

CRISP TAR HEEL HAPPENINGS FROM CHEROKEE TO MANTEO.

Charlotte has a colored bicycle club. A Duplin county blockade still was raised and the moonshiners captured.

Durham is to have another factory for making acids, fertilizers and chemicals. A hall, church and several residences were wrecked in Bertie county by a cyclone.

With \$2,000 in the treasury and out of debt, Surry county people should be happy. The State Fisherman's Association convention will be held at Winston, Aug. 25-31.

Prof. S. E. Warren, for eight years principal of Wilson Collegiate Institute, is dead. The Alamance Fair Association will have its annual races and a poultry show July 4.

John Barchard, in Pasquotank county, had his mule killed and stable burned by lightning. The culture of blackberries is carried on extensively at Ridgeway and South-east Pines.

Joel Cartwright, murderer of Joel Canale, died in Yadkin county jail of pneumonia. Daniel Atkinson, age 80, was married to Mary Atkinson, age 75, in Greenville, both colored.

J. M. Whittington attempted to jump over a bar saw in Iredell county. Both legs are missing. Judge A. C. Avery, of the Supreme Court Bench, is a candidate for Vance's seat in the Senate.

Three hundred and eighty eight students matriculated at the university for the year just ended. A colored man attempted to hang himself in Cabarrus county because of a quarrel with his wife.

There are now about 120 convicts in the penitentiary at Raleigh, and more than a thousand on the State farms. Dr. W. H. Gibble is entered by the Charlotte Democrat as the oldest continuous newspaper subscriber in the State—42 years.

Betsy Delemar was burned to death at New Bern, her clothes taking fire from a match with which she was lighting a lamp. Dave Brown, colored, is in jail at Raleigh charged with attempted assault on Mrs. Lydia Rogers, aged 80 years, at Wake Forest.

State Geologist Holmes is appointed to represent the State at the National convention in the interest of good roads at Asbury Park, N. J., July 5 and 6. Frederick Douglass, a colored pension lawyer, at New Bern has just been disbarred from practice in the Interior Department on account of overcharging his clients.

The State Farmers' Alliance will meet in Greensboro the second Tuesday in August. This is the third time in succession that Greensboro has been thus chosen. R. F. Devane, of Red Springs, has received a large order for cross ties to be shipped to Cuba, says the Scotch-Scion. The number that leaves North Carolina daily is immense.

The Board of Medical Examiners will meet at Morehead City, on Tuesday, July 17th, 1894, for the purpose of examining applicants for license to practice medicine in this State. The new National bank of Wilmington has been organized with a capital stock of \$100,000. The Review understands that J. Armstrong will be president, and L. L. Jenkins cashier.

In McDowell county two white men named Carter and Anderson, both of whom were drunk, attacked a youth named Mace. He stabbed both of them, and Anderson will die of his injuries. The thirteenth annual convention of North Carolina State Sunday School Association will be held in August 21, 22 and 23. Bishop Duncan of the M. E. Church, South, will deliver the opening address.

Mr. A. T. Lambeth, says the Chatham Record, noticed several times recently that his cows failed in their milk, and he finally discovered the cause when he saw them lying down in the barn lot and some pigs suking them most vigorously. The Ladies Memorial Association of Wilmington, have sent a contribution of \$100 toward the monument to President Jefferson Davis at Richmond. A larger amount would have been contributed, but a portion was lost in one of the sea-pended banks.

Two brothers in Onslow county, Tom and Frank Simmons, between whom unkind feelings had existed for some time, engaged in a quarrel which resulted in the killing of the former by the latter, a pistol being the weapon used. Both of the men were unmarried and lived with their father. THE LADIES.

