

LOCALS
Our street sprinkler has run away twice with a mile.

Messrs. Ed. Overman and Walter Blackmer have returned from Chapel Hill, to spend the summer vacation.

We have been blessed by a good general rain. It was particularly needed in the immediate vicinity.

Maj. S. M. Lanier is controlling only the St. Charles Hotel, in Statesville. He was formerly proprietor of both.

There are now two trains a day each way on the N. C. R. R. The Western train does not leave now until 8.55, A. M.

A goodly number of citizens and the Silver Cornet Band have gone to Trinity Commencement.

We return thanks to "Beautiful soft eyes" for the kind invitation to attend the commencement concert of Peace Institute, on the 14th inst.

A man from the country was noticed last week, wearing on the lapel of his coat a Greeley badge. Rather out of date—letter go west.

Mr. Wm. Overman has just received one of the handsomest top buggies we have ever seen. Mr. Thos. E. Brown ordered it from Cincinnati.

D. L. Hill of this county brings on his wheat. The crop, he says, will average 30 bushels. He has 18 stalks from one grain. The heads are very fine. The wheat crop is unusually fine in this section.

The concert at Simonton College, Statesville was a success. Sorry we can't give particulars. The young ladies showed in the execution that they had undergone thorough training. Several ladies and gentlemen from this place were invited and kindly lent their assistance.

A friend writing from Statesville says: Jim Laxton was found guilty of rape and sentenced to be hung on the 29th inst. This case was removed from Caldwell county to freedom. Our informant says also, that three prisoners escaped from the jail on Saturday night—one of them recaptured on Monday.

We return thanks to Mr. B. F. Rogers of the firm of Meroney & Rogers for a nice hat presented last week. We have heard him complain of not being able to keep goods in the store—they go as fast as he can get them in. If he gets many out the way as he did that that we are not surprised that he cannot keep a stock.

A happy young man of this city—one very like Manning of the Danville News, acceptable—has changed his walk in life. He now travels five squares, when formerly he could get to his place of business in three. He says it is for exercise, other people think it is for a girl. In either instance he is doing well.

Persons passing the Court House will be posted on a bill board a dozen sheets of legal cap. This is the report of the city finances. It is written in a tolerable hand. We did not have either the time or patience it would require to read it over so we took down the totals, which are as follows:

Total Debt, 5,525.70.
Credits, 4,963.53.
Balance in Treas., 552.12.

Prof. Ludwick's school has always been quiet and well behaved until last week, when the Prof. went down and found the doors and windows all fastened. He is not a demonstrative man or he would have been mad, instead of that he gently taps on the door, and straightway a note is passed to him through the key hole. He reads: "When you sign this obligation to treat this school to soda water and ice cream you can get in." The Prof. took in the situation at a glance and called for a pen (chinquapin) and signed each man his share.

Bone Dust.—The Messrs. Meroney have 20,000 lbs. of this valuable fertilizer, made for them by Mr. Jacob F. Grupp, who has erected a mill at his place, six miles south of Salisbury, for the manufacture of this article. It is an excellent manure for grass lands, wheat, &c. Mr. Grupp is prepared to work up all the bones obtainable in this section. Raw bones usually sell in the market at 10c. per lb. The sample of dust from Grupp's mill surpasses any samples from Baltimore mills. The bones are more thoroughly reduced, and of course more available for plant food. Persons interested in this subject should call on Mr. Meroney's Store for further information; or on Mr. Grupp, at his mill.

Those who may desire to manufacture superphosphate for themselves are referred in this connection, to an article in another column of this paper on the subject.

REVENUE OFFICERS EXCITED.
Watchful Diligence.—They make a Discovery.—The Offender Escapes.—The Hot Pursuit.—The Whiskey Wagon Found.—The Owner Forbids the Search.—They Produce their Papers.—The Surrender.—A suspicious looking fellow entered the National Hotel, (Mook and Carter, revenue gentlemen, being present), and suddenly dropped a letter which they picked up and read. It was in substance as follows:

DEAR SIR:—I have 4 barrels of Rye and 500 lbs of Whiskey, which I will let you have for 50 cents a gallon cash. I have the whiskey in the woods. Don't fail to come after the 14th I will move it. Bring necessary money with you. The boy I send this letter with.

