

# Correspondence.

## DUNN'S MOUNTAIN.

May 18th.  
Fine weather we are having along now, ain't it?  
We are informed that John Leonard is threatened with an attack of appendicitis.  
Wheat and oats in our section are looking very well.  
The Cable-Agner Threshing Company is preparing to fit up a wood sawing outfit, so if you have any wood to be re-sawed give them a call.  
Some of the G. K. boys seem to like the mountain breezes, or maybe the girls. Well, we don't blame you, you had the same affliction.  
There is to be a big ice cream party at Henry A. Earnhardt's Saturday night, the 25th inst. Everybody come that can eat ice cream and cake.  
Well, we are certainly glad to hear from Uncle Josh. It has been a powerful time since we "heard" from you. You can gamble on Bro. Bart. He may be few and far between but he "gets dar just de same."  
As to any history we may have to give about mining; well, mining is a hole in the ground, one dollar in the hole and two dollars expense to get the one dollar.  
Some of the patrons of our school met at the school house to arrange about new desks. We suppose from what we can hear that unless you pay for a desk your children will have to stand up.  
The threshing men of this and adjoining counties are requested to meet at Black's livery stable on Fisher street, Saturday the 25th inst., and Saturday June 1st, for the purpose of organizing and arranging for the next season. If you can't come the first day come the second.  
BARTLETTE.

## LIBERTY X ROADS.

The Pharaoh Locusts have made their appearance. They can be heard a good distance. This is the first visit they paid us in thirteen years. They seem to be very plentiful.  
Children's day exercise was held at Liberty church last Sunday. The cotton is dying very bad in this section.  
No wedding to report at this writing.  
Health is fairly good at the present.  
Linus Goodman visited home-folks last Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Arey, of Richfield, visited at F. M. Tyack's last Sunday.  
There was a game of ball on the Liberty ball ground last Saturday.  
The farmers are busy working their crops now.  
GUMPY.

## His Servant his Father.

A special from Pullman Nebraska, to the Washington Post says:  
Paul George, a young man, of Cherry county, has just discovered that an old man whom he employed to work upon his ranch in South Dakota six or seven months ago and who has been living under the same roof with him ever since then, is his own father, long believed to be dead.  
The father, Thomas C. George, mysteriously disappeared from his home in Western Kansas twenty years ago, and his wife and children never heard from him since. The son, Paul George, came to Cherry county eight years ago, and two years ago he acquired a ranch up in South Dakota, near the Nebraska line, where he employed the man who turned out to be his long lost father.  
The elder George has been going under the name of Henry Miller since he left his family, and has wandered from place to place in the West working on ranches. He explains to his son that he left his wife and children because he had not been successful in life, and felt that he was a burden to them.

## SOUTH ROWAN.

May 19th.  
There was preaching at Rock's Grove church yesterday and a large crowd was present. Rev. Aycock preached a most excellent sermon. Preaching again on the third Sunday in June at 8 p. m.  
P. Sloop and wife have retired from farming life and moved to China Grove where they will make their future home. Mr. Sloop was a Confederate soldier and also a good school teacher. His neighbors would have been glad for him to have remained on his farm.  
P. A. Jackson sold two dogs last week for \$25 to Clarence Bernhart. Guess he means to go coon and fox hunting with them. If two are not enough guess he can get some more at \$12.50 each in South Rowan.  
Robert Josey swapped horses about two weeks ago and says he has only one fault to find with the one he got, and that is that he has to help him up every morning.  
People are busy working over their crops.  
Corn looks very well. Cotton stalks are dying very fast. The cotton crop will not average more than half a stand; cold nights seem to be the cause.  
Nearly everybody went to the commencement exercises at Crescent and all report a nice time.  
General Green is giving the farmers some trouble, but if it don't rain they will soon wipe him out.  
ROCKER.

## FAITH.

John Barger and Miss Nettie Rogers were married at the home of the bridegroom Sunday. Rev. C. P. Fisher officiating. We wish them a long and happy life.  
George Hofner is very low and confined to his bed.  
Adam Earnhardt took a change for the worse Monday.  
Mrs. Nannie Wyatt is very low at her son's home Jesse Wyatt, who lives about 8 miles out from Salisbury on the Yadkin Railroad.  
Crescent commencement was largely attended this year. Dr. Dixon, State auditor, made a fine address to the large crowd.  
VENUS.

## Bank Robber Sentenced

Durham, May 19.—One of the most peculiar cases, in many respects, ever tried in this county was that against Gaston Blake, colored, charged with robbing the First National Bank of \$1,675 which was disposed of yesterday by getting an admission of guilt from the negro and then he was given but four months on the county roads. It was a compromise and an agreed verdict. The court followed the advice of the solicitor and the lawyers in the case.  
The lawyers were asked about the extraordinary affair and they said that the State did not have sufficient evidence to convict and were afraid to go to trial, and Blake was afraid of a conviction, so it was agreed that the submission should be entered and that the defendant should get four months. This is understood to be satisfactory to all sides, as the bank wanted to clear up the matter, not from the standpoint of loss, but to get it clear, and the negro is evidently very glad to get off so lightly.—Special to Charlotte Observer.