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Nothing daunted, however, in a manner peculiar only to Charlie Jones, he pulled himself together and held the Suffolk down afterwards to a few scattering hits. One feature of the game was the batting of Hargrove, who, out of five times at the bat, knocked the horseshoe three times over the fence. Johnson for the Garysburg carried off the fielding honors by making a beautiful running catch, with two men on bases. Garysburg has a fine team this season and a strong battery. We predict for some of our neighbors a hard time when they meet the boys from "just across the river." Let us now have some games here, and we promise to make the very best reports possible of the results, giving in detail all the features of the games. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Sunday school convention for Littleton township, it was decided to hold the annual township convention at Cotham church on Saturday, July 7th, 1894. All the schools are requested to attend and bring dinner. THE following programme has been arranged. The convention will be called to order and its objects explained by the President at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Fizzle. Address of welcome by superintendent of Cotham Sunday school. Reports from Sunday schools by superintendents. "How shall we Extend and Improve Sunday school work?" Rev. E. H. Davis. Talk to the Children. Rev. H. S. B. Thompson. Temperance Address. Prof. L. W. Bagley. We hope to have a large attendance and to make the day pleasant and profitable. A. E. CARTER, Pres. IVEY ALLEN, Secretary. A LACK OF HARMONY.—Halifax County Republican convention met last Monday. A noticeable feature was the lack of a single white Republican delegate. The colored people solved the negro problem by drawing the color line. Mack Ferguson, by virtue of his office as chairman of Republican County Executive Committee, was the only white member of the convention. There were contests from nearly every township in the county and at times pantomimic reigned supreme. Every delegate would be in his feet at the same time and the chairman was powerless in the hands of such a mob. At times it looked as if a regular knock down and drag out would occur. The delegates were satisfied, however, to shake their fists, flourish sticks and exercise their lung powers without resorting to pugilism. In this they were wise and are to be commended. While the committee on credentials were laboring to decide between contesting delegations Hon. C. A. Cook, of Warrenton, who is a candidate for solicitor, was called for and responded in a speech of some length in which he denounced the Democratic machine methods of carrying elections in counties overwhelmingly Republican. He favored a fusion with the Third party and was willing to divide the State, Congressional, Legislative and county tickets. He said the Republicans and Populists could then elect two United States Senators, one of each party. When the committee on credentials reported Chatham had a majority of the delegates present. This was not satisfactory to the White faction, hence two sets of delegates were sent up to the Congressional convention held here yesterday.

THE FIRST COTTON BLOOM.—On the 22nd inst. Henry T. Pope, one of our enterprising merchants and farmers, had the proud satisfaction of gathering from his field a cotton bloom, which if not the earliest on record, is decidedly the earliest to appear in this section for many years. The field was planted on March 23rd, and was more than once covered with snow and ice, with the ground several times frozen. Notwithstanding the predictions of prophets as to the failure of the seed to germinate, he waited in silent confidence to be rewarded later at the first warm breath of spring with a beautiful and systematic stand. The land was well prepared and fertilized, and judicious labor and cultivation has done the rest. The plants now stand evenly over the field 18 inches high and if encountering no enemy or accident later on, bide fair to yield an abundant crop, as it is heavily fruited. The old people, years ago, planted in March, most always, sometimes during the snow, and generally secured good stands. Why not do so now and give the plant more time to fruit and develop. The sooner the plants begin to spread and branch, the greater will be the yield. We now advocate the earlier planting system, as the above experiment convinces us that it can be accompanied with good results. Prepare well, fertilize heavily, plant early, cultivate properly, and you will reap a rich return, provided your cotton sells for anything. We have also received from Mr. J. H. Higgs a cotton bloom which he informs us bloomed on the 22nd in one of his fields, and he says his crop is very fine. Mr. John R. Pettit, as he has done for a number of years, sends us the first bloom from the Enfield section, and writes that he had cotton blooms on the 23rd. Mr. Pettit is one of the best farmers in the county and never fails to raise good crops. He even raised a fair crop in 1889, when there was general failure and disaster throughout the country. THE DUCK POND DRAINER.—This favorite resort of the Weldon Angululars has at last been drained, and the job accepted by the committee of doubting Thomases, who predicted, "You will never do it." For years to come the devotees of the gentle art must cast their lines in other waters. Only in reverie can they now be consoled. There were many amusing and ludicrous features to occur during the process of emptying this great basin of water, but the waters so long imprisoned, are now gliding merrily to the sea, and the pond exists only in memory. Among some of the amusing things, were the numerous and varied questions asked about the progress of the work, and how many fish would be caught. We venture the assertion that during the last ten days more than ten thousand questions have been asked and answered in this connection. Questions of all sizes, lengths and makes, foolish and perplexing were constantly being plied. The same man would draw his same list of questions twenty-five times daily. All seemed to enjoy the infection alike—men, women and children. The grave and silent shuddered their dignity and at once became chatty and happy, and the garrulous pulled the throttle wide open. In fact the dumb spade, the blind saw and the maimed walked. The usual small boy was in his best elements, and had on his Sunday clothes. It is unnecessary to remark that this contingent got in the best looks. The query column ruled the day, but the good humored drainers bowed to the decree of Fate, and received their punishment and persecution with that sublime humility and patience that stamped them Christian martyrs. Our prophesier hasn't been used in some time, and may be out of tune, but we will risk its reputation with the prophecy that they will never drain an other fish pond, unless it be in some vast and lone wilderness, where the foot of man never trod before. A great many fish were taken, including all the varieties indigenous to these waters, and two kinds of carp. Club were the finest and most numerous of the game fish. One of those had a whole aquarium within itself, and another was evidently in the incubator business for it contained in its capacious maw eggs, shells and a little duck. Some of the carp and perch were very fine. There were white cats and yellow cats, big cats and little cats, and huge black fish armed with savage teeth. Slimy and squirming eels were watched with interest by a horde of circling Cranes and Egrets waiting to get the dead wood on them. There were enough gizzard shad to shingle the pond over, and enough gars to fence it in. One gar was so long that it was used for a lever to prize a boy out of the mud. Mr. Alsbrook's sturgeon, and operator Lawrence's aligator were "not to be found in my county." Their yelps sound a little "fishy" anyway. Altogether they had lots of fun and good eating, notwithstanding one of the participants says he will swear that the late Judge Caldwell was perfectly warranted in exclaiming at Halifax court, after the great litigation "Dama Parks' pond."