Yours, FRANK.
The men that read the thing in the minds of the revenue men. They immediately started

in the course their search throwing all in every direction.

While they were out on the search, a suitable wagon was secured and a man of excellent qualifications for the work in hand, Harry Holzinger, undertook the job.

They loaded the wagon with a barrel loaded with whiskey, and the driver took position in the rear of one of our stores. The revenue men being on the watch, having been forewarned that about the time in question there would probably be an attempt to run the block. One of them came on the prey about 10 o'clock, but in order to obtain assistance he had to leave it for a short time and when he returned the place was blank—man, horses and wagon all gone. The revenue force, now full and eager as hounds in a chase, went flying round in all directions, helter skelter, through streets and alleys, back lots and lanes, now and then meeting to consult and plan; and this they kept up with most remarkable zeal until about 12 o'clock. Finally they found the game in a little dark corner, and now there was no chance of escape. The man a prisoner, the wagon, horses and whiskey so many prizes. There was not just at that moment among the revenue men, and they chuckled audibly. But in the midst of it they found trouble looming up. The man was a resolute and determined sort of fellow, and emphatically declared his wagon should not be searched unless they could exhibit official documents which entitled them to do so.

After some trouble in getting a light, the papers were shown and read in detail; and as the wagon now showed a slight inclination to dodge and run, or fight if necessary, pistols were exhibited by way of admonition to make him behave as a prisoner should. While this was taking place outside, a revenue man had jumped in and was sitting astraddle the barrel until his assistant could bring the necessary tools to make a post mortem examination. After worrying some time, hammering and tearing, they finally succeeded in opening the barrel and found the contents—water.

The water was turned over to Moses Arey, the street sprinkler man.

A goodly number of citizens had become interested in this most exciting chase and were present when this denouement was made. It is easier to imagine the mirthful explosion that followed than to describe it; and some of the revenue men had the good sense to enjoy it as heartily as the "boys" who worked it up for them.

LATER.—We understand a deputy did not return until 4 o'clock that night. He had been beating the bushes on the Gold Hill road all that time, trying to start the game.

Fatal Accident.—A negro man was killed at Mill Bridge last week by the unexpected firing of a pistol in the hands of a lad named Scott, son of James Scott. The pistol belonged to the man who was killed, and the boy was handling it when it went off. Several other persons were present at the time.

The abundant rains of Saturday night and Sunday, and since, will act like a charm on corn, cotton and other crops not too far advanced. The heavy showers of Sunday did some damage on low lands. Mr. J. S. McCubbins sustained a heavy loss by the breakage of his mill race and consequent flooding of planted lands.

From the Examiner.
Mr. Editor: I see that the town authorities have issued bills calling upon the citizens to list their property for a new assessment of taxes. Would it not be well to show the citizens what was done with the taxes collected last year, before a new installment is demanded. I am informed that between five and six thousand dollars are raised each year. What was done with this money last year? There was no work done on the streets worth talking about. Does it take five or six thousand dollars to pay the town officers and the gas bill? If not, how was the money expended. Was it frittered away in obedience to Tom's Dick's and Harry's order, and two or three prices paid for what little remaining may have been done to that great of miseries, called public wells? Is there no head or tail to our town government? There ought to be somebody responsible for the work on the streets—somebody to look after such things as are necessary to be done, and to consult the wishes of the citizens concerning them as far as may be. What's everybody's business is nobody's business. I understand that about five hundred dollars were paid for a truck and half dozen ladders totally unsuited to the wants of our town, and for which our citizens have about as much use as for the celebrated Grecian horse. Fifty dollars would have paid for ladders and other appliances far better suited to our necessities, and much more convenient for use. The best thing for the present is to let the boys sell that truck and those ladders to some city where they may be of use, for whatever they can get for them. The purchase of such useless second hand trumpery is a gross outrage upon every tax payer. The citizens elect a Mayor and Commissioners to economize the necessary expenses of the town and to conform to the requirements of the Charter and the wishes of the citizens, and not to covet a little brief authority in running the town in debt by carrying out personal whims and aping city airs. The town needs a market house in order that the fish and beef stall nuisance may be abated; it also needs a town hall and better water improvements. Let these things be looked after first, and the necessary work done on the streets and then it will be time enough to throw away money for useless trumpery and organize equip companies for shows.

