

LOCAL

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1883.

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A two year old child of Mr. Jacob Beaver, living near town, fell face forward in a branch near the house and was drowned.

HALF SILVER.—We shall issue only a half sheet next week, as usual during the Christmas holidays, in order that the hands in our office may share with the public generally in the holidays.

THE GRAPE INTEREST.—It is proposed to hold a meeting of vine growers in this town on Saturday, the 29th December, instant. All persons interested in this business are invited to attend.

The Tobacco Business, it will be seen, opening up for the season. See new prices quoted in this issue. Also, Gray & Beall's announcement in the advertising column.

SHOT AT A DOG.—One day last week, a negro man, whose name has escaped us, while out hunting was shot by his dog. The accident occurred near the residence of Esq. W. R. Fraley, and the facts are these: the dog was playing with his master, jumping around and on him, when the dogs foot struck the hammer of the gun causing it to explode.

ANOTHER SOCIAL CLUB.—A number of the young gentlemen and ladies of town met Tuesday evening and organized the "By-and-Bye Club" and will hold their first entertainment in the parlor of M. L. Holmes, Esq., on New Year's night.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—Our town was never better supplied with pretty and good things for Christmas presents than now. Almost every store is fully stocked.

AN EVENING.—The Christmas holidays should be a pleasant season to all, and would be far more so generally if it were possible to keep whiskey out of the social circles which gather during the time.

Practical and Scientific Optician, is again here, and proposes calling on the citizens of Salisbury, who should not fail to have their eyes properly and scientifically suited with his improved spectacles and eye glasses.

EXPLOSIVES AND DANGER.—Willie Stewart and some of his companions had an old musket barrel with a very large touch hole, with which they occasionally waked the sleeping echoes of this old town.

MINING.

T. K. BRUNER, MANAGER.

SHUFORD GOLD MINE.—Supt. Dygett has shut down the stamp mill at the Shuford, not for want of ore, but for the holidays.

The Mining outlook in this district is exceedingly quiet, probably more so than for months past. Yet there are preparations going on in various quarters for unusual activity after the holidays.

At Dutch Creek work has closed down—except to renew operations with the new year.

The new lode discovered on Mr. Dolph Heilig's farm is, in the bottom of the shaft, about three feet wide. Containing quartz intermixed with decomposed slate.

Mr. Cope, of the Bullion Mine has been in the city for several days. He is here looking after his interests.

PRESIDENT GARFIELD'S GOLD MINE.—It is not generally known that there is a gold mine in Stanly county owned by the late President, Jas. A. Garfield.

Flagtown mine is in Montgomery county, and was owned, in 1881, by a company consisting of several Congressmen and distinguished citizens of the north and west, of whom President Garfield was one.

404 WALNUT ST., PHILADELPHIA, DEC. 17TH, 1883.

Dear Sir: I have read with great interest the communication printed in your paper, signed C. C. McPhail, Ch. of Beacon Mine & Co. the same having been forwarded to me by John H. Ennis Esq., of your city.

A good thing has happened in the Senate. The rich Senators, who are for the most part men of no culture or experience have been placed on committees of the least importance.

BLACKMER, Dec. 18th, '83.

Dear Watchman: I was pleased to see a communication from our old friend "Stockman," in your last issue, and by the way his bugle don't give any uncertain sound.

We cordially reciprocate the kind sentiments of "Clod Knocker," and shall be pleased to promote the interest of himself and brother farmers by giving place to their views on an experience on farm subjects.

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalm CXXXIII.

First Annual Meeting OF THE Virginia State Music Teachers' Association, to be held at Holcombe Hall, Lynchburg, Va., December 27th and 28th, 1883.

PROGRAMME. Thursday, 9 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

9:15 a. m.—Organization, election of officers, etc. 10 a. m.—Music as an integral part of a general education.

10:30 a. m.—The Piano-Forte Teacher, Theo. Presser, Lynchburg, Va. 11:30 a. m.—Popular Taste—How to improve it.

2 p. m.—On Musical Education, J. Carroll Chandler, Richmond, Va. Friday, 9 a. m.—Devotional Exercises.

9:15 a. m.—Home Teaching vs. Popular Taste, Aloys Bidez, LL. D., Charlotte, N. C. 10:30 a. m.—The Piano-Forte Teacher, Theo. Presser, Lynchburg, Va.

11:30 a. m.—Popular Taste—How to improve it. 2 p. m.—On Musical Education, J. Carroll Chandler, Richmond, Va.

3 p. m.—An Outside View of the Musical Profession. 4 p. m.—Business Meeting.

8 p. m.—Concert under the direction of Louis Sebelmann, Lynchburg, Va. A limited time will be spent in the discussion of each topic presented.

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The Norville House and Arlington Hotel have reduced their rates to \$2.00 to persons attending the meeting.

For further particulars address Theodore Presser, Lynchburg, Va.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF County Commissioners of Rowan Co., Showing Receipts and Expenditures of the Board for the Fiscal Year, Ending December 31st, 1883.

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include taxes collected, merchants' taxes, and other income. Disbursements include salaries, repairs, and other expenses.

Table listing names and amounts, likely a list of donors or contributors for the association meeting.

Table listing names and amounts, continuing the list of donors or contributors.

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