IT'S ALL SO.—Old Joe Whitaker, of Enfield, says that when he "took the bull by the horns" and marked his goods in plain figures so that there was no going behind the returns, it was "up hill work," and by this he means that value "talks" as well as money, and his friends and customers have found it to be so. THE Roanoke News and the Atlanta Constitution one year for \$1.50. Subscribe at once.

BASE BALL TO-DAY.—Garysburg and Franklin will cross bats on the diamond here to-day. No one should miss this game. The clubs are evenly matched and the game promises to be close and exciting from start to finish. Jones will twirl the sphere for the Tar Heels while Kimball will hold him down behind the bat. The boys from Virginia will also have a fine battery. The game will be called promptly at 4:30. Let all the fans attend and encourage the home team with their approving smiles. LVELLY RUNAWAY.—One of Mr. Paul Garrett's horses, attached to a cart ran away Tuesday. The horse started at the ware room Mr. Garrett is erecting in the western part of the city, and on reaching the main business portion of town he ran around a square before he could be stopped in his mad career. He finally decided that he had had about fun enough, so allowed himself to be stopped on Symore street. No damage was done, but he came within a few inches of removing Mrs. Wilkins' front yard fence. PERSONAL MENTION. LOOK ON THE LIST AND SEE THE MOVEMENTS OF YOUR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES. Miss Sue Gary is visiting relatives in Rocky Mount. Master Colie Clark is visiting relatives at Margaretsville. Mr. W. S. Wilkins, of Norfolk, spent last Sunday in town. Miss Kate Joyner, of Garysburg, went up to Raleigh last Sunday. Captain J. M. Grizzard, of Halifax, was in town last Saturday. Miss Mary Suiter, of Garysburg, is visiting friends in Raleigh. Mrs. T. H. Chavasse made a short visit to Henderson last week. Dr. W. J. Ward, of Enfield, was in town Sunday on a visit to friends. Mr. J. J. Benn, of Gaston, made business calls on our merchants Friday. Mrs. W. J. Bradshaw and children left for Western Carolina last Monday. Master Will L. Hall, of Scotland Neck, is here on a visit to relatives and friends. Miss Claudie Bass who has been visiting friends in Portsmouth, has returned home. Miss Kate Ward, of Henderson is visiting Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. C. L. Clark. Miss Alice Anderson, left last Friday on a visit to relatives and friends at Raleigh. The Misses Garrett and Mr. Roy Weller spent several days at Ringwood last week. Miss Blanche White, of Littleton, was here last Thursday on route to Hobgood on a visit. Mrs. E. W. Brown and Miss Maie Harrison left Tuesday to visit friends in Petersburg. Mrs. P. E. Lynn and Master Charlie Clark have returned home from a visit to Henderson. Miss Eliza King attended the meeting of Woman's Missionary Society, at Raleigh last week. Mrs. W. T. Check and children returned home last Saturday from a pleasant visit to Littleton. Col. J. W. Cotton, of Tarboro, master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in North Carolina, was here last Saturday. Mrs. Judge T. N. Hill, of Halifax, who has been spending some weeks at Littleton, returned home Tuesday. Miss Daisy Jones, of Kenansville, a sister of our townsmen, Captain W. L. Jones, is visiting Miss Kate Allen. Miss Janie Guerrant, of Danville, who has been here on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Clark, returned home Tuesday. Misses Laura Powers and Agnes McGee, attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, at Raleigh last week. Mrs. H. C. Spiers attended the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Raleigh last week. Mrs. A. C. Zollieffer and children, of Henderson, who have been on a visit to Dr. A. B. Zollieffer and family, have returned home. Miss Kate Shaw, of Baltimore, who has had charge of Mr. H. C. Spiers' military department left Tuesday for Littleton when she will spend several weeks. Mrs. M. C. and Miss Nannie Stainback, Miss Belle Gaines, and the children of Mr. A. L. Stainback, all left last Tuesday for Brunswick county, Va., to be absent during the summer. We had the pleasure of a call yesterday from Mr. G. R. Shultz, mail clerk examiner in the Third Division. While Mr. Shultz requires all clerks under his supervision to do their full duty, he is at the same time a wholesaled, clever gentleman and is the right man in the right place. We regret that a change of schedule on the S. A. Line necessitates the removal of Captain W. T. Check and family to Portsmouth. Captain Check is one of the best passenger conductors on the line, is popular with every one, and we trust that the present arrangement, which takes him from this place, may be only temporary. THE Roanoke News and the Atlanta Constitution one year for \$1.50. Subscribe at once.

