAKER, Frank and the second se FRIDAY ..... DECEMBER 25. 1874

Biographical Sketches of some of the Oldest Citizens of our County

CAPT. JOSIAH ELI LANKFORD .-Capt. Lankford was born in the year 1797 in Davis' Distric, under the new order of things known as Harri's Township, and has resided near his birth place for the past 78 years He was married in 1823, and last year celebrated his Goldan Wedding. He has raised three children, all married ; has six grand children. There has never been a death in his family. The Captain has always enjoyed remarkable health, never having had a severe attack of sickness in his life. He is a very active old man, attends in person to all the business on his plantation, and his good wife who is now 70 years old, attends to all her household duties .-The Capt. is often seen on our streets moving about with the activity of a boy. He is very kind, affible and exceedingly hospitable old gentleman. Capt. L., by his indomiable energy and industry had accumulated quite a nice little fortune, but like a good many others in our poor stricken country suffered greatly by the late war. Notwithstanding he was loaded down with years, and much of his property, (the result of many years hard labor) gone when the war closed, he showed himself equal to the situation, and with that energy for which he has ever been noted, went to work to build up again his broken for-.tune, he has succeeded in part, and he now has one of the finest plantations in the county, with a beautiful residence situated in a large grove on the Nashville road 5 miles east from Louisburg. The Captain has i een a regular and prompt paying subscriber to the Courier

the committee on the Judiciary and corporations. Charles Mather Cooke is the son of the late Jopes Cooke, a gentleman well known to the people of middle ' arolina as a man of great piety goodness of heart, and practical wisdom. Senator Cooke has an unusually brilliant future before him. His own spotless character, his talents, and his a position in North (arolina second to that of none, at no distant day.

Life, Sermon & Speeches of Rev. Dr N F. Reid.

We have received from Rev. F L. Reid a copy of the above named book. it is the work of Jas. W Reid Esq. & Rev. F. L. Reid, and published by E. J. Hale & Sons of New York. The book is beautifully bound and printed, with a life like steel engraving of Dr. Reid from a photograph by J. W. Watson, of Raleigh. The book opens with a biographical sketch, written by Rev. J. W. Lewis, the skatch is written in a clear and easy style, giving some of the noble traits that adorned the character of this great and good divine. It is a book of 536 pages and contains 27 sermons, and three addresses ; one address on Sunday Schools, one on Missions and one delivered in Raleigh at the Centeniel anniversary of Free Masonary in N C. It was our pleasure to be present at the delivery of the last, and we can truthfully say, that it was by far the ablest and most eloquent address we ever heard on the subject,-

### **Our Wake Forest Col**lege Letter.

MR. EDITOR :- In passing through everal counties of late; of which yours was one, I did not, I think, find in any of them signs of returning thrift. I refer especially to the farming community, As a class the farmers are more epressed than they were just af er the wir. Is it in the soil, in the time, or in the farmers? Not the large family connection will secure him | fir-t. I- in the second? So thak nea ly all. But some of this class are succeeding, and those who are, have more marked success thin curing the times of slavery. This would suggest that the fault is not in the times, but in the farming community. But we suggest nothing.

There is a singular state of things in this neighborhood just now. Within two miles of this place a tract of land, say of two hundred acres, has been sold for \$20 per acre. Just four miles trom the place in an opposite direction, a tract of several hundled acres has hanged ownership at \$15, per acre. Last winter within one mile, a sale of three hundred acres was eff. c ed at \$25. This winter it was again sold for \$331. The owner of a tract c ose beside this, was offered last week the same for his, and he is uneasy now lest his neighbor should purchase from him | i. time a. d doe it's b his at \$35,

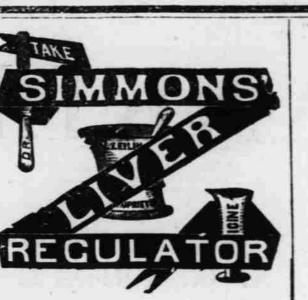
1 give fair notice, therefore, that all who want to purchase cocap land, these hard times, must come to this neighborhood to buy. Our little village generally so quiet

is starting up with signs of life. Several new buildings have just been erected, or are on their way to completion .-Among these are too new stores .-Forestville too, maintains its old status, and is I belive, doing is full share of business. 1 wonder sometimes if the farmers are not a complaining class, for how could the town flourish and stores multiply on every hand, if these are feeding on an impoverished community? Recently our community has enjoyed a series of pleasant meetings, and four young men, it is announced, will be bapilzed on the coming Sabbath. -Quite near to Christmas is this for a

baptism. One of the young men is

from your county and neighborhood.