A TAXPAYER.

No Opium! No Morphina or other dangerous drug is contained in Dr. Bull's Baby Syrup, for the relief of Colic, Teething, etc. Price 25 cents.

Wade Hampton says that negroes are precocious, but that he has yet to see the first one who ever invented or originated anything.

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ROSE-MADE SUPERPHOSPHATE
Superphosphate of lime, or ground bone dissolved in sulphuric acid, seems to suit all soils, and on many of our farms it is the great requirement. Nature has furnished to most soils but a limited allowance of soluble phosphoric acid, and the cause of the unproductiveness of many of our farms is owing to the exhaustion of this indispensable element of plant food. Every load of hay, bushel of grain, can of milk, or animal that is sold from the farm, removes more or less phosphate of lime. Whether it is to be used alone as a special manure, or as an ingredient of a stock-bridge formula, or in any other combination, it may be made on the farm very much cheaper than it can be bought of the phosphate dealers. I cannot agree with men who show how important it is to the farmer, then tell him he had better buy it already prepared than to try to make it himself. It is safely and easily prepared by the following method, which I have used: Take one of the tubs formed by dividing a sound molasses hogshead through the middle; into this put three-fourths of a barrel of fine steamed bone, or about 150 pounds, and apply four or five pails of water to the bone, or just enough to moisten it through and stir thoroughly; have ready an old earthen jar or pitcher, and into this pour the acid, so as to measure or weigh it taking care to have the hands covered, and to pour slowly, in order to avoid, spitting or splashing it into the eyes. Pour the acid from the pitcher slowly into the bone; have your assistant stir it with a hoe, and when the effervescence subsides, add the pitcher and apply as before, and so continue until you have used from sixty to seventy pounds, or nearly four gallons of acid; then, having stirred it up thoroughly from the bottom, leave it until the next day; then stir in the remainder of the barrel of bone, and shovel it out on the floor to dry. It should be shoveled over occasionally, and the lumps cut or crushed until it is fine. If dry dirt is handy a little may be mixed with it, but if not, it is about as well to use it clear; but great care must be taken to cover or mix it in the soil before the seed is planted, as, if placed in contact with the seed, it will fail to germinate. A carboy of acid weighing from 165 to 175 pounds will be about the right quantity for 500 pounds of bone, using from thirty-three to thirty-five pounds of acid to 100 pounds of bone. This may not be quite acid enough to thoroughly dissolve the bone, unless it is very strong, but it is better to leave a little of the bone undissolved than to leave any free acid. By applying all the acid to three-fourths of the bone at first, we have acid enough to thoroughly dissolve that much bone, then by adding the remainder of the bone afterward, we use any free acid that may be left. I prefer steamed to raw bone, because it is usually finer, it dissolves easier, contains less water, and a larger proportion of phosphoric acid. It is also very much better to buy fine than coarse ground bone, because the acid will not dissolve the large pieces found in the coarse bone, and they will be inactive in the soil long time.—New England Farmer.