A LIVELY REPUBLICAN CONVENTION HERE YESTERDAY.

THE Republican Congressional Convention for this district met here yesterday.

The complexion was decidedly dark, there being only a few white men in it. It was a lively body and at the time we went to press they were still in session and there seemed to be no chance to make a nomination before midnight. The race is between White and Cheatham, with Martin, of Edgecombe, a good third. There were contests from several counties and at this hour of going to press the committee on credentials are laboring hard to decide as to the delegates entitled to seats. The warriors had war paint on last night when our report closed and if there was not a regular knock down and drag out, then a great change must have taken place. Many of the delegates were noisy and everybody wanted to be heard at the same time. The chairman did his best to rap them to order, but fired by zeal for their favorites, and a little bad liquor thrown in, they paid not the slightest attention to his loud calls for order. They did not appear to have met for that purpose. The indications now point to a split in the convention, and in all probability there were two candidates nominated last night. LITTLETON'S ATTRACTIONS. A FEW ITEMS OF INTEREST CONCERNING THIS FAMOUS SUMMER RESORT. Littleton is one of the most pleasantly situated towns in Eastern Carolina. It is high, free from malaria and mosquitoes and its sparkling mineral waters give health and happiness to all who partake of them. While there last week we were the guest of Mr. J. L. Shaw, the owner of the Spring Park hotel. Mr. Shaw's hotel is crowded with summer boarders and his table is loaded with all the delicacies of the season. It is a comfortable, home like place and we are glad to note his success. The other hotels and boarding houses are likewise filling up with people who go to Littleton annually in search of health and happiness. We also visited the celebrated Panacea Springs, and for a very delightful drive are indebted to Captain J. P. Leach, whose largeness of heart and splendid social qualities stamp him a gentleman of the old school. After partaking freely of the life giving Panacea water we viewed the new pavilion, just completed, and overlooking the beautiful lake. The scenery around is magnificent and most picturesque. Dr. Harris informed us that he would also erect at once a ten pin alley. Nothing affords more pleasure to the young people than rolling ten pins. Last Thursday night the young people enjoyed the first dance ever given at the new pavilion. Owing to a thunder storm which came up during the afternoon the attendance was small. Those who did attend, however, thoroughly enjoyed the evening. The music was by Singleton's band, of this place, and very good. Dancing at Panacea is certainly a new departure. Good old Mr. Thomas W. Harris, during his life, would never allow anything approaching the Terpsichorean art, not even the play of "stealing partners," but now that the good old man has gone to his eternal home, where doubtless he basks in the presence of the angels of Heaven, the younger generation see only innocent pleasure, where he saw harm, hence the inauguration of a new order of things. Passing along the road leading back from Panacea to Littleton, Captain Leach pointed out to us the thrifty farms along the route, most of which are in a high state of cultivation. The crops in that entire section are good and should no disaster occur during the coming month the farmers of the Littleton section will reap a rich harvest. While at Littleton we were also the recipient of courtesies extended by Mrs. White, who drove us out to Shaw's Springs, a distance of about one half mile. These springs are famous for the healing qualities of the water. The picturesque spot, and nearness to the depot, makes a most desirable place for picnics, excursion parties, etc. At Littleton we had the pleasure of meeting Rev. A. G. Wilcox, of Brinkleyville, Rev. G. W. Harman and daughters of this place, Rev. Mr. Fant and others. \$100. REWARD. \$100. The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is Catarrh of the Bladder. Catarrh is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally acting directly upon the mucous surface of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Testimonials free. NEOLIGNE shirts stuck closer than a brother this week. THE thermometer's motto is upward and onward this week. BEWARE of eating much hog meat this week.