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## LOOKING FOR A PASTOR.

Mr. Neave has Some Experience and Tells It to Newspaper Man.  
• The following is taken from the Greensboro Record of the 15th.  
E. B. Neave, of Salisbury, is in the city attending the Masonic meeting. In his younger days Mr. Neave was a band leader and by far the best in the State, but of far more importance he has been a strong churchman, a Presbyterian, and is a ruling elder in his church. Mr. Neave has many warm friends in Greensboro who are delighted to see him, and to note that age has very little effect on him. With the exception of the "frosts of winter," he looks just as young as he did twenty years ago.  
He talked to a Record man this morning about his church at home. It is pastorless and the congregation has been encountering the same difficulties experienced here, and Mr. Neave knew where to go to get sympathy and try to get advice, for the Presbyterians have only recently passed through a like experience. His church has placed the matter in the hands of a committee, Mr. Neave being chairman, and his experience is rich. He says he sometimes feels like he was around trying to take away the best man another has without asking him. At one place he visited he says a good woman who did not know him or his business, told him in speaking of a certain town, what she thought of such a practice. The shoe fit him, and he said nothing but soon got out of town. However, Mr. Neave thinks the congregation will land a pastor soon.  
Retires From the Army.  
St. Louis, May 15.—James R. Gillespie, of Wilmington, N. C., one of the five negroes in the United States army who attained the position of post quartermaster sergeant, the highest rank of the non-commissioned staff of the army, after 27 years service, at his own request, has been placed on the retired list at three-fourths pay. His departure from Jefferson barracks, where he has been stationed since February 1, 1906, marks the slimination of the negro soldier from the barracks. Gillespie left St. Louis last night for Washington, D. C., en route for his home in Wilmington, where his father, at the age of 107, is still living. Gillespie enlisted in 1880 and served five years as a regimental clerk. He was appointed post quartermaster sergeant in 1891 and has served in that capacity at 15 different stations.

## Captain Hill's Promotion

Concord, May 19.—His many friends here are glad to learn of the excellent deportment and rapid advancement of Captain Edward Hill, who enlisted in the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war and served as captain of Company L, of this city. After the return from Cuba Mr. Hill secured the appointment as first lieutenant and was sent to the Philippine Islands. After serving there for several years he was brought back to the United States and secured an appointment as first lieutenant of coast artillery. He was soon made captain in the regular army and was but a few days ago transferred to the coast artillery, and ranks as the 40th man in line of promotion in the standing army. This record speaks well for Captain Hill and his comrades in the Cuban campaign throughout North Carolina, will be glad to learn of it. Special to Charlotte Observer.

## Livingstone College Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Livingstone College began last Friday evening, the exercises being held in Huntington Hall. The principle address of the evening was delivered by W. Thomas Best, his subject being "Christian Ambition." Those who heard the address speak of it as a fine effort. An interesting programme had been prepared for the occasion, which was well rendered.

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## ASSOCIATION MEETS.

The Merchants Have a Gathering and Hear an Excellent Address.  
A reception was given last Wednesday night by the Merchants' Association, which was attended by a large number.  
Norman H. Johnson, the attorney of the State Association, was present and made an excellent address which abounded in good ideas and practical suggestions. Among the things he said might be mentioned:  
"The homestead law should be repealed. It was not the intention of the framers of the bill that the law should remain on the statute books more than four years."  
"We passed a freight bill during the legislature which, when it goes into operation, will save many dollars to the people. This law is soon to be tested in the courts."  
Mr. Johnson said he hoped the Merchants' Association would not go into politics. He advocated voting for morals and principles, rather than for politics, and that the time to work for the reforms needed was before the election. He thought it a good idea for the business men to talk with candidates and then support those who favored the measures they wanted. The speaker had something to say about trading stamps and expressed his disapproval of them. He asserted that no one was benefited by them except the trading stamp companies, and that the only way to advertise was in newspapers and by attractive window displays.

When Mr. Norman concluded his address, cigars and refreshments were served.  
Dies From Religious Insanity.  
Last week John Greenwood died in the Morganton asylum and was buried in his native county of Surry. Ten years ago he and his wife and their two grown daughters went insane on the subject of religion. The wife soon broke down and died and one daughter died later. The father and other daughter were sent to Morganton and were discharged about a year afterward. Last year Greenwood went crazy again and last week died in the hospital.—Forsyth News.

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