THE NORMAL SCHOOL.—We are not very sanguine as to the benefits to result from our appropriations to Normal Schools. These schools will do good, but their value is liable to be overestimated. Their object is to increase the number of competent teachers. What for? Our present trouble is that there is no demand for competent teachers, and hundreds of them have gone to other employments. Why then increase the number? The crying need is more schools, not more teachers. Thousands of boys and girls are growing up in ignorance, while many excellent teachers are out of employment. But a normal certificate may give employment to some whose normal instruction is insufficient for the school-room. A normal course is not fundamental. A six-weeks course is not even half of Steele's Fourteen Weeks in the Sciences. No textbook can be mastered in that time. A few finishing touches and "the tricks of the trade" (in a good sense of course) may be acquired, but thorough scholarship cannot be attained in a time so brief. But this is an age of short cuts. Boys have no patience to learn science, arts or trades, and the land is flooded with "jack-legs" and second-class workmen. Many will therefore imagine that six weeks in a normal school can be substituted for the old scholastic course, just as an ignoramus expects to be an expert book-keeper by spending six weeks in a "Commercial College."

We have seen some farmers so occupied with theories and methods of cultivation that they actually forgot to plant and work their corn. Just so some teachers are expert in various methods, and are so busy illustrating the different ways of teaching that they do not allow themselves any time to learn the fundamental principles. Two thousand dollars (for a colored normal school) would have done more good if applied to thorough scholarship. Negroes are imitative and will teach just as they have been taught. They need a bridge to hold them in check and keep them from teaching until they learn more. They are too ready for short cuts. Some years ago a man was in our State "professing" (nearly every humbug calls himself "professor") to teach arithmetic thoroughly in three hours. We examined some of his students and found that he was a mere superficial, short cut system. Yet it was popular, and in some places the entire community was humbugged.

We believe in normal schools, in their use as a part, and an important part of preparation for teaching; but there is not and can not be any substitute for thorough and fundamental scholarship.—Orphan's Friend.

NEW SCHEDULE
N. C. R. R.—Leave Goldsboro 10:25 P. M. arrive Raleigh 9 A. M. arrive at Greensboro 7:55 A. M. arrive at Charlotte 5:25 P. M. Return, leave Charlotte 1:15 P. M. leave Greensboro 10:05 P. M. leave Raleigh 4 A. M. arrive Goldsboro 7:15 A. M.

BUSINESS LOCAL COLUMN.
The new style "Sequence Buttons"—the latest thing out in dress trimming at Meroney & Rogers.
We have a large number of Hats slightly out of style which we offer at greatly reduced prices. Meroney & Rogers.
We have the sole agency for Sorghum Cane Mills and Evaporators. Meroney & Rogers.
Ladies Scarfs and Pichus from 35 cents to \$1.50 at Meroney & Rogers.
New stock of Victoria Lawns and Swiss Muslins at Meroney & Rogers.
American Sewing Machines with all the attachments, (formerly sold for \$75) for \$40 at Meroney & Rogers.
All sorts of Sewing Machine Needles, attachments and repairing at Meroney & Rogers.
Corded Piques are 124 cents per yard at Meroney & Rogers.
Wall Paper and Window Shades at Meroney & Rogers.
Best Calicoes are 74 cents per yard at Meroney & Rogers. 32:4.
It is generally conceded that R. W. Price sell's the best 5 cent cigar in the city. 32:3t.

THE BUCKEYES
It is a well established fact, that Taber's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure, if used according to directions, the Venereal Hypocacanthum, or Horse Chestnut, commonly known as the Buckeye, has been highly esteemed for many years owing to the fact, that it possesses virtues, lying in the bitter principle called Esculin, which can be utilized for the cure of Piles. If afflicted with that terrible disease, use Buckeye Pile Ointment, and be relieved. For sale at Dr. Trantham's Drug Store.

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CHICKENS—per dozen 7 00
CORN—scarce 2 00
MEAL—moderate demand at 1 00
WHEAT—good demand at 1.25
FLOUR—market stocked—best fam. 4.50
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POTATOES, IRISH 75
ONIONS—no demand 75
LARD— 12 1/2
HAY— 35
OATS— 30
BEESWAX— 28 50
TALLOW 6 07
BLACKBERRIES 61 27
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