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Nothing daunted, however, in a manner peculiar only to Charlie Jones, he pulled himself together and held the Suffolk down afterwards to a few scattering hits. One feature of the game was the batting of Hargrove, who, out of five times at the bat, knocked the horseshoe three times over the fence. Johnson for the Garysburg carried off the fielding honors by making a beautiful running catch, with two men on bases. Garysburg has a fine team this season and a strong battery. We predict for some of our neighbors a hard time when they meet the boys from "just across the river." Let us now have some games here, and we promise to make the very best reports possible of the results, giving in detail all the features of the games. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—At a meeting of the Executive committee of the Sunday school convention for Littleton township, it was decided to hold the annual township convention at Cotham church on Saturday, July 7th, 1894. All the schools are requested to attend and bring dinner. THE following programme has been arranged. The convention will be called to order and its objects explained by the President at 10:30 o'clock A. M. Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. H. Fizzle. Address of welcome by superintendent of Cotham Sunday school. Reports from Sunday schools by superintendents. "How shall we Extend and Improve Sunday school work?" Rev. E. H. Davis. Talk to the Children. Rev. H. S. B. Thompson. Temperance Address. Prof. L. W. Bagley. We hope to have a large attendance and to make the day pleasant and profitable. A. E. CARTER, Pres. IVEY ALLEN, Secretary. A LACK OF HARMONY.—Halifax County Republican convention met last Monday. A noticeable feature was the lack of a single white Republican delegate. The colored people solved the negro problem by drawing the color line. Mack Ferguson, by virtue of his office as chairman of Republican County Executive Committee, was the only white member of the convention. There were contests from nearly every township in the county and at times pantomimic reigned supreme. Every delegate would be in his feet at the same time and the chairman was powerless in the hands of such a mob. At times it looked as if a regular knock down and drag out would occur. The delegates were satisfied, however, to shake their fists, flourish sticks and exercise their lung powers without resorting to pugilism. In this they were wise and are to be commended. While the committee on credentials were laboring to decide between contesting delegations Hon. C. A. Cook, of Warrenton, who is a candidate for solicitor, was called for and responded in a speech of some length in which he denounced the Democratic machine methods of carrying elections in counties overwhelmingly Republican. He favored a fusion with the Third party and was willing to divide the State, Congressional, Legislative and county tickets. He said the Republicans and Populists could then elect two United States Senators, one of each party. When the committee on credentials reported Chatham had a majority of the delegates present. This was not satisfactory to the White faction, hence two sets of delegates were sent up to the Congressional convention held here yesterday.