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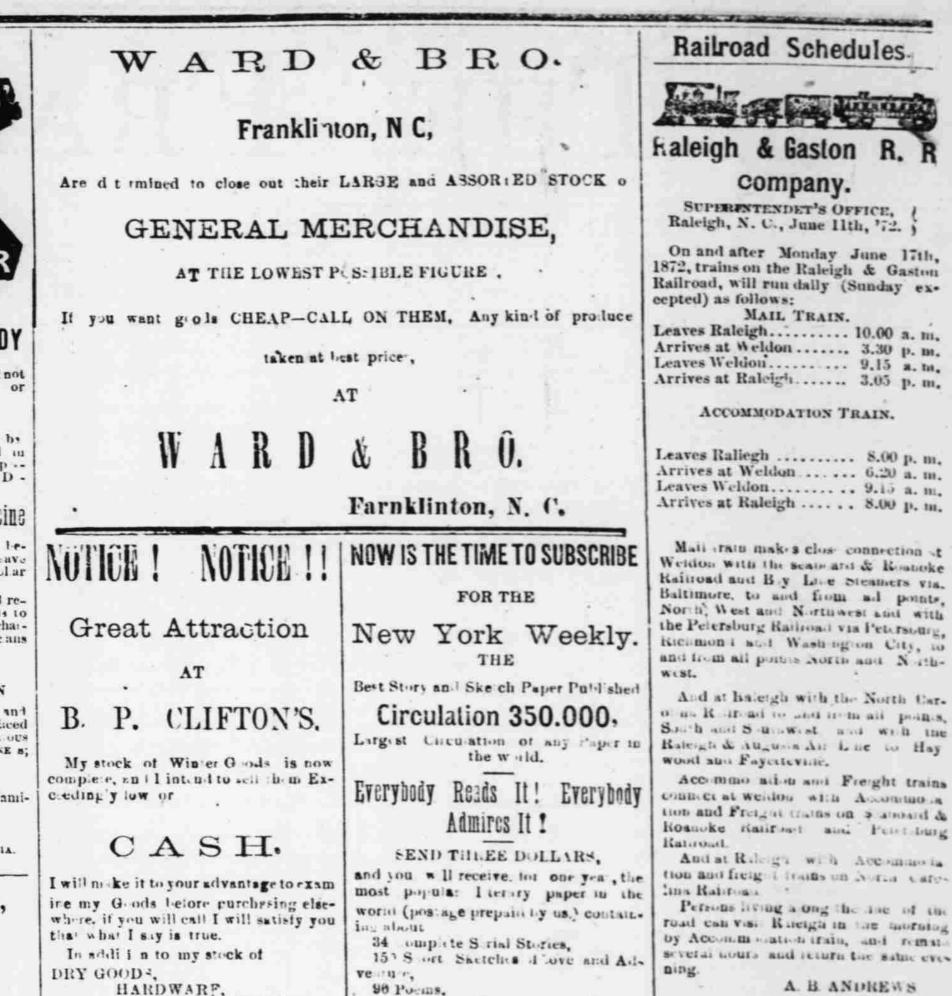
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Mr. Upchurch was born in the year married 50 years ago, has raised 12 grown, he lost three of his sons in the late war. He is very active for one of his age, strictly honest, straight forward in all his dealings with his fellowmen, very pleasant, and hospitable at his house, his wife who is a few years younger than he is, is very active and attends in person to all her house keeping. Mr. U., has never in all his long life had but one attack of sickness when he was 21 years old he had quite a severe attack of billious fever. He is a man of powerful build, standing over six fect, carrying uo superflous flesh .--He has also been a regular, prompt subscriber to the Courses ever since its foundation. Long may he live to bless his family and neighborhood.

He was born in Hayesville Township in the year 1798. 77 years ago, he was married in 1821, and he and his wife hand in hand walked together over lifes rugged path for 53 years, he had the misfortune to loose his wife last year, she had reached the anyanced age of 70. He raised 12 children, having lost one. He comes to town often. at-

The Science of Adver-

The object of advertising is to inform the greatest number of people in he most effective manner, and this oojec is best attained by announcements in the columns of the press. There are other mothods of advertising and novel ideas Spring up every day, but such are but for the moment, and the experience of all first-class and successful houses induces them to do their advertising in the newspapers, and

is the best method of securing the at tention of newspaper readers. It is very simple and consists in continuous advertising. The retail merchants err in judgment when they order in a large advertisement for one time only, permitting many days to pass before their order is repeated Such fitful spasms of advertising doubtless produce a certain effect, but it is the steady, constant advertiser who pros cers in the end The best way is to advertise liberally and continuously, and all who have sufficient courage and capital to invest without stint have found themselves rewarded even beyoud their expectation. But there are many who are inclined to limit their advertising expenditure. At present such merchants are apt to launch into extravagant advertisements inserted for one time, and when they do not find their business i crease



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