THE FIRST COTTON BLOOM.—On the 22nd inst. Henry T. Pope, one of our enterprising merchants and farmers, had the proud satisfaction of gathering from his field a cotton bloom, which if not the earliest on record, is decidedly the earliest to appear in this section for many years. The field was planted on March 23rd, and was more than once covered with snow and ice, with the ground several times frozen. Notwithstanding the predictions of prophets as to the failure of the seed to germinate, he waited in silent confidence to be rewarded later at the first warm breath of spring with a beautiful and systematic stand. The land was well prepared and fertilized, and judicious labor and cultivation has done the rest. The plants now stand evenly over the field 18 inches high and if encountering no enemy or accident later on, bide fair to yield an abundant crop, as it is heavily fruited. The old people, years ago, planted in March, most always, sometimes during the snow, and generally secured good stands. Why not do so now and give the plant more time to fruit and develop. The sooner the plants begin to spread and branch, the greater will be the yield. We now advocate the earlier planting system, as the above experiment convinces us that it can be accompanied with good results. Prepare well, fertilize heavily, plant early, cultivate properly, and you will reap a rich return, provided your cotton sells for anything. We have also received from Mr. J. H. Higgs a cotton bloom which he informs us bloomed on the 22nd in one of his fields, and he says his crop is very fine. Mr. John R. Pettit, as he has done for a number of years, sends us the first bloom from the Enfield section, and writes that he had cotton blooms on the 23rd. Mr. Pettit is one of the best farmers in the county and never fails to raise good crops. He even raised a fair crop in 1889, when there was general failure and disaster throughout the country. THE DUCK POND DRAINER.—This favorite resort of the Weldon Angululars has at last been drained, and the job accepted by the committee of doubting Thomases, who predicted, "You will never do it." For years to come the devotees of the gentle art must cast their lines in other waters. Only in reverie can they now be consoled. There were many amusing and ludicrous features to occur during the process of emptying this great basin of water, but the waters so long imprisoned, are now gliding merrily to the sea, and the pond exists only in memory. Among some of the amusing things, were the numerous and varied questions asked about the progress of the work, and how many fish would be caught. We venture the assertion that during the last ten days more than ten thousand questions have been asked and answered in this connection. Questions of all sizes, lengths and makes, foolish and perplexing were constantly being plied. The same man would draw his same list of questions twenty-five times daily. All seemed to enjoy the infection alike—men, women and children. The grave and silent shuddered their dignity and at once became chatty and happy, and the garrulous pulled the throttle wide open. In fact the dumb spade, the blind saw and the maimed walked. The usual small boy was in his best elements, and had on his Sunday clothes. It is unnecessary to remark that this contingent got in the best looks. The query column ruled the day, but the good humored drainers bowed to the decree of Fate, and received their punishment and persecution with that sublime humility and patience that stamped them Christian martyrs. Our prophesier hasn't been used in some time, and may be out of tune, but we will risk its reputation with the prophecy that they will never drain an other fish pond, unless it be in some vast and lone wilderness, where the foot of man never trod before. A great many fish were taken, including all the varieties indigenous to these waters, and two kinds of carp. Club were the finest and most numerous of the game fish. One of those had a whole aquarium within itself, and another was evidently in the incubator business for it contained in its capacious maw eggs, shells and a little duck. Some of the carp and perch were very fine. There were white cats and yellow cats, big cats and little cats, and huge black fish armed with savage teeth. Slimy and squirming eels were watched with interest by a horde of circling Cranes and Egrets waiting to get the dead wood on them. There were enough gizzard shad to shingle the pond over, and enough gars to fence it in. One gar was so long that it was used for a lever to prize a boy out of the mud. Mr. Alsbrook's sturgeon, and operator Lawrence's aligator were "not to be found in my county." Their yelps sound a little "fishy" anyway. Altogether they had lots of fun and good eating, notwithstanding one of the participants says he will swear that the late Judge Caldwell was perfectly warranted in exclaiming at Halifax court, after the great litigation "Dama Parks' pond."

IT'S ALL SO.—Old Joe Whitaker, of Enfield, says that when he "took the bull by the horns" and marked his goods in plain figures so that there was no going behind the returns, it was "up hill work," and by this he means that value "talks" as well as money, and his friends and customers have found it to be so. THE Roanoke News and the Atlanta Constitution one year for \$1.50. Subscribe at once.

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COTTON blooms. BLACKBERRIES. COTTON is jumping. COLLARS are wiling. SUN umbrellas are up. THE last week in June. BLACKBERRY pies are popular. DID you attend the convention? SUNDAY school is in demand. STRAW hats are exceedingly plain. THE crops are all clean and promising. WELDON was a lively place yesterday. NOW the question is, who will be elected. DABBLING in politics is warm work these days. IRISH potatoes are very large and fine this season. THE pesky fly is beginning to show great activity. "COBS on the cob" is a welcome addition to the menu. NOW for an exodus to the sea shore and the mountains. THE milk shake and soda water counters are liberally patronized. "All run down," from weakening effects of the warm weather, you need a good tonic and blood purifier like Hood's Sarsaparilla. Try it.

HALIFAX VS. FRANKLIN.—The Halifax base ball team met the Franklin on the grounds of the latter at Franklin, Va., in two closely contested games, Monday and Tuesday. The games resulted as follows in favor of Franklin: 5 to 8, and 5 to 6. MISSION AT RINGWOOD.—Rev. Chas. L. Hofman, of Tarboro, will begin a mission at Ringwood next Monday July 2nd, and will continue the services during the week. VERY many of our readers will remember the excellent sermons he preached in a recent mission at this place. He is an able and most eloquent preacher, and every one in the Ringwood section, who possibly can do so, should attend the services. REV. MR. MORTON INJURED.—Rev. W. B. Morton, formerly pastor of the Baptist church here, was knocked down and painfully injured while at the Louisville jail for the purpose of conducting religious services for the prisoners, last Monday. Mr. Morton had been in the habit of visiting the jail to hold services with Tom and Calvin Coley, and a negro named Perry, under sentence of death. On entering the jail Monday the prisoners grabbed the jailer pushed him behind the bars and locked him up. Mr. Morton was grappling with one of the Coleys, when the negro struck him down with an iron bar. The prisoners then all escaped. The prisoners have been recaptured and returned to jail. Mr. Morton was painfully but not seriously injured. THE S. A. L.'S NEW DEPARTURE.—The great Seaboard Air Line, by its advertising agent, Mr. Sam. W. Bowman, has commenced the issue of a monthly publication entitled "The Vestibule," containing a complete novel every month. This is indeed a new departure in railroad advertising, and one that should be appreciated by every traveler. The country has been so flooded with advertising matter by transportation companies containing descriptions of various places, and resorts along their respective lines, hence this new book, "The Vestibule," with a complete story in every issue by well known authors and distributed gratuitously by the passenger agents of the system, will no doubt meet with popular favor. AN EARLY MORNING MARRIAGE.—Two of the Atlantic Coast Line's most popular employes were united in marriage yesterday morning at 6:30 o'clock. The contracting parties were engineer Thomas McMillan, of this city, and Miss Daisy Parker, telegraph operator at Clinton. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Hix, at the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. Parker's residence at Elm City. Many beautiful and costly presents were received and congratulations from scores of railroaders. The happy couple arrived here yesterday morning and will make this their home. Mr. McMillan is one of the best known engineers on the W. & W. R. R., and Miss Parker has been with the A. C. L. for the past four years.—Wil. Star of the 21th inst. DEATH OF MISS BRYAN.—Miss Irie Bryan, daughter of Col. D. D. Bryan, died at the Southern Hotel at Halifax, last Friday after a few days illness, aged 19 years. THE deceased was a young lady of a lovely, sunny disposition, was a devoted daughter and, the best of all, she was a Christian. Her untimely death was a great shock to her family and friends, but she seemed to realize from the first days of her illness that the shores of time were fast receding from sight, and that she was passing into a newer and a happier existence. The funeral services took place Saturday morning and her body was laid to rest by sorrowing friends in the family square of the cemetery at Enfield. We extend to the bereaved ones our sincerest sympathy in this sad affliction.

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